



Don Bosco

Director's Note

Don Bosco Project for Young at Risk (DB PYaR), a project partner of BREADS has been actively involved in development of marginalised children, youth and women in Kalaburagi district since its inception in 2002. DB PYaR has successfully rescued and rehabilitated more than 1800 vulnerable children, adopted 20 rural villages and started school dropout and child labour prevention programmes through community empowerment, awareness campaigns, tuition classes in villages and advocacy programmes with a reach out of 3000+ poor children over the years. DB PYaR along with reaching the Young at Risk has recently started a new project to address the education deprivation of the marginalised children from rural villages and urban slums by constructing a well-equipped school. Over the years, DB PYaR has been able to work very closely with all the concerned district departments as it has established its credibility with the government.

In this issue of SLICE, we will look into the activities of DB PYaR, Kalaburagi.

With best wishes,

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News



Inauguration of batch 6 and certification of batch 5 students at DB BEST academy

Skill development being the national priority of India, the skill training at DB BEST Academy is an integral contribution for increasing efficiency and productivity for the sound economic development of the country. DB BEST Academy provides skill training to the marginalized and vulnerable youth in three domains namely BPO, Retail and Hospitality. On 9 June 2018 the inauguration of Batch 6... [more](#)



Formation of Child Rights Club

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore formed Child Rights Club (CRC) at St. Philomena's English High School, Railway colony, Bangalore on June 23, 2018. Welcoming the gathering, Vimala Rani, Social Activist, BOSCO CREAM Project, Bangalore, enlightened the children about UNCRC, Child Protection Mechanisms, necessity of CRC and roles and responsibilities of the members of the club... [more](#)



Rekindling the flame of life

Don Bosco Child Labour Mission (DBCLM) since its inception has been serving the needs of the most vulnerable children in the remote villages and taluks of Davangere district. The centre organised the inauguration of the new academic batch in DBCLM on 2 July 2018. During the program, the newly admitted children, who are rescued from child labour was welcomed by the past pupils... [more](#)

Events

June 2018

- Conducted the review cum training meeting for the project directors and staff of the CREAM project
- Organized training for the SHG project staff
- Organized training for the staff of the Adult Literacy Project
- Celebrated the World Day against Child Labour in the Don Bosco projects
- Marked the occasion of World Environment day with celebrations
- Certification of the 5th batch and inauguration of the 6th batch for skill training at the DB BEST Academy
- Monitoring and evaluation of the CREAM project
- Awareness programme on individual social responsibility at Seventh Day Adventist school, Bangalore

July 2018

- Monitoring and evaluation of the BREADS projects
- Shale Kade Nanna Nade, the re-enrollment campaign in the Don Bosco projects
- Awareness programme on individual social responsibility at St. Agnes Girls school, Bangalore
- Arrival of the volunteers from Malta and Germany
- BREADS participates in the India Advantage Summit 2018 (<http://www.tiasummit.com/>)
- Visit of His Eminence, Cardinal Rainer Maria Woelki, Archbishop of Cologne to BREADS' project at BOSCO Mane



The Salesians of Don Bosco have established the YaR (Young at Risk) centres in different locations wherever there have been instances of children caught up in dangerous and harmful situations. The YaR centres have become a characteristic outreach of the Bangalore Salesian province. These centres are established to serve the poor, vulnerable, especially homeless children on the street, so that they may have a fulfilling and meaningful life.

On 7th June 2002, under the able leadership of Rev. Fr. K.J Joseph, Don Bosco Society began its activities for the rehabilitation of child labourers, school dropouts and street children in a rented building at Kalaburagi, then known as Gulbarga. Initially the concentration was on supplementary education centres in and around the city, near the slums

and in villages, to educate children and to prevent school dropouts and child labour. An existing house was bought in 2003 at Naganahally road in Kalaburagi and the building was officially inaugurated on November 10, 2004. The entire outreach of Don Bosco Society at Gulbarga was termed PYaR (Programme for Young at Risk) and the centre was called Don Bosco PYaR. All the activities of Don Bosco in Kalaburagi are coordinated from this centre.

Don Bosco PYaR acts as a transit home for those children who are rescued from the railway stations, bus stand, market places, various street corners and villages of Kalaburagi. The children who are rescued and brought to the centre are counselled, their problems analysed, and actions are taken to repatriate them with families. The centre accommodates all the children at risk and in a special way those children who need care and protection. Besides, this is also a residential rehabilitation centre for the school-going child labourers and street children. There are 38 children in this centre. This centre combines rehabilitation, education and talent enhancement programs for the overall development of the children. Don Bosco PYaR offers various services like home placement, counseling, child labour rehabilitation and education, life skill training, vocational training, job placement and advocacy.

In continuation of the work for the poor and the marginalized and to extend the services to more deserving children, Don Bosco Society opened its second residential rehabilitation centre for young at risk on 8th December 2013 at Bablad village (6 km from the Kalaburagi city bus stand), with the sole objective of providing quality education to the child labourers, school dropouts and other vulnerable children from the district. In this centre, children enjoy care, affection, concern and true fellowship. This centre trains and rehabilitates 60 vulnerable children every year.

PROJECTS OF DON BOSCO PYaR

1	CREAM (Child Rights Education and Action Movement)	Trains 2500 children on child rights and human rights.
2	Sustained income for rural women through entrepreneurial activities and social empowerment	Enhancing skills and improving the quality of life of women through entrepreneurship programmes.
3	Adult Literacy Programme	Providing literacy to 720 adults through computer based functional literacy in villages.
4	Childline	Guaranteeing the rights and protection of children.
5	Skill Training	Building a skilled and talented workforce through skill development initiatives.
6	Street Presence	Sheltering the vulnerable children from the streets and empowering them through education.
7	DB Tech	Trained 104 students under two domains (BPO, Retail), Placement completed for 98 students.
8	Rehabilitation Center	Rescue and rehabilitation of child laborers, street children and school dropouts.

Restoring Life

Priya, D/o Lingayya and Mallika (names changed), is a native of Kalaburagi district, where her parents are daily wage labourers. She has 5 siblings and is the youngest in the family. Priya was 11 years old when she was sold/ offered to a deity in a temple. This is a prevalent Devadasi practice in many parts of southern India, where girls are married off before they reach puberty and becomes a female servant of the deity. As per the information received from one of the villagers, the child was rescued and secured after completing all the procedures. It was a hard time convincing the family and neighbors about the ill-effects of the practice. After much effort and counseling, the parents realized the fact and were convinced to send Priya to the Don Bosco rehabilitation center. This very decision sparked a new moment for Priya. She has now overcome her past struggles and currently studies in 5th class at Don Bosco English Medium School, Bablad. She spreads happiness and radiance to all around her. Her father was an alcoholic but that is not the situation anymore, and the significant changes in their lives, have made the family an ideal one in the village.



To address the issue of deprivation in education among marginalized children from villages and slums of Kalaburagi district, Don Bosco Society began an English medium school at Bablad village with the support of Misan Cara, Ireland, on 1st June, 2016. The aim of the school is to offer quality English-medium school education to the school dropouts, child labourers and poor children from the interior villages of Kalaburagi, and to make the school a centre for community empowerment. At present the school offers special remedial education to 60 school dropouts and child labourers and pre-school education to 88 children.

INTERVENTIONS BY DB PYaR APRIL 2017- MARCH 2018

SI No	Interventions	No. of Children Reached out		
1	Child marriages stopped/prevented	99		
2	Child Labour stopped/prevented	37		
3	School dropouts readmitted to school	20		
4	Street children rescued	40		
5	Rehabilitation center at Bablad	Boys	Girls	Total
		26	22	48
6	Rehabilitation center at DB PYaR	38	0	38

