



SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES  
INDIA

**HAPPY**NINGS

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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.

### A Drop of Change - A story of Hope and Impact

The Rani Laxmibai Bal Panchayat of Amrou Kiratpur cluster lives up to its name - courage and determination. Formed in the month of September 2022, it comprises of 30 children, with Manisha serving as the president. Under an active leadership, this Bal Panchayat is extremely motivated to find solutions for pressing challenges the community faces. In one of the meetings, the subject of water flow in the installed taps in households, under the Har Ghar Jal Mission, was brought up. Though water taps have been installed, under the mission, in FY 2019-20, water supply is absent. "We took a joint decision to raise the issue, and drafted a letter for the Mukhia of our village. A copy of the letter was given to the concerned ward member. Post thorough follow-ups by the children, the result achieved: 200 households received a regular supply of water in all taps, ensuring the hygienic and smooth functioning of each household.



### The Journey of Future Physicians

"I want to be a doctor, as I love to heal and serve people. There is so much suffering all around, and if I can ease this even a bit, it would surely make a difference," says Ashima\*, who recently won herself a three-year integrated classroom course from Aakash Institute for classes X, XI and XII. Rinky is excellent in debating, and takes active part in competitions. She recently held the 2nd position in a debate competition held as part of the festival Mahak 2022. "The scholarship I won is the first step towards achieving my goal of becoming a doctor. I know the journey will involve a lot of hard work, time and effort, but I am ready."



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## Highlights of the month

**SOS Children's Villages India** children participated in the 'Shramdaan for Swachhata' campaign, promoting voluntary cleanliness activities. They cleaned streets, parks, and common areas to raise awareness about cleanliness and sanitation and foster responsibility for maintaining a clean environment.



**SOS Children's Village Bangalore** children participated in the 'Pink up the Pace,' a breast cancer awareness run organised by **BSG Gleneagles Global Hospital**. Children received a certificate and medal for their participation.



**SOS Children's Village Raipur** arranged an exposure visit for the children to **Celesty Ice-cream Factory**. This visit was more of an educational trip for the children, which served as a great learning opportunity for them.



**Family Strengthening Programme Guwahati** collaborated with **TISS** for a **career counselling and skill development** session for children of SOS Village Guwahati and Family Strengthening Program, enriching all involved and positively impacting the children's lives.



**Anamika\*** from **SOS Children's Village Chennai** of class 10 participated in **'Parishka pe Charcha 2023'** and got an opportunity to have a virtual interaction with our Honorable PM. She also received an appreciation and wishes certificate from the Honorable PM, post the session.



**Family Strengthening Programme Latur** conducted a **Child Rights and Safeguarding session** to raise awareness about child rights and child safeguarding in the community at the Sanat Nagar cluster in collaboration with **Matama Basheshwar College**. The college students performed a nukkad-natak on child rights issues.



The **Family Strengthening Programme Anangpur** collaborated with medical professionals from **IMA, Unfold Foundation, Allied Health Science Pvt. Ltd, and Metropolis** for a health screening and informative session on adolescence, growth, and development. Preventive medicines and nutrition kits were distributed to all participants.



**Family Strengthening Programme Alibaug** conducted a **capacity-building training programme on financial literacy** at the Bandhan cluster. The training covered topics like smart savings, wise borrowing, intellectual investment, fundamentals of financial planning, insurance and awareness about financial services.



**SOS Children's Village Bangalore** observed **'World Handwashing Day'**, where an Ayurvedic Doctor, demonstrated a session on the importance of handwashing along with the steps involved to all the children and mothers.



**SOS Children's Village Rourkela** organised a **Health Check-up Camp** for the children of the village, Youth Homes and Kinship programme with the support of **Urban Primary Health Centre Rourkela**.



**Family Strengthening Programme Guwahati**, in collaboration with the **Assam State Veterinary Dispensary**, conducted a successful vaccination drive for Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) in the Kukurmara cluster. This initiative aimed to protect the livestock in the cluster from this highly contagious disease, emphasising the importance of vaccination to ensure the good health of the animal health and the well-being of the local community.



**Family Strengthening Programme Latur** and **District Industries Centre Latur** collaborated to spread awareness about the **Chief Minister Employment Generation Programme** at the Mhada colony cluster.. A total of 14 Self-Help Group members participated in this programme. Guidance and resources with insightful information about the government scheme CMEGP were shared.



**SOS Children's Village Guwahati** won the 3rd prize in the all-India-based **Science Talent Search** competition organised by the **National Institute of Science and Technology**. Among 10+ states, 550+ teams, only around 50+ teams got the chance to compete. Of these, 18 finalist teams got selected for the Grand Finale—the grand finale was held at Galaxy Auditorium, Berhampore, Odisha.



The **Family Strengthening Programme Hojai** organised an awareness session on **nutrition** for caregivers in the Milikbasti and Hawaipur cluster. A Nutrition Counsellor from the **BPHC, Lanka, Honai Health Department Government of Assam**, discussed child nutrition, balanced diets, pregnancy care, immunisation, and government programmes to help caregivers care better and promote a healthier lifestyle.



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**You support us to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. You choose to help those in need and fight for good.**

**THANK YOU**

**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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