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BALA JANAAGRAHA NATIONAL FEST 2013-14.

Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (JCCD) is organising the first Bala Janaagraha National Fest on 7th February 2014. The 13 finalists from 11 cities across India will be participating in this event.

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 a simple example of the road.

City level fest was conducted by 23rd Jan in all cities. Three teams from Bangalore and one each from other cities will be participating in the fest. The teams who made it to the finals are:

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**

We will felicitate our “Little Champion(s) of Change” who, during the course of study, have initiated and implemented significant civic work in their neighbourhoods. We also take 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).

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.

The “Live streaming” of the event can be watched from www.ichangemycity.com/live from 9.00 a.m onwards on 7th February 2014.

We are also conducting our “Annual Bala Janaagraha Meet” on 8th Feb. The theme – Is the society creating responsible future citizens?

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