<mark>Vimukthi Vidya Samsthe</mark>

Activities in brief

Education

Vimukthi over the last 25 years has rescued and rehabilitated more than 20 thousand children who were child laborers, victims of child marriage, child sexual abuse and specially challenged children through conducting bridge schools, non formal education, parental counseling, public awareness in 4 districts of Karnataka state. In collaboration with state and national level campaign bodies, it has lobbied for child related acts and policies, including RTE, juvenile justice act, Child marriage act.

Child rights

Due to spread of Corona virus and socio-economic reasons, thousands of children, particularly from marginalized communities, have become the victims of child marriage, child labor, child sexual abuse. To address this, Vimukthi with different stakeholders and public awareness programs, has prevented hundreds of children from various form of exploitations and has successfully enrolled them in to mainstream schools and to special schools.

Peace and communal harmony

Society is very much divided on caste, religion, language ground due to political and religious reasons. In place of peace and harmony, hate, intolerance, communal conflicts is created. Vimukthi, over the last 3 years has engaged in promotion of peace and communal harmony committees in schools, colleges and in the communities through peace education and awareness programs, in 50 villages and 10 slums in Chitradurga and Davangere district.

Eco sanctuary

Vimukthi, over the past 6 years has engaged in promotion of eco sanctuary, in a five acres of land. Thousands of plants (medicinal, fruits, timber value plants) domestic and wild animals like dogs, cats, hens, rabbits, wild bear, snacks, mongoose, birds, earthworms, human beings are living together, growing together and experiencing the harmony and peace.

Hundreds of farmers have been motivated and inspired to go for organic and natural farming and promoting growing of millets.

Skill development

Vimukthi on its own and in collaboration with private and government agencies, has been imparting skill development training (career guidance for students, micro entrepreneur training, indigenous and cottage industries training for women) in three districts, covering more than 500 youth and women.

Livelihood

Under MNREG and other government schemes, Vimukthi has mobilized employment and wages for thousands of women, particularly belong tot marginalized section In 60 villages of Chincholi of Kalburgi district and 30 villags in Chitradurga, Vimukthi has mobilized. And the work is continuing.

Health and stress management

Personal hygiene training for teen age girls, medical checkup and treatment for specially challenged children, medical referral service and checkup camps for old and aged are conducted in collaboration with government and private hospitals. More than two thousand beneficiaries have been covered under this program.

Service for Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic

There is thirty thousand population belong to Nomadic and Semi nomadic community in Chitradurga district, living in pathetic situation. They live in separate colonies, in tents without electricity, water, drainage and other basic amenities. Majority are engaged in petty business, begging and rag picking. Over the last 2 years Vimukthi has odrganised them in to a forum, listing out their basic issues, lobbying with the local government for allotment of land , sites, housing, drinking water, electricity and other facilities.