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# HAPPY NINGS

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# Flood Relief Camp

Delhi saw unprecedented waterlogging and flood situation caused by the overflowing of the Yamuna river causing the displacement of families living along the banks. This directly resulted in the loss of homes and livelihoods for thousands of vulnerable families. In response, SOS Children's Villages India took swift action to provide relief and support to the affected families.

Children and women are the worst affected in any natural calamity. Based on preliminary assessment, relief kits for displaced families were distributed keeping in mind the essential requirements of children and women in Mayur Vihar, Delhi.

SOS Children's Villages India aims to provide immediate relief and contribute to the restoration of normalcy in the lives of the affected families



# Childcare Space

'Childcare Space' – a safe space for children, in collaboration with the local administration as part of our ongoing flood relief efforts in Mayur Vihar, Delhi. This space accommodates 100 children below the age of 10; and is supervised by women co-workers. The children are provided with play materials, educational stationary and refreshments to keep them engaged throughout the day. In any occurrence of natural calamities, children and women are the most affected. Owing to the childcare space, the vulnerable families living in make shift tents have one less thing to worry about.





At the **Ladli Laxmi Yojana Diwas** celebration, **Khushbu Raut**, from our **Kinship Care Programme** got an opportunity to share her views about the scheme. She requested the Chief Minister to waive professional course fees of the beneficiaries of Ladli Laxmi Yojna after class 12th. Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan considered her request and later he made a public announcement on same.

**Family Strengthening Programme Guwahati** inaugurated the **Digital Learning Centre (DLC)** for the community members. The opening ceremony was supported by the management of APJ Kalam Academy. A total of 60 students enrolled under DLC. Dr. Apurba Thakuria, DEO and Dr. Santosh M R – TISS, Guwahati also took part in the inauguration along with the Village Director, AVD – FS, Coworkers, caregivers and community members.



Under the **Ladli Behan Yojana**, WCD, the **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh** has transferred INR 1000 to eligible women who belong to the BPL Category. 997 caregivers from our **Family Strengthening Programme Bhopal** will receive this amount in their account monthly.

Bal Panchayat children from **Family Strengthening Programme Bawana** organised a rally on '**Say no to Plastic**' to generate awareness in the community. They also performed nukkad-natak. They went door to door and even visited some shops to inform them about the disadvantages of using plastic bags. They also informed them about the alternatives they can use instead of using plastic bags.



The **Family Strengthening Programme** team has collaborated with the **NIIT foundation** and initiated a mobile computer lab for one month in the Bhanpur community, Bhopal. During this one-month initiative the aim is to enhance the computer skills of both children and caregivers.





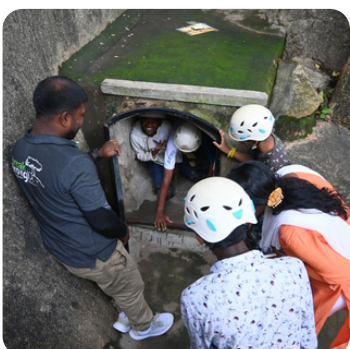
The **Family Strengthening Programme Begusarai** has distributed 140 nutritional packets to the children who have low BMI at Singhaul cluster. A session was also provided to the caregivers, mothers and children for the consumption of the given nutritional items as per the doctor's recommendation.

An exposure visit was organised for 42 Bal panchayat members of the **Family Strengthening Programme** and 10 children of the **Kinship Care Programme Bhopal** to the City Police Commissioner's office and the Mahila Thana. A detailed session was taken by the police department to educate children on various topics. They also explained them the process they follow to maintain law and order and also informed them how they can approach the department in case of emergency.



**Kinship Care Programme** conducted an awareness session on '**Gender Sensitisation and Substance Abuse**' for the children and caregivers. Ezhilarasi, District Child Protection Officer, Nagapattinam took the session on gender sensitisation and the substance abuse session was taken by Bazurudeen, Family Counsellor at Family Court, Thiruvavur.

**Family Strengthening Programme Nagapattinam** has established a village-level **Child Protection Committee** at Orathur cluster aiming to address child abuse, promote zero tolerance, and create child-friendly villages by 2025. The meeting was attended by the District Child Protection Officer, who provided valuable instructions to guide the committee toward achieving government objectives. The committee comprises representatives from various stakeholders, including a member representing the social worker and two Bal panchayat children.



**Family Strengthening Programme Bangalore** conducted a life skill training session for children at **Breakthrough, Bangalore**. They conducted the training with activities where the focus was to make children learn by doing. The activities involved them in decision-making, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, etc. A total of 56 children from Indira Gandhi and Raggiguda cluster participated in the session.



Lifestyle magazine '**Provoke**', Times of India, published an article on **SOS Children's Village Cochin** settled youth, **Jaision Madani** in their magazine. Along with the article they also displayed his work, he also did the shoot for the cover page of the same magazine.

The official partner of the RCB team, the **Ampere corporate** along with the cheerleaders visited the **SOS Children's Village Bangalore**. They conducted a session on environmental sustainability awareness, they also conducted a workshop with the children helping them build musical instruments from scrap.



Two boys from **SOS Children's Village Tirupati** got admission to the B.Tech. Programme at **Sai University, Chennai**. The university has waived INR 4 lakh per year tuition fees completely for both boys.

**SOS Children's Village Bangalore** in collaboration with **Bannerghatta Biological Park** and **Lion's Club (IKYA)** observed the World Tiger Day. A total of 50 children participated in the programme. Different activities were conducted such as an awareness session on Tigers, a silent march and a drawing competition.



**Laxmi** from **SOS Children's Village Khajurikalan**, a 21-year-old with hearing disability, intellectual disability, and cerebral palsy, accomplished an extraordinary feat by winning a **silver medal** at the **Special Olympics World Games** held in **Berlin**, representing India as part of the National Basketball Team.



**Pallavi**, a youth from **SOS Children's Village Bhimtal** has passed the **Chartered Accountancy** examination. The constant support of her mother, siblings, coworkers and her determination has helped her achieve her dream.

Under the **Harihar Policy** of the Haryana State Government, the **Chief Minister of Haryana**, Manohar Lal Khatar, presented appointment letters for government jobs in education, healthcare and MCF departments to 5 girls from SOS Children's Village Greenfields and 1 girl from SOS Children's Village Faridabad. One girl Gauri from Greenfields will receive financial assistance of INR 126,000/- from the Haryana Government every year till she reaches the age of 25 years.



Three youths from **SOS Children's Village Bhimtal**, one from **Children's Village Greenfields** and one from **Children's Village Bawana** got selected in **Vidyashilp University, Bangalore** with 100% scholarships including their tuition fee, transport, hostel fee, etc

**Preeti Goswami** from **SOS Children's Village Raipur** secured 2nd rank at KIKI center in Tool and Die making Diploma course. She also got a job as an Engineer DA at Boston Scientific Technology and Engineering Service Pvt. Ltd. with an annual CTC of INR 3,12,002



**SOS Children's Village Guwahati** observed **Arunodaya Day** in the presence of an eminent football player of Mumbai FC, Mr. Vinit Rai. He was accompanied by the circle officer of Azara, the owner of the Guwahati FC club and a psychologist. The owners of Guwahati FC Club announced that they would conduct a football camp at the SOS Children Village Guwahati campus with the help of licensed football coaches to unearth the football talent of SOS youths.





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

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