



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NOVEMBER

Organization introduction

Society for Children (SOCH) is a non-profit organization registered under society registration act, 1860. SOCH has been running Child Rescue Project at major railway stations in Odisha for runaway, missing and abandoned children since 2012. Currently Child Rescue Project has been functioning at Bhubaneswar, Khurda and Brahmapur railway stations. As per the figures till 31st March, 2015, the project has rescued and resettled 1079 children from various difficult situations.

Child Rescue Project Introduction

Child Rescue Project identifies runaway, missing and abandoned children majorly focusing at railway stations. Project rescue the children are in need of help. Rescued children are brought to a temporary shelter for necessary counseling, food, shelter and cloth support. Due efforts is being taken to trace the family address of the children. Children are being reunited with their families and put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government's juvenile justice system.



Details of child rescue and resettlement

BHUBANESWAR

Total children rescued in this month: **35**
Rescued by SOCH staffs: **32**
No. of children getting referrals: **03**
No. of children reunited with their families: **24**
No. of children Referred for institutional care: **11**

KHURDA

Total children rescued in this month: **17**
Rescued by SOCH staffs: **17**
No. of children getting referrals: **00**
No. of children reunited with their families: **10**
No. of children Referred for institutional care: **07**

BERHAMPUR

Total children rescued in this month: **33**
Rescued by SOCH staffs: **31**
No. of children getting referrals: **02**
No. of children reunited with their families: **33**
No. of children Referred for institutional care-**Nil**

OUT OF 85 CHILDREN

- ✓ Large majority i.e.44 children were from the age group of **11-14** yrs.
- ✓ **69** children were from Odisha and **9** from WB, **2** from Jharkhand, **2** from AP and rest **3** were from Bihar, MP and UP.
- ✓ **66** children were such who ran away from home for the first time only.
- ✓ A large majority of children ran away from home due to work purpose, city attraction. Education problem as well as being punished by the parents for some silly reason.
- ✓ In this month **78** children were boys and while **7** girls.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ SOCH has celebrated its **3rd Annual function**.
- ❖ Celebrated Children's day at Bhubaneswar Railway Station and VJSS.
- ❖ Publication of **3rd Annual report** and case booklet of SOCH during our Annual function by our honorable guests.
- ❖ Celebrated Diwali with the children at Asha Kiran home.
- ❖ Conducted three days early intervention study at Khurda Railway Station.

Case study of Karan: Misunderstanding can lead to separation from loved ones!!

Karan (not real name) is a 10 year old boy, hailing from Ashok Nagar, which comes under Capital police station, Dist: Khurda, Bhubaneswar and studying in 5th standard at Rajadhani Sarakari Prathamika Vidyalaya, Unit:2. His father Mr. Sinu Rout has expired few year back and mother Mrs. Laxmi Rout has been running a kowari shop and Karan is having one elder sister. On 21.11.2015 at around 10.45 a.m. he was spotted by the SOCH staff during patrolling process, He was traveling alone in a train without having any idea about the destination of the train. The staff immediately rescued the child and had an interaction. At first contact the child behaved normal but did not share any accurate information about him. So, the staff assured the child for sure help and brought him to the temporary shelter of SOCH for further care and counseling, and informed the GRPS and RPF.

At shelter the child was first given food. He then spent some time in playing and sleeping. Soon after the counseling was started. From counseling the staff got to know the exact reason of the child's run away. One day Karan's mother found that some money had been stolen from her purse. This made her angry and she scolded severely Karan in a suspicious manner. Karan did not like his mother's attitude as he was not involved in that theft deed. So in a fit of anger he left home and boarded in a train. Fortunately got rescued and brought to the shelter. At the time of rescue the child had a cycle key and rupees 170/- with him. After the counseling the staff tried to make the child understand about the importance of family and education in his life. Also made him realize about the negative consequences of the platform life on the run away children. This generated a fear as well as awareness in the child and he realized his mistakes. He then shared the contact no of his uncle.

The staff immediately informed at the child's given contact no and then referred the child to the Bhairabi club on the same day for further care and protection. On same day his mother along with some relatives reached at the Bhairabi Club with necessary documents. They became very happy to see their child after a long time of their search. It became clear from his mother's statement that she did not scold with suspicion rather she scolded him for his carelessness in being less attentive in home. But the child misunderstood and run away from home. Now the child understood his mistake and happily went home with his mother on the same day. On 7th December 2015, the telephonic follow up was made, to find out the child's present status. Happy to know that the child is continuing his studies at home.

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