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MAJOR EVENTS IN MARCH

- DBDMS training hosted by BREADS
- DB Tech National Convention at New Delhi.
- Skill Training programmes – Batch Review by DB Tech National Coordinator.
- Skill Training programmes – Batch 4 under LIST and batch 2 under Accenture started.
- BREADS team project monitoring visits to Mysore, Bidar, Gulbarga, Deodurga and Yadgir.



The BREADS Team with the staff of DB PYaR Gulbarga during the Projects Monitoring Visit

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- Inauguration of Hospitality Course under Accenture at BREADS.
- All Kerala CFCA meet from 9th to 12th April.
- BREADS team project monitoring visits to Bangalore, Chitradurga, Davangere and Hospet.
- Inauguration of Skill Training Centre at "Samanwaya" Palakkad on 29th April.

The Karnataka High Court, yesterday (1st April 2013) ordered issue of notice to the State Government while *suo motu* treating as a public interest litigation petition a report, "The glitches that dog RTE (Right to Education) implementation", in The Hindu on March 31 based on a State-level meet on the RTE Act held in the city recently. Quoting the government's figures, the report said that "54000 children are still out of

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school..." It means that they may be engaged as child labourers and in other activities. The Bench directed the government to file its affidavit and also appointed an advocate as *amicus curiae* in the matter (Quoted from The Hindu, April 2, 2013).

Social activists and organizations like BREADS believe in the principle that every child out of school is a potential child labourer and this situation is a grave violation of child rights.

The district of Gulbarga in Karnataka is known for its number of children out of

school and working. Don Bosco PYaR Gulbarga has been engaged in rescuing and rehabilitating hundreds of children in the past eleven years. In the recent past, efforts have been concentrated to streamline our services on behalf of children especially in enabling them to exercise their rights. In this issue of "SLICE" we will focus on Don Bosco PYaR Gulbarga.

With Regards

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News...



"These youngsters slogged in grime 16 hours a day"

Rescued from the various bars, restaurants and lodges in the Gandhinagar area, the line of children in the age group 14 to 16 sat on the floor of the Balakara Balamandira on Wednesday afternoon. "Forty children were taken into custody after raids on about 10 establishments. [More...](#)



The Hindu – "Childline posters released to help runaways"

Children are the most vulnerable sections of society, particularly runaways. To streamline tracing, caretaking and rehabilitating them, the police released posters regarding child welfare to be put up across police stations in the city. [More...](#)



Bosco South Batch Review

The batch reviews of Bosco South centres were held in Kerala and Karnataka on 28/02/13 and 14/03/2013, respectively. Mr. Hari Krishna – the Project Coordinator of Bosco South from the DB Tech National Office Delhi, Fr. Jeeson – the Regional.. [More...](#)



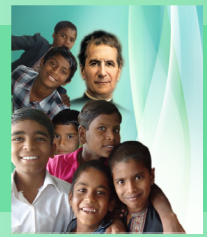
PRI training and Community Awareness Programme at Mailappanahalli

CREAM staff of BOSCO Bangalore organized one day training on 14th March 2013, on child rights for the Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) and Community members of Mailappanahalli, Singanayakanahalli Grama panchayath. [More...](#)



Exposure Programme to BOSCH

The Trainees of BOSCH-NSDC-DB Tech skill development pilot programme of Ashalaya had an exposure visit on 6th March, 2013 to BOSCH automobile production unit. Mr. Hanumanthappa guided the students through the history of BOSCH. [More...](#)



Don Bosco Programme for Young at Risk (DB PYaR) - enjoying childhood through educative presence

The Salesian presence at Gulbarga began in June 2002 with the aim to rescue and rehabilitate street and working children in Gulbarga Taluk. Don Bosco Programme for Young at Risk has more than 11 years of experience in rural and urban development focusing mainly on vulnerable youth and children. DB PYaR has rescued and rehabilitated more than 2000 children and youth educationally and occupationally.

Child Labour Elimination through Community Empowerment and Education Programme

Supplementary education: The evening tuition classes are an effort intended to prevent school dropouts and motivate the children to continue their education. Supplementary education indirectly prevents children from running away from homes and child labour. Evening classes are being conducted in two localities of Gulbarga town and 15 village centres. So far, 954 children have benefitted from this programme.

Street Presence: Since 2002, DB PYaR has strived to reach out to street children. Recognising that the most vulnerable and neglected children are largely found in the streets, railway stations, bus stands, slums etc, the programme aimed at building a rapport with these children and organizing simple programmes like motivation programmes, cultural programmes, games, etc to help them have a better and organized view of life. Of the 899 children from the 16 street presence centres, 27 have been re-enrolled into mainstream schools and 22 into the



bridge schools.

Bridge Course

Children who have dropped out and those who were never enrolled in any schools are offered a 12 month Residential Bridge Course programme to help them achieve the academic competency required to join classes corresponding to their ages in mainstream schools. In 2010-2011, the programme was registered under the government's SSA project in collaboration with the Department of Education, Karnataka. Besides academic curriculum, the children are given opportunities to participate in various sports, arts and cultural competitions. Of the 22 children who attended the residential bridge course, 20 have been re-enrolled into mainstream schools.



CREAM

DB PYaR Gulbarga is the implementing partner for Project CREAM - Child Rights Education and Action Movement in the district. The project was inaugurated by Ms Pallavi Akurathi, IAS, CEO - Zilla Panchayat, Gulbarga, at the Government Higher Primary School on 22nd December 2012. 13 Child Rights Clubs with 1027 members have been registered so far under the project. #



Child Line

DB PYAR is the nodal agency for the CHILD LINE project in Gulbarga District, supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Child Line is a 24x7 emergency helpline for children in need of care and protection. Of the 1478 calls received between April 2012 and March 2013, 354 calls enquired about the Child line & its volunteers and 307 calls pertained to interventions for children in need. 13149 children and youth have benefitted from the stall programmes, puppet shows, open house programmes and school visits.

CHILD LABOUR REHABILITATION CENTRE AT BABLAD, GULBARGA



Since its inception in 2002, DB PYaR has been observing child labour situations in different sectors, especially the brick kilns. The interventions led to the children's rescue and rehabilitation, and thence the need for a bigger space to house

these rescued children, and prevent them from falling prey to such vulnerabilities. Presently, a **Child Labour Rehabilitation Centre is under construction at Bablad** to house these vulnerable children.

Missing Child Bureau

This is a web based intervention to help the missing children reunite with their families. DB PYaR started implementing this programme in 2009. Between April 2012 and March 2013, awareness programmes have been conducted for school children, general public and the police personnel in the locality to ensure that complaints on missing children are duly registered and traced with collaboration from all sources. Parents and the police stations have been the major source of complaints on missing children.



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