



JANAAGRAHA CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP & DEMOCRACY

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**BalaJanaagraha**  
TODAY'S CHILDREN. TOMORROW'S ACTIVE CITIZENS.

## **ichangemycity CHALLENGE** Action for Civic Change

The 'iChangeMyCity Challenge-Action for Civic Change' aims to reach the message of Active Citizenship across the country.

It provides students from Classes VII to XII from any school from any city in the country, an opportunity to engage with a civic or any other issue that affects them, their school and their neighbourhood thereby building elements of critical thinking, team building, communication skills and self-confidence.

It also provides them with a platform to interact and work collaboratively with the government and other citizens.

Our Civic Learning programme, "Bala Janaagraha", has been running since 2002 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students across different categories of schools and, has till date reached out to 1,85,000 students. It is currently operational in 12 cities reaching out to 400 schools and 27,000 students across India.

Civic learning equips students with knowledge, skills and the understanding to play an active part in society. It fosters awareness and an understanding of democracy, governance, rights and responsibilities.



Janaagraha was founded by Swati Ramanathan and Ramesh Ramanathan in December 2001. Janaagraha's mission is to transform Quality of Life in India's cities and towns. It works with citizens to catalyse Active Citizenship in city neighbourhoods and with Governments to institute reforms to city-systems. Civic Learning, Civic Participation and Advocacy and Reforms are Janaagraha's three major strands of work to accomplish its mission.

“ **Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.**”

- Walt Disney

“The Bala Janaagraha programme has given opportunity to students to understand the value of urban planning and the various factors that form the basic focus of city plans. They have developed a deep sense of awareness and responsibility towards the community by conducting surveys, understanding problems and working towards its solution to the best of their ability.”

**Priyadarshini Kachhwaha**

Principal, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School, Jaipur

**Vasundhara Raje,**  
Chief Minister, Rajasthan meeting with  
the Bala Janaagraha students.



## The activity requires

- Students from Classes VII to XII to form a group of upto 5 members.
- Identify an issue that they believe affects them, their school or neighbourhood around them.
- Understand and analyse the issue in terms of symptoms and possible root causes.
- Come up with ideas of proposed solutions.
- Meet their local authority or agency to seek their support in resolution of the issue.
- Finalize the way forward on solutions to the identified issue.



## REGISTRATION

You can register  
your group between  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug to 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
2017



## SUBMISSION

Last date to submit  
your project work  
is 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
2017

All students participating in this activity will be given a certificate. The submissions received will be evaluated and the shortlisted entries would be invited to participate and present their work at the IChangeMyCity Civic Fest in Bangalore.

We seek your support on this initiative for a wider reach to students through your institution/organisation, so that they can become a part of not just this exciting competition but also the learning process.

For detailed information log on to

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