



Season's Greetings from Miracle Foundation India!

As 2024 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together during the year. This year has been filled with inspiring moments, meaningful progress and impactful stories of transformation—all made possible by the collective efforts of our social workforce, partners, supporters and communities.

Thanks to your solidarity, we've continued to empower children and families, providing them with the hope, resources, and opportunities they deserve. Together, we've made strides toward building stronger communities and brighter futures, and I couldn't be more grateful for your role in this mission. Reflecting on these inspiring stories from the ground reminds us of our progress and strengthens our resolve to build a brighter future for every child.

As we step into 2025, let's carry forward the momentum and commitment that have defined our work this year, and together create a world where every child thrives.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and prosperous new year!

Warm regards,
Kusum Mohapatra
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Our Impact April 2024-November 2024



Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening

Radhi's (*name changed*) journey highlights the power of timely interventions and a family-centered approach to transforming lives. Born into a family of six in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Radhi was just seven when she and her two sisters were placed in a Child Care Institution (CCI) given their parents' frequent relocations for work.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, just as Radhi's family began to regain stability, and plans for her and her sister's reintegration were underway, they faced a devastating loss with the passing of Radhi's father. Despite the heartbreak, the family found strength through mental health support provided to Radhi's mother and a carefully planned reunification process. In May 2022, Radhi, her sisters, and their brother who was placed in another CCI, were joyfully reunited with their mother, reigniting hope for a brighter future. Radhi's mother secured employment as a house helper nearby, ensuring financial stability for the family.

The team helped Radhi's mother access the *Widow Pension* scheme, providing ₹1,000 monthly support, enrolled her in the *CM Health Insurance* scheme with ₹5 lakh coverage, and connected her to the local *Primary Health Center* for healthcare services. To further enhance her livelihood, she was provided with a wet grinder to start a tiffin business, and plans are underway to provide a pushcart with the help of a self-help group to help expand her enterprise and ensure a stable income for the family.

Radhi, now in the 11th Grade, has become a pillar of strength for her mother, balancing her education with family responsibilities. Driven by her passion for graphic design, she dreams of creating a brighter future for her family. Radhi's story embodies the belief that every child deserves a family that supports and empowers them to reach their full potential. It's a powerful reminder of how, with collaboration, we can ensure a family for every child and a future full of possibilities.

Celebrating Minal Doriya

At Miracle Foundation India, we celebrate the incredible social workforce that makes it possible for children to thrive in family-based care. This month, we highlight the inspiring work of Minal Doriya, a Protection Officer (Institutional Care), at the District Protection Child Unit in Surendranagar district, Gujarat.

Minal has played a key role in transforming child protection efforts, focusing on family strengthening and family-based care, while effectively using the *Social Investigation Report* and *Individual Care Plan* to assess children's needs and linking over 3,500 children and families to their tailored social protection schemes. It has further empowered her to identify at-risk children, including those from single-parent households, and design impactful interventions. Her innovative initiatives, like introducing the '*Mann Ki Baat*' suggestion box, empower children in Child Care Institutions to voice their concerns and participate actively. Minal's quick responses in critical cases, including the rescue and reintegration of a mentally challenged child from Rajasthan, and the safe return of two runaway children from Madhya Pradesh showcase her dedication.

Through her efforts, she has effectively engaged key stakeholders, including Village-Level Child Protection Committee members, *Bal Panchayat* members, and community workers, to raise awareness about child protection measures and prevention strategies. During COVID-19, Minal took the initiative to transition 31 children from two CCIs back to family-based care. Through the Gujarat Government's sponsorship scheme, she secured financial assistance of ₹3,000 per month for 31 of these children, providing their families with much-needed support.

Recognized for her expertise, Minal was selected as a Master Trainer in 2022 by Miracle Foundation India, under the joint partnership program of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gujarat, and UNICEF India where she has been committed to building the capacity of new team members while her efforts continue to redefine child protection practices in the district, ensuring that children grow and thrive within the safety and love of their families.

From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact

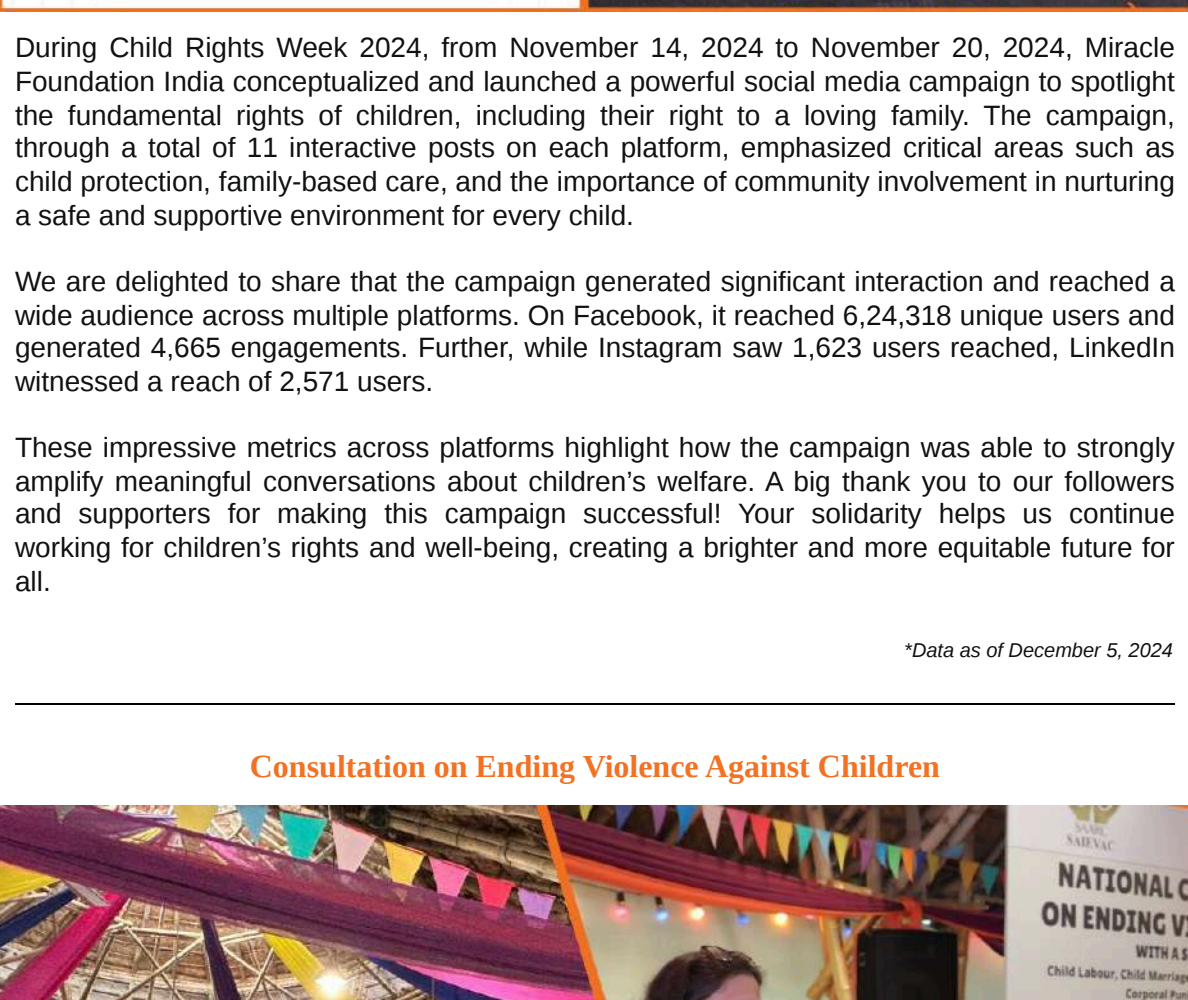
Miracle Foundation India's Youth Ambassadors, drawn from Child Care Institutions and local communities, play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of a family for every child and driving meaningful impact. This month, we celebrate Simran Irfan Khan from Pune, Maharashtra, who joined our Youth Ambassadors' Program in January 2024.

Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree, Simran's journey with us began as part of the very first *Bal Panchayat* group, where she discovered her passion for empowering young minds. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked closely with the team to distribute ration kits to families in need. Together with the team, Simran also played a key role in initiating impactful programs such as the *Ward Child Protection Committee* and supporting activities within the *Child Parliament*. Through workshops, she gained a deeper understanding of child protection issues, fueling her mission to create meaningful change in her Ramnagar slum community.

Simran's unique approach to education is shaped by her own childhood struggles. Initially uninterested in studying, she found her curiosity sparked when she explored learning in a way that resonated with her. This transformation inspired her to help others discover the joy of education. Starting with just 4 children in 2019, Simran now teaches 80 regular students. The first student she ever taught now assists her in the classroom, and more youths are joining her, actively contributing to the learning environment. Her initiatives have reached over 600 children, incorporating activities like yoga, life skills, and sports to make learning engaging and fun. Her 2025 goal is to organize 100 interactive sessions to foster curiosity and host 'Play for Peace' activities to promote joyful education.

Simran's journey highlights the power of curiosity and dedication. Through street plays and interactive activities, she empowers youth, addresses their educational challenges, and inspires her community to prioritize child welfare. As a Youth Ambassador, she wants to foster joyful learning and is paving the way for a brighter future.

Social Media Campaign during Child Rights Week



During Child Rights Week 2024, from November 14, 2024 to November 20, 2024, Miracle Foundation India conceptualized and launched a powerful social media campaign to spotlight the fundamental rights of children, including their right to a loving family. The campaign, through a total of 11 interactive posts on each platform, emphasized critical areas such as child protection, family-based care, and the importance of community involvement in nurturing a safe and supportive environment for every child.

We are delighted to share that the campaign generated significant interaction and reached a wide audience across multiple platforms. On Facebook, it reached 6,24,318 unique users and generated 4,665 engagements. Further, while Instagram saw 1,623 users reached, LinkedIn witnessed a reach of 2,571 users.

These impressive metrics across platforms highlight how the campaign was able to strongly amplify meaningful conversations about children's welfare. A big thank you to our followers and supporters for making this campaign successful! Your solidarity helps us continue working for children's rights and well-being, creating a brighter and more equitable future for all.

*Data as of December 5, 2024

Consultation on Ending Violence Against Children

Miracle Foundation India was pleased to co-organize the 'National Children's Consultation on Ending Violence Against Children' on November 27-28, 2024, in New Delhi. This program, initiated by *National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India* (NACG-EVAC, India), saw the collaboration of several other organizations, including *International Labour Organization*, *Terre des Hommes Netherlands*, *Child in Need Institute* and *Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action* (CHETNA).

Prior to this national event, children's consultations were conducted across a total of 21 states, where children elected their representatives to present the issues identified in their respective communities and groups. Additionally, a nationwide questionnaire was shared to gather insights on the challenges faced by children related to violence. The consultation focused on six thematic areas, namely child marriage, child sexual abuse and exploitation, child labour, corporal punishment and violent discipline, child trafficking, and child participation. Children from across states gathered on this platform, offering diverse perspectives and solutions that made the event both impactful and meaningful. The purpose was to listen to the experiences of children from different backgrounds, identify their challenges, and explore effective actions to address those issues. This input is crucial in shaping policies and interventions that can better support children and ensure their rights and well-being.

A key highlight of this consultation was when children interacted with the *United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child* and raised insightful questions. The parallel sessions for adults focused on topics like leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnerships for social impact, and the need for family strengthening in India among others.

At Miracle Foundation India, we are proud to contribute to impactful dialogues that strengthen child rights and promote family-based care, ensuring every child grows up in a safe and loving family.

Donor Testimonial

"Miracle Foundation India is rewriting the story of childhood for so many kids, bringing them back to the heart of what truly matters—a loving family. Supporting their mission feels like planting seeds of hope that blossom into brighter futures. It's incredible to witness the magic of lives transformed with care, dignity, and endless possibilities."

- Nishigandha Rajeshirker

Resource Links

- [Ambivalent Purview of Kinship Care: Insights from Stakeholders](#)
- [Foster Parenting In India: Bringing a child home](#)
- [Understanding how to measure systems change](#)
- [The State of the World's Children 2024: The Future of Childhood in a Changing World](#)
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