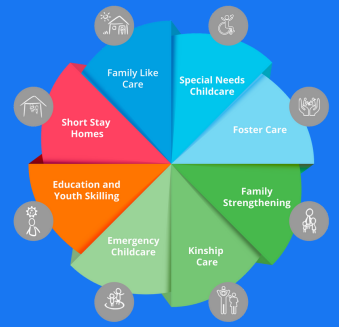




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October - December 2022



Equipping children with Computer Programming skills

Inculcating 21st century skill sets in the children of today for a better present and brighter future is crucial. A workshop on 'coding' was organised at CV Jaipur by Tinkerly. A group of 24 children participated in the session, where they were introduced to the basics of coding. Children, subsequently, also worked on a project that involved developing a game using coding. Since this project involved applying the learnt material, it was interesting for the children to develop the same.

Catching them young!

An exposure trip was organised to the studios of Radio City, for the children of Bal Panchayat, Gurukul. This was an interesting visit as children visited the studios, got a feel of the various types of equipment used in a studio, and also had some fun interactions with the RJs, including RJ Ginnie. This trip served as an eye opener for the children to the world of entertainment, especially radio.



A step towards sustainability

Smiths Group India has supported with the installation of solar panels worth over INR 80 lakhs (8 million Indian Rupees). The solar panels have been set-up at SOS Children's Village and Youth Home at Kochi and in Pune under the CSR programme 'Akriti: Reshaping Lives by Smiths'. Akriti aims at engaging Smiths colleagues in India in a meaningful way to contribute to the communities.

Securing rights for the most vulnerable

The FSP team in Guwahati, along with the Department of Education, Government of Assam and University of Guwahati, organised an awareness session on the "Importance of Education". A team of 6 M.Ed. interns conducted the session. The focus was on the importance of securing the Right to Education for every child.





Winning mind battles

CV Bangalore participated in an event organised by NIMHANS on the subject of Mental Health; the objective was to generate awareness on the subject and prevent suicide rate. Various organisations, working in the field of mental health, were present. The stall allocated to us saw various collateral pertaining to our Basket of Care Solutions and mental wellbeing initiatives.

Financial planning and management

Team of FSP in Rourkela organised a training for caregivers on Financial Literacy. A government resource person took the session, which was very participative. Various aspects pertaining to the subject were covered, especially with relevance to SHGs. This included digital platforms, loans, government schemes, amongst a wide variety of subjects.



Empowering a woman empowers generations

With the collaboration of Milaan Foundation, a one-day programme, with diverse activities, was conducted for teenage girls of the communities. The resource team detailed the empowerment of girls through the path of education. The foundation has also selected the girls as youth icons in their respective clusters; they also received a mobile phone, t-shirt and reading material.



Safeguarding livelihood of communities

Team FSP Begusarai organised a Lumpy Skin Disease vaccination camp for 2 days at Panki and Chandimau clusters, in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Nalanda. Vaccination will continue till all cattle are vaccinated, especially since this disease is a serious threat to cattle, which serves as an important livelihood option for many caregivers and their respective families.





Safeguarding child rights

The FSP team at Vizag organised a one-day training programme on child rights and safeguarding; this session was held with the help of the district Childline. Caregivers were briefed on POCSO, child rights, child safeguarding, and many other such related nuances, vital to secure wholesome child development. 51 caregivers attended.

Joining forces for a better tomorrow

A two-day capacity building training on elimination of violence against children was organised by Joining Forces Madhya Pradesh chapter. In this workshop, 6 animators, from different clusters and 2 co-workers got the opportunity to learn about child rights, safeguarding and participation. Different activities were also organised to have a clear understanding in this regard.



Walls that encourage food-for-thought

The FSP team in Bangalore, along with participation of community members, painted one of the community walls of the Bagalur cluster; the motifs circled round child labour, child marriage, good touch and bad touch and many such important aspects. The paintings also provide awareness about physical abuse, right to education, importance of holistic development and being part of social groups.

Gender Sensitisation -- a vital aspect of inclusivity

In Puducherry, the FSP team organised a capacity building training programme on Gender Sensitisation for caregivers of the Kuruvintham cluster. The programme covered important topics such as better decision-making power, improving mental health of individuals, mutual respect and empathy, amongst other such important points.





A healthy life for a better and brighter future

Bal Panchayat or Children's Parliament involves children to address pressing issues pertaining to some of the most challenging social causes. For this, awareness generation is also critical. The FSP team in Rourkela organised a session on personal hygiene and WASH, which was taken by a doctor from the local hospital, who briefed the children about importance of cleanliness, both at a personal and community level.

Creative spark

The FSP team in Guwahati organised a drawing competition on the occasion of Diwali; this competition was held for children, of all age groups, of the Matia cluster. Various aspects pertaining to the festival of lights were captured beautifully by the children, who participated with a lot of enthusiasm. Prizes were distributed post the competition.



Effective hand washing and its benefits

FSP Begusarai conducted a study on personal hygiene practices (WASH) in the Ratauli cluster; as per the findings, 78% of the households do not have any idea about safe hand washing practices. Based on the findings, a training calendar was prepared, and awareness programmes were organised. 53 families participated. During the training programme, the caregivers were taught to practice the 6 steps of hand washing, followed by a practical demonstration by the caregivers themselves.

Police commemoration day

Every year, India celebrates Police Commemoration Day in honour of police personnel, who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. This year, Bal Panchayat members of Tirupati were invited to attend the programme at the Police Head Quarters. Children expressed their gratitude to the police forces and their families for selflessly working for the safety of citizens. Children also got an opportunity to discuss with the SP and other district police officials various child safeguarding concerns in their communities.





Workshop to increase children's participation

Joining Forces India organized a two-day workshop on Child Participation and Process Documents for children in Patna. Children of the Bal Panchayat (FSP Begusarai), as well as co-workers, participated in the programme; children shared best practices that were part of their journeys as Bal Panchayat members; these were highly appreciated by all present.

Disseminating knowledge

Children of Herman Gmeiner School in Varanasi visit communities, a certain day of the week, and impact caregivers skills pertaining to financial literacy, communication skills, general awareness on hygiene, nutrition, health, sanitation et cetera. This initiative not only helps caregivers to broaden their horizons, but also serves children well, as they are able to learn many new aspects, while giving back to society.



Empowering next-of-kin

The Kinship Care programme aims to empower next-of-kin of children, who have lost parental care, so that they can ensure wholesome child development. The concerned team in Varanasi organised a book keeping session for mentors served by the Kinship Care programme. In addition, other sessions that aim to enhance awareness on a wide variety of important issues, including menstrual health and hygiene are also organised on a regular basis.

An exposure trip

The FSP team in Rajpura organised an exposure visit for about 15 caregivers to the DDAH Animal Husbandry Training Institute, Patiala for a refresher training on cattle rearing; diverse information on related government schemes was also provided. Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Deputy Director, DDAH conducted the visit.



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The team of the Kinship Care Programme in Begusarai distributed tablets to 11 children served by the programme. Ms. Sangita Kumari, Chairperson, CWC Begusarai, was invited to distribute the tablets and talk to the caregivers and children about cyber safety and security.

The FSP team in Nagapattinam organised an Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for caregivers in Aavarani cluster. A total of 41 caregivers participated in this full day training programme. Topics such as entrepreneurial skills, managing finances, leadership and marketing skills, planning, government schemes and linkages, amongst others, were covered.

Kinship Care Programme Begusarai organised a health camp for 42 children and 18 caregivers. A senior pediatrician conducted a general check-up for children and prescribed medicines, where needed. He also discussed about health and hygiene with children and caregivers. Hb, BMI, relevant blood tests et cetera were also carried out.

First-aid is the first and immediate assistance given to any person with either a minor or serious illness and/or injury. A basic first-aid training was provided to caregivers of Hirabasti cluster served by FSP Hojai; distribution of first aid kits to self-help groups, with the support of Danaher India CSR Foundation, was also organised.

In collaboration with the Department of Health, Government of Assam, an awareness programme on child nutrition, in addition to generation of awareness on associated government schemes, was organised at Milikbasti cluster by FSP Hojai. 49 caregivers participated in the programme and discussed about issues pertaining to child nutrition and possible solutions.

A session on parental skills was held at Dhamara, FSP location in Rourkela. 20 caregivers attended the session. It was an interactive session where a number of aspects pertaining to parenting skills was covered. Such sessions are very much appreciated by caregivers

FSP Hojai organised an awareness programme on Adolescent Health at Dhanuhar Basti with the support of Vishal Mega Mart CSR; this was in collaboration with RKSK Program (Rastriya Kishor Swasthya Programme) of the Department of Health, Govt. of Assam. Mr Prasant Paul, District Master Trainer RKSK, was the resource person. The main objective of the programme was to enable adolescents to take responsible decisions pertaining to their health and wellbeing. 65 adolescents, from the community, took part.

Surbhi*, care leaver, CV Chennai, completed her Masters in SLP and secured a job as a Speech Therapist with a Trust in Vijayawada, drawing a monthly salary of above INR 45,000/-

Games are an important part of wholesome development of a child. Rotary Club, Bhopal, invited children from CV Khajuri Kalan to participate. Many children won many medals, and thoroughly enjoyed participating. This was a great opportunity for them to showcase their talent, and encourage sportsmanship.

SHEROES is a women's community platform, offering support, resources, opportunities and interactions via Sheroes.com and the SHEROES App. The app also offers a dedicated ask SHEROES helpline where community members can talk to counsellors on all aspects of their growth journeys. We did a collab with SHEROES that comprised of a Ask Me Anything with Dr. Shilpa Gupta, EmoAid aimed at wellbeing of parents.

The FSP team Rourkela organised a skill training on carry bag and fancy bag making, with 20 caregivers at Dhamara. This was held with the support of Danaher Foundation. This particular income generation activity finds a lot of resonance with the caregivers, as it enjoys good demand.

SNIPPETS

With increased usage of the internet, cyber security is a burning topic that needs a lot of attention. Basis this need, an awareness session was organised by Indus Towers on the same. Various nuances of the subject were covered in an interesting session held for children of CV Bhuj.

On occasion of Diwali – Chhat Puja, a wide variety of activities focussing on the enhancement of life skills, communication skills, yoga, essay writing, painting, extempore speech, and many others, were organised at the CV and YHs Begusarai.

Manju*, CV Khajuri Kalan, won 2 silver medals and 1 gold medal in the under-19, and was selected for the state level, SGFI roller in-line skating competition. She has already been nominated from Madhya Pradesh for the Special Olympics, Berlin 2023.

Bhumi Foundation organised the Cultural and Talent Fest for the year 2022, at which 54 CCIs from Chengalpet District participated. Various competitions were held. 35 children, from CV Chennai, participated and won 23 prizes, securing the second position (overall) championship trophy.

An awareness programme on "Child Marriage Free India - Safe Childhood, Safe India" was organised. As part of the campaign, an awareness rally, with candles/diyas was held in CV Vizag. This programme was held in collaboration with CHILDLINE 1098.

With the objective of encouraging inclusiveness, sign language classes for every member of CV Khajuri Kalan have been initiated. Initially, two classes in a week will be held. This will encourage each and every member of the CV to be comfortable with the use of sign language.

Shri Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Cabinet Minister, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Rajasthan, visited CV Jaipur. He was warmly welcomed by children and Mothers. Ms. Nandini Atal, Mr.. Ajai Atal and other officials were present during the visit.

Madhuri*, accompanied by Mother Nirmala Dhayia, received the second prize and a cash reward of Rs. 5000/- She had participated in a painting competition for differently abled children on the theme of "Mind the gap, leave no one and no place behind"; she received the award from Honorable Minister, Dr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

A campaign with Radio City was completed in Pune, Bangalore and Delhi. 60 jingles per city, along with shout-outs, digital posts and fb lives (to be completed) were a part of the campaign.

A workshop for children on child-led processes pertaining to best practice documentation on child participation was organised at CV Pune. Children from Joining Forces partner organisations participated in the workshop.

Science City Kolkata invited children from CV Kolkata to their premises to take part in various awareness programmes on International Day of Scientific Culture. The children also got the opportunity to tour all science city galleries and witness a live show. Science City Kolkata is the largest science centre in Asia.

Sushma*, CV Rajpura, has written a research paper titled 'Emerging Trends in Educational and Social Research'. Her research paper has been accepted for publication at the International Conference on "Advance Research in Management, Social Science and Humanities" organised by Hansraj College (University of Delhi) and Centre for Training and Development (CTD).

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Global CEO Visit



Ms. Ingrid Johansen, CEO of SOS Children's Villages International and Ms. Lanna Idriss, Managing Director, HGFD visited the FSP Anangpur, Gurukul cluster; SOS Children's Villages Greenfields; Hermann Gmeiner School, Faridabad; Short Stay Home, Safdarjung and NTC, Faridabad. They interacted with SHG members at length, enjoyed a skit performance by Bal Panchayat members and met team members/ Mothers/ children.

Diwali Celebration 2022



Khajuri Kalan



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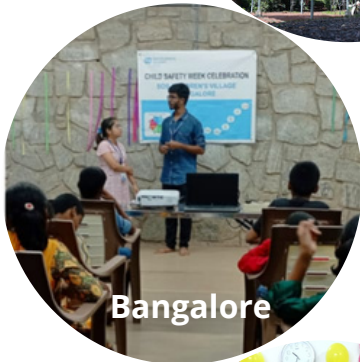
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Children's Day
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FSP Jammu



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FSP Madhya Pradesh



FSP Anangpur

World Children's Day



FSP Bangalore



FSP Bhubneshwar



FSP Hojai

Stories of Change

Facilitating change

Ram Bai Nayak was born and brought up in Tanda village. She studied till class 5, and subsequently took to labour work in fields. Married-off at the age of 20, her family was soon extended by 3 children. Her husband started a tea stall to enhance income, and she, herself, became a participant of the Family Strengthening Programme in Bhopal. Besides basic nuances of financial literacy, she was linked to a SHG, and took up a cow-rearing income-generation activity, for which she was supported with Rs. 20,000/- Meanwhile, she continued participating in capacity building sessions.

In May 2022, she decided to stand for Sarpanch in the upcoming the gram panchayat elections. She campaigned intensively, but the competition was tough. However, her efforts paid off, and she won. "I never thought of becoming a sarpanch in my wildest dreams. It was such an eye-opener, and has been a wonderful and empowering journey. I am working to secure gender equality through awareness, education, opportunities, health and nutrition."



Crafting one's own destiny

Tusini Kusuma was 12 years old when she was welcomed to SOS Children's Villages of India. She secured her B.Sc. degree, post which she married, but, unfortunately, lost her husband in an accident, leaving her and their three-year old to fend for themselves. Though reskilling was an opportunity, shouldering the responsibility of a young child, all alone, was tough. She requested for financial support to start a jewellery shop, post doing a market survey and, subsequently, took a space on rent. With an initial support of Rs. 75,000/- Tusini inaugurated her shop in the main town of Tirupati.

"Being self-reliant is one of the most important things in life; it enables one to not be dependent on anyone. I can now provide for my daughter, more than just the basics, which makes me really happy."



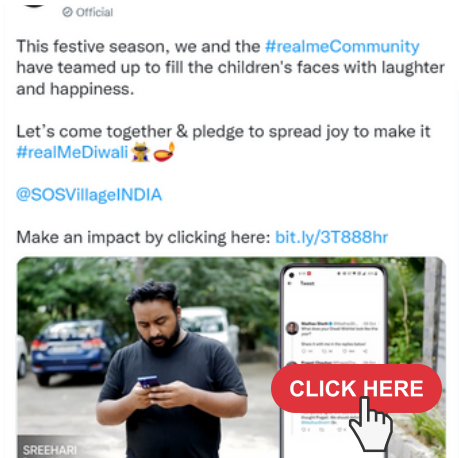
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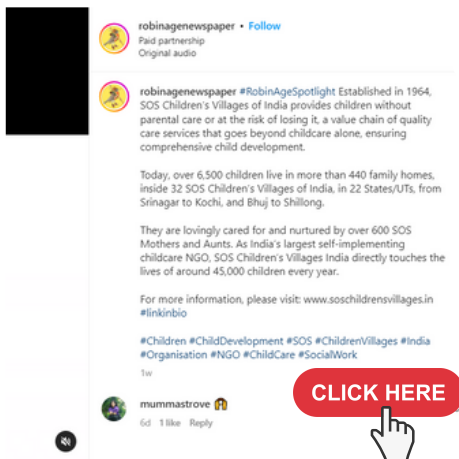
RJ Yuvi, Radio City, gives a shout-out on fb. This shout-out talked about the collab with Select CITYWALK and Pearl Academy, as well as talked about our work



A collab with SHEROES on Children's Day aimed at the wellbeing of parents, especially the caregiver



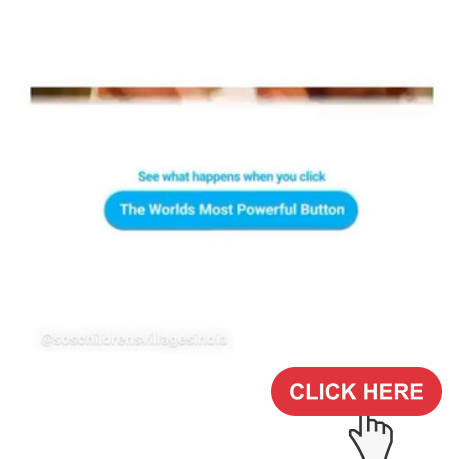
A social media collaboration with RealMe was initiated for Diwali



Robinage, a popular newspaper and portal for children (and parents) shares our work on their social media platform



ScooNews carries an article written by Mr. Sumanta Kar on their fb platform



Our work was carried by diverse social media influencers with the objective of enhancing reach



Bollywood star Sanjana Sanghi endorses our work and Tarang 2022



A video on our Basket of Care solutions found good traction



TARANG 2022 teaser

The month of September - November 2022 saw a total of 62 coverages

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Bengaluru girl Shrisha wins the essay-writing competition organized for the kids of SOS Children's Village, Bengaluru

by FWM — September 14, 2022 in National



MCA announces U-16 squad for Vijay Merchant Trophy

By Our Reporter

HILLONG, Nov 4: The Meghalaya Cricket association has announced a 15-member squad for this season's U-16 Vijay Merchant trophy tournament.

All of Meghalaya's five multi-day boys' matches will take place in Vadodra from 1 to 10 November.

A preparatory camp will be held prior to the start of the tournament and will be announced by the MCA in due time.

Meghalaya squad:
Justin Fancan, Benedict Jones Mak, Da U La Biang Shangplang, Gaurav Thakuria, Jarrett M Wanniang, Agatch Sethia K. Marak, Namewanki Pakyetein, Shes Chettri, Heiyomiki Rynghkhem.

Arato Marak, Anshik Kumar Lohar, Rudra Singh Rathore, Angkit Tamang, Kishlay Vishnu, Trinayan Dutta

Standbys: Yash Harilalka, Gaurav Nalleng, Ewanmidao Pythih, Dampil Bika Sangma, Fernando BM Sangma, Nathans Pyngrope

Support staff: Sengam G Momin (the coach), Marty Mustafa (assistant coach), Anderson Lyngdoh Mawplang (physio), Skhembor Khongbep (trainer), Rajiv Bar (manager)

Meghalaya fixtures:
vs Bihar, 1 December
vs Gujarat, 6 December
vs Chhattisgarh, 11 December
vs Delhi, 16 December
vs Hyderabad, 21 December

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Some collabs and partnerships

Park Plaza, a premium business hotel in Ludhiana, placed elegant table cards on all tables in their premium cafe, as part of our collaboration, in its pilot phase; two digital posters, one next to the cafe and one next to the reception, talk about our work, welcoming people to become Ambassadors of Change.

In an initial collab with Decathlon, a well-known sports brand, two standees have been placed talking about our work, at Select CITYWALK, a prominent and up-market mall in Delhi - one on the playground and one at the entrance of the outlet. The mall and outlet see great footfalls.

For Crosswords, a renowned bookstore, a customised bookmark was designed for circulation at the Select CITYWALK, Delhi, outlet, as part of the collab with Select CITYWALK, across Children's Day.

A different kind of a collab

To generate awareness on securing wholesome child development, SOS Children's Villages of India collaborated with Select CITYWALK and Pearl Academy. The awareness initiative took place from 15th to 18th of November 2022 at Select CITYWALK, Saket, Delhi. The set-up constituted of a creative, out-of-the-box installation, designed by the students of Pearl Academy.

An amalgamation of simplicity, creativity and visual appeal, the installation was specifically curated to spread a message: "The change which we want to see, begins with each one of us", urging visitors to each become an Ambassador of Change in a simple and straightforward manner. The installation, chiefly, made of wood, comprised of panels that led the visitor to a virtual journey of dreams of children in care of SOS Children's Villages of India.





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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. A little can change a lot. Do your part to help them out during these trying times.

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