



# SPARSHA TRUST

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## **Nisarga Grama project of Sparsha trust is Ray of Hope for educational empowerment and holistic development of vulnerable, underprivileged and deprived children**

Nisarga Grama is one of the projects of parent body Sparsha trust. Title of the project has relevance to the local situation. Nisarga means Nature and Grama means Village. So it is nature village focused on empowerment and sustainable rehabilitation of 500 vulnerable and deprived children.

Board of Management vests 'with 15 committed and dedicated members drawn from different fields namely Education, Social Work, public relations, Software development, Defense , corporate ,an Architect and community representation.

Nisarga Grama Committie has been doing yeo men services in terms of development o infrastructure such as purchase of land and construction of safe building that could accommodate minimum 500 residential children in order to promote their rights, i.e. Survival. Protection, development and participation and also Right to Education

Nisarga Grama committee purchased agricultural land of 27guntas (3/4 acre) at Hesaraghatta. One more acre of land is yet to purchase and under the process Land has been acquired in the name of the organization Sparsha trust under section 109 of Land Reforms Act 1961 Sustainable rehabilitation center for 500 working and street children with the plinth area of 12500 sq feet will be constructed by 2016.

Building plan has been developed by internationally known Architect and approves the same.

Committee started to mobilize financial resources, technical support, Materials and advice from responsible persons to undertake construction work.

### **Vision**

**Design organizational** initiative and establish sustainable and viable rehabilitation center for 500 needy, vulnerable and educationally deprived children, i.e. drop outs, Street children, begging, rag picking, orphans, single parented and child labor issues with special needs to provide basic services and integrate them into the main-stream of the society

### **Mission**

Ensure all children 6-18 years age group enjoy their Right to Education and bring every out of school child in to school

Nisarga Grama is Ray of Hope for educational empowerment and holistic development of vulnerable, underprivileged and deprived children. Organization can bear the fruits and foreseen the impact in the coming years,

It's the time to share Sparsha News. With all yours support ,co-operation and guidance we were able to run 8 Children shelter and 2 Urban homeless shelter during 2012-13.This effort made us to reach more than 275 children during the year .Your regular visit and guidance helped us to put more effort to improve the quality of work.







### Shikshana Mitra-1

At Sanjivininagar shelter Renovation work has been done that is flooring work (fixed glass tiles), painting work with all walls painted having pictures of Animals, comic characters, etc., sump work and toilet and bath rooms. The renovated Shikshana Mitra-1 center was reopened on 29 March 13 by 'cutting of tape' by **Smt.Meenakshi Krishna byregowda** in presence of **Smt.Jayanthi, vidya, Kalpana, Roopa, Geetha and Sri.Sundersh, Mr.Suresh** who spoke about good works done by Sparsha appreciating their works.





10 of our children from all the center had opportunity to visit IIIT campus in Bangalore the camp, was organized by Tara Trust, Goa. In this camp our children had an opportunity to learn how to make a use of wastage, learn with fun, in this camp children were able to build up an confident in them self. Children enjoyed playing, dancing, singing, etc.,



### Chinnara Thangudhama, Shivajinagar

The children of shivajinagar started talking about their dream and desire; this was possible due to regular intervention of kind hearted people during the visit to one of the company. In this opportunity we show our gratitude to the team of **Mr & Mrs.Kiran** who visited the center and spoke to the children and provided delicious food and sweet to the children.

**On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 our Shivajinagar center started a Music center for the shelter children in the name of Shri. BHAKTHAVATSALA KALA SHALE.** This is to introduce Indian Culture to our children.





## Urban Homeless People Shelter at Shivajinagar:

1. Sparsha Trust have successfully taking care of Urban Shelterless, old age, street and orphans at "Shivajinagar and Murphy town". Many inmates who were unhealthy have been checked and medicated by doctor at Government Hospital. These inmates have been accompanied by volunteer of Sparsha to hospital even at Mid Night as these people come to center only during night times.
2. As many inmates are old people and ill healthiness often tragedy incidence happened. On June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 one of the inmates passed away at shivajinagar center. Sparsha trust team members took all the steps to give a honorary burial for the departed soul.



Even during recent election held in Karnatak Members of Sparsha met all political parties and made them to add child **Right point in their political manifesto.**

Team of Spasrha Trust has been in a very sad mood because of the orders of Karnataka Government stopping the programme for OOSC children in Karnataka, as children accommodated at center had become a part of family of Sparsha who are to be placed at government run hostels. In view of above the team has already met, with support of other NGOs have met secretary of education department Karnataka Government Mr.Kumar Naik forming a **federation working for child rights.** The meeting was to request the government to reinstate centers for out of school children in the government.

Regarding the above matter Government officials **like Mr.Subodh Yadav, SPD** had visited our Shivajinagar UDC center appreciated the work done by Sparsha Trust. **Smt.Narmada**, Join Director, DWCD visited our unit at Raja Rajeshwarinagar appreciated the way the center was taken care, records were also appreciated by her.



We are happy to share that Sparsha Trust **Mr.Gopinath** Managing Trustee had been a part of workshop on challenging persisting violation of children's rights Encouraging effective advocacy in South Asia which was organized by **CRIN and BASE** which was held at Kathmandu, Nepal. In the workshop we are delighted to have participants attending from the following countries and working on a range of children's rights: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan. In the workshop we were able to share the experiences (including successes and challenges) in promoting and implementing children's rights in our local place, state, countries and contribute positively to the plenary and smaller group sessions. The workshop was facilitated by Ms.Veronica Yates, Director of CRIN, and Mr.Peter Newell, from the Global Initiative to end all Corporal Punishment of Children in addition to Mr Dilli Chaudhary and the Executive Director of BASE.



"CWC" arranged a drama Serial in DD 1 Channel named **"MURIDUBIDDA SETHUVE" (Broken Bridge)** in the favor of Sparsha and its children, 15 children from Sparsha trust and Chinara Thangudhama enacted in this drama .DD 1 Channel provided two months continuous training and rehearsal on every Saturday and Sunday for 15 children for the grand success of this drama serial. This serial is yet to be telecasted



On 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2013, 45 children of Sparsha Trust participated in 'Aforestation' programme near Nelamangala, Bangalore. Children were actively involved in clearing the weeds of adjoining wells located the river throughout the day. The program conducted is also the part and parcel of Shramadhan activities.



Chinnara Thangudhama children happily celebrated **"INDEPENDENCE DAY"** in collaboration with GC Colony welfare association. Children performed recreational activities entertained the public and the guests.

A group of volunteers from **'Art of Living'** trained our children for a period of 4 days in "YOGA and MEDITATION".

On 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2013, all the children Chinnara Thangudhama had been on educational excursion trip to **Art of Living Center**. Children had nice time and spent their time with Gujarat cows. Children also participated in Satsangha Program and taught moral values and a way of living.

On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 **KCPCR and INSA organization** organized children program in Bal Bhavan 20 children participated in cultural activities. Later they were taken to Cubbon Park where children had nice time and enjoyed.



Sparsha trust established good working relationship with **"Child Welfare Committee"** CWC refer children to our Chinnara Thangudhama Center who are in need of care and protection. We follow the rules and regulation of CWC based that include referral of our children to CWC.

**Sparsha in partnership with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana** conducted **survey of Children out of the School** in one of the clusters namely Chnnasandra cluster, Bangalore South. As per the outcome of the survey, 350 children in the age group who are out of schools were identified.



**Staffs of Sparsha** are the active members of RTE Task force. Sparsha promptly attended to all the complaints received from RTE. Awareness for the parents also conducted focused on Right to Education and role and responsibilities.

**Sparsha is the active partner** with Karnataka Police Department and involved in rehabilitation of commercial sex workers and main stream them in the society. During the rides many pimps have been arrested and secured justice for these deprived women.

**Sparsha identified 9 Child laborers** in Bangalore city. An action plan will be worked out for rescuing these children from the clutches of their employers with the support of stake holders.



**On 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2013 the Sparsha team** accompanied 8 children from our shelter to participate in science festival which was at Bhartiya City. This has given immense knowledge and exposure about science to these children. These children have visited emergency block, forensic block, chemical, engineering block and block where magic through science has made children to obtain more knowledge through projects. Kumar and Pooja expressed their feelings that they have never thought or dreamt of the experience they had in the festival. Whole team 8 children were sharing their experience and their learning's (Ex: holding two bottle showing how whirlpool occurs, etc.,) with the other children who are in the shelter.



Sparsha to put up a mosquito repellent mesh for the 6 windows at Shivajinagar center. This relieved the children from mosquito bite and exposed to malaria and dengue fever

**On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013 the Spasrha team went** to Hesarghatta for sharamadhana program that is cleaning of 'NISARGA GRAMA' land was taken up. **Volunteers were so well engaged themselves with our children was really applaud able. It was a feast to watch our children playing and enjoying with the nature.**



After cleaning the land, from thick bushes, thorny plants, climbers, children and volunteers of Neralu visited the lake of Hesarghatta. Children were amazed to see a lake with water. Later all children, volunteers **were invited by Hesarghatta village people to the large Pandal erected for 'Lord Ganesha'". All of them had sumptuous lunch with village community.** When all children and volunteers departed from Hesaraghatta we could see a look of satisfaction on each face for completing a commendable job. **This event got the reorganization of Sparsha in the community of Hesaraghatta Village who were very happy to be with the volunteers and children of Sparsha.**



**Family Planning Association of India, Bangalore** branch conducted four awareness sessions at Sparsha trust premises. 25 Adolescent girls of MDLC attended these sessions. Ms Alafia of AFPI was the resource person. Sessions were focused on good health practices and cleanliness during adolescent period. The sessions were eye opener for the participants to overcome stress and strains and related problems of adolescence

**Children of Multi Dimensional Learning Center [M.D.L.C] celebrated GANESHA Festival** The whole event like preparation of Stage, Bringing Ganesha idol, Pooja materials, Flowers, Fruits, was all conducted under leadership of the students Committee

members. Pooja was conducted by children themselves according to the religious customs and Prasadam prepared by children was distributed to all assembled.

Later on continuation of the activities children celebrated DUSSEHRA festival where according to the customs DOLLS were placed neatly for worshipping. These Dolls were prepared at the MDLC center by children. The majority of activities was done by children who came from Muslim community indicating the unity of children.



Gandhi Jayanthi celebration was conducted at all five centers. , shelter teachers spoke about Gandhiji, his moral values, sacrifice and contribution towards to free India from British regime and as an independent nation.

As we know people celebrate the festivals by greeting their family members, beloved one, and friends, on the eve of the cultural festivals namely Deepavali, Christmas and New Year. So the children of Sparsha Trust MDLC have developed many greeting cards, colorful "DIYAS", many artistic dolls from the contribution collected that is Rs.50 to Rs.100 per month per child. With the accumulated money, children have purchased all raw materials, required and developed the mentioned cards and products.

Sparsha trust supporter provided an opportunity for students of MDLC- Multi Dimensional Learning Center to exhibit their work in 'Arts and Crafts' held on 31st Oct 2013 at their center in one of the allotted stalls in company premises for the display and sale of these products.



Children have mobilized Rs.8000/- only through the sales which boosted the confidence of the children and an entry point to make them better citizens. Team members of the esteemed company lent all the support, cooperation and encouragement to the children and made the program and event a grand success. Without the cooperation, children would have raised Rs 10000 which is a good amount for the children to start with and for mobilizing funds

## JOY OF READING 2013



Organization provides an opportunity for shelter children, Gnana Mitra Community and Mobile Library children to improve their reading habits and learning skills in the area of education. Joy of learning is also focused on creating an environment which is joy and reading friendly and improves friendly relationship of children hails from different back ground It also facilitates reinforcement for those children with learning disabilities par with other children in friendly environment and atmosphere...

**Theme of the program** Encourage and improve reading habits, learning skills and also innovative special skills and ensure Right to Participation par with UNCRC among disadvantaged children of Sparsha

One day program titled Joy of reading was conducted with the financial assistance from supporters, local community representatives, Media personnel and dedicated staff members of Sparsha

The program was started at 9:00 am with the formal inauguration. **Swamy Sri. Sri. Somasundar Dixit, President, all India Adishaiva Shivaachaarya Seva Sanga & Main Priest, Sri Gavi Gangadeshwara temple** was the Chief Guest and Inaugurated the function by lighting of the lamp. Other dignitaries on the Dias were **Mr Anrew, Director, Sparsha Trust ® Bangalore**





Kennametal shared and Service Pvt Ltd, **Mrs. Alamelu Bhaskar**, President, Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore West, **Mrs.Leela**, **Mrs.Akila** from Inner Wheel Club **Mr.Harish**, **India Literacy Project (ILP-India)**, Bangalore, **Mr. Avalu Reddy**, Village Panchyathi Member, Mullubagalu, **Mr.Sundresh** team member of Sparsha

**Target group of children participated:** 267 children between 6 centers of Sparsha, community children and local government school children participated in the events conducted



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### **GNANA MITRA- Library for needy children**

The year 2012-13 Sparsha trust focused on a number of programs. These programs aim to promote reading habit, understanding and boosting the children to move/run with the current competitive world and encouraging community participation.

Programs offered at libraries are:

- **Make a library colourful**
- **Odhu Mitra Odhu**
- **Art and Craft class**
- **Joy of reading**
- **Makkala Milana**
- **Kalam's team**
- **English Speaking classes**
- **Exposure trips**
- **Interaction with the volunteers, etc.,**
- **Identified Shikshana Mitra**



Library Day celebration at 2 community Bynahalli & Sajivininagar.

Shramadhana program was conducted at Bypanahalli.

Drawing competition conducted with the local **community support**

Children's day was celebrated at all 5 centers.

Children participated in Children's parliament. The parliament gave an opportunity for children to develop their vocabulary and speaking skills and encouraged their leadership qualities



Health check up was conducted by local government hospital for children of RR Nagar open shelter children

RR Nagar and Mastripalya Children were taken exposure trip. The trip gave an opportunity for the children to spend time in a relaxed way, overcome stress and strain and improved personal relationship with other center children

An account was opened in nationalized bank namely Stipend account for the enrolled children of NCLP Children of Sparsha trust. By considering their future and educational opportunity, Rs 100/month has been credited to respective children and is ongoing.

By considering the existing problems and ways and means to solve for the implementation of RTE Act, the State commission for protection of child Rights has been formed. Commission is comprising four members RTE monitoring committee. The committee will be headed by Mr.Nagasimha, CRT member , Mr.Gopinath,Sparsha Trust and Vani Kantli, BBA

Christmas is memorable and enjoyable feast for the children,. Children always remember and fond of Santa clause. On 25<sup>th</sup> December 152 children between five centers assembled and celebrated Christmas festival. Venue was UDC Center, Shivaji nagar. Ms Sanju Rao, Project Manager, Excalibur Foundation hosted this celebration/program and met all the related expenses. Sparsha trust is thankful to Sanju for her kind gesture and passion towards children,

Mr.Manjunath, Sparsha Trust is one of the members of RTE Task Force. He participated in regular official meetings regarding the related issues pertaining to Right to Education.

Many volunteers and supporters have visited five centers and appreciated the wonderful work done and has been carrying out. As a token of gesture and passion towards well being of children, these members provided ration. Food grains, lunch for the children for the day and bed sheets as basic needs and requirement. Children were also taken on exposure trip to the different places namely Nandi and other places. Children really enjoyed the trip and company of volunteers and supporters.

New Years Day 2014 was celebrated in all five centers by children and staff members. On the eve of the New Year, centers were decorated with colorful papers with the festive outlook. Cultural and recreational activities were conducted by the children and followed by cutting and distributing the cakes to one and all.

On 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014, with the support of supporter, all the children had been to Kannada Bhavana. All 180 children had a fun and learnt about the importance of environment. Children enjoyed watching the drama and had delicious snacks, cakes and juice.

In the the month of Feb and March 2014 all our shelter Children were taken to Nandi Hills in two batches with the kind support of Neralu team, Mr. Andrew & Family, Mr. & Mrs.



Heera Branuer, Mr. & Mrs. Suresh Babu an individual supporter.

Sparsha Children at NANDI HILLS had wonderful time. It **was a memorable day for Sparsha trust children.** Children enjoyed the beautiful nature which was surrounded the hills. On the top of the hills children enjoyed witnessing the places namely **Amruth Sarovar, Tippus Summer Palace and Fort, Gavi Veerabhadra Swamy Temple, and Tippu Drop**

**Children had a nice time and played in the children park.** Children enjoyed delicious **snacks and lunch.** This was basic need of the hour. It was a good opportunity and exposure given to all the children for their personality development, improved leadership qualities which served as booster dose for all the children.

On Feb 2014 personality Development class was conducted for 150 MDLC Children, Shelter children (UDC, RR Nagar, Sanjivini Nagar, and Mastripalya) and Sparsha Staff. Main objective was to guide and enrich the participants for their personality development and empowerment..

The program was a grand success and motivated the students and staff left with the strong message: "Nobody in this world is perfect. But if you wish to grow in your life, you need to make yourself shine by refining your character and behavior. Remember only practice can make a man perfect and help in transforming a personality into the one that can succeed in every aspect of life."



Thanking you,

SPARSHA TRUST ®, Bangalore