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New Year Greetings from BREADS Bangalore!

The New Year has brought in fresh air and enthusiasm in the lives of children and young people with whom we work. BREADS looks forward to the New Year with great hope of reaching out to more number of children and young people with our programs and projects.

Naushad, 12, died on November 14 (Children's Day), 2000, of 79 per cent burns sustained while working in a silk reeling unit in **Ramanagara**, 48 km from Bangalore. His employers say he committed suicide, but several residents of the town allege that he was burnt to death (the Frontline Jan 06-19, 2001). A large number of children work in appalling conditions in Karnataka's silk industry, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the country's production of mulberry silk. According to the Government of Karnataka's Human Development Report, 1999, approximately 400,000 people make a living from the sericulture industry. Of these, an estimated 100,000 are children.

Don Bosco initiated interventions in district headquarters of Ramanagara a year ago to work with children engaged in the reeling industry and those dropped out of school. In this issue of SLICE, we shall focus on this project.

With Best wishes,

**Fr Joy Nedumparambil SDB**

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### Events in December 2015

- CREAM Project External Evaluation in 10 districts in Karnataka
- DB Action, SHG Project—Staff Training
- Deutsche Bank Team visited BREADS
- Certificate Validation at Sindhi Academy

### Events in January 2016

- Doris and Paul from Scotland (Yojana Project) trains teachers in Davangere
- Initiation of 5 new DB Tech Centres under ITC Project
- DB Tech Batch Reviews in Karnataka and Kerala
- Placement Drive by Quest Alliance & Don Bosco Tech, Bangalore
- Feast of St. John Bosco – 31st

## News

### Revitalization of Child Right Clubs



On 19th December Don Bosco Yuvamarg, Ramnagara held a gathering of the Child Right Club members of three schools in Govt. Kannada Primary school Dodda Mallur and they all had one vision clear in mind that is of taking steps to ease the future voyage of the Child Right Clubs in Schools. The Grama Panchayat Development Officer Mr. Sreenivasa Moorthy inaugurating the session emphasized the need to make use of the available facilities like amount being sanctioned for building toilets in homes and especially...[More](#)

### CHILDREN CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS AT DON BOSCO AJANAHALLI



The special programs at Ajjanahalli began on Christmas Eve. The buildup had started weeks back with waking up to Christmas songs, Christmas themed arts and crafts sessions, crib construction, carol practices, late night drama voice recording and dance rehearsals by children. At 5.30 in the evening the awaited celebration started with band and carol, the amount of noise made was sure to be heard in the fairly distant village. Santa Claus entered the scene with loud cheers from the...[More](#)

### Children's Special Grama Sabhe



Don Bosco Hospet organised the Children's Special Grama Sabhe Program at Amrapura village grama panchayat Ballari (Tq) on 24-11-2015. Mr. Krishnappa PDO, Mr. Anumesh GP President, Mrs. Sakku Bai School H M, Mr. Prakash.G Co-ordinator CREAM were on the dais along with two child representatives. Mr.Eshwaraiah - Child labour Dept., 6 GP Members, Angnawadi Teachers, Ahsa workers (Health workers) were the other key players present for the programme. The participants were 95 school children along with...[More](#)

### Medical Camp at Pavur



Don Bosco Pavur in collaboration with Dharmajyothi Social services and Kasturba Medical College and Hospital, Attavar, Mangalore organized a free General Medical Camp for the children of **Vidyodaya Aided Primary School and Don Bosco Central School, Manjeshwar** on the **11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**. Mr. Herbert the coordinator of the Medical Camp from KMC along with the Assistant Coordinator Sr. Linnet SRA, the HM and student representative inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp...[More](#)

# Don Bosco Yuva Marg

## *Journeying with Young to Dignity and Happiness*

Don Bosco Yuva Marg, Ramanagara is a new endeavour of Salesian Province of Don Bosco, Bangalore. It has successfully completed its first year of reaching out to children, women and youth with development services. At present DB Yuva Marg has three active areas of interventions – Child Right Education and Action Movement (CREAM), Child labour, and school dropouts prevention through education in 15 villages and awareness on gender equality. Yuva Marg has really known the pulse of the community around them with the help of social mobilisers/ field animators who reach out to 1500 children, women and youth through awareness programmes, 30 child rights clubs were formed, Self Help Groups and 15 tuition centers in four taluks viz., Ramanagara, Kanakapura, Magadi and Channapatana.



## *A Leaf from the Tome of Success Stories*

### Child Marriage Stopped by Child Rights Club Members

Child marriage is one of the major child rights violations in our country. It is one of the social evils in the Ramanagara district as well. According to 2011 census, Ramanagara district has very low child marriage and yet ground reality is quite contrary when we encountered the villages and people in the area. According to District Fact Sheet of Ramanagara 2012 - 2013, by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 10.2% of married women are married below 18 years.

Child Rights Club (CRC) members of all 30 clubs are very active with respect to their social responsibilities. Children, the members of CRC have prevented child rights violations and stopped child marriages. There was a child marriage that was about to take place in Kotahalli village in Ramanagara taluk. The members of Child Rights Club named Kuvempu, got to know that their 14 year old friend was soon to be married against her will. With constant effort they created awareness on The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act and successfully convinced her parents to stop the child marriage. The efforts of Kuvempu Child Rights Club served as an inspiration for several other Child Rights Clubs in Ramanagara. Today, other Child Rights Clubs formed in Ramanagara have followed the same model and have come out with similar success stories with continued help and strong support from the Yuva Marg social animators.





# CREAM EXTERNAL EVALUATION AT 10 DON BOSCO CENTERS

