

# PADI

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## Annual Report for the Period 2004 – 2005

**Introduction :** PADI has been very successful in carrying out its programmes and activities for the successive second year in reaching out towards its objective in creating public awareness regarding primary education, child labour, child trafficking, child rights, HIV/ AIDs and in assisting community development programmes.

This year PADI classified its programmes broadly under four main heads, which are

- Primary Education
- Campaign Against Child Trafficking
- Panchayat Raj Training
- HIV awareness

**Primary Education** : Various training were imparted to the teachers and the Anganwadi Supervisors since they are the guiding force to the children. Listening and carrying out activities, seeing and doing activities based on Primary Education school text books, the art of acting in teaching body language, speech training, voice exercise, script writing were the activities conducted in order to bring about child friendly atmosphere in classrooms.

**Girl child enrollment drive** : It is a known fact and statistics show that percentagewise the drop out rate is higher in girl child. Higher the education higher is the dropout rate or discontinuation for various reasons. Supporting child rights and enrollment drive was conducted in the month of June in Bantwal Taluk. Home visits, school visits were conducted with the help of the local community and going through the school admission list. 60 children were identified and brought back to school.

**Field Exposure for Teachers and RC members on Educational Experiments** : A group of teachers and RC members were taken on an exposure to Rishi Valley school to understand and visualize child centred oriented school. What ever they studied they shared it with the media and are planning to see if such a set up can be worked out in the schools of Dakshina Kannada.

**Material Production Workshop on HIV:** A material production workshop was organized for teachers, RC members and some eminent personalities to prepare teaching material on HIV/AIDS which will be used in schools for awareness programme on health, sex and value based education.

**Gram Panchayath Election and Children** : Children are the gems of our society. They need to be given amply opportunities to grow in wisdom and understanding. In collaboration with CACL the children were given on opportunity to view the election procedures and to have a dialogue with the candidates who stood for the election. This was an eye opener for the children and candidates. The children shared their experiences with their school mates through a similar programme conducted in their respective schools.

**Child Trafficking and Child Right Awareness** : With the collaboration of UNICEF, CACL-K, Women and Child Welfare Department, Education Resource Centres a Campaign Against Child Trafficking was carried out in DK district. Handbills, posters, stickers and handcards were printed and distributed to support our cause.

**Panchayath Raj** : Through out the year, at regular intervals, in groups gram Panchayath training was imparted for the panchayat members of Bantwal and Mangalore in collaboration with Abdul Nazeer Sab Institution. The topics covered during these trainings were Dropouts, child labour, Enrollment, SDMC, child and women, health, water and sanitation. In groups of 30 to 35 these members were made aware of their responsibilities towards the community, schools, village development and so on and the facilities available at the Gram Panchayath for the various sectors.

**HIV / AIDS Awareness Programme** : AIDS has attained an alarming proportions in the country. The rate in all states has been increasing alarmingly. Hence PADI in collaboration with KPWCN felt the need to not only conduct programmes to bring about awareness in the community but also at the same time to impart education to the already infected on naturopathy, aromapathy, oil massaging, use of medicinal plants, diet intake that is rich in building body resistance and so on. Such programme were conducted in the months of April, July, August, September, December, January and February respectively. Children and youth group were also included in some of the programme.

Besides the above programme PADI was also involved in training 10 MSW students from St.Aloysius College, Alva's, Karavali, Mangalore University and Srinivas College, who were placed here for the field work.