LEAD (leaders acceleration development program) is an initiative of Deshpande Centre for Social Entrepreneurship (DCSE) foundation founded by Smt. Jaishree Deshpande and Gururaj Deshpande in 1996. LEAD is a unique youth development program that aims in building the nation of young leaders who can bring innovating solutions to the problems that they come across the society. The lead offers students an opportunity to make a change in their world. The objective of LEAD is to provide experimental learning to the students and to develop their LEADERship, communication, presentation, innovation and initiative skills. The lead program, an initiative of DCSE, focuses on fostering social entrepreneurship and innovative ideas of youth in college campus. In the LEAD program, students are motivated to carryout projects voluntarily, which will help the society at the large is an attempt to fix issues within their community. LEAD will support advanced trainings to the students like IT, Leadership, communication, RTI and Creativity skills. LEAD cell promotes and supports best performing students. It also supports financially for various projects that will help the society. The LEADER is the student incharge of the project, who manages the other team members and take the responsibility till the project completion. LEADers have the opportunity to network with successful social entrepreneurs, gain leadership and volunteer experiences and work intimately with the local community.

BIET has made an MOU with LEAD cell on 30-03-2011 for three years. About 200 students of 2nd and 4th semester have registered for BIET-LEAD cell and actively involved in conducting social programs. LEAD cell has selected about 25 student projects and suported financially.
Under the BIET-LEAD cell, students and staff of BIET participated in the “CANDLE MARCH AGAINST CORRUPTION” to support Sri. Anna Hazare, social activist on 6\textsuperscript{th} of April 2011 starting from college campus to Gundi Mahadevappa circle. The Deputy Commissioner of Davangere District Sri P.S. Vastrad had flag off the rally, Sri. A.C. Jayanna, Chairman, Prof. Y. Vrushabhendrappa, Director, Dr. B.T. Achyutha, Principal, Dr. A.G. Shankara Murthy, Co-ordinator BIET-LEAD cell and Mr. Ajay Suman Shukla, Program Manager (LEAD Hubli) were present in the program.

LEADER Kiran G. has done the project on creating awareness on jan lokpal bill and an eye check up camp. Another LEADER Mr. Ashwin Kumar organised a rock band program “Embark” to help the people suffering from Haemophilia and donated Rs. 40,000/- to the Haemophilia Foundation, Davangere. Mr. Ashwin Kumar has got the BEST LEADER award during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} YUVA SUMMIT 2012 held in Deshpande Foundation, BVB College Campus, Hubli in January, 2012.
The students of India have big ideas for a better India. LEADers Accelerating Development (LEAD) helps students realize their dreams of changing India. LEAD empowers youth to make change by funding innovative projects for lasting community impact. Students work on health, environmental, agriculture, livelihoods, natural resources education, and technology projects. LEAD is a student centered organization, and highly motivated team works to enable students to think creatively and achieve their goals. They network with colleges and students, and create leadership pipelines for LEADers who show interest in taking action on their ideas. LEAD brainstorm with students and give them the best tools they need to develop their leadership, communication and networking skills.

The LEAD movement started in the Hubli-Dharwad area in 2008. Currently, there are over 4,000 LEADers. LEAD’s vision is to expand throughout India and create a national youth movement to address India’s most pressing issues. Currently LEAD networks with 50+ college of Karnataka and 14000+ students have become part of it.

*A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.* - John C Maxwell

**LEAD PRAYANA 2013**

An initiative of LEADers Accelerating Development (LEAD) of Deshpande Foundation, Hubli, LEAD PRAYANA is devised to bring young and talented minds together to unleash their leadership potential. PRAYANA, as the name signifies, is a leadership journey where 100 young students participated in the leadership tour of Karnataka in January 2013. This twelve-day odyssey gives participants an opportunity to meet the leaders who have demonstrated efficient leadership by working relentlessly in their field of interest for the benefit of the society. The objective of this event is to inspire innovation and leadership potential in every participant. The journey covers Hubli, Murudeshwar, Manipal, Dharmasthala, Mysore, Kuppam (AP), Bangalore, Chitradurga and Dharwad.

During LEAD Prayana, the Prayanis visited nine different cities and had the opportunity to meet, network with, and learn from several inspirational role models which include : Mr. Ratan Tata, Mr. Narayana Murthy, Mrs. Sudha Murty, Mrs. Jaishree Deshpande, Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Gujuraj “Desh” Deshpande, Dr. Narayana Reddy, Mr. Harish Hande, Mr. P. Manivanan, Mr. Phanindra Sama, Mr. Ramji Raghavan, Ms Rashmi Bansal, and Dr. H. Vinod Bhat. These role
models engaged with the Prayanis and taught them the importance of determination, hard work, perseverance, innovation, humility, and capitalizing on opportunity.

**LEAD YUVA SUMMIT 2013**

January 30th, 2013 marked the Deshpande Foundation’s 3rd annual Yuva Summit, where hundreds of students, academicians and industrialists participated to commemorate the LEADers on their projects and accomplishments. The Yuva Summit is one of the opening events for the Deshpande Foundation’s annual Development Dialogue and an annual international conference that features some of India’s greatest pioneers in entrepreneurship and development.

About 60 inspirational projects were showcased in the event, 5 LEADers Mr. Ratan Tata, Mr. Narayan Murthy, Mrs. Sudha Murthy, and Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar presented the “Best Leader” award for carrying out projects that exemplified innovation and led to significant impact.