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HAPPY NINGS

MAY 2022

IN ACTION

Skill Upgradation Training Programme

The FSP team in Hojai organised a skill upgradation training programme in the domain of agriculture and crop insurance for primary caregivers of Dhanuhar Basti. We invited resource persons from the Hojai Agriculture and Insurance Department; free crop insurance was provided to the caregivers.



Capacity-Building Programme

A capacity-building programme was organised, for Mentors, by the team of the Kinship Care Programme in Begusarai; topics like Health and Nutrition, Record Keeping, Child Safeguarding and Child Rights were covered.



Sports in Education

The FSP Team in Bhopal started an initiative - "Sports in Education", wherein children interested in sports are being trained in athletics and Kabbadi, under a certified trainer.



Medical Camp

A medical camp was organised for Assam flood victims at Kumrokata cluster by FSP Team Hojai, in collaboration with AMSA (Assam Medical Service Association) and Drug Distributors Association, Hojai. Free health check-ups and medicine distribution were carried out for 405 persons.



Science Fair

A science fair was organised by the FSP team in Bhimtal; this was held at the Bhumiyadhar Government School, with the support of NGO Pratham. A two-day workshop was also organised before the fair, in which children prepared models, after understanding the concerned principles involved.



Awareness Session on Reproductive and Sexual Health

An awareness session was organised on Reproductive and Sexual Health for adolescent girls in the Orathur cluster, Nagapattinam, as part of the initiatives under the FSP. The goal of this session was to ensure that girls become self-aware and manage their menstrual cycle in a healthy and hygienic way, besides other important aspects like reproductive and sexual wellbeing.



Training Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling

The FSP Team in Vishakhapatnam organised a training programme on career guidance and counselling. Children were guided on various career options after class XII, vocational courses, career counselling etc.

Book-Keeping Refresher Training

The FSP team in Puducherry organised a book-keeping refresher training for five SHGs of Kuruvinatham cluster. Topics included maintenance of books / individual passbooks, interest rate calculation, ledger and record writing, among others.

Session on Life Skills

An interactive session on life skills was organised for children of classes 6 – 12 in Gopularam cluster, Hyderabad. Topics like time management, resilience, adaptability, focus and self-control, taking on challenges, communication, and personality development, among others, were covered.

Career Guidance Session

A session on career guidance was held for youth of families impacted by COVID-19. This session helped students to have a clear understanding of their career, after understanding what they like to do, their aptitude, capabilities and skills.

Child Rights and Cyber Safety Training Programme

Under the FSP Visakhapatnam, a training programme on Child Rights and Cyber Safety was organised. 52 tablets, loaded with learning material, were distributed, along with the training on how to use these.



Capacity Building Training

The FSP team in Nagapattinam conducted a capacity building training for SHG members of Aavarani cluster. A total of 72 participants attended the training, in two batches. The session was aimed at enhancing leadership skills.



Start-Up Business

We would like to congratulate Vaibhav, Deepak and Krushna for their start-up business. Deepak and Krushna were enrolled with us for their Diploma in Electrical and Vaibhav for Computer Hardware and Networking. Post 6 months of competition of their Diploma, they started their own business; for the purpose of marketing, they have even got their business cards printed!



Capacity-Building Programme on Parenting Skills

As part of the FSP Shillong, a capacity-building programme on parenting skills for caregivers was organised. The session covered a wide variety of topics like listening, enhancing self-esteem, mitigating challenges effectively, and others.

Birla Planetarium Visit

A visit to the Birla Planetarium was organised for children served by the FSP Chennai. The members of the Bal Panchayat and SHG members undertook the excursion, which served as an eye-opener, besides being really knowledgeable.



Digital Health Card

22 caregivers of the Sonwati cluster, Latur, were enabled with a digital health card. This card serves as a paperless method of tracking health history, digitally, while maintaining confidentiality and securing health and medical services in hospitals linked to the system.



Financial Literacy Awareness Session

The FSP team, Nagapattinam carried out a financial literacy awareness session for caregivers at Servai Karan Thoppu, Thenpathi and Niruthi Naangalam, Vadavur cluster. These sessions were conducted by a Financial Counsellor of the Reserve Bank of India, Nagapattinam. Topics like budget, paying off debt, and the five components: Earn, Spend, Save, Invest and Borrow, amongst others, were covered. Besides this, a Bal Sabha was also held in the cluster of Orathur, as part of the Bal Panchayat (Children's Parliament) activities.



Visit to Salar Jung Museum

Children from CV Hyderabad were invited by the Salar Jung Museum authority. All resident children enjoyed their visit to the museum.





Credit Facility

Four SHGs in Kailash Nagar, Kotda Athamana, Kotda availed a credit facility of Rs. 100,000, at zero per cent interest, under the Deendayal Antyodaya Scheme-NRLM (with the help of the FSP team). The main objective of this scheme is to provide credit to the rural population, enabling them to secure livelihoods.



Tablet Distribution

The FSP team in Bhopal distributed tablets to 22 children studying in classes 9 and above. Families were made aware about the usage of the tablet, as well as apprised on safety measures to be undertaken, while using the digital platform for learning.

Two-Day Sports Event

In Shillong, a two-day sports event was held, in collaboration with the Village Panchayat, Mawbesin village. Children from the Bal Panchayat (children's parliament) competed with the children of the community in sports like long jump, high jump, 100-meter race, relay race etc.

Awareness Camp on Labour Cards

The FSP team in Begusarai organised an awareness camp on labour cards; this was held at Chandiman Village in Nalanda district, in collaboration with the labour department. Distribution of school uniforms, stationery, dry ration and water filters was also conducted.

Trade-Based Training Programme

A trade-based training programme on cow rearing was conducted at Kukurmara cluster for 37 caregivers, who have taken up cow rearing as a livelihood. The caregivers were provided know-how on the subject, besides briefing the audience on various associated Government schemes.

Awareness Session

An awareness session was conducted by the FSP team at the Monpur cluster. The session primarily focused on preventive measures for seasonal diseases, and maintaining cleanliness and hygiene at home and in the surroundings.

International Day of Families

A panel of dignitaries, during a live discussion on International Day of Families, highlighted the importance of empowering caregivers.

The conversation was conducted between an esteemed set of panellists including Her Excellency Katharina Wieser, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to India; Dr V.P. Joy, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala; Shri Avinash Lavania, District Collector, Government of Madhya Pradesh; Mr Sumanta Kar, Secretary General, SOS Children's Villages of India and SOS Mother, Sarla.

This panel discussion was streamed live on our official fb handle. The topic was: "Empowering families for a better, brighter, and more resilient future – The Why? And The How?"



Mother's Day

To raise awareness about wholesome childcare and development, SHEROES, the world's largest social platform for women, hosted a panel discussion, with experts from SOS Children's Villages of India, India's largest self-implementing NGO. The sharing of journeys and experiences served as inspiration, especially since the stakeholders talked about their challenges, solutions they adopted, and milestones achieved despite hurdles.

The discussion was conducted between a panel of experts and caregivers including Ms Prachee Narkar, SHEROES; Mr Sumanta Kar, Secretary-General, SOS Children's Villages of India; Ms. Shamala Devi, SOS Mother; Ms Bijaylaxmi Tripathi, Senior Co-worker, SOS Children's Villages of India; Ms Deep Sikha, Caregiver, SOS Children's Villages of India. During the conversation, it was concluded that gender equality and equity should be a priority to encourage sustainable and positive changes in our society to ensure a balanced future for our upcoming generations.



SOS Model Home

The Honourable Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of Kerala, Mrs Veena George, inaugurated the SOS Model Home, under the State Nirbhaya Cell of Women and Child Development Department, today, in Koratty, Thrissur. Ahead of the inauguration, 10 children from Kerala were welcomed in the SOS Model Home in Koratty. This SOS Model Home is equipped to cater to the needs of vulnerable children, ensuring that they are empowered, and integrated into the mainstream.

Visit to CV Bhimtal

Mr. Pradeep Singh Rawat, Under Secretary/Director, Department of WCD, Uttarakhand, visited CV Bhimtal. He interacted with children, youth girls, and Mothers. He expressed his admiration the care model implemented at SOS Children's Villages of India.



Visit to CV Rajpura

The Honourable Minister for Social Security, Women and Child Development, Government of Punjab, Dr. Baljit Kaur visited CV Rajpura. She was accompanied by the SDM, SSP, Deputy Director - WCD, Director - Social Security, DCPO, CPO and other Government officials.



Visit to CV Bawana

Senior management of SMBC (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), along with their employees, visited CV Bawana. They participated in activities such as painting and tree plantation, besides interacting with Mothers, co-workers and children.



New Cluster Onboarded

A new cluster, Gaura Upwarwar, Varanasi, was onboarded; an orientation session was organised for the same. The programme started with a nukkad natak. Beneficiaries from other clusters talked about the FSP, and how it impacted their lives.



Sports Summer Camp

CV Bangalore organised a sports summer camp for the children of the Village and Youth House in collaboration with PESA (Physical Education and Sports Academy) for a period of one month. 27 children from the Village and 12 from the Youth Houses attended the camp. Students participated in cricket, football, volleyball, basketball, throw ball, yoga, aerobics and athletics. A football tournament was also organised, in which seven children from the CV and Youth Houses participated. They won the tournament. Seven-year-old Karan was selected as the Best Player, Junior category. He also received a prize from actor Ravi Kalyan.



Awareness Rally to Stop Child Marriage

District Legal Services Authority and CV Jaipur organised an awareness rally to stop child marriage. The rally was flagged off by Mr Vikram Singh Bhatia, additional District and Session Judge. RLISA is running a one-month-long child marriage restraint campaign in Rajasthan.



Nutrition for Mothers and Aunts Session

A session on nutrition for Mothers and Aunts was held by Dr Mehar Jamil, at CV Khajuri Kalan. An important outcome of this session was the finalisation of individual nutrition plans for Mothers and children.

Summer Camp

Children of CV Hyderabad were invited to participate in a summer camp organised by the Govt. of Telangana (School Education Department). The camp included students from prominent schools in Hyderabad. A drawing competition was organized, and children from CV Hyderabad secured the first and second positions, besides receiving consolation prizes. The competition was held for 150 students.



Scoring High in Sports

Padham Priya, 21 years old, who is pursuing her M.Com., took part in the inter-department college sports event. She participated in various sports events such as volleyball, throwing the ball, kho-kho, badminton and the 100m race, winning prizes. Her team won the overall championship.

Helping bridge the digital divide

With the objective of narrowing the digital divide, Temenos India has extended support, under its CSR initiative, for the set-up of a state-of-the-art IT lab at SOS Children's Village Chennai that is home to 100 plus children. The digital infrastructure provided for the Village is of the same configuration as used by IT professionals at Temenos India -- a fully equipped computer lab and a training room facility.

The computer lab was inaugurated by Ms. Sugandha Priya, Director - Management Product, Temenos India.



Visit to National Science Center

Youth, CV Greenfields, paid a visit to the National Science Center, where they enjoyed seeing various exhibits pertaining to different nuances of the world of science. This visit served as an inspiration for the young minds, encouraging their scientific temper in them.

Visit to National Science Center

Children from the Youth Home, Begampura, visited the National Science Center. They were escorted by a youth co-worker and a Mother. The center representative explained the children about Science in the contemporary context. It was an excursion full of learning and fun.

A Desk-Based Study on Sexual Violence Against Children

Joining Forces for Children, comprising of six international NGOs, including SOS Children's Villages of India, organised the launch of the report "A Desk Based Study on Sexual Violence Against Children in India" in Jaipur. The booklet was released by Ms Sangeeta Beniwal, Chairperson, RSCPC.

Khel Mahakumbh

Shikha*, CV Bhuj, participated in the Khel Mahakumbh. The sports competitions she took part in were organized by the Government of Gujarat. She participated and secured the first rank in the district-level 100m race for differently-abled children.



**Name changed to protect our children's privacy*

JOURNEYS OF CHANGE

"All any one needs in life is love, care and opportunity"

- Sindhuja Durgumahanti

Sindhuja Durgumahanti was welcomed to SOS Children's Villages of India, Visakhapatnam in the year 1999, when she was only one month old. Being a bright and hardworking child, right from the beginning, she decided to pursue her B.Sc. in Nursing. Today, she is well settled, and serves as a role model for other children in the Village. "At SOS Children's Villages of India, I received all the support, care and love I needed; today, I am self-reliant, working as a nurse, serving people. What more can I ask for?"



Vinoda - Building capacities for a better today and brighter tomorrow

Vinoda is a mother to a little girl, and resides in Bangalore. The only bread winner of the family, her husband, drove a rented auto rickshaw earning around INR 4000 per month. With this income, it was difficult to even meet the basic needs of the family. Through one of the Self Help Groups, Vinoda was introduced to the Family Strengthening Programme.

In the initial stages, the capacity of the caregiver was enhanced, which included focus on different aspects like stress management, child nutrition, women's health, livelihood options et cetera. She was also enrolled in the Prarthana Women Self Help Group. Presently she is one of the representatives of the group.

Building on her experience of working in a garments factory, financial support was extended for tailoring, which Vinoda has successfully repaid. A second IGA (Income Generation Activity) support was extended to her husband to buy an auto rickshaw. During the pandemic, the family was supported with groceries, hygiene kits, education support material and other essential items.

Currently, Vinoda has resumed her job and is earning INR 9000 per month. Her husband, who was initially not so confident using apps like Ola or Uber, is able to earn upto INR 1000 per day.



IN THE NEWS

The month of May 2022 saw a total of 51 coverages

Empowering the mother is crucial for ensuring wholesome childcare and development: SOS Children's Villages of India and SHEROES during a discussion

JANIS: A 22 year-old, 5'6" tall, 120 lb. blonde with a friendly smile and a warm personality. She is a native of Portland, Oregon, and is currently a graduate of the University of Oregon. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society. She is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society.

Empowering Caregivers is Essential For
Empowering Families & Communities

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District and Sessions Judge visits SOS Children Home village Rajpura

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, May 26

On Wednesday, a tour was conducted at SOS Childrens Home village Rappara and Childrens Home Fatalla Rajapur by Tansen Mangra, I.A.I. District and Session Judge, and SOS Childrens Home, District Legal Services Authority and Sooma Diner, ZMSE, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala.

On this occasion, interaction was done with children regarding their study, food and grievances/problems being faced by them. During this visit, complaints/problems of the children were heard and redressed.

Directions were given to take special note of health and education of the children and to ensure that the facilities being given to the children, Superintendent Childrens Home were directed to ensure that there should be no laxity in the facilities being provided to the children.

Tansen Mangra, I.A.I. District and Session Judge, Patiala told that visits were conducted in childrens homes in Patiala District from time to time.

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Balancing personal and professional lives the main
Mothers' dilemma

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GROUP PHOTO The students and staff of the new school in the village of Gargueta, 100 miles from the capital, pose for a group photo. The school was built by the government and is the first of its kind in the area. The school is a single-story building with a large courtyard. The students are wearing school uniforms, and the staff are in business attire. The photo is taken in a schoolyard or similar outdoor area.

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Balancing personal and professional lives the main challenge for Mothers: Samanta Kar

I think the main challenge is balancing my personal and professional lives, which is not ultimately easy to manage as health issues. Time for the self is always a thing. Mental and emotional health is crucial.

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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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