



BALA JANAAGRAHA CIVIC FEST FINALS 2013-14.

Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (JCCD) is hosting the Bala Janaagraha Bangalore city Civic Fest Finals for 2013-14 on 18th January 2014. This City level Finals will identify the **top three projects** from about **900** projects worked on by nearly **11000** students across **175 schools** that are partnering with Janaagraha for the Bala Janaagraha program in Bangalore. The winning team from the school level selection conducted in December represented themselves at **eighteen** Mini Civic Fests in December. The winner from each Mini Civic Fest made it to the Final level. There will be **18 teams** in the finals vying for the top three positions.

The theme for 2013-14- “Our Roads – The TENDER SURE way” reflects the children’s understanding of Urban Planning and Design and its impact through the lens of their own neighbourhood using the simple example of a road.

The Civic Fest is a platform provided to these students to showcase their work, views and celebrate their learning as well as recognising their efforts. Students work in teams from August to November on the Civic Project. The Project encourages them to seek information through research, connect with the local administration, analyse the problems, suggest solutions and plan improvements. This information is presented through a written report, a verbal presentation, redesigned road maps, slogans and jingles.

We would also like to acknowledge our donors- BPCL, DELL, HSBC and Phirojsha Godrej foundation, without whose support we would not have been able to accomplish all this.

Janaagraha firmly believes that schools and communities have a duty to nurture moral and social compass in students and guide them into being responsible citizens. **Bala Janaagraha**, one of the flagship programs of Janaagraha is a uniquely designed practical Civic education Program aimed at empowering Class VIII students with knowledge, skills and values necessary to take social ownership and moral responsibility in the process of creating a better future for themselves in the society, thus transforming today’s children into active citizens of tomorrow.

The “Live streaming” of the event can be watched from the given link – www.ichangemycity.com/live from 8.45 am onwards on 18th January 2014.