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# HAPPYNNINGS

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# IN ACTION



## WASH interventions implemented by the FSP Begusarai

Lack of proper hygiene measures like regular hand washing exposes children to risk of diarrheal and waterborne diseases.

The FSP team Begusarai organised WASH interventions to spread awareness, and facilitate behavioural change on this very important subject. These sessions were held for the community members of Ratauli-5.



## Pragati Path Foundation organises exposure sessions for SHG Members served by the FSP, Varanasi

As part of entrepreneurship training for SHG members, an exposure programme was organised by Pragati Path Foundation. Mrs Neelam Patel and Mr Deepak Pujari, Secretary and Director of the Foundation respectively, conducted the training sessions. They also took the participants on a field visit to provide a first-hand experience of income generation activities.

## Entrepreneurship skilling programme for caregivers organised by FSP Alibaug



In collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, the FSP team in Alibaug organised a two-day skilling programme for caregivers on 'Entrepreneurship Development: Making Chinese Food and Soups'. 45 caregivers from Shetphal village participated in the programme.





## Training sessions on livestock rearing by FSP Varanasi

Livestock rearing is a key component of rural incomes, and the economies of developing nations, as it contributes to family nutrition and income, livelihoods, agricultural traction and diversification, among others. The FSP Varanasi team conducted training sessions on livestock rearing and dairy farming. The sessions covered a wide range of topics, including the scope of dairy farming, the care and upkeep of livestock within properties, livestock insurance, and entrepreneurship opportunities through dairy farming.



## Government housing benefits for communities served by the FSP Korada

One of the many initiatives that are implemented as part of the Family Strengthening Programme or FSP is generation of awareness – a part of which is citizen awareness i.e. awareness about rights and responsibilities. The Government provides many benefits to its citizens under a variety of schemes, about which generation of awareness is vital. Under one such schemes, the Government of Andhra Pradesh allotted plots of land for 8 caregivers and 1 animator from the Korada cluster under a housing scheme.

## Michael Pörtl, COO - SOS Children's Villages International, visits India





## A programme on nutrition held as part of the Kinship Care programme, Nagapattinam

Ms. Sangeetha, Nutritionist, Issac Newton Educational Institution, conducted a session on Nutrition and Diet for children; she also covered various dishes which could be cooked for children that will encourage them to eat a well-balanced diet. Ms. Sangeetha also replied to questions posed by caregivers.



## Making dreams a reality - Prabhat shares his journey

Prabhat, CV Greenfields, graduated with a B. Tech. (CSE) degree from NIT Uttarakhand in 2021 and is currently working with a software company in Hyderabad, drawing an annual salary of Rs. 35.25 lakhs. On a visit to CV Bhimtal, Prabhat is seen here interacting with the youth and motivating them to study well and work hard.



## Substance abuse awareness session at CV Bangalore

In association with Christ University, Bangalore, CV Bangalore organised a Substance Abuse Awareness session. Conducted under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan initiative, the interactive session educated children on the ill effects of substance abuse, why it occurs and how it can be dealt with. The children also drew comics on the topic and presented them as part of the activities.



## State-level consultation session on aftercare for care leavers at CV Bhopal

In collaboration with the Centre for Urban Studies at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Madhya Pradesh, Children's Villages Bhopal held a state-level consultation on the status of aftercare and care leavers. A study conducted by the institute on **Childcare Institutions and Aftercare Interventions (Madhya Pradesh)** formed the basis of discussions.

The consultation sought to discuss policy-level changes for the aftercare of care leavers to make their transition to adulthood smoother. Due to the pandemic, care leavers have been facing additional challenges in making this transition. Thus, aftercare becomes crucial for them to realise their full potential and become contributing members of society.

The participants included **Smt. D. Jalaja**, Advisor to the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, **Shri Ram Gopal Yadav**, Asst. Director at the Ministry of Women & Child Development (WCD), **Smt. Breeze Tripathy**, CWC member and **Ms Deepa**, Child Protection Officer - Non-Institutional Care at the Ministry of WCD. Many eminent professionals working for child welfare and youth care also joined the consultation.



## Pencil Education establishes a library at Chandiman, as part of the FSP Begusarai

The Pencil Education Trust established a library in the Chandiman cluster of Nalanda district that was inaugurated in the presence of children and SHG members served by the FSP Begusarai. The trust provided books, cupboards, and also made arrangements for a daily supply of newspapers.



## Observing National Science Day at Children's Village (CV) Greenfields



National Science Day was celebrated at CV and Youth Home Greenfields. The theme, "Integrated Approach in Science & Technology for a Sustainable Future" served as the basis. Various models were prepared and placed on display, along with the conduction of activities that aimed at exploring and enhancing the scientific temper were held.

## Srishti Jeevan Multi-Speciality Hospital, Begusarai conducts a capacity building session for caregivers as part of the the Kinship Care programme

As part of the Kinship Care Programme a capacity building session was conducted for caregivers and children, in collaboration with Srishti Jeevan Multi-Speciality Hospital, Begusarai. Mrs Sangeeta Sinha, Chairperson of CWC Begusarai, was the Chief Guest. Topics such as: child rights, child safeguarding, cyber safety, positive parenting skills, health, nutrition, hygiene, among others, were covered.



## Job-oriented youth skilling sessions conducted as part of the FSP Pune

The FSP Pune organised sessions on Life Skills and Job Readiness for HSBC VT enrolled youth in various institutions. The sessions covered a wide variety of topics like: interview readiness, improving communication skills, leadership, teamwork, et cetera, and sought to improve the interpersonal behavioral skills of youth and inculcate appropriate behaviour at work.





# STORIES OF SUCCESS

## Upskilling and creating opportunities: Karan

Karan Rao is 25 years of age and has completed his B.Sc. in Medical Lab Technology from St. John's Medical College. He has been working with a IVF centre, in Bangalore, since approximately 3 years now as a Trainee Embryologist. "I utilised the time during the pandemic to upskill myself, as I felt the dire need to do so. Upskilling would mean more income and better chances of being retained by my employer. I decided to pursue a course in Embryology, which would open career opportunities for me and also enhance my income. The challenge lay in the cost of the course." Karan has been a part of the family at SOS Children's Villages of India since he was in class 4.

The support he received from the organisation, to the tune of INR 80,000, helped him complete the 15-day course successfully. "The support was not only timely but changed the course of my life. I can now expect my career to shape up beautifully, with the passage of time. Of course, hard work and upskilling will remain the key factors."

"Everybody has problems, but instead of aiming to gain sympathy, one should aim at gaining opportunities and utilising them to the best of one's ability."



## Financially stronger for my children: Indra

"I want to ultimately buy a shop where I can sell sarees, so that I can become financially even more strong and my children can become a "Master and Ma'am" one day," says Indra, mother of 2 children, aged 9 and 6 years, residing in Bhopal. She and her husband run a saree business from their home, by selling near temples, at melas and marriages, or during festivals.

Empowered by an initial Income Generation Activity of INR 15,000 for purchasing sarees and other associated cloth material, Indra added INR 5,000 to the kitty to purchase an initial stock worth INR 20,000.

"The sarees are of all kinds: with zari, moti, and embroidery. I earn a profit of around INR 500 – 700 per day. My life is so much better than it was; I can't forget the days when my mother slogged at the brick factory.

I couldn't continue my studies, as I had to join in and help where possible. We were a family of 7 brothers and sisters, so the going was extremely tough. Now, my husband and I work together, and can support the family expenses well. My husband has also started agricultural work on rented land."

Indra understands the value of education in today's time and age, which is why she emphasises on the need for her children to continue studies, despite the disruption that pandemic has caused.

"Like every mother, I harbour dreams for my children – that they become self-reliant individuals and help society, as much as possible. This would make all the hardships









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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.

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