



# PRATHAM MYSORE

*News and Events*

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## **NMMS examination 2016-17:**

Over 250 students wrote the eligibility test to get qualified for the National Merit and Means scholarship sponsored by the Government of India. These children at 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Government schools were trained for 4 months by Pratham volunteers at various centers such as Mysore Urban, T.Narasipura, Nanjangud, Gudlupete and Chamarajanagar. It may be recalled that 4 of the first 10 ranks in the last exam were bagged by children from Gundlupete.



## **Chintana Chiguru Library Inauguration:**

The Library Program as a part of Chithana Chiguru was launched in three schools under the sponsorship of L & T. Ms. Latha from L & T visited Tonchikoppal Government Higher Primary School (GHPS), Gumchi GHPS and Adijambava GHPS to declare open the Library centers at schools. The donors observed that a rich interaction with children and teachers at all the centers was indicative of the positive impact the program is likely to create.



## **ICC (Inter Counseling Committee) workshop at Hyderabad:**

A workshop for members of the Internal Counseling Committee was held at Hyderabad from 24th October to 27th October 2016 with the objective of creating a structure for addressing the issues related to Sexual Harassment at workplaces in Pratham. Prof. Nirmala Prakash, Advisor, and Mr. Mahesh, Program Coordinator, Pratham Mysore participated at the workshop. Prof. Nirmala Prakash contributed valuably to the event which was acknowledged by Prof. Farida Lambay, Co-founder of Pratham Education Foundation. Similar workshops at the State Level to bring in clarity about the roles and responsibilities of the Internal Complaint Committee will be planned soon.

## Teach India :

The 3rd Global Grant Project sponsored by Rotary Foundation to support 'TEACH INDIA' in 150 schools located in Tumkur district was launched on 6th November 2016.

Ms. Jeevarathna, representing Kiran Bavikatte Foundation, one of the principal donors inaugurated the project in presence of Mr. Ashok Shanbhag, Primary Contact from Yelahanka Rotary Club and other members from Tumkur Rotary Club. A training program was conducted from 3rd to 6th November for 26 Block Resource Groups (BRGs) and Learning Kits distributed.



## SBE (Smile Breath and Express): A Personality Development Tryout Program:

Ms. Reena from University of Houston has taken a break for 2 years to stay in Mysore. Pratham provided a platform to her for serving as a volunteer. Her interest is to help children who need guidance in Personality Development. As a tryout, Ms. Reena has been conducting a 60 minute session every Friday for 9<sup>th</sup> Std children. A feedback from teachers has been that there is a significant visible change in the attitude of children and their academic performance ever since this innovative event has been launched in Medar Block school.



## **Food Adulteration Workshop:**

### **Pratham's collaboration with CFTRI,**

**Mysore :** To create an awareness about the food adulteration and its ill effects on health, a workshop was organized jointly by the CSIR – CFTRI and Pratham Mysore on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. About 120 children from 4 Government Schools along with 20 teachers participated in the event which was kick started with a keynote address by Mr. Ashvini Ranjan, Managing



Trustee, at the CFTRI auditorium in Mysore. Dr. T Padmini gave an overview of Pratham's programs which served as a platform for planning collaborative events.

The program concluded with the distribution of food adulteration testing kits to the participating schools.

## **Pratham Activity and Resource Centre (PARC)**

PARC has been working collaboratively with 6 Govt schools Mysore. The objective is to provide the Science teachers with a set of activities, models and videos that can be used to enhance Science teaching so that they can incorporate them from the next year. In the last quarter, PARC completed the planned workshops for VIII grade



1st semester on topics like Structure of Atoms, Cells, Motion and Laws of Motion, Chemistry etc. PARC also assisted the schools in various Science model making competitions, seminars and dramas. Feedback from schools has been very positive and we have already started our workshops for the 2nd semester. PARC also conducted quarterly training for the donor funded programs like ITC, Avaya and PwC.

PARC has also started an evening program for 30 less privileged children in the centre. The children are taught spoken English, basic Math, do Science experiments etc. We will also introduce basic computer course also in the coming quarter. We are grateful for the financial assistance provided by SOFTEN, Infosys Mysore for these activities.

## **Content Orientation and Capacity Building**

Dr. T. Padmini provided a thorough training to bridge the gaps in content delivery to the 40 Resource person from Pratham Mysore who would be deployed to support the CRP and teachers' training under Government Partnership Program of Oodu Karnataka. This content orientation was organized on 4th and 5th November. Following this orientation, trainers from Pratham Central Team (Ms. Samyukta, Ms. Manisha, Ms. Usha and Ms. Meera ) conducted a 3 day Capacity Building session from 6th to 8th November 2016. The objective of this session was to equip Pratham staff in effective delivery of their roles in training the CRPs and school teachers who are better qualified and well experienced. The program aimed at addressing challenges related to adult learning via solutions suggesting more group activities and interaction rather than lecturing. This impacted positively in building confidence among Pratham trainers.



## **Re-orientation for Cluster Resource Persons**

Pratham's partnership program 'OODU - Karnataka' with the State Government moved to the next phase with 400 Cluster Resource persons getting a reorientation for 2 days on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November at the District Institution of Education and Training Centers of Mysore, Mandya and Ramanagar. This served as a quick recap for already trained Cluster Resource Persons to enter the teacher training phase confidently. Nearly 5000 teachers from 21 blocks and 88 Hoblies across three districts will be trained by the CRPs in Pratham's model from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. A group of 40 Resource persons from Pratham will play a supportive role in training and monitoring phase. The training is expected to be completed before 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016. The OODU Karnataka will roll out in schools from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

