

Moulding the agents of change

Bangalore: "My daughter used to sweep the floor in five houses every day. She used to get home Rs 250 every month. After she has started schooling, she says she wants to be a software engineer and I know she'll change the way we live - her father; her brother and even mine," said S. Vijaya's mother.

Vijaya is a student at one of the Parikrma Humanity Foundation schools and the parents of all her friends probably think the same way. Little wonder that the school has negligible dropout rates and increased student strength from 320 when they started to 610 this year.

The Foundation celebrated its second anniversary on Wednesday.

Bangalore police commissioner S. Mariswamy appreciated the attendance of parents, especially the fathers who had forgone their daily wages to come and see their children perform and take home prizes.

Founder-CEO of Parikrma Humanity Foundation, Shukla Bose stated: "People who are born in poverty don't always have to live in poverty. Children are the agents of change and they go back home to create change. We are certain that they will not only break the cycle of poverty but also become model citizens of our country."