

‘Read Karnataka’ –‘Odu Karnataka’

The mission goal of the Department of Primary and Secondary Education is ‘Every Child in School and Learning Well.’ With the objective of providing quality education, the department joined hands with Pratham, a Non-Profit Organisation, to pilot READ KARNATAKA, an initiative to provide remedial support to children from the districts of Ramnagar, Mandya and Mysuru during 2016-17.

After conducting baseline assessment, 60 days of teaching-learning activities were conducted by the teachers in 4429 Government Kannada medium schools during the school hours and an endline assessment was done for 74,141 students of class 4 and class 5. Following are the results obtained:

- Number of children who could read a small story increased from 39% at the baseline to 75% at the endline.
- Number of children who could recognize three digit numbers increased from 72% at the baseline to 94% at the endline.
- Number of children who could do division increased from 38% at the baseline to 76% at the endline.

Based on the overwhelming response and improvement in the learning outcomes, the program was scaled up to 13 districts in the state during 2017-18 benefitting 5,18,133 children studying Classes 4 and 5 in 16236 Government Kannada Medium Schools, 1683 Government Urdu Medium schools and 507 Government Marathi Schools. Children are grouped according to their basic competency levels in their first language (Kannada/Urdu /Marathi) and Math.

Each group is taught using group appropriate methods, activities and materials so that the children progress to the next level. Learning Kits are prepared incorporating ‘Combined Activities for Maximized Learning’ (CAMaL) to ensure ‘Teaching At The Right Level’. Each kit has sufficient learning materials and work books for 30 children.

The Cluster Resource Persons (CRPs) from 13 districts numbering to 2061 were trained for 5 days following which they conducted practice class for 20 days in selected schools. These trained CRPs in turn trained 27,829 teachers for 5 days who taught Language and Math for one hour each, daily for a period of 60 days during the regular school hours using Activity Based Learning.

During 2017-18, ‘Read Karnataka’ program was implemented in Ballari, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppala, Raichuru and Yadagiri districts in Kalaburagi Division. Chikkodi district in Belgavi Division, Bengaluru North, Ramanagar and Shivamogga districts in Bengaluru Division, and Chikkamagalur, Mandya and Mysuru districts in Mysuru Division.

Let me read , let me learn the fun-way

