

# Every Right for Every Child



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"The one thing all children have in common is their rights. Every child has the right to survive and thrive, to be educated, to be free from violence and abuse, to participate and to be heard. "

**From the Executive Director**

We are happy to present our fifteenth year Annual Report of Child Rights Trust (CRT). In the life of CRT, being an advocacy and lobbying organisation, 15 years is a significant development. When the organisation was initiated in the year 2002-03 we concentrated on building the capacities of those working in the field of child welfare. The contribution of CRT can be traced in bringing in child rights perspective in the activities, programmes and projects of several groups in the state. CRT has also reached out to neighboring states in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu and Kerala and for off states like Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Jharkhand and New Delhi to conduct child centered programmes and studies. CRT has worked with NGOs, Govt., UNICEF, media, universities and international organisations in the field of child rights.

During 2016-17 CRT continued to play the role of Secretariat for Karnataka Child Rights Observatory (KCRO) which is supported by UNICEF. The network with its membership base in all the districts of Karnataka is one of the biggest child rights advocacy groups in the state. During the year the network continued to work with the Karnataka State Legislators' Forum for Child Rights in bringing up child centric issues on the floor of the Legislative Assembly and Council.

CRT is the nodal agency for ChildLine 1098 in Bengaluru and is coordinating with Govt. and NGOs in organizing ChildLine operations in the city. ChildLine is a project of Ministry of Women and Child Development of Govt. of India.

Realising the need for taking the RTE Act 2009 to the root level and using the provisions of the Act to benefit the real needy, CRT initiated RTE TaskForce Karnataka which is working with a group of parents and schools in Bengaluru, Gadag and Chikkaballapura. The project is supported by ILP.

Apart from these, CRT is involved in regular capacity building activities, research, and dissemination of information. We have also initiated Child Rights Circle (CRC) a monthly lecture series on child centric issues in collaboration with Vijaya Teachers College, Jayanagara. While partnering with ChildLine India Foundation we have completed conducting a survey of 415 Child Care Institutions in 10 districts of Karnataka.

We thank all our supporters and donors for trusting us and our mission and letting us continuously indulge ourselves in this ever widening area of child rights! In the coming years CRT would be working towards understanding child rights from SDGs perspective and localising the issues to reach out to masses.

**Vasudeva Sharma N.V.**

**Child Rights Trust [CRT]** is a non-profit organization involved in spreading child rights perspective among all stakeholders. Initiated in August 2002, CRT has a goal to reach out to individuals and groups who are at grassroots level working directly with vulnerable children as well as administrators and policy makers at the highest level. Through research, training, advocacy and lobbying activities, CRT is empowering NGOs to be effective in their service provision and also in preparing vulnerable groups in both urban and rural areas to access the services due to them from the Govt.

We are accolade with Karnataka State Child Welfare Award for our work in the field of advocacy, lobbying and capacity building on child rights issues.

**Vision** : Every Right for Every Child

**Mission:** To endeavour to protect and promote all the inherent and indivisible rights of children wherever and wherever they are.

#### Objectives

- To achieve and to consolidate the rightful position of children in general to the benefits and services to which they are entitled as children, and to a healthy and safe environment which is their due as human beings;
- To endeavor to protect, maintain and develop children's inherent right to peaceful existence and quality of life to which they are entitled;
- To sensitize civil society and the authorities on child rights;
- To carry out statistical research and research in social sciences relevant to children and their families;
- To secure the effective use of the legal process to remedy children's grievances.

Supporters	Projects Supported
UNICEF	Karnataka Child Rights Observatory (KCRO)
TdH – NL	Anti Child Marriage Campaign - Protect Children from Child Marriage and Sexual Abuse and Create an Enabling Environment for Claiming their Rights
India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations (INPSWA)	<b>National Level Capacity building Workshop for Child Rights Social Workers on Combating Child Labour and Child Trafficking</b>
Foundation for Children and Women (FCW), USA	Capacity building, publications of CRT and general administration
GOI and ChildLine India Foundation	ChildLine Nodal Agency
GOI and ChildLine India Foundation	CCI Study
India Literacy Project (ILP)	RTE TaskForce Karnataka
Creatnet services, New Delhi; Radhakrishna, USA; Ramaswamy and other donors	CRT's general activities

We are a Trust, registered under **80G** and **12 A**. Any donations to CRT by individuals and organisations will receive 50% tax exemption as per Govt rules.

## Our Projects and Activities

### Karnataka Child Rights Observatory



Karnataka Child rights Observatory (KCRO) as a concept was initiated in 2008 with the support and partnership of UNICEF, Hyderabad. CRT which initiated the idea and the process was selected to be the state Secretariat. Currently there is representation from every district of the state with NGOs, academicians, media, people's representatives and motivated individuals. KCRO is into advocacy, lobbying, training and research on issues concerned with child rights. KCRO has five major operations: strengthening political advocacy; building the voice for and of children; strengthening awareness and advocacy around children's issues through data and discourse material; making children's issues visible; and collaborating with district- and state specific NGOs through local specific activities and studies to uphold the rights of children. KCRO has successfully organised legislators of the state to form Karnataka Legislators' Forum for Child Rights which is considered as a unique attempt

### Political Advocacy



#### Karnataka State Legislators' Forum for Child Rights (KSLFCR)-first of its kind in the country

KSLFCR is a unique forum of legislators to discuss issues specifically centered around children and child rights formed in 2008. The Forum acts like a link between the public and the Government. The forum is a result of continuous follow up with the Karnataka Legislators from 2003 by CRT and its network organisations.

During the year forum members met and discussed about **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** which are accepted by the United National General Body recently. SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. India is one of the signatory to these global goals. Hence objective of this meeting is to share the information about the SDGs to the legislators. The meeting was jointly organised by Legislators' Forum, KCRO and UNICEF.

After the sharing about all the 17 SDGs in detail and the role of the legislators to achieve these goals by 2030, the following decisions were taken by the participating members:

- Since members of the legislative assembly have to play a major role in achieving the SDGs, all attempts should be made to invite more and more MLAs for such meeting.
- People's representatives should discuss about SDGs in their KDP meeting at the districts.
- Similar orientation should be given to members of assurance committee and an invitation should be arranged to KCRO to make a presentation to them.

**Meeting of representative UNICEF India with Forum Members:**

To get more information about the activities of Karnataka State Legislators' Forum for Child Rights, representative of UNICEF India, Mr. Louis-Georges Arsenault visited Vidhana Soudha on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Co-conveyer of the forum Capt. Ganesh Karnik welcomed the team and explained about the activities taken by the forum to uphold the rights of the children.

Mr. Shankara Murthy, Speaker of the legislative council chaired the meeting and shared his experience while conducting special session of child rights in the legislative council during June 2014.



The UNICEF India representative very much appreciated the efforts made by the forum and its members to uphold the rights of the children in the state. Also he opined that there is a need of such forums in all the states for the betterment of lives of the children in the country.

**Research****Child in News- CIN**

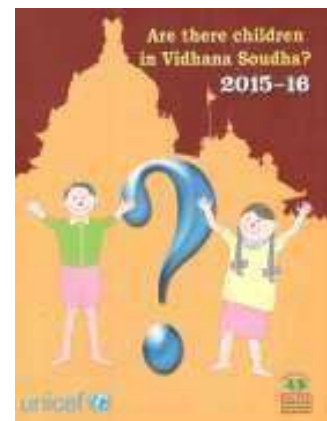
As part of the social watch on child rights issues, KCRO is monitoring news reporting about children and child rights issues. Child in News is a continuing listing of reports, articles, editorials, etc., from 8 major newspapers published from Bengaluru. The same is circulated among registered members/users in the form of clippings. The analysed information from the media is used in research, papers, advocacy and lobbying exercises with the Govt and other stake holders.



Child in news analysis is an intense scrutiny to highlight the children's issues in various newspapers and the importance of each in connection with Child Rights. The whole process involves collecting, enlisting and compiling news reports from selected publications on children's issues, categorizing them under various Child Rights issues and disseminates the information to KCRO networks. For more details Visit: [www.childinnews.blogspot.com](http://www.childinnews.blogspot.com)

**Question hour analysis**

As part of the monitoring the commitments of the legislators towards upholding rights of the children through legislative processes, KCRO is assessing the performance of the legislators in the Question Hours, debates, and attendance in the business of the houses. The process involves listing the questions and issues pertaining to children raised by the legislators in the Assembly and Council. The listing is done specifically to identify child centered issues raised by the legislators, the geographical areas (districts), departments concerned analysing from a child rights perspective. The analytical report for the duration of February 2015 to March 2016 is published under the title 'Are there Children in Vidhana Soudha?' during August 2016. (The detailed analytical report is available)





## Data Bank

Data about child centered issues are always in demand. We are not only keeping a ready to use data bank, but are also continuously updating the same while drawing information from various secondary sources. The data are used by KCRO members, students, media and legislators in various advocacy efforts and other researches and papers. The data from this source have been extensively used in the legislators briefing sessions as well as in the trainings, workshops and seminars conducted by KCRO.

## Capacity Building

### The Crisis in Our Children's Survival, Protection and Development Today & Tomorrow and National Action Plan for Children

The consultation was held on 6-7, June 2016 at SCM House, Bangalore. Nearly 50 participants from all the districts of Karnataka took part in this consultation.

At the beginning of the consultation Mr. Vasudeva Sharma, Executive Director, CRT gave snippets about objectives of this discussion for the benefit of the participants. Ms. Neena Nayak, Ms. Neetu Sharma and Mr. Lakshapathi inaugurated the consultation. Ms. Neena Nayak spoke about the role of NGOs and community to uphold the rights of all the children with the special focus on physical and sexual exploitation of children. Ms. Neetu Sharma from National Law School of India University explained about Right to Food Act and Children.

Mr. Ramanajenaya shared his experience how drought can affects the lives of the children. On the second day of the consultation, National Plan of Action for Children 2015 was introduced to the participants.



### Observance of 70 years of UNICEF:

The event was organised on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at ISI, Bangalore. The whole event was hosted by children and for children. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sony Kutty George, UNICEF, Hyderabad, Mr. Lukose Valltharai and Mr. Prosun Sen, UNICEF, Hyderabad.

While inaugurating the event Mr. Sonkykutty addressed the children, explaining the days' activities to them and demonstrating to them the purpose of the event- for each child to be given an opportunity to explain what he/she wants in the future for themselves and for children around the world. Mr. Lukose Valltharai highlighted the work done by UNICEF in the fields of education, health, protection and nutrition, among others. He urged the children to not just go to school, but continue to PUC and college and then to pursue their dreams further to become 'big people with big jobs'.

Children shared their experience about getting education, health, protection etc., and how NGOs are helped them to achieve all those things. Lot of cultural events including painting, dance, singing were held during that event.



At the end of the program, Capt. Ganesh Karnik addressed the children- he told the children that each one of them has a talent inside them, and that each child must utilize the opportunity given to them to study well and make the most of the education that they are given. He captivated the children with a short story with a very important lesson- one may have many problems in life, but these problems have been given by God not to hurt, but to push one forward; one cannot simply sit and complain about the pain, but must accept that pain and push forward to a better life.

### **Workshop on SDGs & Children & Launch of KCRO 2017 Work plan**

For wider understanding of SDGs to the KCRO partners, KCRO organised an one day orientation workshop on SDGs on 23-24, January 2017 at SCM house, Bangalore.

The workshop was inaugurated by Capt. Ganesh Karnik, Chief Whip of the Opposition Party in Karnataka Legislative Council and the Co-convenor of the Karnataka State Legislators' Forum for Child Rights. In his inaugural speech, Capt. Ganesh Karnik thanked KCRO and UNICEF for bringing him and his colleagues into the discussions on children's issues. While appreciating the efforts of the NGOs who are working to uphold the rights of the children, he called upon the NGO fraternity to draw his attention to any child rights violation issue, with due information like statistics, case studies and the possible solutions, so that he can raise them on the floor of the house. Capt.

Ganesh Karnik felt that the discourse on SDGs today would certainly help in strengthening advocacy for child rights issues at local, state and national level. He also launched the Kannada version of the SDGs brought out by UNDP.

Mr. Prosun Sen, Advocacy and Communication Specialist, UNICEF-Hyderabad office, while giving his opening remarks, said that the whole world is moving towards a new paradigm with SDGs as a flagship of the UN towards realising development of all.



Ms. Narmada Anand, State Project Director, ICPS, DWCD, Govt of Karnataka said that the efforts of KCRO and UNICEF in bringing out SDGs in Kannada is a great effort and will go a long way in supporting all the activities rallied behind it.

Ms. Kavita Ratna, Director, Advocacy, The Concerned for Working Children spoke on the background of development of SDGs. She related the SDG objectives and the targets with UNCRC and the current issues that we are addressing - like child labour, children's education, protection vis-a-vis the targets to be achieved by the member countries of SDGs.

Ms. Suchitra Rao, Senior Consultant, Education and Health, UNICEF gave a comprehensive introduction to the concept of protection from the rights perspective and its relevance to the SDGs. She pointed out that if the world has to achieve the SDGs, then the whole issue of discrimination and exploitation of children should be addressed at the root level.



Dr. Tara, Retired Director, NIPCCD took the

participants through a systematic statistical analysis on the status of health of the children of Karnataka and introduced the relationship between nutritional levels and development of the child. Development of the child, she stressed, depends on adolescent care, mother's care, financial and psychological stability of the families, buying capacities and the food availability for the women folk in the families.

Mr. Vasudeva Sharma, Executive Director, CRT and State Convener of KCRO, in his presentation on Education and SDG, said that Education is there at the beginning of any discussion on achieving SDGs. He traced the status of education as a right in India and mentioned that India is rich in manpower but, the same has been questioned by the world community, by pointing out that a huge manpower without skill and education may become a burden.

On the second day, the KCRO work plan for the year 2017 was presented and the feedback from the participants was taken.

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## Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

CRT was part of a larger consortium of in a project to combat child marriages and sexual abuse of children, with a partnership with TdH-NL. The proposal on this regard was submitted in 2015 end and the project began its operations in Feb 2016.



The consortium had six members (Manush, PMSR, Vidyanikethan, QWARIDS, CIVC and CRT). The first four organisations had field intervention programmes while CIVC and CRT were the advocacy, lobbying, public education and capacity building technical assistant groups.

For the one year project CRT had the following objectives.

1. Develop capacities of the consortium partners, Govt officials on PCMA (Prohibition of Child Marriages Act 2006) and related issues and Acts to advocate for the implementation of PCMA
2. Facilitate field studies to identify loopholes in the implementation of PCMA
3. Motivate CSOs, private sectors to promote child rights
4. Advocate with DWCD, police and judiciary to implement the Act
5. Lobby with the Govt to issue and disseminate all circulars to concerned officers pertaining to prevention of child marriages and child sexual abuse to protect the rights of children
6. Support child marriage prevention activities - education, publication, communication and documentation.
7. Promote child rights through media, develop and circulate IEC material

### Capacity building

As per the objectives, CRT designed and conducted initial capacity building programmes to the consortium members to facilitate them to understand the Prohibition of Child Marriages Act 2006. (March 2016). Apart from the PCMA issues, other related acts like Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, National Policy for Children 2013, Immoral Traffic Prevention Act 1956, UN CRC 1989, Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Primary Education Act 2009, provisions in IPC, etc., were dealt





The workshops with people’s representatives held at Chamarajanagara and Hosakote had large number of Grama Panchayat (GP) members and the presence of Taluk Panchayat (TP) and Zilla Panchayat (ZP) members as well as the local MLAs brought a significant thumps up to the workshops. The people’s representatives shared the ill effect of child marriages and the problems they faced because of their ignorance or carelessness in either organizing or attending child marriages. All of them vehemently argued in favour of supporting the authorities and NGOs in preventing child marriages. In all places the contact numbers of ChildLine 1098, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and Child Welfare Committees (CWC) were given along with a list of Child Marraige Prohibiton Officers (CMPO) of the area.



**Advocacy and IEC**

The consortium pressed the Govt to issue circulars to all the CMPOs immediately about their roles and responsibilities to prevent child marriages and also to take measures to nullify the child marriages. The State Govt had discussed about the matter in the Assembly and Council and had suggested amendments to the PCMA 2006 in this regard. The consortium conducted a press conference to reach out to the Govt along with a memorandum being submitted to the Governor of Karnataka to pass on the proposed amendment to the Central Govt.



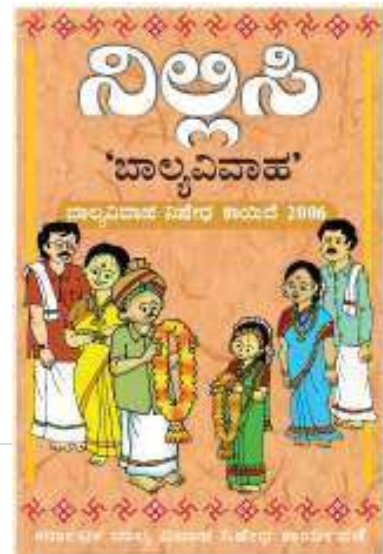
As per the reports, the President of India has signed the Karnataka proposed Amendment to the PCMA 2016. The amendments are: All child marriages are now considered ‘void ab initio’ (from the beginning they are considered as not conducted); police should take cognisance of all child marriages, the punishment for conducting and attending, supporting child marriages is minimum one year to two years.

Similar exercises were conducted in the districts of Chamarajanagara and Chikkaballapura too.

As part of the campaign and advocacy activities, two major ICE materials were developed: a colourful poster with direct message about the punishment part and a handbook on giving details about the PCMA 2006. Both the materials have been very well received and have served the purpose.



A series of 6 programmes on Akashavani, Vividhbharathi (Bengaluru, Madikeri, Hassan and Dharawada stations) was aired on prohibition of child marriages. It included a skit and discussion along with songs. The programme was well received and the CD is available for circulation. While producing the programmes CRT team motivated the consortium members to write



the skits, composing music, enact the skits, participate in the discussion, etc. Along with the consortium experts, Govt personnel and other NGOs experts were also invited to share their experiences and give education to the public.



An SMS campaign was conducted to educate the masses on the ill effects of child marriages. The campaign reached about a lakh mobile subscribers. Through the Karnataka Legislators' Forum for Child Rights seven questions pertaining to child marriages and its ill effects were presented to the Govt during 2016 project period. An informal discussion was conducted with the legislators to take up the issue on the floor of the house and also to press for the passage of the proposed amendments to the PCMA 2006.

**Research and observation of 10 years of PCMA**

As part of the project CRT in association with the other project partners conducted a study on the following:

- a. Perception of the youth on child marriages and its prevention
- b. Role of Grama Panchayat members in prevention of child marriages
- c. The perception and knowledge level of CMPOs on their role in prevention of child marriages.

Separate reports are available on all the three subjects. The reports were presented in a state level programme conducted at Bengaluru in the month of December 2016.



CRT took the lead in organizing a review meeting of the 10 years of implementation of PCMA 2006. The consortium members and other invited NGOs from all the districts, including ChildLine collaborative organisations, representative teachers, GP members, CMPOs, media personnel and others congregated and presented their views on the status of implementation of the Act. The findings of various studies, experiences and perceptions as well as suggestions to take up in the coming days were presented in a conference chaired by Justice Shivaraj Patil and State Child Marriage Cell, DWCD representative. (A separate report is available)

**Other issues**

- Conducted two rounds of sensitizing workshops to the members of FEVORUD-K (Bengaluru and Davanagere)
- Conducted training to Bengaluru ChildLine 1098 team on the PCMA Act and its provisions.
- Shared the loopholes in the PCMA Act 2006 in a state level seminar organised by the KSCPCR
- Mr. Vasudeva Sharma on the invitation of TdH attended an international programme at Dhaka, Bangladesh in the month of Dec. 2016 on Prevention of Online Sexual Abuse of children.



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**ChildLine1098-Nodal organization**



As part of ChildLine project with ChildLine India Foundation, CRT continued its nodal role in Bengaluru Urban. It coordinated and conducted awareness programmes along with collaborative organisations on child protection, ChildLine, Protection mechanism with different stakeholders like Women SHG groups, community members, children of police students cadet project through sessions, drama etc.;

Nodal Jointed collabs in case interventions mainly took part in communicating with departments to their support, giving witness in court, in some cases conducted session on issues related to child abuse like corporal punishment-it's ill effects.

As a nodal organization, we have a responsibility of advocacy and networking within the city, as part of this to resolve the issues between the child protection systems like ChildLine, CWC, homes, police, DCPU we had organized a convergence meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Members of the meeting raised issues related to admission of local and begging children in to homes.

Took part in several discussions and interviews to disseminate issues related to the protection rights of children which were aired by Sarthi, Radio Active Community radios and also with All India Radio, Bengaluru.

As per needs of team members and roles of nodal CRT, we had organized 4 capacity building workshops for internal ChildLine team on Juvenile Justice Act (JJA), Counselling, and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act (CALPRA) during the year.

- ChildLine Advisory Board (CAB)**
- Government order has been issued to form CAB separately for districts and at State level intervention.
  - State CAB meeting was held and discussed many child protection issues and issued circulars to various departments to take further actions.

- Special sitting at community**
- From Bengaluru ChildLine with the support of Ms.Indu, a volunteer and social activist facilitated a special sitting by CWC at community called GD Mara.
  - Chair Person and members of CWC interacted with community members on child protection issues.
  - Community people brought children to committee and CWC members referred few cases for medical support and necessary actions.



**Story Telling Programme :** Since 2012 ChildLine along with Radio Active and other NGOs are conducting story telling programmes with children. Purpose is to reach out on child rights and CHILDLINE information, to build skills of storytelling. This year the theme was Discrimination. Ten to fifteen schools were covered during this year. Final round was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at Radio Active. Around 40 children were there in the programme and children said it was good programme and need to continue in future.



ChildLine Se dosthi (CSD) week is week long programme to spread awareness about ChildLine and make friends to support ChildLine. In this year CRT took part in various programmes along with the collab organizations. We organized a press meet to tell about the essence of CSD, ChildLine participated in Ward Sabha and addressed its importance. With the volunteers and team members of childline team, we had put up a stall at Kanteerava stadium and gave the awareness during children's day programme which was organised by DWCD. During the process about 200 children were covered. Organized the counseling session for ChildLine team and other staff of Child Care Institutions. Conducted child protection, ChildLine session at Vijaya teacher's training college with teacher training students.



**Resource Organizations meetings:** ChildLine need to work with resource groups, NGOs for effective intervention. Nodal organization with the support of collab organizations conducted two resource organizations meetings in the month of February 2017. In the meetings discussed about the activities of ChildLine and collaboration plan was done for interventions, awareness programs. Around 25 organisation took part in the both the meetings. This was a collaborative plans during the meeting.

**District Level consultation on JJA:** To bring convergence, effective child protection activities and effective case interventions organized district level consultation on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Bengaluru. Superintends, Probationary Officers of government homes, DCPU staff, CWC, Labour department, Police, Education representatives took part and actively participated during the group discussions. All the stake holders discussed and came out with recommendations to improve the JJ system. Ms.Nina P. Nayak X-Chair Person KSCPCR facilitated the session. Mr.Vasudeva Sharma, CRT gave a talk on JJ Systems and its appropriate implementation.





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## RTE TASKFORCE



During the year the RTE TaskForce has worked with 150 schools, covering all the taluks of Chikkaballapura and Gadag districts. With our intervention and orientations to the school teachers and concerned staff, now all the 150 schools have adopted 'Child Protection Policy', with full understanding of the concept, consequences and implementation of the same. All the concerned teachers and staff members have signed the policy and have displayed the same in the school premises.

One of the biggest achievements in the project period, is getting the RTE Compliance data from the schools, with the facilitation by RTE Fellows who have spent considerable time with the schools in orienting them on the essence of RTE Act and the schedule of the said Act. The compilation of the data is in progress which would be shared with the Education department and others shortly.

'My School, My Library' is the new mantra in 11 schools after RTE TaskForce trained on the concepts of child friendly libraries, developed by CRT. The Libraries in the schools are now managed by the students and teachers. The concept highlights the idea of 'libraries for the children, from the children and to the children'.

It is heartening to share that members of the Child Rights Clubs (25 in Gadag and 20 in Chikkaballapura) are active and are linked to the Makkala Hakkugala Grama Sabhe.

Secondly, the DCPUs have reported that due to joint programmes on POCSO, prevention of corporal punishment, the teaching staff of 150 schools are much sensitised and are showing signs of being child friendly and caring.

The celebration of RTE Day on April 1<sup>st</sup>, initiated by RTE TaskForce now has become a day to observe by many others – KSCPCR, the local Schools and some Block Educaiton Officers (BEO) are joining suit. Teachers of primary schools, parents, some officers of the Education Dept., DCPUs, who are sensitised, recognised and supported by RTE Taskforce in their routine works, etc., are joining hands with the RTE TaskForce in the districts.

Currently several parents representing the communities, especially those who are either hurt by the attitude of the schools towards children admitted under Sec. 12.1.c , or those who are wanting RTE compliance in schools, are in support to the RTE TaskForce activities, and have organised themselves to approach the court for RTE Act compliance by both Govt. and non-Govt. schools.

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## National Level Capacity building Workshop for Child Rights Social Workers on Combating Child Labour and Child Trafficking



CRT-associated itself with India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations (INPSWA), and Department of Social Work, Christ University in organising a two days National Level Capacity Building Workshop for Child Rights Social Workers, held by on 18&19 August 2016 at Christ University, Bengaluru. The workshop was sponsored by the IFSW –Asia Pacific Region and the Japanese Centre for Social Welfare Promotion and National Examination (through the Japanese Coordinating Body for IFSW Membership). The workshop was attended by over 50 selected field practitioners, academicians, Govt officials and members of INPSWA. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. **R. Ragavendra Jannu**, Commissioner of Labour, Govt. of Karnataka while **Mr. Lukose Vallatharai**, IAS Retired & Former Commissioner of Labour, GoK delivered the key note address by highlighting that school drop out rate raise and child labour are associated. The guests of honour **Prof.**

**Mariko Kimura**, President, IFSWA-Asia Pacific, **Prof. Michiko Hirata**, Treasurer, IFSWA-Asia Pacific and **Dr. Anil Joseph Pinto**, Registrar, Christ University adorned the event by sharing their rich thoughts and experiences.

The workshop had four plenary sessions that discussed “**Child Labour and Child Trafficking - Policy Assessment for Action; Child Labour and Child Trafficking - Challenges in the Field for Practitioners (Current and Emerging Challenges); Exemplary Models - Context and Results and Emerging Trends for Application - Policy Issues, Field Interventions and Advocacy.**”

A second workshop was held on the same topic in association with Dept of Social Work, Central University Kalburgi on March 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017. About 200 students and practitioners from in and around Kalburgi took part in the day long discussions.



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### **TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

CRT being a resource organisation, capacity building is one of the focal activities. Since CRT's inception, we are serving and taking responsibility for planning, organising, coordinating, training and monitoring. The experience of capacity building of various target groups has encouraged us to organise trainings, training of trainers, workshops, consultations, symposium, discussions, public hearing, meetings etc.

Keeping the essence of child rights in the lime light-and the experience of fourteen years in training we have witnessed several significant changes at different layers of the community such as Govt. Sector(DWCD, Labour Dept, Education department, RDPR Dept.),Universities, Non-Govt. Organisations, Media, Schools, Parents, Children, Youths, officers, Police etc.

Trainings have also brought out several learning's to the resource team as well, while sensitising the target group. We are revising, re-standardising syllabi according to the target groups thematically (including some of the amendments brought into the Constitution of India, child centric Acts, etc). We take the responsibility of preparing and developing training modules / tools, disseminating, distributing training modules as and when required and demanded by the target group including printed materials, PowerPoint presentations and soft copies.

In the year CRT has either conducting or joined hands with other groups in conducted 98 programmes on various child centric issues and has reached out to more than 3000 people. Along with this through collaborative programmes and trainings we are able to reach out 8117 people during the year.

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## Networking

IACR : National Stocktaking Meet, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017, New Delhi

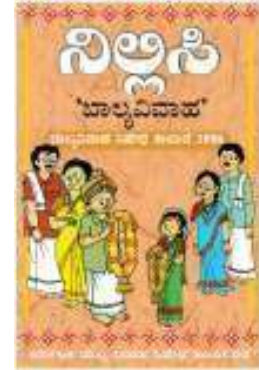
## Publications of CRT and general administration

**Documenting, publishing relevant books and reports** and dissemination of child rights materials is an ongoing process. CRT is in a process of meeting the needs of people of various sectors-Govt. NGO and media. In the current year, we have published Anti child –marriage booklet. This process is been supported by Foundation for children and women – FCW, U.S.A.

### Publications:

**Anti- Child Marriage booklet** : We have developed an FAQ on Anti-Child Marriage Act. It is helping to reach various target groups in the community. It is used in bulk during the process of capacity building, awareness programme, campaigns and among the networking NGOs.

**Radio plays on Anti Child Marriage** – a CD with six plays and discussions on the Act and related issues.



### **Makkaligagi Makkala Hakkugalu (Child Rights for Children); POCSO Act in Kannada and .....**

**Lecture Series:** CRT in coordination of Vijaya Teacher's Training College, Bengaluru is conducting monthly lecture series on child rights which is been initiated from January 2017. During the tenure (January – March 2017) we were able to successfully conduct three lecture programmes focussing on thematic issues related to children. The intention of this lecture series is to spread the essence of child rights to the roots of the society. We are trying to bring-in eminent and specialists in the field. The topics covered from Jan to march are 1) Sustainable Development Goals – SDG by Smt. Shreelakshmi Gururaja, Unicef , 2) Children and Social inequality by Mr.Mariswamy, Member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and 3) Water and Children by Ms.Shubha Ramachandran. The title of the series is named as **"From Awareness to implementation"**†



In each series we have reached almost 120 students of colleges, 20 NGO participants, 10 volunteers. It is a open forum to discuss several burning issues related to children and their indivisible rights.

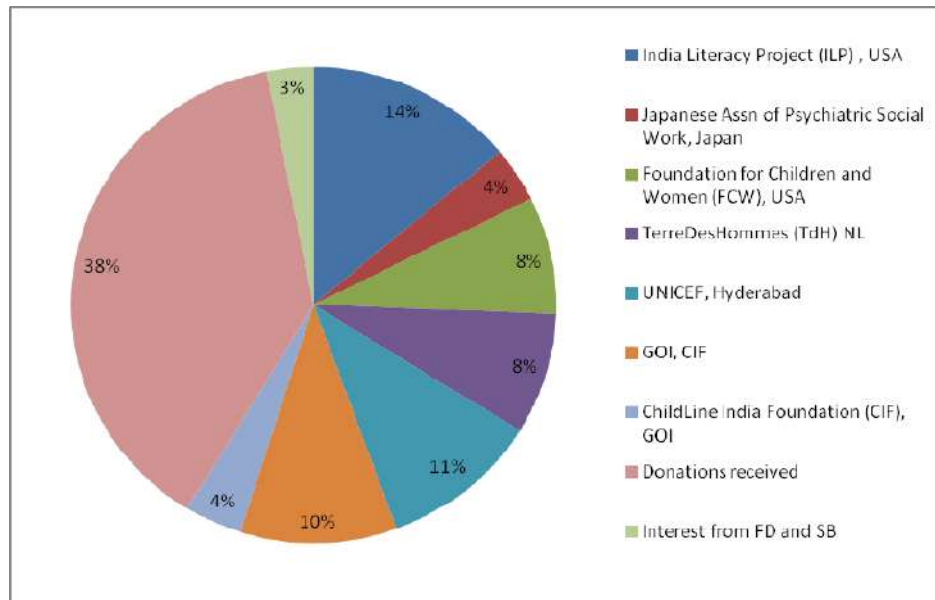
**AUDITED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2016-17**

All figures in Indian Rupees

Receipts 2016-17	2015-16 Brought Forward	Receipts	Programmes	Programme Exp	Admin Exp	Balance
India Literacy Project (ILP) , USA		10,64,251	RTE TaskForce Karnataka	8,30,716	1,16,573	1,16,962
Japanese Assn of Psychiatric Social Work, Japan		2,86,938	National Workshop against Child Labour	2,47,338		39,600
Foundation for Children and Women (FCW), USA		6,07,783	Trainings, Publications and programme coordination	2,35,700	1,80,000	1,92,083
TerreDesHommes (TdH) NL		6,33,357	Anti child marriages and sexual abuse of children	8,09,051	44,392	2,20,086
UNICEF, Hyderabad		8,09,642	Karnataka Child Rights Observatory	5,06,258	72,969	2,30,415
GOI, CIF		8,01,275	Study of Child Care Institutions	17,09,117		-9,07,942
ChildLine India Foundation (CIF), GOI		2,90,197	ChildLine Nodal Agency	6,60,811		-3,70,614
Donations received		29,23,931	CRT Programmes and Office expenses	5,78,267	7,63,621	15,82,043
Interest from FD and SB		2,38,448				2,38,448
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>76,55,822</b>		<b>55,77,258</b>	<b>11,77,555</b>	<b>9,01,009</b>
				<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	

Building Corpus: Fund Rs. 25,00,000/-

**Receipts 2016-17**



**EXPENDITURE 2016-17**

