



## **BALA JANAAGRAHA NATIONAL FEST 2013-14.**

Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (JCCD) organised the first Bala Janaagraha National Fest on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The 13 finalists from 11 cities across India participated in this event.

The theme for 2013-14 was “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 a simple example of the road.

Post the successful completion of City level fest across all the cities by 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 3 teams from Bangalore and 1 each from other cities participated in the National Fest. The teams who made it to the finals were:

1. **Little Flower Public School, Bangalore**
2. **Sri Shankara Vidyashramam, Chennai**
3. **G. Pulla Reddy High School, Hyderabad**
4. **MMET English School, Bangalore**
5. **Ryan International School, Jaipur**
6. **Sri Aurobindo Centre of New Education, Jodhpur**
7. **Delhi Public School, Ludhiana**
8. **Air India Modern School, Mumbai**
9. **The Chanda Devi Saraf school, Nagpur**
10. **Delhi Public School, Patna**
11. **St. Thomas convent and High school, Bangalore**
12. **Delhi Public School, Pune**
13. **Talent Academy secondary school, Udaipur**

All the teams did a wonderful verbal presentation along with proposed solutions for the road in their neighbourhood they undertook during the course of the project. They had also come up with creative solutions and interesting jingles /slogans.

### **The winners are:**

1. **Delhi Public School, Ludhiana**
2. **The Chanda Devi Saraf School, Nagpur**
3. **Little Flower public School, Bangalore**

We also felicitated our “Little Champion(s) of Change” who, during the course of study, have initiated and implemented significant civic work in their neighbourhoods. We also took this opportunity to thank our volunteers known as Bala Janaagraha Mitras who helped us in successful delivery of the programme components (Curriculum/ E-module/Civic Project).

For the first time we had our signature song “Rebuild – BalaJanaagraha” being played during the event which was the work of our young student volunteers Vihaan Damaris, Akash Samuel, Umme Hajira and Shilpa Shree Rangaswamy.

Our eminent judges for the event were Dr.Bibhudutta Baral, Center Head, R& D, National Institute of Design, Bangalore, Dr.H.R.Shantharajanna, Superintending Engineer, KPWD and Mala Ramadorai Chairperson Citi Academy for Special Education at Society for the Rehabilitation of Crippled Children

Our donors BPCL, DELL, HSBC and Phirojsha Godrej foundation along with Shree Cement Limited, Jodhpur and Wonder Cement Limited, Jaipur helped us increase the reach of this programme to 11 cities including within Bangalore, thus enabling us to empower more than 16000 students to be “Young Active Citizens”. Without their 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.

**‘Transforming today’s children into active Citizens of tomorrow’**