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Introduction : This year in the process of strengthening the formal education system a lot of importance was given to create public awareness regarding education, SDMC, Children's Grama Sabha and other such components that directly or indirectly effect the child's education system like Child Labour, Child Rights, HIV/AIDS and Child Abuse.

Under the following heads were the various programmes planned and disseminated.

1. Primary Education
2. SDMC Trainings
3. Community Awareness
4. Training and Exposure
5. Child Right Awareness
6. Adolescent Education for girls
7. Ashida (Health Education Documentation) Programme

1. **Primary Education :** Creative teaching and child friendly teaching is what is most need in the process of imparting education for the present generation of children. Children's reasoning and questioning power has to be encouraged by the teachers. At the same time teaching has to be more child oriented than teacher oriented. With this in mind 40 teachers and Anganwadi teachers had under gone training in skill development with regards to text book and classroom subjects. Various skills to enhance their creativity in teaching was imparted to them. Similarly another training was conducted for the 7th Std. students in Carrier Guidance and Creative thinking.
2. **SDMC Training :** For the last consecutive 3 years Padi has been involved in conducting SDMC training programmes. This year too the Govt. had introduced a new circular on the recent changes in the SDMC. Based on this and in collaboration with the Dept. SDMC Training were conducted in the month of March 2007 in Belthangady Taluk to be followed with Training for all the other Taluks of D.K. District. The contents of these trainings were clarity about the new circular policy, role and responsibilities of SDMC members, SDMC's relationships with Grama Panchayath.
3. **Community Awareness :** This year Padi stressed a lot of importance on child rights, as there has been increase in the no. of child abuse, child rape, child harassment cases. A wide spread awareness was given on J.J.Act 2000, Child acts and child rights. This programme was supported by Women and Child Welfare Dept. Also awareness on importance of Education – Child Rights was imparted to Students, Community, Teachers, Panchayat members and the Police Department. An outdoor children's painting on Environment programme was conducted where the children were made to realize the importance of greenery and parks.
4. **Training and Exposure :** Under this programme a team of 8 teachers had been to Araville in the month of February 2007 to study Isai Ambalam School Education system so that they

could see if the same could be implemented in the D.K. Schools. This was a very educative exposure.

Another Training cum Exposure programme was carried out in Mulky for the DEd students on Gender Sensitivity, Career Guidance, Adolescent Health Education and the Psychological and Health problems faced by children. 30 students under went this training.

A group of children were taken to the forest for an Exposure and were introduced to the medicinal and herbal plants of the forest. This exposure was to make the children understand the value of the forest and love for nature.

5. **Child Right Awareness** : Child abuses, child labour, child trafficking, child rape, kidnapping have been increasingly coming to the notice of the general public and the police, but because of lack of proper awareness on child rights and the J.J.Act neither the Department nor the police or the general public were able to react in a justifying manner to such cases. As such the children are the ones who are suffering without getting proper justice. Hence wide spread awareness programme were carried out on J.J.Act, Child Rights and Child Acts. One such programme was carried out for the Department, Police Personal, Lawyers and other NGO's. Prof.Ravi Verma Kumar – Senior Lawyer of High Court, Dr.H.V.Parshwanath - Deputy Commissioner, Mr.G.V.Hegde – Session Judge of D.K.District, Prof.B.K.Ravindra – Principal, SDM Law College were present for this programme. Similar programmes were also carried out in Bantwal, Belthangady, Sulya, Puttur and Mulki at different dates in the year.

To make people understand and be aware of the hardships that a child labourer or street children under go, an Art/photo exhibition was held at St.Aloysius College Hall. The Photos and Art was exhibited were the collections made by the street children themselves. Hence, this programme was more realistic and original.

6. **Adolescent Girls Programme** : With globalization tremendous changes are taking place, society is changing at a very fast phase, along with economic growth, socialization in the younger generation has its own impact on the society. Socialisation has also faced a lot of health and social problems. Women and Child Welfare Department found it necessary at this stage to intervene and impart adolescent education to the high school children (girls) in collaboration with the Department the project had conducted and educated programme for the high school children in Sulya and Mulky in the month of April. Following were the topics dealt upon. Adolescent health education, Career guidance and Gender sensitivity. About 60 students benefited from this programme.
7. **Ashida (Health Education Documentation) Programme** : Documentation on Health Education especially related to HIV/AIDS was taken up. A compilation of Veenadhari's articles was done in view of publishing a booklet on "Aids as a Industry". Also we intend to bring forth material regarding Right to Employment for HIV infected.

Other than this a student was sponsored for his higher education as he was an HIV and going through a lot of stress. A representative from PADI was sent to Mumbai and then to Trivandrum

to attend a seminar/workshop on HIV/AIDS. While receiving knowledge she has also shared her experiences with the group for she herself is an HIV affected and working for the cause of HIV/AIDS affected and effected.

