



Happynings

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**NO MATTER HOW BIG THE SUCCESS IS,
THE BEGINNING IS ALWAYS SMALL**



Manjeet is an accomplished youth, training to become an officer in the Indian Army. As a young adolescent, he shifted to a Youth Home from the Children's Village. At the Youth Home, he received counselling and guidance under Kalyan Jee Singh, the Youth co-worker who directed him towards the right path and made him understand the importance of education. Under his supervision, Manjeet improved his English speaking skills and was enrolled in Hermann Gmeiner School, Faridabad. He only confided in his Youth co-worker who recognised Manjeet's talents. Kalyan Jee Singh planned regular counselling sessions for Manjeet and even gave him the opportunity to participate in acting and painting. Manjeet started excelling at school and graduated high school with distinguished grades after which he completed a 3-year diploma in Automobile Engineering. He has always been in touch with his Youth co-worker and turns to him for advice and guidance. Today Manjeet is a step closer towards his dream of becoming an Army officer and serving the nation with passion and determination.

SOS IN NEWS

SOS Children's Village, Srinagar receives an Award of Honor from CT University for their tireless efforts towards social welfare.

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In an article by Times Of India, our Secretary General, Sumanta Kar talks about how abandoned children might fall prey to child labour, traffickers, etc.

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SOS Children's Village, Visakhapatnam receives a merit certificate from the district authority in recognition of the welfare of child rights and protection of children without parental care.



Karandha Kumar Rama receiving merit certificate from District In-charge Minister Karandha Kumar Rama in Visakhapatnam

District admin honours SOS Children's Village

HANS NEWS SERVICE district in-charge minister VISAKHAPATNAM Karandha Kumar Rama on the occasion of the 75th Independence Day

Many children from SOS Children's Villages of India sent handmade rakhis to doctors, nurses and other staff of Max Hospital Saket and Gurugram.

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THE HINDU
Rescued children send handmade 'rakhis', cards to doctors and nurses as mark of respect

Several rescued children, including those who have been orphaned due to COVID-19, have sent handmade 'rakhis' and greetings cards to doctors, nurses and other staff of Max Smart Super Specialty Hospital in Saket and Max Hospital, Gurugram, a spokesperson of the hospital group said on August 21, adding that a similar gesture has been made by children of the NGO for doctors and others at All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Bhubaneswar too.

SOS IN ACTION

Youth Help in Raising Donations

Two class XII students helped in raising 4 lakhs for Children's Village (CV) Bangalore with the support of their parents and the Rotary Club. They also donated 14 tablets, 180 sweet packs, and 500 masks.



Shield for 'The Best Services'

The District Collector of Nagapattinam District of Tamil Nadu awarded a certificate along with a shield to CV Nagapattinam for the protection of children in need.



Independence Day Celebration at CV Pune

Ms. Vandana Chavan (MP) visited CV Pune and planted 75 saplings with the children to commemorate 75 years of Independence.



Hareli Festival Celebration at CV Raipur

One of the most popular festivals celebrated by farmers in Chhattisgarh, the Hareli Festival was celebrated with much fervor at CV Raipur.



Proud Moment for our Girl Child

Sakshi Arlekar from CV Alibaug was invited by District Collector, Raigad to be Chief Guest on the occasion of Revenue Day award function.

Seminar for Secondary Caregivers at Family Strengthening (FS) Varanasi

An interactive and insightful session was conducted for the fathers in FS families, Varanasi. It focused on gender sensitization, government schemes, different Committees of the Panchayat and their roles and responsibilities in the development of the village.



COVID-19 Vaccination in Family Strengthening Hojai

In collaboration with the Health Department, Government of Assam organized COVID-19 vaccination in Clusters Kumrokata and Dhanuhar supported by Family Strengthening Programme Hojai. All the community members, whether part of the programme or not, were outreached and vaccinated over a span of 5 to 7 days. Everyone is thrilled about getting vaccinated and our initiative was recognized.

Entrepreneurship Training for Caregivers

FS Nagapattinam organized a training programme on entrepreneurship for our caregivers from Manjakollai and Palaiyur clusters. 60 caregivers (mothers supported under the FS Programme) got an insight into various entrepreneurial skills that can improve their financial status and quality of life. Over these sessions, topics such as effective management of finance, basic rules for new start-ups or businesses, the need for leadership and marketing skills, effective planning, government linkages for start-ups were discussed.



Child Rights Exhibition by Don Bosco Organisation

In FS Begusarai, Bal Panchayat members participated in the exhibition and raised awareness through projects on Child Marriage, Child Labor and Child Exploitation.

International Youth Day Celebration at FS Latur

Youth from Panchpeer cluster participated enthusiastically and made a presentation on India's current affairs. Some of them shared their challenges through a video on 'Transforming Food System and Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health'.



Raksha Bandhan Celebration at SOS Children's Villages of India

Children across all SOS Children's Villages of India celebrated Rakshabandhan. Many CV's organized Rakhi tying ceremony in the presence of influential authorities of the Government, keeping COVID appropriate behaviour. Our children also tied Rakhi to nurses, doctors and other frontline workers, who are COVID warriors and their heroes. Most importantly, they tied Rakhi to the brave hearts of the country – Army officials

THANK YOU

For rekindling hope, spreading joy!

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions and relentless support in helping those impacted by the pandemic. You have been our constant companion in making a difference to the communities we operate in. With you by our side, we will continue to empower the lesser privileged, helping them sail through these turbulent times.

A little can change a lot. Do your part to help them out during these trying times.

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