



# A MEAL a day To keep HUNGER away

**CHOKKAPAN S, Byappanahalli**

**Y**ou have heard about Akshaya Patra. Here's another such charity organisation that feeds underprivileged children. A registered charitable trust, Manav Charities has over the last one year, been organising a breakfast programme — between 7.30 am and 8.30 am — to provide nutritious meal to poor children, who are living in slums in and around Byappanahalli.

According to Rajendra Kulkarni, secretary, Manav Charities, "Every child has the right to have food. But many parents who reside in slums are struggling to make ends meet. As they are dependent on their daily income for their livelihood, many children are left hungry. Now, the trust has associated itself with NGO Fundraisers and Nammura Hotels to fulfil its dream project."

As part of this initiative, children are issued identity cards and coupons to ensure that the

... seems the motto of this charitable trust

also extend health services to them; they can avail these using the same ID free of cost. Till recently, we used to run our own kitchen in Kammanahalli, but to ensure quality and easy operations, we have entrusted the job to Nammura Hotels," says Rajendra.

Soon, the trust plans to extend the programme to Hubli, Bidar and other parts of the state, before going nationwide.

For more, log on to [www.manavcharities.org](http://www.manavcharities.org).

food reaches only them and not others. "Now, about 1,500 children from in and around Byappanahalli are fed well. We



The mobile unit of Manav Charities



Volunteers distribute food to children