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The "Keli-Kali" (listen-learn) programme is being broadcast from Gulbarga and Dharwar on All India Radio since August 2001. This is intended to encourage students of IV standard and also to bring about novelty in their learning process. About 5 lakhs students and teachers are enjoying the benefits of this scheme.

Mobile Schools:

It may not always be possible to bring children to the school. So, a novel and experimental scheme of *taking the school to the children* has been introduced in some slum areas of urban Bangalore. It is a *mobile* school built into a bus that is equipped fully as a classroom with attractive and colourful teaching aids and a blackboard.



Started in July 1999, the mobile school has been serving the needs of underprivileged slum children in two colonies of south Bangalore district. It is a heartening experience to see children rushing towards the bus when they hear its horn blowing and calling them to school. The facility has been expanded to four mobile schools and a small team of pre-school and elementary school teachers and supporting staff is involved in the endeavour full time.

Children attending mobile schools learn the same way as children in other schools. They are provided with free textbooks, slates, notebooks, uniforms and play materials. They are also being provided with free mid-day meals. The programme has the enthusiastic support of the people and several institutions.



The programme aims to mainstream the children into regular schools after providing up to one year of mobile schooling. 262 children are enrolled in the current year. The success story has prompted the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation to donate four more buses for expanding this novel idea to cover more children in the slum areas.