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IN ACTION

Women's Day Celebrations: A panel discussion on gender equality and breaking stereotypes

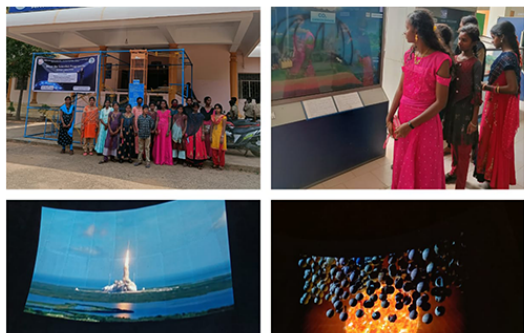
On the occasion of International Women's Day 2022, SOS Children's Villages of India held a virtual panel discussion with four women from different walks of life.

The discussion was moderated by Ms Sarah Berry, Lead -- Communications, SOS Children's Villages of India, and the panel comprised of Mr Sumanta Kar, Secretary-General, SOS Children's Villages of India, and the panel comprised of Ms Radha Raturi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Ms Ira Singhal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Delhi; Ms Neeru Ahuja, Partner, Deloitte India; Ms Shyama Jain, SOS Mother; and Ms Chandamma, Caregiver, Family Strengthening Programme.

Our esteemed panellists discussed a wide range of issues faced by Indian women, shared their own experiences and concluded that equality can only be affected by significant behaviour changes in society. Some of the key changes include - treating young boys and girls equally, investing in the education of the girl child, reskilling and upskilling women for productive employment, enabling participation of women in the labour force and encouraging more women to take leadership roles.

In addition to the above, the day was observed across FLC (Family Like Care) and FS (Family Strengthening) programmes through various activities such as speeches, games, quizzes, visits from dignitaries, cultural events, and film screenings.





Children's Day Out: A trip to a planetarium

Children under the Kinship Care programme, Nagapattinam, went on a trip to the Science Planetarium at Trichy accompanied by two mentors. They were thrilled to see a 3D film on technology and a short film on the solar system. They also saw innovations on display, which motivated their scientific temper.



Herbalife @ SOS Children's Villages, Bangalore

Mr John Agwunobi, CEO and Chairman, Herbalife Nutrition, USA, and Mr Ajay Khanna, Country Head, Herbalife International India Pvt Ltd visited SOS Children's Village Bangalore and interacted with Mothers, coworkers and children.



An exposure visit for new SHG members

The Family Strengthening Programme, Begusarai organised an exposure visit for 80 SHG (Self-Help Group) members of Chandiman and Panki clusters, Nalanda district, in collaboration with Nalanda Mahavihar University. During the exposure visit, the members gained knowledge of various crafts for the purpose of creating a livelihood for themselves.



Formation of new Suraksha Samitis

Jamuniyakala Sakal cluster (FS Bhopal) formed 3 new Suraksha Samitis, in collaboration with the Madhya Pradesh police. Formed to work for the safety and security of the community, 30 individuals, including women, have joined this new project.



On Air with SOA FM, Bhubaneswar

Nine children served FSP Bhubaneswar visited the Community Radio Station, 90.4, SOA FM, on Holi. They spent an exciting few hours interacting with a live audience on the channel.



A corporate visit with a twist

Children of Jeet Bal Panchayat, served by FSP Bawana, undertook an exposure visit to the corporate office of Make Positive Software Solutions Pvt Ltd Gurugram. They had a wonderful time interacting with employees and playing different games like table tennis and carrom.



A cyber safety workshop in Tirupati

FSP Tirupati organised a cyber safety workshop and distributed tablets to children supported by the programme. The Deputy Superintendent of Police (Cyber Cell), Mr D. Viswanath, was the chief guest of the programme.



A street play at Ragigudda

As part of World Tuberculosis Day, a street play and awareness session was organized at Ragigudda cluster. The programme was organized in collaboration with NIMHANS Nursing College and the FSP team, Bengaluru.

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Inspiring the future with a visit to her roots

Tina, a youth who was under our Family Like Care Programme, visited and interacted with children of CV Greenfields. After completing her B. Sc, she is now working in a hospital in London. Earlier, during the peak of the pandemic, she worked in a hospital in Abu Dhabi. She spoke about her journey to the children, inspiring them to work hard and study well.

Giving wings to dreams

Somnath Nimhan's parents are differently abled. In order to earn a living, his father purchased a weighing machine, with which he sits at a central location that sees many passersby. The minimal amount he charges helps him secure customers. Struggling through the years, Somnath managed to pass his class XII from a Government school. Even though he wanted to pursue further studies, he was unable to because of his family's financial condition. So instead, he decided to work part-time in a general store and support his family. The youngster was not happy with his job, but limited by his qualifications, he also couldn't find a better opportunity.

On discussing his challenges with a friend, he got to know about the skilling opportunities offered by SOS Children's Villages of India, and opted for a one-year Diploma in Radiology from VIVO Healthcare Institute, Pune. He is attending all his classes on a regular basis, while working part time, and hopes to begin his career in Radiology soon. He says that this career will serve as a springboard for a better life for him and his family.



A second chance at family

Khushbu Raut has just given her class X exams. She stays with her maternal aunt, grandparents, and other family members. Since April 2021, Khushboo and her sister Sheelu, 11 years of age, have been a part of the Kinship Care programme. Khushboo loves Maths, Physics and Chemistry, and wants to be a loco pilot after her class XII. The Kinship Care programme extends her caregiver (maternal aunt) financial support pertaining to food, clothing, and maintenance, besides emotional and psychological support and counselling for Khushbu and Sheelu, as and when needed. During the pandemic, the children's education was also supported by providing them a tablet.

Sheelu says: "I love dance, and wanted to always learn Bharatnatyam, which I am now learning thanks to the support I have been receiving under the Kinship Care programme. Maths is my favourite subject too, and didi helps me if I have doubts." Khushbu chips in: "I am curious by nature, and hence am very inquisitive. Since I have been a part of the programme, I have gained confidence, because I now know that I can follow my dream, without worrying about basic necessities in life."



IN THE NEWS

The month of March saw a total of 56 coverages including 26 print coverages and 30 online links.





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.

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