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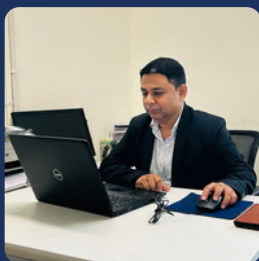
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SOS Children's Villages India, India's largest self-implementing childcare NGO was established in 1964 aiming to break the cycle of child neglect, abuse and abandonment. We provide curative and preventive services to vulnerable children without parental care or are at the risk of losing it via a value chain of quality care services that go beyond childcare alone, ensuring comprehensive child development.

Raised in SOS Children's Village, Dr. Singh is now giving back to society

"I was welcomed to SOS Children's Villages India when I was just four years of age. Post my class XII, I did my graduation from Shri Ram College of Commerce, and then went on to clear my CAT. I then pursued my MBA, MPhil and PhD in Business Stats, topping the latter," says 41-year-old Dr. Kamal Singh, who was brought up at SOS Children's Village Faridabad.



Currently, Dr. Singh heads the School of Advertising, Public Relations and Event Management at the Asian Academy of Film and Television. He is also the founder of an NGO working for the cause of cancer patients. "My foundation is my way of giving back to society, and the cause lies very close to my heart. My NGO offers medical and counselling support to cancer patients, especially those, who hail from vulnerable backgrounds.

Timely intervention gives hope to Shamreen

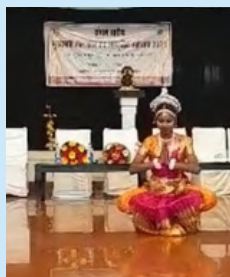
Shamreen's family was welcomed in the Family Strengthening Programme in 2016. Her mother works as a helper to an Asha worker and her father is a carpenter. "When an order was passed by the court to demolish the village I was residing in, it was tough to survive – no home, no savings, hardly any income and food.



I am the eldest of five siblings, and could feel the pressure my parents and family were under. Thankfully, around this time I completed my class XII. I wanted to study further but couldn't, as there was not much money to buy food, let alone studies. As luck would have it, a friend told me about the HGFD vocational training course. I applied for the course of an Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, as the health sector always fascinated me." Shamreen joined the course in September, 2022, and is now working with Fortis hospital as an intern.

Highlights of the month

Susma* from SOS Children's Village Khajuri Kalan won 1st prize in Mukhyamantri Bal Khel evam Sanskriti Mahotsav for Arjuna Award 2023. She has also been selected for the state-level competition. Another child from the village, Anamika* won 2nd position at the Zonal level competition.



Two boys from SOS Children's Village Tirupati joined the B.Tech. programme at Sai University. The university has waived the fee of INR 4 lakhs per year for both the boys.



Vaishali* from SOS Children's Village Tirupati completed her graduation in B.Tech. Computer Science and got placed in Asentech with a CTC of INR 3,00,000.



50 Youth boys from SOS Children's Village and Youth Home Bangalore got the opportunity to watch the KPL (Karnataka Premier League) Cricket match at the Chinnaswamy stadium.



**Name changed to protect the privacy of the child.*

A Child Rights and Protection awareness session was conducted for the children at Anjanapura cluster, FSP Bangalore and Mansoor Colony, FSP Jammu. Children were informed about their rights. Different nuances related to the subject were taught to the children through case stories and activities which made the session interesting and engaging.



Family Strengthening Programme Bawana organised an educational trip to the National Science Centre and Rajghat for the children of Shahbad Dairy cluster. Both visits enhanced the knowledge of the children in different aspects and also provided them with exposure. It was an informative and learning trip for the children.



Family Strengthening Programme Begusarai organised an awareness session on Menstrual hygiene for 74 caregivers at Amaraur Kirtpur cluster. The session was held to increase awareness, access, use of good quality sanitary napkins and to ensure its safe disposal in an environmentally friendly manner. The major aim of the session was to break the culture of shame and silence around menstruation in rural Bihar.



Family Strengthening Programme Latur organised an awareness session on Climate change at Sonwati Cluster. A total of 112 children, SHG members and volunteers participated in this session. Bal panchayat children spread the message through rallies and also held a plantation drive in their cluster.



Family Strengthening Programme Guwahati organised a health camp for caregivers, children and community members of the Pacheniapara cluster. 73 beneficiaries were examined by doctors. Free medicines were distributed among the caregivers, children and community people.



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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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