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The Family Strengthening Programme in Nagapattinam offered nutritional supplements to 80 malnourished children based on the doctor's recommendations. SOS Children's Villages India assisted the initiative by providing some nutritional necessities, while the caregivers contributed the rest of the supplements. Following the distribution, the FS Director conducted a short session emphasising the significance of maintaining a balanced diet for children.

A program was held at SOS Children's Village Begusarai for children in the Family Strengthening Programme and Kinship Care. During the event, tablets were distributed to enhance their digital literacy skills and improve their educational opportunities. A total of 26 children were presented with tablets in the presence of the District Magistrate, Begusarai, who engaged with the children and gained insights into the program from their perspective.



In partnership with Muttu Raja Institute of Paramedical College, Puducherry, a free medical camp was conducted at the Karaiyamputhur cluster. During the camp, a total of 90 children received medical examinations, including assessments of their HB count, BMI, height, and weight.

Women's Day celebrations took place in FS Puducherry, which saw the participation of caregivers and animators from six clusters. The event centered around the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality." Justin Marry, a Judge from the Juvenile Justice Court in Puducherry, graced the occasion as the esteemed speaker and chief guest. She commended the new generation of women for their bravery in raising their voices, inspiring others, and mobilising their peers towards a more sustainable future. Amitava Chatterjee, a Board member of SOS India, delivered a speech on women's empowerment and child rights.

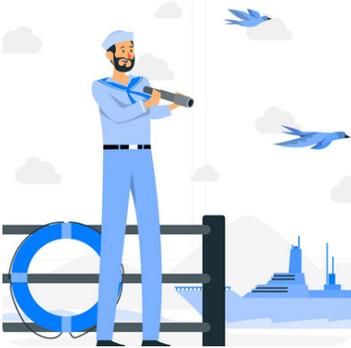


As part of the Kinship Care Programme in Bhubaneswar, Samsung Tablets were distributed to 13 children. Manjulata Kanhar, the Deputy Mayor of BMC, was invited as the Chief Guest for the occasion. She encouraged the children to make the best use of the tablets for academic excellence and career advancement. Furthermore, a training session on cyber safety was conducted by a mentor specializing in this field. The children were guided on the proper usage of the tablets and educated about the do's and don'ts of cyber safety.



In partnership with the Tamil Nadu Government's 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme,' a medical camp was organized at the Kamarajar Nagar cluster in Chennai. The objective was to offer free medical services to the underprivileged community while promoting awareness about healthcare and its significance. The screening process aided in identifying individuals who were at risk of developing chronic illnesses. Patients with severe health conditions were referred to Stanley Hospital for further assessment and treatment, guaranteeing prompt and suitable care.

In collaboration with TATA Memorial Hospital Mumbai, the Family Strengthening Programme Alibaug organised cancer screening and counseling sessions at the Bandhan cluster. Medical check-ups were provided to 80 beneficiaries, and based on the check-up results, counseling sessions were conducted for four beneficiaries.



Deepak Rager, an indirect beneficiary of the Family Strengthening Programme in Jaipur hailing from the Ambedkar Nagar, Harmara community, has been chosen for a career in the Merchant Navy.

Family Strengthening Programme Raipur launched a community library for children in both the Family Strengthening Programme and the local community. The inauguration ceremony of the Pauta and Tendua cluster's community library was attended by the Village Sarpanch, as well as members of the Bal Panchayat and SHG. Additionally, sports items were distributed to the children as part of the event.



In collaboration with District Child Rights and Protection Model Officer, David Raj, and his team, a half-day training session was held on Child Rights and Protection in the newly established cluster of Vishakhapatnam. The training aimed to create awareness and sensitivity among all participants regarding child rights, as well as child-related acts and policies.



The wedding ceremony of Rahana, a settled youth from SOS Children's Village Chennai, was held at Aluva Srikrishna Temple. Notably, renowned Malayalam actor and former BJP Rajya Sabha MP, Suresh Gopi, also participated in the wedding.

The boys from SOS Children's Village Youth Home in Sonipat actively participated in a sports festival organized by the District Authority. In addition to the children from all the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Sonipat, the Youth Home boys also took part in the sports event. Demonstrating their skills and determination, the youth home boys achieved remarkable success by winning 14 trophies in various sports activities, including the 100-meter race, relay race, long jump, and kabaddi, among others. They were honored by esteemed individuals such as the City Magistrate, DCPO, and Programme Officer of Sonipat.



SOS Children's Village Khajuri Kalan settled youth, **Dolly** got placed in People's Hospital Bhopal after the completion of her nursing course.

Sanu Aich from **SOS Children's Village Kolkata** got hired by **Randstad India PVT LTD.** for Savadika Retailers India Pvt Ltd. (MANGO) with a CTC of INR 3,64,740 after completing his course at FDDI (Footwear Design and Development Institute) Chennai. Currently, he is on probation period.



SOS Children's Village Jaipur received a State Grant of INR 21,12,000 Lakh from the **Social Welfare Department, Jaipur**



SOS Children's Village Cochin received INR 4,50,000 from the **Government of Kerala** for the **marriage expense** of 9 girls of Children's Village Cochin.

Sakshi Patel, a settled youth from **SOS Children's Village Jaipur** is working as a Project Assistant on a **Government-funded project** (RUSA 2.0) at the Department of Zoology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur after completing her MSc in Microbiology from IIS deemed University at Jaipur with 85%.



SOS Children's Village Bhuj has received INR 10,44,000 lakh foster care grant from the **Social Welfare Department, Gujarat**. **SOS Children's Village Jammu** has received the State Grant of INR 10 lakh from **Social Welfare Department, Jammu**.

SOS Children's Villages Bawana, Alibag and Tirupati have received **NCF/UNNATI scholarships** for four, eight and five children respectively.



On **World Earth Day**, children from **SOS Children's Village Khajuri Kalan** constructed drinking water equipment from waste material for birds. They also made one water dripping equipment to provide drop-by-drop water to plants. A one-day workshop was also conducted on the topic **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**.



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