



**kilikili**  
play spaces for ALL children

## Annual Report 2006-2007

### *First Steps.....*

The first year in the life of a child is always special, full as it is with the joy of discovery, hope and the eagerness to take on new challenges.....And so it has been for Kilikili.

While the work on realising Kilikili's vision of creating inclusive public play spaces began almost two years ago, our identity, legally speaking, was established a year back on 17th June 2006, marking our first step in moving to a more structured institutional form.

The end of one year seems an opportune time to sit back and reflect on what the year has held for us, and in so doing, share with all of you – our well wishers, donors, partners, volunteers – some key highlights of this wonderful journey.

### *Facilitating the creation of India's first accessible public play space*

Undoubtedly, the high point of this year was the creation of India's first universally accessible play space - our dream that was realised on 2nd Dec, 2006, the eve of International Disability Day.

That morning, the play space in Coles Park wore a festive look. The new play equipment looked all



Shri. K. Jairaj, Commissioner, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike with children

colourful, gleaming in the sun. With balloons released in the air, the play space was inaugurated by the Municipal Commissioner, Shri K. Jairaj and the children who had assembled. These were the children who had been a part of our earlier Consultative processes to design the modifications required in Coles Park.

Rupesh, a student studying at the school run by the Association of People with Disabilities captured the sentiment of many children when he said, **“I was jealous of children playing in parks. This is like a dream come true”**. Said another child, **“We are happy the park is clean. There are not many barriers, so we can move about freely.”**

We would like to acknowledge the support and cooperation extended by **the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike**, without whom this task would have been near impossible. We would like to especially thank **Mr. K. Jairaj** for his personal attention and **Mr. Udupidi**, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and **Mr. Narayanaswamy** Chief Horticultural Officer (CHO) for their cooperation.

While Kikili spent Rs 1.8 lakhs on the modified play equipment, the BBMP spent close to Rs. 3 lakhs in doing the civil works, thus together creating an asset worth Rs. 5 lakhs for the city.

The modified play space in Coles Park:  
A birds eye-view



The Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BMP) has been designing parks in residential areas as part of the Greener Bangalore project. Now, the civic body has taken up a social initiative to make the parks convenient for the differently-abled, and this is being done on a warfooting, according to a senior official of the BMP.

The idea sprang from a simple proposal that the BMP received from the Kikili Association, a non-profit organisation, catering to the needs of the differently-abled. "When the organisation approached us with this novel proposal to design a park in a way to include the differently-abled for enjoying the play equipment, the Commissioner immediately gave the go-ahead for the project," says Krishna Udupudi, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BMP.

The BMP hopes to extend this project (*of making parks accessible*) to include other parks in various neighbourhoods in the city.... "Our policy is to design each and every park along these lines," says Mr. Udupudi. "If the venture progresses smoothly as it is doing now, then in the next three to four years, our task will be successfully accomplished," he adds.

*Extracts from an article that appeared in The Times of India, Friday, January 19, 2007.*



## *Expanding to other parks*

In what was an extremely significant and far-reaching move, Shri. K. Jairaj committed to making two more parks – one in the South and one in the West zone – accessible and sanctioned Rs.20 lakhs for the purpose.

We are extremely happy to say that the design processes (including Consultative processes with children, teachers and parents) for a park in the South Zone has been completed. We have worked in close collaboration with **FAME India** – a school for differently-abled children, located close to the proposed accessible park site. FAME India along with other schools/ institutions working with children with disabilities – Brindavan, Mobility India and others – have shown great eagerness to help set up and manage the play space once its ready.



Slide fitted with railings

## *An idea that is attracting interest*

A testimony to the fact that the idea of creating accessible play spaces such that children of all hues can play together has caught on in the city may be seen in the fair amount of media coverage received for the Coles Park project as also by the fact that two citizens – one from Basavangudi and one from Thippasandra contacted us – the former wanting to make a neighbourhood park accessible for children with disabilities and the latter wanting to create a play space and recreational centre for children from a low income area in his neighbourhood. We are in the process of creating partnerships that would take both these proposals forward.

We have helped the Association of People with Disabilities design and create a play area in their school premises. Kilikili was also involved in an assignment to recommend modifications required in the 80 acre campus of the MEC (an NGO working on issues of rural development, education of marginalised children etc.) to make it barrier free.



## *Challenges faced*

### *Challenges in public spaces*

While we do feel encouraged by all of the above, we are also painfully aware of the fact that the Coles Park project has brought with it many challenges. The fact that the project was situated in a public play area, and that there are seven schools in the immediate vicinity, has meant that there has been very heavy usage, which is of course, cause for cheer. But the downside has been that equipments have been broken, vandalised and rendered unusable. Some of the civil works carried out by the BBMP have not been of good quality and two of the designs – for a Wheelchair Sandpit and a Sensory Integration track remain incomplete to this day.

Kilikili has been working on many fronts to address these challenges. Realising that it is the dearth of adequate play equipment in the neighbourhood that is leading to overuse and misuse, Kilikili, along with the Coles Park Residents Association, has lobbied the BBMP to put more equipment in an adjoining play space.

We are also in the process of getting the special equipment repaired and strengthened to withstand heavy use. We are working on generating greater awareness on the uniqueness of this play space through sign boards at the park, addressing the children in the adjoining schools, pamphlets inserted in newspapers distributed to the neighbouring community etc. We also continue to negotiate with the BBMP to complete the remaining works.

### *Getting children with disabilities to the park*

We have also recognised the need to work more actively on getting children with disabilities to the park to enjoy its facilities. Children from the APD school have been visiting the park once a week. We will, in the coming year, strengthen and extend this programme to all special schools or institutions in the vicinity. We will also be organising special events for children with disabilities, integration and inclusion events with children from both special and regular schools and family events for families of children with disabilities to get together and spend a few enjoyable hours at the park.

Balloons flying high at the inauguration



## *Fundraising*

The most challenging part of this project was securing funds, something which proved to be more challenging than we had anticipated.

Two-thirds of the funding for the project was secured from individuals, many of whom were from families who had children with disabilities. A significant breakthrough came from **Taegutec** that met about one-third of the project cost. We are extremely thankful to Mr. L Krishnan and his team for showing faith in us and giving us the confidence to move forward.

It is probably the perception that plays and recreation are not 'serious issues' that is a reason for us not finding many institutional sponsors. This, in spite of the fact that there is enough research the world over that stresses the importance of play in early childhood development. We realise that we need to do far more work on helping people see the developmental value of play for young children.

## *Kilikili within*

Internally, we have been able to build a vibrant and active Steering group consisting of the trustees, parent members and professionals who support our vision. This group has been meeting regularly, providing direction and strategic support to the programmes and activities of Kilikili. We have also been able to slowly build a good volunteer base with whose support, we are sure we will translate into reality, what has been a dream for many of us. We also look forward to having more parents join us as we move into our second year.



## *The future beckons*

We see Kilikili growing not as an organisation, or even as an institution but growing as an idea and becoming a movement.

A Movement to ensure children with disabilities are able to enjoy their inherent right to play, along with all other children, in public play spaces.

A Movement that will bring together all sections of society in helping us safeguard the right of every child in the city, irrespective of ability, class, caste, gender, ethnicity, religion, to adequate, appropriate and safe public spaces for recreation and leisure.

A Movement that will help sow the seeds not only for inclusive play but for an inclusive community and an inclusive society, in the years to come.

### Steering group members

Name	Occupation, role in Kilikili
Rani Benedict	Working in IBM, Parent, Trustee
Ganesh Anantharaman	HR and OD trainer, Parent, Trustee
Kavitha Krishnamoorthy	Development professional, Parent, Managing Trustee
Alex Rodrigues	Working in MAYA, Parent
Wilma Rodrigues	Working in SAAHAS, Parent
Chitra Vishwanath	Architect – specialises in eco architecture and accessibility architecture
Meena Jain	Special educator, psychologist, Child Welfare Committee member
Mary Jacob	Architect, Faculty Srishti School of Design



## ***Thank You!***

We thank the following individuals and institutions without whom Kikili would not have taken flight

**Mr. K. Jairaj**, Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike

**Mr Udupidi**, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP

**Mr. Narayanaswamy**, Chief Horticultural Officer (East), BBMP

**Mr. Bishekappa**, Engineer, BBMP

All of whom have ensured that the model of inclusive play spaces takes off in a public play area

**Mr L. Krishnan**, Managing Director, Taegutec

Our patron, **Bombay Jayshri** and

All our individual donors each of whom has played a critical role in bringing in the financial support needed for the project

**Action Aid India** and especially Nithila Bhaskaran for supporting the Consultation **Association for People with Disability, Karnataka Welfare Association for the Blind and Sunaad, Institute of Speech and Hearing and their students and teachers** who participated in the Consultations

Alvito and the team and Focus Communications for responding to all our needs, often at the last minute!

**Mukta Foundation** especially **C. S. Sharadaprasad** and **Pradeep** for designing our website

Our team of extremely committed **volunteers** who work untiringly and uncomplainingly to help us realise our vision

## *Join us!!*

If you would like to be a part of Kikili, its vision and its activities please do write to us at:

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Email: [kilikili.uap@gmail.com](mailto:kilikili.uap@gmail.com); [info@kilikili.org](mailto:info@kilikili.org)

Website: [www.kilikili.org](http://www.kilikili.org)

Cheques or DDs may be sent in the name of Kikili to the above address. You would be able to claim Income Tax exemption (under 80G) for your donations. Your support will go a long way in helping us realise our vision of creating inclusive play spaces for all children.

Ref.

Date:

**THE TRUSTEES**  
**KILIKILI**  
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### **AUDIT REPORT**

We have audited the Balance Sheet "KILIKILI", BANGALORE, as at **31st March, 2007** and the Income and Expenditure account for the year ended on that date, annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

1. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Association, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
  2. We have obtained all the information and explanation, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
  3. In our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept by the Association so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
  4. The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.
  5. In our opinion and to the best of information and according to the explanations given to us, the accounts read with the schedule and notes thereon give a true and fair view:
    - (a) In the case of Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of M/s. Kilikili, Bangalore as at 31st March 2007
- And
- (b) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account of the Excess of Income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

PLACE : BANGALORE  
DATE : 29.05.2007

For **M. R. BALARAJ & CO.**,  
Chartered Accountants

**M. RAVINDRA BALARAJ**  
Proprietor



Receipts and Payment for the Period 01-06-2006 to 31-03-2007					
Receipts			Payments		
By Donations Received		210753.00	To Programme Expenses	135231.80	
" Programme Income		12000.00	" Trust Registration Expenses	2000.00	
" Interest on SB A/c		403.00	" Postage & Courier Charges	806.20	
			" Printing & Stationery	8670.00	
			" Professional Charges	6000.00	
			" Telephone Charges	7200.00	
			" Travelling & Conveyance	10237.00	
			" Bank Charges	594.00	
			Closing Cash and Bank Balance		170739
			" Cash on Hand	535.40	
			" State Bank of India SB A/c	51881.60	
					52417.00
		223156.00			223156.00

Income and Expenditure for The Year Ended 31st March 2007					
Receipts			Income		
To Programme Expenses	135231.80		By Donations Received		210753.00
" Trust Regn Expenses	2000.00		" Programme Income		12000.00
" Postage & Courier Charges	806.20		" Interest on SB A/c		403.00
" Printing & Stationery	8670.00				
" Professional Charges	6000.00				
" Telephone Charges	7200.00				
" Traveling & Conveyance	10237.00				
" Bank Charges	594.00				
" Salaries	24000.00				
		194739.00			
" Excess of Income Over Expend.		28417.00			
		223156.00			223156.00

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2007					
Capital Fund			Closing Cash and Bank Balance		
Excess of Income Over Expend.		28417.00	Cash on Hand	535.40	
Provisions			State Bank of India - SB A/c	51881.60	
Salary Payable		24000.00			52417.00
	Total	52417.00	Total		52417.00

Place : Bangalore  
Date : 29.05.2007

As per our report of even date  
For **M.R. BALARAJ & CO.,**  
Chartered Accountants

**Kavitha Krishnamoorthy**  
Mg. Trustee