



Headstreams Monthly Wows November 2019

We are delighted to present our monthly updates, news and perspectives from the field.

Headstreams is committed to shaping *"a world where every person has opportunities to realise their inherent potential to live a positive, confident, intentional and socially productive life."*

Beautiful journey in Headstreams

Working in headstreams is a beautiful journey.
It has brought on the memories of childhood,
which were full of fun...
Never-ending stories of play, which cannot be undone.

Working in headstreams is a beautiful journey.
Living life to the fullest is what we teach;
Through play is how we do;
Facilitators make it joyful; together we make it beautiful.

Working in headstreams is a beautiful journey.
The office is filled with creative minds and amazing talents.
It's the best place to learn and grow.
Come and be part of us, if you want to know.

- Barani Gopal, Play Co-ordinator at Headstreams

Launch of Headstreams Livelihood Initiative - PIPAL LEAF



Headstreams works with women and youth in rural areas and institutional settings to promote entrepreneurial mind-sets and support them with meaningful livelihood. This is achieved by creating exploratory learning spaces for design thinking, skill building and entrepreneurship development.

Headstreams recently launched a livelihood initiative called PIPAL LEAF. One of the first products created as a part of the initiative is 'Kattoos' which means "to build". *Kattoos* are hand-crafted miniature terracotta bricks made by rural communities which can be used by people of all age groups to build and create architectural models. To order your product, mail us at sales@headstreams.org

Rangotri 2019 - a career guidance, cultural and sports fest for the rural youth



Organised on Saturday, November 23, the Rangotri event welcomed over 700 participants including students from 25 pre-university colleges and polytechnic institutions from Kolar district, representatives from the Department of Education, private companies and several corporate volunteers. Among the esteemed guests were Ms. Sree Shyala, Deputy Director, Pre-University Board, Kolar; Mr. Sreenivas Ramanujam, Head of Academic Interface from Tata Consultancy Services, Bengaluru and Dr Nagappa, Head of the Information Resource Centre, Tata Consultancy Services, Bengaluru.

The event witnessed students participating in many creative events and activities such as 'making wealth out of waste', rangoli, collage making, street play, creating songs and singing, treasure hunt, hurdle race, volleyball, kabaddi and throwball. One of the attractions of the event was the career guidance stall put up by TCS volunteers to orient students to a range of academic and career choices.

Playful Learning Workshop



Our team had a fun-filled day of learning and creation with 40 women from the local communities around Bommanahalli in Bengaluru. Headstreams facilitated a playful learning workshop where participants experienced the power of free choice and explored their own interests. The women got a chance to experience jewellery making, marble painting and toy making. A big thanks to Swasti Health Catalyst for inviting us!

Let's All Play 2019 – a campaign to bring back play in our lives



This year the Let's All Play campaign started on November 7. The campaign's mission is to address the problem of lack of play time, play space and mind-set. There is dearth of time and space for children to come together and enjoy free play, which is critical to the mental and physical well-being of children. Play is as much important for adults too. Headstreams conducted several play events with the government school students across different schools in Bengaluru, Kolar and Hoskote districts of Karnataka. Read the stories on our Headstreams' [facebook](#) page.

On popular demand, the Let's All Play campaign has been extended till December 15, 2019. Anyone can join the movement by registering for free at <https://bit.ly/35miZM9> and organising play time at any safe space like house, gardens, parks, garages, terraces. All you have to do is share your exciting stories with us.

Train the Teachers' Workshop



Ananya, a not-for-profit organisation that empowers women, had invited Headstreams to train teachers from government schools and low budget private schools at Hallegere village in the Mandya district of Karnataka on November 21. The training was an introduction to ways in which the teachers can engage children in their classrooms, spark their imagination and aid in their innovative thinking by focussing on their learning skills. The play and fun-filled workshop introduced teachers to the concept of multiple intelligences and The Habits of Mind that are an identified set of 16 problem-solving life-related skills necessary to effectively operate in society and promote strategic reasoning, insightfulness, perseverance, creativity, and craftsmanship.

Workshop for women in crisis

Two separate workshops were conducted for women in crisis at the Women's Reception Centre and the State Home for Women. 110 women were given a chance to explore their hidden talents and bring out their playful nature. They made beautiful bead key chains, jewellery and art work at the workshops. Some of the women were so inspired that they wanted to try these hobbies at home and start small businesses of their own.

Your support means a lot!

We **urgently require 12 laptops** for training rural youth (girls and boys). These youth are pursuing their vocational training in Software Development. You can donate used laptops in good working condition or contribute towards procuring it. To donate, please write to us at contact@headstreams.org or call us on 9945262778.

Coming Up!

The International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Nurturing Children and Youth (ICCY-2019) is scheduled on 12-14 December 2019 in CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

The registration closes on December 1, 2019. To participate, register at <https://iccy.christuniversity.in/registration>. For queries, please write to playconference@headstreams.org.

We will continue to share our monthly updates with you, because our journey so far would not have been possible without friends and well-wishers like you. Hope you enjoy reading about our work and please do provide feedback!

In case you do not want to continue getting our monthly news updates, send us a message, and we will do the needful. For any queries or information, send an email to contact@headstreams.org or call us on **+91-80-25200318 /+91-80-41201071**.

Playfully,

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