

Village Choupal in Mithu Arbani

Verses from Holy Quran were recited in the presence of all the participants. Mr. Fareed who is the member of peace committee introduced himself.

Hadayat Ullah:-

He discussed the role of VO and of the choupal. He said he expected that all the members will work for making the institution strong and position would not be abused. People in the area had little knowledge but VO helped them and now they are equipped and have the ability to discuss. Bhatai development organization is also playing its role and they have arranged the meeting. We with the help of VDO got people receive their identity cards. There is no link road to the village there is only a bridge. Now we want to sensitize people about education. People should realize its importance that it helps make the future. All the people from our organization are low middle class. With the help of sub- committee we want the process of peace forward in our village.

Rubeena Naz:-

Village choupal is a place that abides by the rule that all the people should feel equal. Men and women have equal rights. All the participants should be thinkers and should have respect for each other. The purpose of the meeting is to make people sit together and resolve their issues so they could start their life with new vigor and their energy could be channelized. The girls should get education. This is the only way we can progress. We have planned amman mela by the end of December. It would be on union council level. It has been planned on the level that we could come to a point on issues that have negative impact on the society and inter societal biases on the base of culture and traditions. We will invite dignitaries from government departments and influential landlords for discussion.

We have promised and we want to deliver we will continue the programs. We want

- Women get rights
- Peace in the village
- Women should get equal rights and men should understand their problems
- Both men and women should be engaged in such activities and women should not be restricted to homes

Sakina:-

Here women have so many problems especially health related issues. Those women who are pregnant they face disease. We do not have any lady hospital nearby .Approaching the city takes time and most of them die.

Many women said that they have skill but what they make is not appreciated in the market. Many officers from SRSO came and promised they would help in the delivery but then they did not contact.

Hamid Ali:-

We have many problems in the village but I think only one issue first should be tackled only then we can succeed. We only see promises but no implementation. People have lost interest and do not listen.

Allah Wadahayeu:-

Because of lack of educational facilities the youngsters waste their time sitting in hotels. We request the parents that they should not give them extra money they violate others space and disturb the environment in the village.

Mai Hajani:-

We have one primary school in the area and we are worried about our girls' education. They want to study beyond primary but there is no school. We cannot send them to far off places.

IN the last the girls presented folk music and everybody liked.