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MAJOR EVENTS IN January

- DB Bidar Project visit by Don Bosco Mondo Germany
- TOT DB Tech Kerala
- Meeting with KSCPCR Karnataka Government
- Review Meeting SGSY, MORD, Karnataka
- Feast of Don Bosco



Mr. Roland Strux and Susanne Knoke from Don Bosco Mondo visited Bidar Project on 29th February 2012

From the Director's Desk...

held and they agreed to release the children at least for an hour a day, so that they could attend some non-formal education classes. Thus on 14th February 1996, around 11 am the first Non- Formal Education Centre was started at Raitha Bhavan with fifteen children between the ages of 9 to 15 attending the first day.

and has rehabilitated more than 2000 child labourers. The project has worked in 75 villages creating awareness on issues and rights related to children and formed 250 SHGs. In this issue of *A SLICE* we look at the story of Don Bosco Child Labour Mission Davangere.

With Best Wishes,

From that humble beginning, now DBCLM has grown into a complex project over the past 19 years. DBCLM has now two well established rehabilitation centers for boys and girls

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN February

- CREAM Project visit by Don Bosco Mondo
- Staff training—CREAM Project
- German Volunteers Meet-2013
- FCDP and Bidar Project visit by JEW Austria
- Internship by MBA& MSW Students
- Fiona (Volunteer) leaves for Scotland
- BREADS DAY- 14th February

Don Bosco Child Labour Mission Davangere has been in the vanguard of reaching out to the less fortunate children in the district of Davangere ever since its inception in the year 1994. The project was pioneered by Fr Kuriakose Puthenpurayil by starting non formal education centres for the children working in the garages, automobile workshops and hotels. A meeting of the garage workshop owners was

News...



Training of Trainers at Kollam

A two day training programme was conducted at DB Tech Kollam (Don Bosco Boys Home, Kollam) on 24th and 25th January 2013. Fifteen newly recruited trainers from different centres of DB Tech Kerala attended the TOT programme... [More..](#)



BOSCH - NSDC Pilot Programme launched

A new chapter was written in the Field of skills development on 27th January-2013 at DB Tech Ashalaya as **the BOSCH-NSDC Employable Skills Development pilot programme** was launched by Mr. Dilip Chenoy CEO, NSDC in the presence of Mr. S. Bhattacharya, Joint Managing Director, BOSCH Ltd, Fr. A. M. Jose, Executive Director DB Tech and other dignitaries from NSDC, BOSCH and DB Tech. . [More...](#)



BREADS at IGCC Football Tournament, 2013

As part of our efforts in raising funds, BREADS decided to participate in the IGCC (Indo-German Chamber of Commerce) Football Tournament at SPT Sports Academy, Sarjapur road on 20th January 2013. There were about 120 football players and 200 spectators including, our children from Ajjanahalli at the event. [More...](#)



Chief Minister at Sneha Bhavan, Palluruthy

"I want to be a minister" was the quick reply of our darling little six-year old Bagalpuria as Mr. Oommen Chandy, the Chief Minister of Kerala asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. The hon'ble C.M. was making a breakfast stop at Sneha Bhavan on Jan.21, 2013 at 8.45 a.m ... [More...](#)



Child Rights Club (CRC) at Siddaruda Higher Primary School

BOSCO Bangalore under project CREAM formed '**Jyothi Makkala Hakkugala Sangha**' in Siddaruda Higher Primary School. The club consists of 16 girls and 6 boys. Prior to the institution of the club, the entire school was given awareness on child rights and informed about the need for Child Rights Club in safeguarding the rights of children... [More...](#)

Don Bosco Child Labour Mission (DBCLM) Davangere - Restoring the lost childhood



Don Bosco Child Labour Mission, shortly DBCLM in Davangere was established 1994 with the sole purpose of relieving and rehabilitating child labourers and street children in Davangere district. A reorientation centre for boys in Alurhatti and a rehabilitation centre for girls in Kondajji administered by DBCLM have drafted fresh chapters in the lives of rescued child labourers from the district.

DBCLM

During the last 19 years DBCLM had rescued and rehabilitated the less privileged children through **education, community empowerment, child right promotion and advocacy programmes**. Thousands of children have already completed their school studies and started their higher education.

Bridge School

Every year, Don Bosco Child Labour Mission Davangere readmits more than **150 child labourers** to the mainstream school after the rehabilitation programme through the Residential Bridge Course. Two centres have been built up for this purpose of which one centre is for the education of the girl children. For the past nineteen years, DBCLM has rescued and readmitted more than **2000 children** into mainstream schools.

Supplementary Education

DBCLM has been imparting supplementary education for more than **500** school going children in **20** village tuition centres as a preventive measure to reduce school dropouts and child labour. The programme aims to improve the learning ability of the students, improve their performance in the school and encourage the economically poor students to continue their studies.

Community Empowerment

DBCLM realised that community involvement is an indispensable part to ensure a child labour free society. The community empowerment programmes mainly focusing on the formation and strengthening of Self Help Groups. DBCLM has formed **250 SHGs** with a reach out of more than **4500 women** until now. These SHGs are being used for the effective and meaningful participation of the community in child labour eradication initiatives of DBCLM.

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Trainings & Campaigns

DBCLM conducts awareness programmes, rallies and campaigns with an aim to create awareness among the people regarding child related issues. Trainings have been given to the various stakeholders of the rural communities and city slums where the child labour is very prevalent. The child eradication campaigns of DBCLM focuses on the facilitation of the society to take up responsibility for tackling the issue of child labour.

Child Right Promotion

The Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) that have been formed over the last five years are proving to be very pro active and a socially concerned entity administered by children. Child Right Clubs have been providing a platform for

Success Stories

In **Kyarakatte** village, a girl from class 7 at Girls Higher Primary School, was sexually abused by her English teacher. On the occasion of *Sahithya Mela* (Literature Convention) at Koppala, the teacher had taken the child with him. Using this opportune time of being alone with the child, the teacher took the child to his friend's house and thence, sexually harassed her. Not fully aware of what was done to her, she shared this incident with her best friend. The friends then lodged a complaint at the Child Line and also demanded a statement from the Block Education Officer (BEO) on what action would be taken. The BEO, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and the District Child Rights Commission were left with no choice but to take action against the perpetrator.

In **Singrihalli**, the death of a 7th standard girl due to sexual abuse by her grandfather, who was over 60 years in age was a crucial incident in shaping the children's notions against this crime. The CRC members of the Girls Higher Primary School took out a march in the village, condemning such an incident and creating awareness among the villagers. The march culminated at the Village Panchayat Office, where the children presented a memorandum to give a death sentence to the accused.

children to participate, express views freely, know, realize and claim their rights and become the agents of change. Over the years DBCLM formed **220 CRCs** with a reach out of **3960 Children**

Higher Education

DBCLM not only rescues child labourers, enable them to go through the bridge course and readmits them to mainstream schools but also follows them up closely their high school and higher education. DBCLM supported **300** child labourers for completing their higher studies and placed in jobs

Skill Training for Youth

DBCLM has been imparting short term skill training for the marginalized youth and place them in various jobs. About **700** youth were trained until now and **80%** of them were placed in jobs



DBCLM - Reach out-2013	
Category	Numbers
Slums/outskirt villages	75
Child Labourers	126
Child Right Clubs Formed	33
Supplementary education	600 Children
Youth-Skill Training	300
Self Help Groups	250
Women	4500

Children's Press Meet

The reach that children's participation can achieve was apparent when children from the CRCs in Davangere called for a press meet to present their demands against child sexual abuse. The regular meetings and activities of the CRCs have evolved into an effective support system, giving room for the children to communicate, and at the same time, decide on a



course of action. This stands out not just as a success to celebrate, but as an occasion to repose our belief that children can be the harbingers of change in their lives. Some of the demands presented by the children are :

- The law against child sexual abuse must be implemented effectively.
- All the government officials have to be trained to ensure that child marriages are arrested.
- Gram Sabhas exclusively for children that must be happening every November (according to a Gol circular of 2007) is not happening in all panchayats. This needs to be rectified.
- Child labour in brick kiln, puppet and seeds crossing industries in Davangere district have to be checked and prevented.