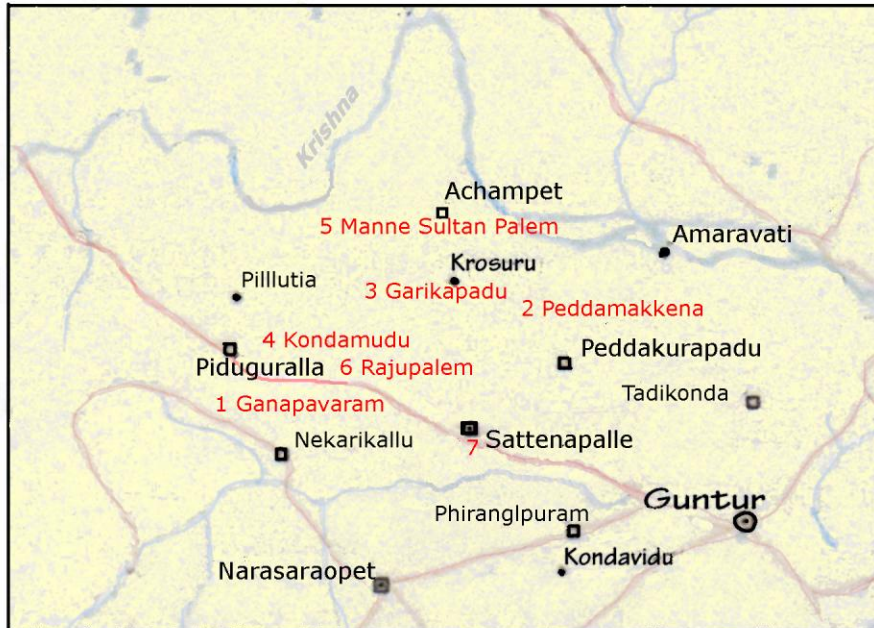




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**PUSHPA Project Sites**  
Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, India

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## Active Projects 2009

### Regional Initiatives

#### *Rajupalem (#6 on the map): PUSHPA Sewing Center 2009*

The PUSHPA Sewing Center, begun January 2009, was made possible by a gift from First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, MN and space sharing by PADA at their Rajupalem headquarters.

The PUSHPA Sewing Center was inaugurated January 5, 2009. Inauguration guests included the government mandal (area) development officer, the local Andhra Bank Manager, and several of the PUSHPA village elders and other local sewing-school classes. Ten students enrolled under the instruction of a part-time sewing teacher, employed by PUSHPA.

#### *Sattenapalle Post Secondary Education*

There are now two students from PUSHPA communities attending a government college in Sattenapalle. The PUSHPA loans, awarded by the village committee, assist with transportation and/or tuition costs.

## Community Projects

### *Jayanti Colony, near Ganapavram (#1 on map) initiated 2005*

- Evening school is progressing well. The teacher handles preschool through grade six. They are seeking a teacher to handle secondary instruction.
- Ten of the first round PUSHPA loan recipients have applied for and received government grants to build one-room houses.
- Two students are first year, day scholars, attending college in Sattenapalle (6).



### *Sravanti Colony, near Peddamakkena (#2 on map) initiated 2005*

- 2009 was a difficult year for Peddamakkena. Unfortunately, five community members were killed in a highway accident, while traveling in an open the trailer on their way to work. An uncle has assumed responsibility for a child who is the sole survivor of her family.
- A two-room municipality building is available for use.
- Recruitment of a teacher for the evening school is underway.

### *Durga Bhavani Colony, near Garikapadu (#3 on map) initiated 2006*

- The community has begun construction of a community building.
- A teacher was employed, but has recently moved away. Evening school is being held outside, under a street light, until the community building is completed.

### *Hosanna Colony, near Kondamudu (#4 on map) initiated 2006*

- Evening classes continue to meet on the street in front of the church. The teacher is a teacher's aide in a nearby government school.
- Land has been secured for the community center. Clearing the grounds, in preparation for the community center construction, is underway.

### *Pragati Colony, near Manne Sultan Palem (#5 on map) initiated 2006*

- Classes have begun in the open.
- A community building is being constructed. The committee is negotiating regarding their share of the cost of their choice of a corrugated roof, which is over the amount budgeted for a simpler roof at this time.

## Future Plans



PUSHPA would like to have good, and qualified, teachers for each community. But the areas are so remote that most qualified teachers are reluctant to live or teach there.

In the future, PUSHPA would like to send a woman candidate for the government's public health worker training. The person presently handling the PUSHPA training, but on behalf of the larger community. A PUSHPA health worker would work to raise the PUSHPA communities' knowledge and practice of good health habits and nearby resources. PUSHPA hopes to establish other adult skill-training programs accessible to the PUSHPA villages.