



Headstreams Monthly Wows FEBRUARY 2020

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."*

Tackle Fest 2020 - a platform for helping students make informed decisions on academic and career choices



Students from underprivileged communities are often first generation learners who lack information and exposure to academic and career possibilities after they finish their schooling. On February 8, Headstreams organised one of its most sought after annual events called the Tackle Fest2020 to expose students of classes VIII, IX and X to various courses and careers options.

The event was organised in collaboration with the English department of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). About 33 experiential stalls were set up by students from various departments and it benefitted 450 government school students from 5 schools located in Hoskote and Kolar, who got hands-on exposure to opportunities in science, commerce and humanities. Over 40 corporate volunteers were present to help the young minds in this process of exploration. The event was sponsored by Mphasis.

Playful Learning Workshop on Community Outreach



Headstreams conducted a one-day workshop for students pursuing post-graduate studies in SAIACS. Twenty students participated and were exposed to Headstreams' community outreach programs, which helped them understand the skills involved in developing relationships and connections with children and other community members.

Self-Development Workshop



A workshop focused on self-development was conducted by Headstreams in Mysuru. The day-long training began with a focus on the self and realising the value framework that each one operated from. This was followed by activities that enabled analysis of self in the context of interpersonal relationships. The workshop helped the participants who are members of ESAF (an NGO that works with a larger vision of sustainable and holistic transformation of the poor and the marginalized) in understanding the transformation that the organisation is bringing about in the lives of the people they serve. The session ended with each member identifying a couple of concrete steps to serve their beneficiaries better and pledging to do so. The workshop was very well received by the participants.

Science Workshop for Government School Students



A science workshop was conducted in a Government Residential School at Adakamaranahalli, Bengaluru. Through problem solving and experiential learning activities, children explored concepts and experiments related to topics including Energy, Light, Newton's Law of Motion, Gravitational force etc. About 200 students of classes VI to IX participated in the interactive workshop.

Just a small support will help a bunch of talented rural youth to complete their vocational education



Madhavi (name changed), a 28 year old girl from Kolar district in Karnataka had to drop out of college because her family could not afford her education. She was married and her dreams to complete her education and become financially independent shattered. This is the story of many rural girls and boys who are forced to drop out of the formal education system because they cannot afford the academic fee, forced to take up meager jobs to support their families, for gender and caste based discrimination or sometimes because they do not know what to do next after completing their course. Accelerating their educational skills, social skills and finding market relevant jobs becomes a distant dream as they are pushed to the margins both economically and socially.

In order to help the rural youth accelerate their skills and live meaningful lives, Headstreams started the Jeevanam - Bachelor of Vocational Education (B.Voc.) program in Malur taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka in 2018. It is a program certified by the prestigious School of

Vocational Education (SVE), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. Participants of this program are enrolled to a full-time three year course, beginning with Diploma, Advanced Diploma and leading to a Bachelor of Vocational Degree (B.Voc.).The program is expected to enhance lives and livelihoods of many such students and their families.

These ambitious and talented underprivileged youth need your support to complete their vocational education. To support them, visit [https://fundraisers.giveindia.org/api/links/hkRQStFc6l ...](https://fundraisers.giveindia.org/api/links/hkRQStFc6l...)

Headstreams' New Endeavour



Headstreams recently launched the Pipal Leaf Livelihood Initiative social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Please visit and like the pages, and also invite your friends to like the pages.

We are participating at the Sunday Soul Sante on March 8, 2020 at Jayamahar Palace Hotel, to promote Pipal Leafs production called 'Kattoos', hand-crafted miniature terracotta bricks, which are hand-made by trained rural women. Please visit our stall with your family and friends.

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!

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Playfully,

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