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## From the Director's Desk...



Bellary has been one of the most challenging districts to get started. Illegal mining and export of iron ore has ravaged the region, with irreversible damages to local livelihood security and ecology. An NGO filing details of illegal mining for a decade could only be an eye opener. Almost 1079 hectares of forest area has been encroached for illegal extraction of minerals, according to reports.

This large scale encroachment on one hand is exasperated by the extent of illegal mining in this region on the other – 90%. Hundreds of families have migrated to Hospet mines with their children, to earn a living. Children have been exploited in these mines, depriving them of their education and childhood. Don Bosco Hospet has rescued and rehabilitated hundreds of children from these mines through their tent schools and bridge courses.

Now that illegal mines are shut down, the children still continue to be child labourers, supplementing the family's income that was originally dependent on those illegal mines. Children begging on the streets, working in small petty shops and farms are becoming a common scene these days, requiring the institution to develop new strategies to rescue and rehabilitate these children.

Beginning with a non formal technical school, DB Hospet today has its Centre for Social Action implementing all its community programmes. The interventions here are largely focusing on education, vocational training, rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers from the mines. In this issue of A SLICE, we will learn more about their interventions and reach in the field.

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Executive Director

## Major events in October

- District CRC network meeting at Davangere, Bidar, Bellary, Mysore, & Chitradurga
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with My Contri team, Koramangala
- 19<sup>th</sup> - DB Tech Employers' Meet
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Participation in SDCRF programme
- 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – DB Tech Trainers' Meet, Vaduthala
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Participation in the seminar – 'Making Public Services Work for the Poor'
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Communications Manager – Breakthrough, at BREADS

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN November

- District CRC network meetings in Bangalore, Deodurga, Gulbarga
- Regional CRC network meeting in Davangere, Bangalore
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Inauguration of Tech Mahindra ITES batch, Lingarajapuram
- 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – DB Tech Training of Trainers for Karnataka staff
- 23 – Accenture volunteers' interaction with Hospitality students

## News...

### Personal Enhancement to Empower the Youth

As part of staff capacity enhancement program, DB Tech and BREADS organized a staff training for its formal, non formal & skill training trainers at Vaduthala, Kerala on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, focusing on the theme "Personal Enhancement to Empower the Youth". [More...](#)



### DB EM-POWER in BANGALORE

Don Bosco Tech Karnataka organized an Employers' Meet "DB Empower" (Don Bosco and Employers' Programme on Workspace and Enhancing Relationship) on 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2013. Mr. Vijay Shankar KAS, the Director of ITBT and MD - KBITS, Government of Karnataka was the chief guest. Rev.Fr. George Mathew, the Economer of Salesians of Bangalore province presided over the function and the key note address was given by Fr. A M Jose, the Executive Director of Don Bosco Tech. [More...](#)



### BREADS project on 'Global Giving'

BREADS is happy to share that our project "Educate 100 rescued girl child labourers" has earned a permanent spot on Global Giving (an online platform to raise funds for causes) by winning the September challenge, raising \$ 5040 from 52 unique donors. [More ...](#)



### Training for CREAM Staff – Foster Care, POCSO, Operation of Trafficking Nets

BREADS organized a two days training programme for CREAM staff, in collaboration with BOSCO Foster Care, Bangalore. Fr George P S, Executive Director, BOSCO welcomed the audience by introducing the concept and need to focus on foster care as a form of care that ensures right of a child to family. [More ...](#)



## Don Bosco Hospet – Rediscovering childhood- Rekindling youthfulness



DB Hospet was registered as a Society in 1986 and its interventions in the region began with the construction of a technical school for the youth here. With the intention to reach out to the marginalized and poor communities, various projects have been implemented over the years.

### Rehabilitation Centre for Child Labourers

Since August 1994, the centre has been rescuing and rehabilitating child labourers from places like railway station, mining areas, hotels, garages etc and has mainstreamed them through education from its two centres. Before admitting them in formal schools, the centre puts these children through a one year bridge course to prepare them for mainstream schooling. The centres presently house 167 rescued children.

The centre has also initiated 'Tent Schools' in the mining areas for the children of those adults working in the illegal mines. Through this intervention we have rescued more than 600 child labourers from the mining sites. To further complement this process, 25 evening tuition centres have been started in villages and urban slums, each one reaching out to 30 to 40 children in the neighbourhood. These centres have helped us imbibe interest in studies among these kids, also facilitating the reduction in the number of child labourers and school drop outs. YOJANA Netherlands has been one of our partners in our interventions on behalf of the child labourers for the past 7 years



### Hostel for Poor Children

DB Hospet runs a boys hostel in its campus and a girls hostel, the latter with the help of state government. These facilities ensure that children from remote rural areas have the access to vocational and mainstream education facilitated here. Also, the children are awarded scholarships for their education, after thoroughly examining their need and backgrounds. The boys' hostel hosts 40 boys who are rescued children while the girls' hostel houses 50 girls. These inmates are allowed to use this facility until they complete their degree course or graduation, after which they are encouraged to move out and experience situations with their families.



### Don Bosco Professional Academy



Don Bosco Technical Institute was established in 1987 in order to give professional skills to children who are illiterates or school drop outs. Its affiliation to the National Institute of Open Schooling has added to its credibility, giving it the space to reach out to more than 2700 youngsters over the years. Presently there are 50 students undergoing training in the following domains – carpentry, welding, computer, tailoring and sales & marketing. Of these, 10 are utilizing the boarding facility constructed to help the children from rural communities. Together with these courses, the centre also offers Spoken English, Practical Mathematics, Life & Soft Skills needed for the corporate working culture.

### Community Interventions

Over the last three decades, DB Hospet has ingrained the culture of visiting the communities and families in the region, identifying space for their intervention, only to result in a better standard of life for these communities. In targeting women, micro credit was used as an effective tool. Currently there are 250 self help groups spread across 25 wards in the district, with a membership of more than 3000 women. Besides starting new entrepreneurial ventures with the help from the centre, the women have begun to realize the significance of political leadership and participation in events associated with it. One of the SHG women who has now risen to the level of a Panchayat President is definitely an exemplar we would be proud of.

