

12 years on, this man provides Ramzan food to hundreds

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FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

EVERY morning around 4 am, Mohammed Farzan Chikkodi along with three of his classmates wait to receive the food parcel at their room as they prepare to have their Sehri (pre-dawn meal) to observe Roza (fasting) in the ongoing holy month of Ramzan.

Living in a rented house, Farzan and his roommates are preparing for competitive exams. Farzan is a native of Muddebihal taluk while other roommates hail from different taluks in the district.

All these students have been receiving hot meals in the early morning since the start of the Ramzan month from a philanthropist, Shakeel Sutar.

For the last 12 years, Sutar has been arranging Sehri food



Food for Sehri being packaged for delivery in Vijayapura | EXPRESS



Sehri food being served to those who observe Roza in Vijayapura | EXPRESS

free for those observing roza, and every year, the number of beneficiaries is only increasing. With the support of nearly 60 volunteers, Sutar gets food prepared for sehri for over 1,200 people every day till the end of

Ramzan. While over 900 packets are prepared and distributed to the doorsteps of people, some 350 people come everyday to eat for observing their roza. "These 900 packets are distributed primarily among the

students residing in different hostels, rented houses, and to the patients and their relatives staying in different hospitals. We have a team of over 60 volunteers who prepare the food, pack it and carry these packets for delivery to each place," he said.

Asked how they come to know about the people who need food, Sutar said that before the beginning of Ramzan, they share information about the food they are going to offer.

"Through social media, we share information and urge the people to forward their contact number and address where the food can be delivered. We make a list of such people, contact them and then

deliver the food every morning before 4 am," he said. Sutar said that the preparation for food begins by 1 am itself. After food is prepared, the volunteers pack it and go to their respective allotted areas for delivery.

After delivering the food, they come back to serve the people who come early morning to have food.

One of the volunteers, Sayed Zamir Inamdar, who has a cushion shop, said that he feels humbled to be part of the team which serves the needy people. "No volunteer charges any money. They are all doing it with a clear objective to serve the people and make the Almighty happy," he said.



Shakeel Sutar

Threat of drought worries people more than LS polls in Athani taluk



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MORE than being concerned about results of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, people of Athani seem to be worried of dearth of fodder and water in their taluk and surrounding areas. They have already started feeling the heat, as the Krishna River is left with water which can satisfy their thirst for not more than 15 days and they are already facing inconvenience over facilitating fodder to their cattle.

The water in the wells and borewells have already dried up in the entire Chikkodi parliamentary constituency. More than anything, local residents here are worried about how to face a drought. Speaking to TNE, Mahadev Madiwal, president Raitha Sangh, Athani taluk, said that the Karnataka government should immediately send its team to approach Maharashtra government, requesting it to release water in Krishna River.

"If things continue in the same

manner, the situation will be uncontrollable in the days ahead," he said. "Due to dearth of rainfall last year, there has been a severe shortage of fodder in the Chikkodi parliamentary constituency," he added.

Annasahab Jolle, Chikkodi MP and BJP candidate for contesting Lok Sabha Polls from Chikkodi constituency, has already approached Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and requested him to release three TMC water to Krishna River as well as Dudhganga River. Jolle said that Fadnavis had responded positively to his request and will release the water soon.

Duryodhan Ahole, Raibag MLA, Nikhil Katti, Hukkeri MLA and others had accompanied Jolle while approaching Fadnavis.

Vani U, Athani tahsildar, said that the taluk administration is completely geared up to tackle drought situation at Athani.

"Already water is being supplied through tankers in as many as 13 villages," she said.

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