

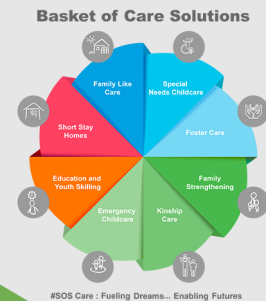
# Happynings

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The pandemic has played havoc with lives, the world over. This period has been rife with challenges, but as they say: "Every cloud has a silver lining!" What matters is the lens through which situations are perceived, and faced.

SOS Happynings brings you stories of hope and happiness, which, we feel, will find deep resonance with you.

**Happy reading!**



## Beacon of Hope

Financial independence does wonders for an individual and his/her family. Confidence and respect are just some aspects attained. Let us share the journey of Anita with you: a mother of four, she was earning around INR 100 per day as a daily wage labourer! With this paltry income, and her husband, Gulli, supplementing the family kitty as best he could, the family was facing abject poverty.

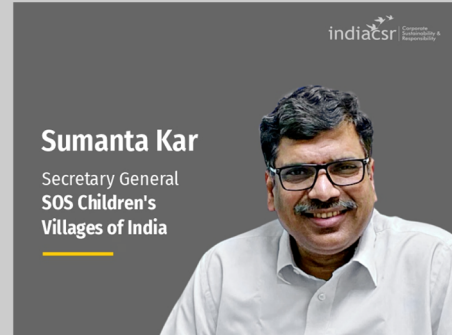
It was a turn of luck that she got herself enrolled under the Family Strengthening Programme (FSP) – a programme by SOS Children's Villages of India (SOSCVI). With the intervention of SOSCVI, Anita joined the Maa Durga Self-Help Group, where she attended various workshops that empowered her with skill sets geared to facilitate financial independence. She also attended literacy classes and honed her calculation skills. Today, she is one of the caregivers of the Gurukul community located in Faridabad, Haryana. Anita's narrative is highlighted as the Government is consistently taking steps to ensure the upliftment of the rural poor through Self-Help Groups that aim to encourage financial independence.

SOSCVI's Family Strengthening Programme has brought about a sea of changes in the lives of many like Anita, who have had to struggle very hard to sustain their families, meet basic needs and educate their children. Today, with the basics, including health and education taken care of, hundreds of rural women can focus on fulfilling their dreams of a better tomorrow.

# SOSCVI in the News

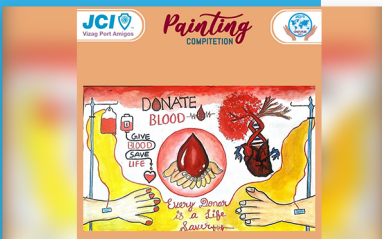


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Livelihood Rehabilitation Project by NGO at Avalanche-Hit Karchhon of Uttarakhand  
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## In Action!



### Honing creative talents as part of holistic development

Two children from SOS Children's Village Visakhapatnam, R. Vennela and P. Devi, were facilitated with prizes for their participation in an online painting competition held by the Junior Chamber International (JCI), a worldwide federation of young leaders and entrepreneurs. The children were delighted to receive their respective prizes at a function organized by JCI to commemorate its 105th anniversary. Mr. K.S.S. Sai Varma, President of JCI Visakhapatnam, presented the awards, in the presence of Mr. Vara Prasad, Divisional Manager, Union Bank of India. Way to go, children!



### A visit to be remembered

The Chairperson of the Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (RSCPCR), Ms. Sangeeta Beniwal, recently visited the Children's Village in Jaipur. She was accompanied by Mr. Rohit from the District Child Protection Unit. The visit witnessed an engrossing interaction between Ms. Beniwal, the CV co-workers and children; saplings were also planted to mark the occasion.



### Awareness is the key

Our Family Strengthening Programme in Shillong initiated the Jagarukata Rath Campaign in the Pynthor cluster, in collaboration with the Block Development Office (BDO), Bhiorynmbobg block. With the help of health workers, assigned by the BDO, the campaign was successfully implemented. Before flagging-off of the Rath, caregivers from the community performed a Nukkad Natak based on busting 'myths' around, and the need for timely vaccination.



### A kind and thoughtful gesture can go such a long way

As part of the Family Strengthening Programme in Bhopal, 110 children from 65 COVID-19 affected families were supported with stationary material. This support was extended in association with the Child Welfare Committee of Bhopal. A special note of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Singh, Nirupam Builders, for their kind contribution and ensuring many smiles on the faces of the children.





### **A rich learning experience, and a fulfilling journey draws to an end**

The emergency relief intervention in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand saw its conclusion. To mark this, a 'get-together' was organized, in the presence of Ms. Kumkum Joshi (Honourable SDM, Joshimath) and other Panchayat Members. Ms. Joshi applauded SOSCVI's interventions and efforts, especially related to children, and the support extended to vulnerable families. A gratifying moment, indeed!



### **The act of giving is a wonderful feeling**

The Family Strengthening Programme team in Hyderabad supported 58 families enrolled under the programme, and 10 families from the community, with dry ration kits sponsored by Akshaya Patra. These kits included basic essentials like Rice, Atta, Chana Dal, Toor Dal, Moong Dal, Oil Packets and other such essential items. Not only were the beneficiaries happy to receive the support, but so were the team members, who were a part of extending help during difficult times.



### **Equipping youth with a better understanding of disaster risk reduction**

In today's time and age, diverse skill sets are needed to aptly handle the various challenges that have to be faced. Keeping this important aspect in mind, youth of CV Nagapattinam participated in a Disaster Risk Reduction conducted by Fire Services Nagapattinam. The session included various activities that equipped the young boys to understand disaster risk reduction and management in a systematic and effective manner.

# **A note of thanks**

Courage, commitment, trust, and accountability are the four core beliefs and attitudes that SOS Children's Villages has been built upon. These enduring values guide our actions, decisions and relationships as we work towards fulfilling our mission!



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# 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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