

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19



Development Education Service [DEEDS]

## **Development Education Service (DEEDS)**

**Annual Report from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019**

For nearly ten years now, DEEDS has been stepping up to provide people with legal literacy in six districts of Karnataka namely **Koppala, Gadag, Chitradurga, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada** and **Ballari** with the realization that the rights and legal knowledge of the society is not in the hands of common people. Para Legal Training as part of its activities, DEEDS has created a platform in Gadag and Koppal districts during the current project to provide women with legal knowledge and empower them to exercise their rights. DEEDS, which has adopted a strategy of taking law to the doorsteps of women through paralegal facilitators, is now engaged in last hour activities after finishing its second year project works.



Pre planned activities of this year include handling of women rights issues trainers' training programmes, facilitators' training, a total of **360** grassroots trainings, **02** meetings with alliance NGOs, **02** facilitators' meetings, training modules and promotional materials needed to facilitate these trainings, legal aid support for aggrieved women, etc. All these have been conducted very meaningfully. DEEDS have been participating in several positive activities of many like minded groups. Thus DEEDS has been able to identify itself as an important institution in society. Below is a brief report of the organization's operations from 01 -04- 2018 to 31-03-2019

### **Paralegal Training Activities**

#### **Activity 1**

#### **Training from skilled trainers (MTs) to new para legal facilitators**

In their own districts the advanced trainers organised training of new paralegal facilitators and have facilitated training on gender, legal and handling women's issues. In total **189** new facilitators took the opportunity to get trained and took the first step toward becoming a trainer.

The first phase of training was held on April 11 and 12 at the tailoring centre of Udupi where in **17** new facilitators took training.

The second phase was held at Koppala Sarvodaya office on 8-04-2018. **15** members took part in this. In Hosadurga, **11** members participated on 08-04-2018. **30** people participated in the training programme held at Udupi on 17-04-2018.

Training was held at Dakshina Kannada on 18.09.2018 on the topic of 'handling of women's rights issues'. **28** persons took part in this. In another training held at Gadag on 23.09.2018, **14** members participated. **21** people took part in Chitradurga training on 07-10-2018, **11** people participated in Koppal on 21-10-2018 and 42 persons participated in a training held in Udupi on 23-01-2019

## Activity 2

### Training of trainers, phase 3- Handling Women's Rights issue



Counseling session

Trainers of training programme was conducted in Mangalore on 20-6-2018 to train the trainers in the context of handling women's rights issues. A total of **21** people participated. Some of these also participated as resource persons in the facilitators' training held in Gadag and Koppala.

## Activity 3

### Para Legal Facilitators' Training, phase 3-Handling Women's Rights issue

Training on the subject was held at Gadag Maratha Vidyarthaka Sangha from 20-07-2018 to 23-07-2018. **23** people were present. There were **28** participants in the training at the Sarvodaya office in Koppal.

The facilitators were trained about how to file a complaint, and how to discuss the matter with lawyers and police, also they learnt how does the legal system works. They discussed with experts on various aspects related to Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems such as Nari Adalat, Arbitration and Right to Information.



Training at Koppal

## Activity 4

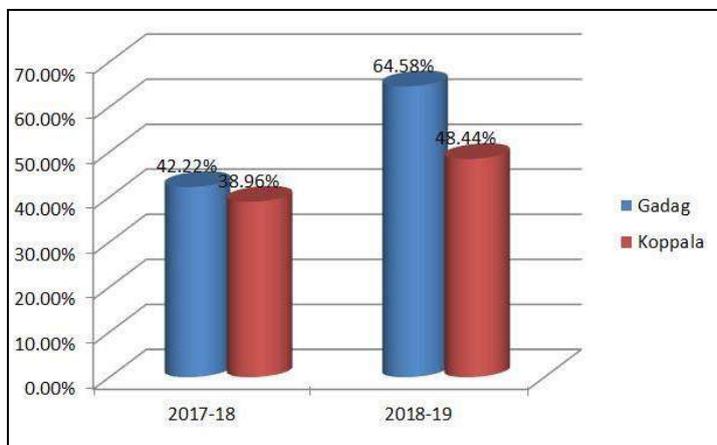
### Grassroots programs for Awareness raising by paralegal facilitators

After the four days training, facilitators were given the assignment to conduct five informative programs for their next group of people to improve their training skills. As such, most facilitators successfully perform grassroots programs in a timely manner and directly target a total of **7,986** people. In fact, the second phase of legal training in Gadag has been offered to **2,199** people in **96** programs by 26 facilitators. In these training a total of 21,990 neighbours have been informed with the campaign materials. In the third phase of handling issues training, a total of **128** programs conducted by **25** facilitators, in which **3043** people imparted training. A total of **15,215** community people have been distributed campaign materials.

In Koppala **29** facilitators in **82** programs disseminated information on law to **1630** people. These people distributed to **16,504** households. **19** facilitators in **54** programs disseminated information on handling of issues to **1,114** people and **5,400** households have been provided campaign materials.

**We achieved it -**

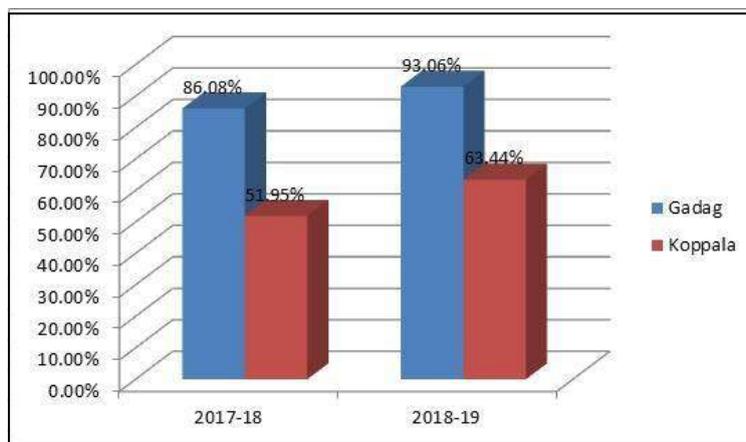
**Awareness on Gender**



	2017-18	2018-19
Gadag	42.22%	64.58%
Koppala	38.96%	48.44%

According to our impact assessment 57.71% of women (64.58% in Gadag and 48.44% in Koppala) have reached 80% levels in awareness on gender justice.

**Awareness on women’s Rights and Law**



	2017-18	2018-19
Gadag	86.08%	93.06%
Koppala	51.95%	63.44%

80.45% of women (93.06% in Gadag and 63.44% in Koppala) have reached 80% levels in awareness on laws on legal.

## Preparedness to act on laws

**30.32%** of women (**38.43%** in Gadag and **19.38%** in Koppala) have reached 80% levels in preparedness on domestic violence. **25.40%** of women (35.42% in Gadag and **11.88%** in Koppala) have reached 80% levels in preparedness on POCSO. **9.57%** of women (**11.81%** in Gadag and **6.56%** in Koppala) have reached 80% levels in preparedness on marriage registration law).

### Testimony of Grassroots participants (name changed)

“My husband is a photographer. I have shared with him the information I got from you about child marriage. I told them that the law of the land prohibits child marriage and any photographer or videographer or printer of invitation related to such child marriage shall be put behind bars. After that my husband rejected an offer to photograph at one of such wedding ceremony. He got confirmed that the girl to be married was a minor. So he left the place by saying he could not take part in that. Later, somebody informed about this marriage to the child help-line and consequently the marriage was cancelled. (Sheela Mallapura, Gadag, 18-11-2018)

☐ Mahadayi is wife of a BSF jawan who comes to town once in 6 months. When he comes, he drinks alcohol, doubts her wife’s character, and beats her. Village seniors have tried to settle the issue quite a number of times but in vein. She had become so depressed that she had lost hope in life. In one of training programme she was guided to complain about her suffering to the protection officer at the Women and Child Development Department and also to go to the counselling centre. She did as guided. This has worked quite well for her. The counsellors then summoned Mahadayi and her husband and consulted. They have also threatened that he might be losing his job if he continued to behave like this. Hence forth he is no more beating or doubting his wife. He has assured the authorities that he would look after his wife well (Shared by District project coordinator).

- Hirevaddatti village women who participated in the training, participated in the protest about alcohol ban in villages, ban on child marriage, and domestic violence, and has taken to the streets of the village. They have spoken boldly about the atrocities in front of the powers of the Police and Excise Department (DPC).

- “Today my husband has gone to a nearby village. Today is the last day to insure the crop. It requires attaching a passbook copy of the bank and the husband holding the key to the shelves. If I had known before how to preserve records, I would have been careful” lamented.. (Devamma,)

### Activity 5: Sharing of training experience of paralegal facilitators, meeting 1, 2 and 3



Three meetings have taken place to share the training experience of facilitators. First meeting was jointly held in Marata Vidyavardhaka sangha, Gadag on 13-04-2018. **19** from Gadag and **18** from Koppal had taken part. Practical problems in preparing people for training, success stories of participants were discussed.

Facilitators expressed their will to continue the work and also to have a federation.

Second meeting is related to Koppal and was held in Sarvvodya office on 7-6-2018. **23** facilitators participated.

Third meeting was held jointly in Pawar Hotel, Koppal on 19-01-2019. **23** from Gadag, **13** from Koppal, a total of **36** participants took part. Facilitators prepared a project to conduct grassroots programs in new taluka centres. Facilitators from Koppala expressed their opinion on forming a collective and strengthening it.

### Results of Training- Facilitators' opinions

- “Before getting into this training I was afraid to speak in front of people. After training here, I have got the courage and the skills of speaking in front of everyone. I also got a chance to train at Dharmasthala organisation’s training camp. Seeing my training, they took me to several subsequent training. I earned rupees 8,000. ..” (Ratna Ettinamani, Koppala)
- “Women personally take me to their homes and tell their issues. They have made me to educate their husbands from me. If the husband comes in to do something bad, they now say, “See I call the madam and her here”. I am very much satisfied for getting training” (Yankamma Uppara-Gadag)
- ☐ The materials provided to the community are very useful in this training. We provided legal information to a woman experiencing domestic violence in the first phase of training. When we went to the second phase of training, the woman went to her husband's house and boldly confronted them and started to stay there. The materials, pamphlets and informations we provide are used by everyone else (Narasimharaju - Koppal).

### Activity 6

#### Alliance building with the district level NGOs



During this period, two meetings were held with the allied Voluntary Organizations, which have joined hands to effectively implement the para legal facilitators' training program. The first meeting being held on 06-07-2018 in Koppala and in Gadag on 07-07-2018. The second meeting was held at Koppala on 17-01-2019 and in Gadag on 18-01-2019

The SKDRDP and the SIRDS of Koppal have opened an information centre at a carnival (Jatra) allowing PLFs to share information to **8500** people on gender and law. As per the decision of the facilitators at Gadag, it was decided to expand the legal training for six talukas and to hold a workshop for voluntary organizations working with women in Koppal. DEEDS commemorates the cooperation of all of them.

## Activity 7

### Provision of IEC Materials

Handling women's rights issues training manual for facilitators' training for the third phase, the helpline directory of phone numbers to help women contact authorities when they take up cases, a fact sheet on importance of documents, 'Samvada' news letter 4 and 5 have been brought out. Women have expressed their happiness to being able now to calling government authorities from home and getting the details of the facilities available.



Another fact sheet on the evils of alcohol (5000 copies) distributed in Gadag and Koppal. The women of Koppala have appealed to the Grama Panchayat and the Police Department to stop the distribution of liquor.

## Activity 8

### Legal Aid and Support

#### • Legal assistance

DEEDS has been regularly carrying out legal advice, mentoring, counselling and other activities to support women. During this period, 30 women approached DEEDS seeking legal assistance.

#### • Seminar

The seminar was held in Mangalore on 30-01-2019 ,as some of the rulings of the Supreme



Court, which came out in the last days, are very important as it relates to the rights of women. Journalist B M Haneef from Prajavani talked on Triple Talaq, Puneet Appu, lawyer presented his views on Sabarimala Temple Entry issue, Dr. M G Shobhadevi on domestic violence and Merlin Martis shared her views about adultery law and its amendment. **80** Participants were involved in the programme.

## Activity 9

### Governance and Strategies

- **Leadership and Management Workshop**

Our financial donor organization Miserior had organized two workshops on Leadership & Management. The first workshop was held in New Delhi from 03-12-2018 for six days, and the second in Hyderabad from 04-03-2019 till 7<sup>th</sup>. DEEDS participated and were motivated itself to review strategic documents, HR policy, finance policy, personnel accountability, governance style and so on. DEEDS is grateful to Miserior for such a wonderful opportunity.

- **Building a Vision perspective**

A one day workshop with 20 participants was conducted in order to give a proper perspective of the vision of the organization to the staff of deeds and Sanchalana members.

- **Study-Status of Domestic Workers of Mangaluru Taluka**

A study has been conducted about the domestic workers of Mangalore, their socio-economic background and their problems. This study has also an intention to search the possibility of providing the domestic workers with skill training and legal knowledge. Sanchala members collected data.

- **Financial Resource Mobilization Strategies**

Resource mobilization is imperative for the broad growth of the organization and significant efforts are being made in this regard. Yenepoya Medical College and Sahyadri Engineering Colleges have held a quiz programme to students on women and rights. DEEDS took the responsibility of setting question papers and have charged for the same. There are now efforts to prepare a list of different donor organizations and link them to our training resources, budgeting and meeting their needs. Negotiations are being conducted by contacting sponsors of minor studies. A proposal has already been sent.

## Activity 10

### Networking

In addition to project framework , Deeds has expanded its presence by actively engaging in many activities.

- **Forum for Student Internship**

Depending on the credibility of the organisation, students from outer districts and local schools are opting for internships as part of their learning. A student of Baduku Community College in Bangalore, three law students from SDM College and a Law Student from St. Joseph's College, Bangalore were with us during this period. 8 Students of Kapu's Government First Grade College, 4 of Yenepoya Department of Social Work, 25 of PG Center of Thnkanidiyur, 3 of B Ed Division of Aloysius College, 15 of Sahyadri Engineering College and 20 students of Manipal Academy's Social Work Department have visited DEEDS.

- **Training for Students about adolescent challenges and women's rights**

DEEDS has been conducting two days of training for about **1300** under graduates students (boys and girls) at Sri Dharmasthala College in Ujire. Principal hailed the training as being of great use to the students.

A two-day gender sensitization workshop has been held at Kota first grade College and First Grade College of Kalavara with the Women's Studies Centre.



### **Participating as a member of internal Complaint Committees**

- Participated in NMPT-quarterly meetings and case hearings.
- Attended MRPL-Quarterly Meetings.
- Attended Diet-Committee Meeting
- Attended St. Agnes college-committee meetings
- Participated in the Women and Child Welfare Department-Committee Meeting and Case Hearing.
- Participated in Lokayukta meeting.

### **Participated as resource persons**

- Guest at the women empowerment program held at Ignatius Hospital in Honnavara
- Talk on Mental Health Act and the law on suicide to suicide Helpline
- Attended the meeting of the sub-committee of the Prajna Center.
- Participated in Kudremukh company training meeting and trained all its staff on sexual harassment at workplace
- Gave Interview on domestic violence law at Radio Sarang
- A training to Vijaya Karnataka staff in Mangalore on sexual harassment at workplace.
- Delivered a speech in a programme organized by Karavali Women Writers' Association on the amendment to adultery law
- Attended Agnes College's Youth Parliament as judge and was a Resource Person at the National Seminar.
- Speaking on Gender in the International Women's Day of Yenepoya Medical College.
- Participated in SDM Law College's Certificate Program
- Family Reconciliation Information to Spandana Trust
- Gave Information to the members of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi DIET on Right to Information and Empowerment.
- Students of Canara College's NSS camp have been informed on the Right to Information.
- Gender training for students of Government BEd College, Mangaluru

## Right to Information - Advice, Guidance

DEEDS has begun the process of providing advisory guidance to activists, officials and associations on the right to information. Information is also transmitted over the phone.

## Women study meet

Women study meetings have been conducted since last twenty years to provide a platform for ordinary women of all social classes to engage in an open, frank dialogue which results in generating knowledge and insights. Topics like demonitization, women and election, etc. have been discussed. About 20 women present in these meetings and share their views regularly.

## Team Meetings

Meetings takes place in the last days of every month. Plans for the coming month and financial matters are discussed in these meetings.

## Website and social media

DEEDS has been updating its website and uploading the activities of the organization from time to time keeping an eye on fund rising. Students have chosen the institution for an internship by looking at the website.

## Sanchalana Decennial Celebration



The Karnataka State Women's Trainers' Sanchalana has grown to be an autonomous organization that has accomplished successful ten years and is now at the threshold of celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Inaugural function was held at Mangalore on Dec. 10

## Conclusion:

A team of para legal facilitators has been formed in Gadag and Koppal for the purpose of taking law to the folk in a simple way. We have reached a point where the positive impacts of our legal training are almost giving fruit. (The project will be accomplished by coming October-2019). Our field work experience has clearly shown that the people do have thirst for legal knowledge. In this backdrop we are preparing a new project which will be extended to another three districts (from 2019 to 2022). We heart fully commemorate and thank one and all who have joined their hands with us to conduct our activities smoothly.

## Financials

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION SERVICE (DEEDS)									
KADRE MANGALURU-575002									
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT									
RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2019.									
P.Y (Rs.)	RECEIPTS		Rs. Ps.		P.Y (Rs.)	PAYMENTS		Rs. Ps.	
	Opening Balances:								
38,732	Cash & Cash Equivalents:								
	Cash in hand		17,567.50						
	Balance with Banks:				44,87,470			43,97,794.00	
3,18,730	Corp Bank- SB A/c-51506		1,68,912.80		44,773			1,41,234.00	
3,309	Corp Bank- SB A/c-89027		4,158.40		45,32,243		Total	44,79,028.00	44,79,028.00
1,100	Advances-Geetha-Paralegal								
5,00,000	Corp Bank- FD		8,00,000.00						
8,61,871	<b>Total</b>		9,90,638.70	9,90,638.70	1,15,000				
	Funds Received				9,214				
47,58,581	Project 321-908-1065ZG		43,80,154.50						
-	Project 321-908-1057ZG				1,835				
47,58,581	<b>Total</b>		43,80,154.50	43,80,154.50				2,166.00	2,166.00
	Interest Income								
15,051	FD Interest		22,185.00					600.00	
9,828	SB Interest		7,978.00					15,960.00	
24,879	<b>Total</b>		30,163.00	30,163.00				16,560.00	16,560.00
	Payables:								
3,600	Professional Tax								
56,48,931	CARRIED DOWN			54,00,956.20	46,58,292				44,97,754.00
56,48,931	BROUGHT FORWARD			54,00,956.20	46,58,292				44,97,754.00
	Other Income:								
	Sale of Scrap			1,400.00	17,568				
	Programme Advances								
	Thukaram			20,936.00					
	Closing Balances:								
	Cash & Cash Equivalents:								
	Cash in hand							473.00	
	Balance with Banks:								
	Corp Bank- SB A/c-51506				1,68,913			3,19,293.80	
	Corp Bank- SB A/c-89027				4,158			5,771.40	
	Corp Bank- FD				8,00,000			6,00,000.00	
	<b>Total</b>				9,90,639			9,25,538.20	9,25,538.20
56,48,931	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			54,23,292.20	56,48,931				54,23,292.20
	Place: Mangaluru								
	Date: 11-09-2019								



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