



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY-2016

### RAKSHYAK

It 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 are made to trace the family address of the children. Then children are either reunited with their families or put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government's juvenile justice system.

To Donate: <https://milaap.org/campaigns/Rakshyak>

### PUNARJIVAN

Project "Punarjivan" is a one month behavioural modification camp that focuses on the hard behavior old children, who have been detached from their loving parents for a longer period of time. These children under the supervision and guidance of professional teachers follow a structured and planned daily schedule that brings about a change in their behavior and attitude. The addresses of the children are traced during their stay at camp and they are reunited with their families at the Camp Ending Ceremony.

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### PANKH

It primarily focuses on youth who are above 16 years of age staying in Child Care Institutions, belong to poor family background or are orphans who generally face difficulties in choosing their career. The 5 major components through which project "Pankh" operates are counseling, mentoring, life skill building training support, facilitating vocational training with job placement and follow up support.

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### WE @ SOCH

Established in July 2012, Society for Children (SOCH) is a non-profit organization registered under society registration act, 1860. Currently operational in Bhubaneswar, Khurda and Berhampur cities of Odisha, SOCH has been running Project "Rakshyak" rescue and resettlement of runaway, missing and abandoned children. As per the figures till 31st March 2016, the project has rescued and resettled 2062 children from various difficult situations. SOCH also runs Project "Punarjivan"; one month behavioral modification camp for hard behaviour children and Project "Pankh"; to mainstream the youths from CCI and from different underprivileged section of the Society.

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### ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

- ✓ The heat refuses to give in so does the Rescue and Resettlement for SOCH. Month of May saw the all time highest Rescue figures with 126 beautiful lives being saved.
- ✓ Stakeholders have been active. SOCH received 19 referral cases from the stakeholders that is 7 more than the previous month.
- ✓ SOCH objective was majorly accomplished when 89 families were reunited with their children.
- ✓ Initiated Fund raising campaign on milaap.com under the supervision of IIM-Indore Interns.
- ✓ It was time for some Evaluation & Introspection @ SOCH. Concluded the much awaited Annual Performance Appraisal 2015-16.

### SEPARATION PLAYS SPOILSPORT IN CHETAN'S HOLIDAY

Chetan Gouda (Name changed) is a 6 Years old smart, intelligent and brave boy studying in UKG. Like every other child he is the apple of his parent's eyes; Mr. Raju Gouda (a farmer) and Mrs. Sirija Gouda (a house wife); who hail from Ankushapur under Berhampur Police Station, Dist. - Ganjam, Odisha. Life was full of mirth and enjoyment when the family went on a visit to Puri just when their separation from Chetan (on return) on 20th April 2016 played a spoilsport.

By God's grace Chetan could be spotted alone and crying at Khurda Station Platform no. 3 by RPF and SOCH. Chetan was immediately taken to RPF office where SOCH Counsellor consoles him and assured him to find his parents. And in the due course of the Counselling session the child narrated how while changing trains he got separated from his parents and also he could clearly recollect his details which impressed everyone around. But he failed to recollect any contact no. But still with the help of the local police station the RPF managed to trace and inform Chentan's family.

Chetan was then brought to SOCH temporary shelter for refreshment and food after which he was handed over to Bharibi Club Open Shelter; post official formalities; where he was reunited with his parents the following day (on 21st April 2016). A follow-up on 11th May 2016 confirmed that Chetan is happy and enjoying summer vacation.



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