





BASKET OF CARE SOLUTIONS

# Visit of Dr. Dereje Wordofa, President, SOS Children's Villages International





## Supporting a Dream, Building a Future

Soundarya\* is a 22-year-old girl from the Weaver's Colony Cluster, Bengaluru. Her mother Sujata\* is a caregiver served by our Family Strengthening Programme, and her father worked in a power loom as a labourer. With the help, the couple have now started their own power loom.

Soundarya scored 94% in the PUC examination and secured a good ranking in CET too. She aspired to become a doctor, but at the time, her family was unable to help her financially. SOS Children's of India played a vital role in convincing the family and facilitating her higher education dreams.

Presently, Soundarya is in her 4th year of BDS, excelling every year. During her free time, she extends support towards the Family Strengthening Programme. After graduating, she intends to begin her practice and also organise dental camps to support the underserved.

\*Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the youth and caregiver



## A Celebration of Hope, Growth and the Creative Spirit: E-Tarang 2021

Held in November 2021, E-Tarang saw the enthusiastic participation of Mothers, children and Coworkers of SOS Children's Villages of India.

The 'APJ Abdul Kalam oath' taken by children reiterated our commitment to building a more inclusive and progressive nation. Dressed in outfits that showcased the colors of the Indian national flag, talented children from Children's Villages Kalan 'sang' the National Anthem in sign language. Other activities included quizzes, song and dance competitions, extempore speeches, and an exhibition of science projects which showcased some innovative ideas - such as a possible solution for preventing oil spillage into water bodies.

This festival of joy and creativity also welcomed special guests from all walks of life. Bollywood star Sanjana Sanghi left a heart-warming message for the children, wishing them all the best and saluting their creative spirit.



## Welcoming Her Excellency Ms. Yasiel Burillo, the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to India, to SOS Children's Village Greenfields

Her Excellency Ms. Yasiel Burillo, the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to India, paid a goodwill visit to SOS Children's Village Greenfields. The visit was on the occasion of the bicentennial celebration of the independence of the Republic of Panama from Spain.

During the visit, Her Excellency Burillo learnt more about the work SOS Children's Villages of India does in the domains of childcare and development. She interacted with Mothers and children in the Village. A film screening provided valuable insights into the culture, heritage and history of the country. An entertainment programme for the children was also organized by the Embassy. The event ended with the distribution of blankets, and baskets of edible goodies for the children.



In the Ambassador's words: "It has been a wonderful experience spending time, today, at the SOS Children's Village Greenfields. A lot of good work is being done by SOS Children's Villages of India in the domain of wholesome child development. This visit has been a great opportunity to learn and share."

## **Training Caregivers through the Family Strengthening Programme (FSP)**

A vital part of capacity building and self-reliance is food security. To empower caregivers and secure the supply of essential nutrients, the Family Strengthening Programme (FSP) organised training sessions on creating kitchen gardens. The sessions supported the procurement of seeds, organic manure and helped create small gardens on patches of land available near respective residential areas. The knowledge of what, when, and how to cultivate has been extremely beneficial for families, especially those adversely impacted by the pandemic.





#### Appreciation for work done during the pandemic

FSP Hyderabad was presented with the Best Covid Warrior Appreciation Certificate and Memento by the District Welfare Department, Telangana. The award was in honour of exceptional work during the pandemic for the welfare of children, families and communities.

Additional Collector Mr Prateek Jain, IAS, and other dignitaries handed the certificate to the team.

FS Thrissur also received an appreciation letter from the concerned Panchayat for supporting more than 600 COVID-19 positive children through childcare spaces in the COVID-19 FirstLine Treatment Center.

#### A Street Play on Child Marriage at FS Markal Cluster



An integral part of combating social challenges is awareness. Street plays have been an effective medium in addressing some of the most pressing challenges our society faces.

Mrs. Shubhangi Deshmukh, First Information Person, FLC, trained around 20 children in the art of performing effective street plays. This particular play on the issue of Child Marriage was performed at the weekly bazaar of the FS Markal Cluster. Approximately 200 people watched this play, enthused.

Commenting on the play, Madhu\*, a participant said: "I am very happy to be a part of this play, as it is based on an important subject; besides, we had a strong audience of about 150 plus people watching

\*Name changed to protect the privacy of the youth





#### **Encouraging Talents**

On the occasion of International Children's Day, an article highlighting children with special talents appeared in Navodaya Times. One of our children, was featured here.



# बच्चे मन के सच्चे, प्रयास सराहें उनके चे अपनी पूरी कोशिश करते हैं। और हां, हर बच्चा खास । सभी के भीतर कुछ ना कुछ विशेषता होती है। तभी तो ई बच्चा पढ़ाई अच्छी करता है तो कोई गाना बहुत मधुर गाता है तो कोई खेल में अव्वल आता है। बच्चे कुछ भी

जसा कालाग आप, वह देस की ही परवरिश में बल्ले बडे है और उनके भीतर गुण–अवगुण आते है वह कहते हैं ना कि संस्कार जरूरी है। यह सब माता– पिता और परिवार से ही बच्चों के भीतर आते हैं। यह बात तो परिवार-संस्कार की हो गई। लेकिन जब बात पढ़ाई-लिखाई या कुछ करके दिखाने की



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बदता है। नवोदय टाइम्स बाल दिवस पर कुछ बच्चों की काबलियत का बखान कर रहा है:-अभाव में भी दिखा रहीं प्रतिभा हेंदुरपुर क्षेत्र में क्षत्री कक्षा में ली प्रियंका अपन र अभव साथन न बहुत तेज हैं। प्रि

अच्छा करें उसे पूरे मन से सराहा जाना चाहिए । अच्छा करने पर जब सराहना मिलती है तो नौनिहालों का हौसला



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#### **Community Theatre Workshop** organized by FSP Begusarai at **Ratauli 5 Village**

FSP Begusarai conducted a community-level Theatre Workshop at Ratauli 5 village. Seven SHG members and leaders actively participated. Film screenings on important social issues were held, where the watch list included movies like 'Toilet - Ek Prem Katha' and 'Padman'. After the event, 2-3 Didis shared their personal experiences on matters of health and hygiene. A similar event was organized for the Bal Panchavat members. where the movie 'I Am Kalaam' was screened. Around 60 children participated.

#### **New FSP Centre inaugurated at Nayatola**

In Nayatola, FSP caregivers took up the responsibility to build a Community Centre for conducting various FSP related activities. Materials and finances were pooled together through Shramdaan, and the center was inaugurated in November 2021.

#### Spreading Awareness on Prevention of COVID-19: Street Plays and Rallies organised by FSP Bawana

FSP Bawana organised street plays and rallies while maintaining COVID-19 protocols to spread awareness about the new variant in the country and the importance of vaccination. Members of the Sambhavna Natya Manch and Bal Panchayat actively participated in the activity. The main objective was to create awareness in the community on the importance of vaccination against COVID-19.





#### Fresh from the field: Skill Development Training at the community level

A Skill Development Training was organised at Rautali-5. Seven SHGs were involved, and a total number of participants 50 members participated. The ultimate objective of delivering the training programme was to promote an eco-friendly environment. For example, in the Baurani Township, Begusarai, plastic bags are strictly prohibited, which is why paper bags are being promoted.

Trainer-cum-resource person, Neelam Didi, who is already a SHG member of NULM, Begusarai Nagar Nigam, delivered the training; this training could serve also an alternative livelihood opportunity, in collective approach, with proper marking strategies.

## **An Appreciation from The Honorable Revenue Minister of Kerala**





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Sub:- Appreciation for supporting the Community Kitchen, Ambulance Support for Covid patients in Pananchery Panchayath and Child Care space for children in CFLTC, Puthur

SOS Children's Villages of India, has contributed a significant support to the needycovid positive people through running the community kitchen and ambulance support in PanancheryGramPanchayat, Thrissur.I am so delighted to know that SOS Children's Villages of Indiawas able to support almost 600 families with 7500 food packets through community kitchen and helping 560 emergency covid positive patients with ambulance supportin Pananchery Panchayath.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020, I could take part in the inauguration of your unique Child Care Space in CFLTC, Puthur by giving toys, TV, books for library etc. I understand that you supported covid positive children with nutritious foods and engaged two nursesin this child care space to help the children for organising different activities. I feel immense pleasure to know that SOS Children's Villages of India supported 652 covid positive children in this child care space.

I sincerely thank and appreciate the organisation for the remarkable service and humane work extended during COVID pandemic period for the Covid patients in Pananchery and Puthur panchayaths.



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# In The News

### SOS Children's Villages of India awarded the State Nehru Child Protection Award of Rajasthan

Under the aegis of the Integrated Child Protection Services (ICDS), the State Nehru Child Protection Award is given to honour individuals/organisations for their contribution towards the cause of Child Rights and Protection in the State of Rajasthan.

At the Award Ceremony on November 14, 2021, the Honourable Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot, presented the award to SOS Children's Villages of India.

Mr. Sumanta Kar, Secretary-General, SOS Children's Villages of India, said: "The NGO is humbled by the recognition it has received from the State Government of Rajasthan. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honorable Chief Minister, Shri Ashok Gehlot Ji, for recognising our work with this award. Through our quality Basket of Care Solutions, we strive to empower children and communities. This award motivates us to continue our good work in the domain of child protection and wholesome child development."

#### Shri K Rajan, Revenue Minister of Kerala, celebrates International Children's Day at SOS Children's Village of Thrissur

Honourable Revenue Minister of the Government of Kerala, Shri K Rajan, visited SOS Children's Village Thrissur on the occasion of International Children's Day. Smt. Sree Vidya Rajesh, President, and Shri Rejith, Vice President, Nadathara Gram Panchayat, also graced the occasion.

The Minister and other delegates witnessed the NGO's footprint in Thrissur from 1983 till date through photographs. This was followed by a visit to a short-stay home, where the Minister interacted with children and Mothers.

## एसओएस चिल्ड्रन विलेज को बाल संरक्षण में अपने काम के लिए राज्य नेहरू बाल संरक्षण पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया



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जयपुर। भारत के सबसे बडे स्व-कार्यान्वयन एनजीओ, एसओएस चिल्डन्स विलेज ऑफ इंडिया को बाल संरक्षण के क्षेत्र में अपने काम के लिए प्रतिष्ठित राज्य नेहरू बाल संरक्षण पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है। एकीकृत बाल संरक्षण के सेवाओं (आईसीडीएस) तत्वावधान में राज्य नेहरू बाल संरक्षण पुरस्कार, राजस्थान राज्य में बाल अधिकारों और संरक्षण के लिए लोगों के योगदान के लिए उन्हें सम्मानित करने के लिए दिया जाता है। पुरस्कार समारोह 14 नवंबर, 2021 को हुआ। राजस्थान के माननीय मुख्यमंत्री श्री अशोक गहलोत ने यह पुरस्कार एनजीओ को सौंपा। एनजीओं द्वारा पुरस्कार प्राप्त करने के अवसर पर, एसओएस

चिल्डून्स विलेज ऑफ इंडिया के महासचिव, श्री सुमंत कर ने कहा-+राजस्थान की राज्य सरकार से मिली मान्यता का विनम्रता से स्वागत करते हैं। हम इस अवसर पर माननीय मुख्यमंत्री श्री अशोक गहलोत जी को इस पुरस्कार के साथ हमारे काम को मान्यता देने के लिए धन्यवाद देना चाहते हैं। हमारे गुणवत्तापूर्ण देखभाल समाधानों के माध्यम से, हम बच्चों और समुदायों को सशक्त बनाने का प्रयास करते हैं। यह पुरस्कार हमें बाल संरक्षण और समग्र बाल विकास के क्षेत्र में अपना अच्छा काम जारी रखने के लिए प्रेरित करता है।

एसओएस चिल्ड्रन बच्चों को माता-पिता की देखभाल के बिना या इसे खोने के जोखिम पर गुणवत्तापूर्ण देखभाल सेवाएं प्रदान करता है, जो व्यापक बाल विकास सुनिश्चित करती हैं।

DESABHIMANI 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, Monday Children's day celebration

## At SOS Children's Village

Mulayam: International Children's Day celebration inaugurated by minister Shri K Rajan at SOS Children's Village. Presidential address given by SOS Children's Village Director M V Mahesh. Facilitation given by Nadathara Panchayath president Sree Vidya Rajesh and Vice president P R Rejith. Ms.Aparna care leaver of village shared her life experience. The children who are excellent in academics and Non academics, zonal and national level winners were honoured by minister. Cultural programmes presented by children. Vote of thanks given by Vinod TD.

# **In Addition**

## A Workshop was Organised for the Family Strengthening Programme Team

A workshop on creative content writing and photography was organised for the Family Strengthening team by Ms. Sarah Berry, Lead – Communication and Mr. Christo Shajan, Manager – Communication. The objective was to focus on "communicating more in less" through the medium of non-verbal communication, of which photography is also an integral part. Nuances, challenges and tips were shared as part of an intro session on the subject. The two-hour workshop saw great interaction and an interesting Q & A session.

# 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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