

Sparsha Trust

Annual Report 2014-15



From The Sparsha Trust Children Desk

We the children of Sparsha Trust, are very grateful to the organizations and all the supporters for dedicating their valuable time and resources for the betterment of our lives. Due to YOU ALL of us are having meals three times a day and pursuing our dreams of what we want to become. Sparsha's dedication and the continued support from YOU ALL is enduring that we are enjoying our child rights, otherwise we might have been in very painful situation and/ or become part of antisocial elements.

We all sincerely and seriously commit that, your efforts and support will not go waste, or be misused. We assure you that after 10 years we all will join with you to build a better society.

From the Nisarga Grama Committee Desk

Dear All,

It gives us immense pleasure to share this report for the year 2014-15 with you all. The performance of The Sparsha Trust has been fruitful and satisfying.

The year 2014-15 has been a rewarding year for Sparsha. In this year, we have been able to positively impact the lives of needy children in villages and slums across Karnataka. Having shared our 10 year goals with you last year, we initiated Nisarga Grama Construction – “Small Children University” by doing Boomi Pooja and this is expected to get completed by end of June 2016. A lot of planning and effort has been undertaken by all functions to internalise and align strategies to realise our goals of ensuring children in Sparsha-supported projects have access to free and quality education, primary healthcare and are safe from violation and exploitation.

Needs a Title: Other Initiatives

Another noteworthy highlight is the Child Helpline. Central Government recognized Sparsha's work and partnered with us to implement Child Helpline in Bangalore – Rural to reach every child in need of care and protection and to save their lives from disaster situation.

The team's effort through the year has helped us to **secure State and other Awards for empowering the children in need.** We are certain, that the participation and appreciation came from our supporters will help us to open the eyes to the reality and take a positive stand for our children.

As we set out to achieve our goals, we thank you - our supporters who give us the much needed momentum to go out and realise our vision of a happy, healthy and creative childhood for every child in need.

With faith and goodwill,

President – Sparsha

P.S: Do write to us at sparshmarg2020@gmail.com with your thoughts and feedback.

Is this an annexure?

In the Year 2014-15 Sparsha Trust with the help from supporters such as you, continued to see improvements in children of different categories such as child labour, rag picking, begging, drug abuse, sexually abused, orphans, run away children and who have committed non-serious offences are there at Shelter. The goal of Sparsha is to continue to make a difference in the society by giving education and shelter to all the children's mentioned

- 181 children are being housed in different center in the year 2014-15. These children have been brought from different area
- They are being trained to rid themselves of addictions through counselling, training, educational guidance, self-evaluation through sessions of introspection, Yoga, Meditation etc.
- Sparsha team and MSW counselor is aiding the recovery of these children.
- We are trying to ensure they get minimum education and go back to normal life.
- Regular Health checkups are done with the help of a nearby government hospital.
- As a motivation factor children were taken exposure to various place such as Cubban park, Nandi Hills and also engage them to involve in other activity like giving training in folk dance, light music songs, making paper bags, decorating their center with craft works, etc.,
- 126 children are enrolled to the regular school of Government which is near to the centers and going regularly.
- We have also set up a small library where children can access the book world.
- We are taking care of their basic requirements like Food, clothing, education material, entertainment, Health check ups, etc.,



DIFFERENT STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED TOWARDS THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF SHELTER CHILDREN

Sparsha Trust conducted different events during the year. They are as follows:

Library Activity - GNANA MITRA

The Sparsha trust team executing its special event “Gnana Mitra” every day between 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. at Sanjeevininagar, Bynahalli community



In each library Nearly 30 to 40 children are regularly participating in the community library activities. The year 2014-15 was dedicated to assess and improve the skills of Sparsha Trust continuously.

The module of the session which has been followed by the Gnana mitra Library is as follows:

Sl.no	Day	Activities covered
1.	Monday	Essay writing
2.	Tuesday	Distribution of Books to children
3.	Wednesday	Debate
4.	Thursday	Drawing, Art and Craft
5.	Friday	Taking Back the books And Discussion of the information gained from the book&
6.	Saturday	Storytelling

'Meghashala' Programs in Government Model Higher Primary Schools, Sanjeevininagar

Under **Meghashala** program the librarian visits the schools everyday and conducts various activities like...

- ❖ For 7th standard children, information regarding the studies according to their syllabus is given through laptops and projectors.
- ❖ Leaders are made in the classrooms where one reads the lesson and the other explains it.
- ❖ Information regarding use of laptops and projector is been given.
- ❖ After finishing the studies of each lesson, questions were asked and children answers majority of the questions.
- ❖ Regular tests will be conducted after finishing 2 lessons.
- ❖ After the social science class by school teachers, **Meghashala** help to revise everything about the subject.
- ❖ **Meghashala** has helped in the overall development of the children. About 30% of the children's development in studies is due to Meghashala.
- ❖ **Meghashala** classes also conducted on Volunteer work basis and for personality development.
- ❖ This program is conducted specially to bring development in the children who are weak in studies and other activities.



Joy of Learning

The team of Sparsha volunteer organized one of its Annual special events "**Joy of Learning**" for the 3rd year on 10th January 2015, 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. at **BalBhavan, Cubbon Park, Bangalore**. Children from different Sparsha centers were preparing themselves in all the areas like reading, writing, table telling, storytelling, dance, singing, drawing and other skills like making handicraft items etc. There will be a competition between all the centres. All the children will exhibit their talents as an individual and as well as in team work and they wait for this program to participate and win the awards.



The function was grandly inaugurated by lighting the lamp and the program started as per schedule like **Book Reading** where 100 children of different shelters participated, **Super Minute games** – each shelter had their own funny super minute games for the children, **Drawing Competition** – The topic is "Child Exploitation". Three children from each shelter participated.



Table Telling – 5 children from 7 shelters participated and Master. Kumara from Mestripalya had read 100 tables and he said the table of 65. **English words** – 3 children from each shelter participated. **Quiz** – A group of 5 children from 7 shelters participated. **Group Songs** – 5 members from 7 shelters participated and performed well. **Solo Dance** – Children enthusiastically participated, enjoyed and performed well in solo dance. **Group Dance** – No. of children vary



from different shelters according to their song selection. Children expressed their exclusive talent and team work in group dance.

Award Functions – Winners of different competition have been awarded the prize by the Judges. Also, the decoration and handmade work of children from different shelters has been kept under open shelters of Cubbon Park, which has also been seen by Judges and rated according to their performance and awarded with different prizes.

Prathiba Protsaha: This event is called as an 'Extract' of inner potential of children. This event is conducted every year in the month of March. After JOL children will be trained for this event. They will start preparing for this from November month. It is an educational competition where the children can express their different skills. Some children will come up with knowledge of 100 tables and vice versa. Ms. Pallavi, a very young 7 year old girl from RR Nagar knows up to 70 tables and vice versa. Master. Kumar from Mastripalya knows up to 100 tables and vice versa. Twenty children from different shelters know more than 50 tables. All the children will be trained in reading books, narrating stories etc. They all will perform what they have learnt during the year which includes even sports, any special skills etc.



Academic Excellence Program

On 12-06-2014 a special and new program named ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE was conducted at Government high school, Channahalli in Association with Golden Snacks Company. In this program, 56 children participated and they were taught to write and speak in English, Grammar and storytelling. Our children gained more knowledge in Grammar, spoken English which resulted in development of their English knowledge.



Awareness Programs

- One more program was organized by our shelter children on 28th October 2014 – “SAY NO TO PLASTIC”. This program conveys the disadvantages of using the plastic. Children created the awareness among the public by giving information regarding reduce, reuse, recycle of plastic and the problems that are caused by burning the plastic. Children communicated the message by displaying the placards.
- On 17/11/2014 with the coordination of children an awareness program was organized regarding Nature pollution, the problem arising out of that and how to solve it. Children carried the posters and shared the information with the people living in the villages about pollution and how it can be controlled.
- Swachha Bharath – On 24th February 2015 cleanliness program was organized in our shelter, where the children cleaned the library and the nearby roads. This has become an inspiration to many people and they also joined hands with us which gives energy to us and also to the program.
- Anti Child Labor day -? Date? Our center children took an initiative to give information about child labors and the issues to the public. Small children in the community taught their parents about the action taken when the child is forcibly sent for work instead of school.



Sports Activities

Sparsha in association with ITC Company, Sports activities were conducted. Many games like running race, Kho-kho, Kabaddi were conducted. Children enjoyed and played the games. Prizes like books, pens and geometry set cases etc were distributed to the winners. This activity results in growth of healthy competitiveness.

Guest Faculty Class

A Guest Faculty class was organized for our children by Ms. Ashwini at Government School Channahali, where children were taught to make earrings, photo frames and Key chains etc using paper quilting materials.

Spiritual Activity

Regular Bhajans and chanting is done in our centres with the support of ART OF LIVING Coordinator Mr. Desai. Spiritual learning improves the self confidence level among the children and also it gives energy to the mind.

Academic achievements

Akhila secured 93% and Rekha secured 63% in SSLC examination in the academic year 2014-15.

NISARGA GRAMA- A Shelter for 500 children who are in need:

Sparsha's 10 years dream of building **Nisarga Grama** (Nature Village), an Educational Rehabilitation center for up to 500 vulnerable and deprived children has come true. The Trust has purchased a land of nearly two acres at Hesaraghatta, Bangalore Urban to construct **Nisarga Grama**. Now, the foundation has been laid and it has reached the plinth level.



At this proposed Nisarga Grama project, there will be dormitories for boys and girls, Learning center, Kitchen & Dinning, Library, Laboratories, Service center, open air auditorium and also play ground for children. It will be a state of art rehabilitation center which will play a greater role in molding the children who are from various walks of life into responsible citizens of the country.

We scrutinized and brought good and committed people to the committee of Nisarga Grama from various backgrounds and

had multiple events in the year 2014-15

Friends of Sparsha on Nov. 1st 2014 :

"An evening with Friends of Sparsha" held on 1st November 2014 at Hotel Sheraton was evident proof that **"Together we can make a difference"**. **About 200 supporters have attained and expressed their full support and concern. The main agenda of the program was to** expressing our gratitude for their support from the inspection and involvement them to help in spreading awareness about Nisarga Grama, which would set up a platform for needy children to dream big.

Mumbai Marathon 2015

Dr. Vedang Murthy had run the Mumbai Marathon (42.2KM) on 18th January

2015, Son of Nisarga Grama committee member Mr. Wg. Cdr. R.S. Murthy .

During the event he has reached 100's of people to support Sparsha for running the Mumbai Marathon. He prepared himself for the past 4 months and enormously succeeded with personal best timings in marathon to give better life for children who are really in need.



Bhoomi Pooja, stone laying programme on 01st March 2015

Nisarga Grama Committee members, Sparsha Children and Team's dream project '*Nisarga Grama*', a home for the needy children, took one more step ahead with the help of supporters, and stepped in to 'Boomi Pooja'. The function was held on 01st March 2015 at Hesargatta, Bangalore.



The function was grandly inaugurated by the guests by lighting the lamp along with Children of Sparsha. After the pooja ceremony all the guests did ground breaking inauguration, which is continued with tree plantation by all the guests accompanied by our children. The environment was filled with festival impression lots of happiness, children running around, playing, smiling, singing, dancing, Photo session, etc.,



Speech and sharing the views by dignitaries:

All the Dignitaries were very happy to see the progress of Nisarga Grama Project. Guests expressed their happiness to be a part of the happy day and promised that they will be always with Sparsha Trust for the good cause and help the needy children for their overall development.



ART AND CRAFT TRAINING

Creative and performing arts has always been one of the mainstays of Sparsha work with the children. For many children, performances provide an avenue to express them and to gain self-confidence. Our work in this field covers a variety of disciplines, including street plays, Handicraft, Dance and Documentary Video, Short movies, Ad Concept etc.



Over the years, Sparsha Trust has built up a well-grounded reputation in terms of the quality and commitment of its Arts. Boys and girls of the shelters learn dance and music from prominent artists. Aside from dance and music, the children play a significant role in developing or adapting the script, designing costumes etc.



i)

Kamsale Dance

Sparsha in Shivaji Nagar (called as Chinnara Thangudhama (UDC)), Rajiv Gandhi colony running a boys shelter for needy children. The children are performing Kamsale dance very professionally and



on 12 July 2014, World Anti Child Labour day was celebrated, for which our children had been to Contirava Stadium and performed Kamsale dance. Also, they enthusiastically participated and performed this dance in Government and Private companies.

Kamsale is a famous folk dance of Karnataka.

The KAMSALE dance is named after the instrument held in hands of the dancer. The instrument comprises a cymbal held in one hand and a bronze disc in the other. The main element in art is the rhythmic clang, which blends with the melodious music of the Mahadeeshvara epic. The instruments, in the course of the vigorous rhythmic beatings, are moved around the body of the dancer in innumerable patterns manifesting both skill and art. In a group movement the dancer provides the vision of a series of offensive and defensive maneuvers.

ii) Dollu Kunitha

Sparsha in Sanjeevini Nagar (called as Shikshana Mitra - I), running a girls shelter for needy children. Dollu Kunitha is also a famous folk dance of Karnataka. Generally, this dance is performed by boys but our sanjivini nagar girls energetically doing well.



Dollu Kunitha is a popular drum dance of Karnataka state. In the Dollu Kunitha dance, large drums are adorned with colored clothes and hang around the necks of men. The songs used in this dance usually have religious and battle fervor. The main emphasis is on quick and light movement of the feet and legs.



iii) Handicraft

Apart from above, our children are well versed in doing hand craft items such as Ear rings, Flowers, Diyas using paper quilting, artificial jewellery, Mehendi, Boutique Design, Paper bags etc.



During **Diwali** festival, our supporters like Kennametal, Textron, Canadian International School, First American Media, Inteva Products, Godrej Apartment, Mallya Aditi International School, Bearys Apartment granted us to have a stall in their premises. Sparsha Trust is very grateful to YOU ALL for your humbleness. Because of your intervention our children got boosted and motivated. They created more new designs and were able to **raise nearly Rs. 1.00L** by **selling** these **handicraft items**.



iv) Documentary Video, Short movies, Ad Concept

AYV had assisted our children in getting lot of exposure towards concept preparing, script writing, editing, camera handling, and direction. Thirty AYV students and 2 educators along with Institute Head from our MDLC and Sanjivini Nagar shelter participated in the 'Adobe Youth Voice' short film competition' made a short movie "NANAVARU???" which was shortlisted under Top 20. We are hoping that our children will get First Place in the national wide event.

Creative Project is a joint effort by Sparsha and children to bring positive personality development among them.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS OF THE SPARSHA TRUST

AWARDS

Sparsha Trust received the **Best NGO Award** on **12th June 2014** for its outstanding work in the area of rehabilitation, educational empowerment of vulnerable and deprived working children and reintegrating them with their families. The award has been given by the Labour Department of Karnataka Government Honored by Honorable Mr. Siddaramaiah Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Mr. Gopinath has been honored with '**Best Social Worker Award'** by **Sri. Sri. Ravishankar Guruji** for working towards children and women empowerment.



FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Many National Festivals such as Gandhi Jayanthi, Independence Day, Republic day were celebrated as a form of motivation and enhancing the National spirit in the children. Religious festivals like Diwali, Christmas were also celebrated in a very grand and joyful manner.

On 25th December 2014, children from all the shelters participated in the Christmas festival celebration conducted at Shivaji nagar centre. During the festival celebration lot of activities were conducted to promote the skills, leadership qualities, self confidence etc. in the children. Children enjoyed the program by playing funny games, conducted cultural programs full of joy, learnt many things from the events and had delicious lunch, snacks and dinner after prayers.



On 26th January 2015, children celebrated Republic Day at school and a few children were invited to Bearys Apartment where they celebrated the Republic Day. They felicitated our children for their performance and development Our children enjoyed a lot and the Sparsha team had a delicious breakfast.

2014-15 Supporter to give the better life for shelter children

Infinite Team with Sparsha Children – 2014

Sparsha Trust with good hearted people support meaningful partnership has been established with Infinite Computer Solutions (India) Ltd, Bangalore. To support our on going chinnara Thangudham shelter Infinite Computer solution organized an Fund raising Event on 14th June 2014 at Eagleton Golf with the active participation/play by 100 National and International Golf Players which was outstanding and a left a very special mark forever.



Rang Race

Rang Race is an exciting and fun event meant for all...?? it is full of colours and wholesome spirits. Rang Race 2015 Event was successfully held on 29th March at Manyata Tech Park Bangalore with the help of supporters who participated in the event and as well as supported Sparsha's cause.

Gujarat and Bangalore Camp

Gujarat – Oasis Dream India Camp: - Fifty children from nationwide participated in this camp. In that 20 children from Sparsha participated in Gujarat Camp (majority was our children). It was a 10 days camp. During the camp, our children have taken different responsibilities such as Event Management, Maintenance, Honoring Guests and they attended different sessions. It was a very big opportunity for the children for their overall development and to mingle with other school children from other parts of India. They are following in their shelter what they have learnt in the camp.



Bangalore Camp: Camp was held on June 2014 at Kengeri, Mysore Road, Bangalore. It was conducted by Oasis movement in Oasis valley, Vadodara district in Gujarat

Child Helpline

Central Government recognized our work and partnered with us to implement Child Helpline 1098 in Bangalore – Rural to reach every child in need of care and protection and to save their lives from disaster situation. It is a dignified project for Sparsha Trust.



Childline has been initiated from February 2015 and office has been set up at Devanahalli. Sparsha Trust is selected to be a hub centre / nodal organization for child protection and providing services to the needy children.



Rescue

Our team is specialized in rescuing Begging, Rag Picking, Trafficking children, Child Labour, Bonded Labour with the support of Police department, Women and child department, Labour department. We have rescued **around 125 children** includes Infants and rehabilitated them based on their needs.

Other programs

School Enrollment Campaign

About SEC: In the month of May, June steps will be taken towards education. Here the children will be enrolled to school based on their age. For e.g. 8ys child will go to 2nd std. and 15 yrs to 9th std. Sparsha also analyze the family situation. Some parents enroll their children during the school reopening time. If parents are capable the children will be sent along with their parents if not Sparsha will enroll the children for education. We will do the case study of the children and if government hostels are o.k. we will send some children to stay there. If proper care is not given by them we will take back to our shelter and give requisite facilities and proper education.



My Steps towards Education report (School Enrolment Campaign)

The process of enrolment campaign hinges very heavily on the data collected of the target children from the households to ascertain a precise target for the enrolment Campaign. Having collected data of all children in the predefined operational area is one of the key factors for the success of overall intervention of MY SPEP TOWARDS EDUCATION enrolment campaign. The enrolment campaign activities at the grassroots are supported by a strong media Campaign whereby posters, banners, flyers, print and electronic media items are used to Spread the message to the local communities and public.



On 31/05/2014 at NGO Hall, Cubban Park, Bangalore Sparsha trust organized one day program school enrollment campaign titled My Steps Towards education.



Collaborative organizations: Education department, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana, Department of Woman and Child development, NGO's, Media persons and public in general participated in the program

Participants: 100 children, local government school teachers, media persons, supporters, volunteers and staff members of Sparsha participated

Following officials from Education department, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana, Department of Woman and Child, Karnataka state Child Right Commission and Child Right Trust participated

Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Sparsha Trust, Bangalore – combined – Child Line with Association of other NGO's – State Level Seminar

On 27th January 2015 at SCM house, Bangalore KSCPCR combined with Sparsha Trust organized State level consultation program with association of other NGO's. In this seminar, Child Line volunteer organization, NGO Directors and 75 staffs from seventeen districts from all over Karnataka, participated in this program. .

Mr. Chandrashekhar in his speech told the importance of Child Line and how effective and helpful it is to reach the children faster. He also stated that Child Line should be available in each and every district to solve the problem.

Mr. Gopinath in his speech explained along with NGO's, other departments should also work together to help the children. He added that, he conducted different children programs in the rural areas of the State. He also conveyed that more responsibility lies with Government departments and local government department should give more support to NGO's.

Ms. Anuradha from Child Line India Foundation presented the details of Child Line. She said in Karnataka, child line is available in 17 districts and 41 NGO partners are there.

- (i) From April 2014 to Sep 2014 child line received 1,39,606 calls
- (ii) Child line's main objective is to protect the child, link her/him to the government and rehabilitate the child.
- (iii) Partners of the Child line should keep good relationship with District Collector.
- (iv) Child line and CWC working parallel for child welfare. Children we rescue through child line have to be produced before Child Welfare Committee. They will take care of the child, study the case and decide where to send. CWC will take further action and act upon that.