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Educate, elevate



LOOK, BOOK: Rural children with their new notebooks

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Recently, over 1400 children from ten villages in Karnataka got to show off their new notebooks to each other. This because of India Sudar Educational and Charitable Trust's notebook drive. The trust advocates primary education in rural Karnataka.

The notebook drive was targeted at Madhugiri and Gowribidanur taluks, villages including Tippapura, Adavinagenahalliganes, Muthrayanahalli, Ungra, Chikkakurugodu, Kudurebalya, Ramachandrapura, Kadirenahalli, Gedire,

Halaganahalli and Kurubarahalli. Over 7000 notebooks were donated. "About 80 per cent of the students were children of agriculturists who couldn't afford to pay for education and study material.

"We are looking at decreasing the number of drop-outs in villages and expect that this drive will encourage these children to study," says Sivanarayanan Pasupathy, trustee, India Sudar.

The organisation came into being in 2004 when a group of friends, mostly IT professionals, who wanted to work towards the betterment of the society came together. Today, there are 480 members in India Sudar. Their priority is to help people

from lower economic backgrounds pursue their primary education.

"We deploy educators in government schools that are facing a shortage of teachers. There are totally 39 teachers spread across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Pondicherry," says Siva.

India Sudar also has tuition centres in rural areas. Their objective is to reach places that haven't been touched by other urban NGOs and are badly in need of assistance.

These areas are identified through intensive surveys and research. Getting more corporates involved and forming an umbrella group to scale up operations is what the organisation aims at.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Cases of banks being cheated by builders are on the rise. What can these banks do to ensure that it doesn't happen?



● There should be proper documents that the banks have to make the builders sign before releasing money to them. These

should enable the banks to sue the builders in case they go against the agreement later. This should keep these sort of crimes in check.

Vinita Jain
Analyst



● Since banks normally lend out huge amounts of money to builders, it is their responsibility to have supervisors

at the construction site, monitoring what stage of development the building is in.

They have to keep an eye on the activities of the builder and make sure that they can't pull a fast on the banks.

Rahul Babu Kodali
Media student

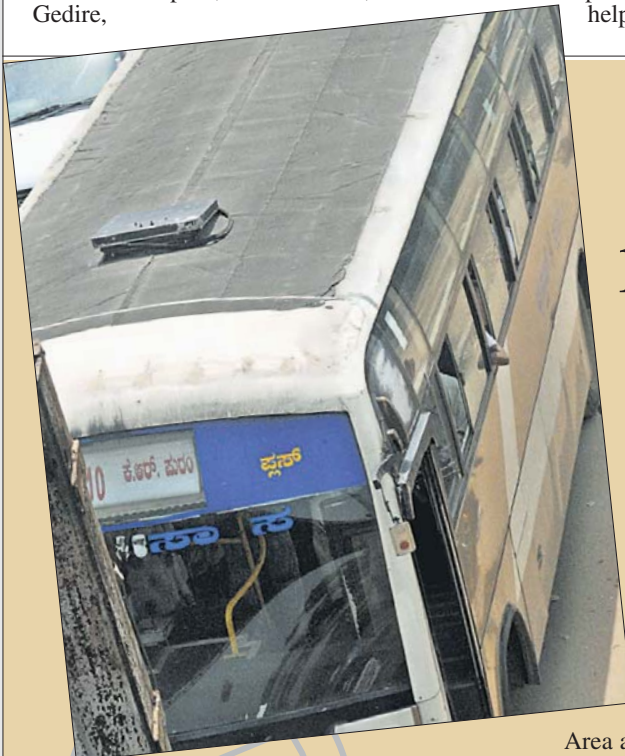


● The banks need to do proper background checks and research on the builders before they approve them for loans small

or big.

This pertains to all their customers actually. This is one way that they can safeguard themselves against being cheated by fraud builders.

Roopal Kapoor
Software professional



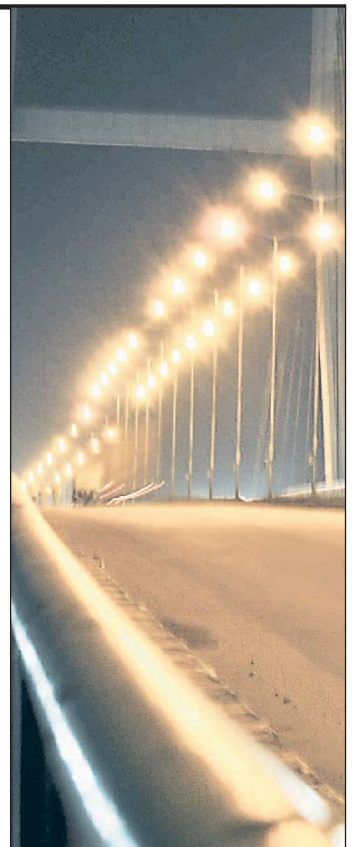
Area and Jayanagar to us.

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'We need more buses'

Though Ramachandrapura, which is near Jalahalli, has developed like any other part of Bengaluru, the number of BMTC buses to this area which is now in the BBMP Byatarayanapura segment, is as less as two. One goes to the Bengaluru Bus Station and other goes to K.R. Market. Though the main road in this area has been widened recently, no other extra buses have been deployed to take this route. So many times commuters have to walk nearly a kilometre (to the BEL Market) to catch a bus to go other parts of the city. In view of the above, it would be nice if authorities concerned deployed two or three more BMTC Buses to Ramachandrapura to connect various parts of the city like Shivajinagar, Peenya Industrial

S. Raja Reddy
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GROWL PROWL

I stay in Lingarajpuram and would like to complain about people who break rules on Mosque Road late at night. The bridge is a one-way, but you have people driving in the opposite direction at night. This is highly dangerous and needs to be stopped immediately.

RAJESH P.
Lingarajpuram

If you take a walk on Brigade Road, you will find dustbins on the pavement, that have been sponsored by a popular fastfood chain. I admire their initiative to keep the city clean. A lot of times you find yourself looking for a bin to dispose something as simple as a chocolate wrapper or tissue paper and there're none in sight. Some people throw their waste on the road since they have no patience to find a garbage bin. That is how most areas in the city get littered. Can the BBMP please work on placing bins at highly-polulated places in the city to solve this problem?

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