



As we approach the end of the financial year, it's a moment to reflect on the progress we've made together and the road ahead. This year has been a testament to the power of collaboration. Governments, social workers and youth ambassadors have worked tirelessly to create meaningful change in the lives of children and families.

With every effort, we move closer to a future where every child has the opportunity to grow up in a safe, nurturing family environment. As we prepare for the year ahead, your continued support remains invaluable in driving this mission forward.

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey. Together, we are building a stronger foundation for children to thrive.

Warm regards,
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Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



Jithu (name changed), a 13-year-old boy from Nagarkurnool district, Telangana, was admitted to a Child Care Institution (CCI) in June 2019 by the Child Welfare Committee, Mahabubnagar. His father had passed away eight years ago, and his single mother, struggling with multiple health issues, found it difficult to care for him. Despite completing her Auxiliary Nurse Midwife training, she could not take up a nursing job due to the demanding night shifts and lack of family support for childcare. In 2019, her deteriorating health further forced her to admit Jithu to CCI, while his younger sibling stayed with their maternal grandmother.

As the CCI and Miracle Foundation India team gradually learned about Jithu's background, they realized that with the right support, his reintegration with his family was possible. The reintegration process began in 2022, but his mother initially hesitated to take him back due to financial instability. To address her concerns, the team conducted multiple counseling sessions with her, the extended family, and community members, helping her regain confidence. With continuous support, she welcomed Jithu back home in November 2022. To help her achieve financial stability, the team assisted her in opening a small general store in October 2023, catering to local demand. This has become her primary source of income, earning her ₹5,000 per month. In addition, she has been linked to government schemes such as the *Widow Pension* (₹2,000 per month), *Aarogya*¹ Health Insurance (₹10 lakh coverage), and *Public Distribution System* for essential food supplies, further supporting her household. With improved financial stability, she has even started saving a portion of her earnings in a bank account and often sends her profit and loss amount calculation to the team for any assistance.

Today, Jithu is happily living with his mother and grandmother, excelling in 7th grade, and actively participating in school and cultural activities. He is gradually bonding with extended family, neighbors, and the community, adjusting with confidence. Regular follow-ups by the CCI team and counselors ensure ongoing support. This intervention has not only provided financial stability but also strengthened the mother-child bond, helping Jithu grow up in a loving, supportive environment and proving the power of family-based care.

Celebrating Shama Parveen



At Miracle Foundation India, as we strive towards enabling children to stay with their families and reach their full potential, we honor the incredible social workforce that makes it all possible! This month, we are pleased to celebrate the efforts, achievements and dedication of Shama Parveen from Pakur, Jharkhand.

Shama's efforts towards promoting children's rights and welfare began over a decade ago when she started working as a Protection Officer in institutional care, overseeing the care of nearly 400 children in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Pakur. Her role was to ensure their safety and to foster an environment where they could thrive despite their circumstances. In 2019, Shama began her association with Miracle Foundation India through their training programs. Recognizing her passion and expertise on children's issues, she was recognized as a Master trainer. Subsequently, Shama - as a Master Trainer - was part of ten trainings, imparting crucial skills on the need for family strengthening to over 500 CCI staff, Childline workers and para-legal volunteers.

Shama's efforts did not stop there; she also promoted alternative care options, particularly kinship care, as a more nurturing environment for children than institutional settings. Over time, she helped transition approximately 70 children from CCIs into loving kinship care arrangements. One of her other significant contributions was towards facilitating access to the Sponsorship Scheme which provides ₹4,000 to children from vulnerable communities. Through her efforts, around 25 children and their families received financial support, enabling them to stay together and thrive within their familial networks.

Shama has spearheaded about 40 campaigns towards awareness generation within communities on child rights and the importance of kinship care. Her efforts have been influencing policy discussions and creating convergence mechanisms among district-level authorities, consequently helping improve child protection services across the region.

An outstanding example of Shama's impactful work is her collaboration with the Child Welfare Committee of Bhanupur, Birar, towards reuniting three children with their families in Pakur. Through her meticulous efforts in ensuring quality Individual Care Plans and timely Social Investigation Reports, Shama facilitated a smooth transition and a brighter future for these children. Her ongoing efforts to train and empower local stakeholders would certainly ensure her vision is taken forward by many others. Her commitment and efforts towards child protection have earned her numerous accolades, including recognition on International Women's Day 2023 in Pakur.

A big shout-out today to Shama Parveen.

From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact



Miracle Foundation India's Youth Ambassadors, drawn from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) 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 Bhagyashri Ajay Khobragade from Nagpur, Maharashtra, who joined our Youth Ambassadors' Program in 2023.

Bhagyashri lost her mother at six months and her father by the age of two, leaving her in a CCI in Nagpur. Overcoming loneliness through her studies, she completed her schooling and, with her warden's support, secured admission to a nursing college, embarking on a journey of independence while living alone.

Her journey transformed when she joined Miracle Foundation India's Youth Program, gaining confidence and leadership through a comprehensive mental well-being and growth-focused program. This experience gave her the confidence to step forward and support the development of the younger children in the CCI where she once lived. As a Youth Ambassador, she began conducting sessions for them—engaging in drawing, sports, and academic support—ensuring that they felt encouraged and empowered. Though her college commitments limit her availability, she continues finding ways to support children, organizing games, and mentoring them whenever she has the opportunity.

She independently attends webinars on cybersecurity and safe relationships, sharing her knowledge with children, and has enrolled in a Wadhvani Foundation course to enhance her English skills. Today, she is a confident young woman, ready to face challenges and champion for others. Once fully accredited as a nurse, she plans to use her profession to help disadvantaged people.

Convergence Meeting in Nashik: Strengthening Child Protection and Family-Based Care



A convergence meeting was held in Nashik, Maharashtra, with the taskforce under the chairmanship of Mr. Jale Shama, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate, Nashik. The meeting was attended by Mr. Sunil Dusan, District Women and Child Development Officer (DWCDO); Adv. Milind Babar, Child Welfare Committee Chairperson; the Child Development Program Officer; the Deputy Commissioner of Nashik Municipal Corporation; the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU); and various NGOs, including the Miracle Foundation India team. Key discussions included health, education, labor and rural development.

Discussions also centered on the collaborative program between the Nashik Women and Child Development Department and Miracle Foundation India for transforming family strengthening and family-based alternative care in Nashik district. The core objective of this program is to initiate child protection and family strengthening efforts by establishing community-based child protection mechanisms, as outlined under the Mission Vatsalya guidelines. The initiative will begin in two locations within Nashik city.

As a next step, a core group has been formed for effective implementation, comprising members from the Women and Child Development Department, DCPU, Integrated Child Development Services workforce, Health Department, Childline, Umed Abhiyan (Livelihood Mission), and NGOs. DWCDO will lead the program in collaboration with other line departments and Nashik Municipal Corporation, with Miracle Foundation India serving as the technical partner.

Child Safeguarding Training in Telangana

Miracle Foundation India conducted a Child Safeguarding Training for partners from two districts in Telangana, facilitated by Mr. Kalyani, a Life Skills Education Consultant. The training aimed to equip NGO professionals—including social workers, and caregivers—with essential knowledge of child protection.

Key topics included identifying and responding to abuse, understanding legal frameworks such as the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, and strengthening reporting mechanisms. Participants engaged in interactive discussions, case studies, and role-playing exercises to develop practical skills for effectively safeguarding children.

Evaluations indicated a significant improvement in their understanding of safeguarding principles. Moving forward, partners will update their Child Safeguarding Policies and ensure continuous learning through refresher sessions and monitoring practices.

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"I am proud to support Miracle Foundation India, as they empower children and families from vulnerable communities across India. Their commitment to creating long-term change is truly inspiring. I have seen firsthand the impact of their work, transforming children and families into confident individuals."

- Shobhi Bhatnagar

Resource Links

- India's shift from institutional to family-based childcare gaining force despite challenges
- Juvenile Justice Law In India: A Critical Study
- In this engaging conversation, Prof. Ton Liefwaard, Leiden Law School, sits down with Prof. Ann Skelton, Programme Director of the Master of Laws: Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights, to discuss her experiences, the Committee's most significant achievements, the challenges that lie ahead, and her insights for those working—or aspiring to work—in the field of children's rights
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