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### About SOCH

Society for Children (SOCH) is a non-profit organization registered under society registration act, 1860. SOCH has been running RAKSHYAK Project at major railway stations in Odisha for runaway, missing and abandoned children since 2012. Currently RAKSHYAK Project has been functioning at Bhubaneswar, Khurda and Berhampur railway stations. As per the figures till 31st December 2015, the project has rescued and resettled 1796 children from various difficult situations. Along with this subsequently SOCH has running another projects i.e. PANKH and PUNARJIVAN.

### Project Introduction

#### RAKSHYAK

RAKSHYAK Project identifies runaway, missing and abandoned children majorly focusing at railway stations. Project rescues the children who 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.

#### PANKH

PANKH project primarily focuses on youth who are above 16 years of age and they have difficulties in choosing their career and staying in Child Care Institutions or belong to poor and without family background. The project aims to provide *counseling, mentoring, life skill building training and facilitating vocational training with job placement and follow up* support.

#### PUNARJIVAN

PUNARJIVAN project is working for the hard behavior old children, who are detached from their loving parents for a long time. It provides a behavioral modification camp for a month time. These children undergo a change in their behavior and attitude during their stay at camp due to the guidance of professional teachers. The address of the children are traced by the staff during their stay at camp. At the end of the time period, the children are happily reunited with their families.

#### RESCUED AND RESETTLEMENT DETAILS:

No. of children rescued: 60  
Rescued by SOCH staffs: 47  
No. of children getting referrals: 13  
No. of children reunited with their families: 46  
No. of children Referred for institutional care: 14

## Out of 60 children

- ✓ A large majority i.e. **33 and 25** number of children belong to the age group of **11-14 and 15-18** years respectively.
- ✓ **43** children were from Odisha and 6, from WB, 5, from AP, and other 6 children were from UP, MP, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh respectively.
- ✓ **53** 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 and scolding and punishment of children as well as by the peer group influences.
- ✓ In this month **54** children were boys while **6** were girls.



The story of N.Prabin

N.Prabin (*not real name*) is a 12 year old boy, studying in class 6<sup>th</sup> and hailing from Loco colony area under Jatani police station of Khurda district, Odisha. His father Mr.N.Suraj Das is a shopkeeper at the Market building, Bhubaneswar and mother Mrs.N.Laxmi Das is an Anganwadi worker. He has one elder brother and one elder sister. On **27<sup>th</sup> January 2016** at around 12.15pm. N.Prabin was spotted by a patrolling staff of SOCH while wandering alone on platform no- 02 of Bhubaneswar Railway Station. In the first interaction, the child seemed very nervous and got ready to come down to the shelter after the staff assured him for sure help. With all the procedures followed at the GRPS and RPF the staff brought the child to the temporary shelter of SOCH.

At shelter the child freshened up and had some food. Soon, the counseling session was started. During counseling the child enunciated that five days had passed since he came to his uncle's home at Sikharchandi, Bhubaneswar along with his parents. His parents left him alone in his uncle's home. One day he was being scolded by his grandmother as he was not obeying her instruction. Being depressed by the punishment Paban planned to return back to his home to Loco Colony, Khurda alone and left his uncle's home without informing any one. Meanwhile he reached Bhubaneswar Railway Station where he was rescued by the SOCH staff. After listening to him the staff tried to convince him about the importance of parents and value of education in his life. Paban realized his mistake and shared the contact number of his parents.

By following the contact number of his parents the staff immediately informed his parents and referred Paban to child line for further care and protection on the same day i.e. 27th January 2016. After getting information about their child they felt happy and relaxed as they have been searching him restlessly everywhere for a long time.. On the next day his parents came and received their son from the child line and also came to SOCH office. Finally, Paban was happily reunited with his family on 28th January 2016 and his parents also expressed their gratitude towards SOCH staffs.

During the first telephonic follow up on 6th February 2016, his mother told that the child is properly continuing his study at home.

On **20th February 2016**, the staff reached his home to see the child's present status. He is happily continuing his study under the love and affection of his parents. During the visit, the staff observed that the child is very happy with his parents and properly obeying all the instructions of parents. In the visit the staff interacted with both parents and child together and got to know that he is happy in his life.

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