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*An entrepreneur planting sugarcane buds in her nursery in Mundwad village.*



## *Welcome to August Newsletter !*



My visit to Jataga village last week awakened me once again to the gap that exists between the urban and the rural, rich and poor, in having access to education. Right to Education Act does not mean anything to this community . There are 43 households in the village. 39 households belong to Siddi Muslim Community and the others belong to Marata Hindu Community.

There is no Anganwadi. There is what is called as school in one room and one Guest Teacher for all age group of children. Government has provided houses to many; nutrition package to Siddi Muslim Community households is regularly supplied; there are self-help groups. Why has the school become the last priority? Children are also future citizens and future voters right?

CherYsh has a Shiksha centre here and children love it, so much so that the children from neighbouring village which is about 2 kms away also attend. This calls for a new model of learning space in small villages, I wonder !

Thank you and have a great month !

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## **A journey to explore new livelihood opportunities**





Nanda, Yashodha and Savitri accompanied by two field staff officers of CherYsh boarded a train from Haliyal to Nellikuppam in Tamilnadu seeking training to set up an entrepreneurship based on sugarcane bud nursery . Haliyal being part of the sugarcane cultivation belt offers bright opportunity to the women to earn regular income from growing and selling sugarcane buds. The training was organised through a partnership with EID Parry India Ltd. EID Parry has a factory functioning in Haliyal and the management and staff have always been a constant source of encouragement and support for CherYsh's projects to empower the communities in Haliyal.

Experts from EID Parry trained the women in planting and tending sugarcane buds along with marketing strategies to set up an entrepreneurship. The one week training took place at EID Parry's resource center in Tamilnadu. On their return, the women identified around a thousand square feet of land ( four guntas) to start the nursery. They have prepared the land and are enthusiastically putting together resources to embark on the entrepreneurship journey. Local experts from EID parry are guiding them at all stages of the nursery set up. The activity has created a lot of curiosity in the community and more women have shown interest in joining the venture.





## CherYsh “Karakushala Tarabethi Kendra” (Handicraft Training Center) to promote local skills

The women in Haliyal have several skills which includes specialised hand embroidery , crochet and quilting among several other handicrafts . Many of these skills are handed down from elders while some are acquired by women during their life’s journey. The need to have a space where women can come together and put their skills to use and share the techniques with each other has become critical

A “ CherYsh Karakushala Tarabethi” Kendra(Handicraft Training Center) was inaugurated in Mundwad village in the month of August. Taluka and village officials were invited to the event and the centre now serves as the focal point of skill training and entrepreneurship in the village.





## Local resources to build the capacity of Learning Facilitators



Thirty five Shikshas( After -school learning centers) are functioning with full vigour in the new academic year and thirty five dynamic young women are anchoring the Shikshas in their villages .Capacity building of Learning Facilitators is an integral part of CherYsh Shiksha programme and Mr. James D'Souza, a high school teacher from Haliyal is coordinating the training programme this year. James D'Souza is born and brought up in Haliyal and through determination and grit he worked his way up to become a high school teacher in his own Taluk.

He attended the Regional Institute of Languages and gained remarkable command over functional English language. CherYsh's learning facilitators look upto him as an example to follow and demonstrates deep interest and enthusiasm to attend the English language classes which started this month and are scheduled on Saturdays, till end of the year.

### **Shiksha students excel in Parthibha Karanji competitions.**

At CherYsh, we have always valued the importance of arts and sports in making education well rounded. The children attending CherYsh Shikshas are encouraged to hone their talents in various arts and sports forms and the Learning Facilitators help them to prepare and practise these skills. Prathibha Karanji is an annual competition held by the Government of Karnataka Public Instructions Department and is a much celebrated event in all schools. The students from CherYsh Shikshas participated in the Prathibha Karanji Competitions and bagged several prizes and entry to the next level. CherYsh is so proud of our young champions and we are committed to encourage and support them in their journey. Discussions with local artists have been held to draw up weekend programmes and summer camps on art and crafts, folk art etc.



## Football champions bring laurels



Five girls from Haliyal are supported by CherYsh with donor sponsorships to pursue their college education and football coaching at St. Aloysius College , Mangalore . Their team secured “Runners Up” position in the KSFA ( Karnataka State Football Association) State level football tournament which took place in August. Also, Akshatha Dodmani from Basavalli village was awarded the “ Best Goalkeeper” Trophy. CherYsh congratulates our young champions on this victory!

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