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**EVERY CHILD COMES
WITH THE MESSAGE
THAT GOD IS NOT YET
DISCOURAGED
OF MAN**

NEWSLETTER



Society for Children (SOCH)

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SOCH is a non-profit Organization Registered under Society Act XXI of 1860 with the **Registration No-23515/51** at IGR Cuttack, Odisha. Established in July 2012, SOCH is currently operational in three locations viz. Bhubaneswar, Khurdha Road & Paradeep. **RAKSHYAK** (Child Rescue and Resettlement Project), **PUNARJIVAN** (Behavior Modification Camp of Hard Behavior, Addicted Children), **PANKH** (Mainstreaming of Youths having orphan or semi orphan background) and **CCCD** (Child Centered Community Development) are the four Projects of SOCH.

UPDATES OF PROJECT RAKSHYAK

PROJECT “**RAKSHYAK**” operates at major Railway Stations in Odisha, viz. Bhubaneswar and Khurda Road railway stations. It identifies rescues and reunites runaway, missing and abandoned children in need of help. Rescued children are provided with counselling, food, cloth and first aid support. Due efforts are made to trace the family address of the children. Children are then reunited with their families or put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government’s juvenile justice system.

Since inception

Till 31st July 2020

- 5401 Children rescued
- 3923 Children reunited
- 519 Referrals received

UPDATES OF PROJECT PUNARJIVAN

After rescuing and resettling thousands of children. SOCH Team realised that there are hundreds of children running away from home repeatedly, addicted to substance abuse, school dropouts, involved in petty crimes, begging, etc. In order to help such children, Project **Punarjivan** itself means “**REBIRTH**”. It was conceptualised to implement in below mentioned three categories.

Category	Given Facility
Family Connected Children having issues with addiction repeated runaway and other behavioural issues.	3 weeks residential camp
Street Connected Children having issues with addiction, repeated runaway, begging and other behavioural issues.	4 weeks residential camp
Children dropped out of schools for long time and not having issues with addiction or other behavioural problems.	12 weeks residential educational-bridge camp

TILL 31ST JULY 2020

05

Behavioural
Camp
Conducted

98

children have
been involved
in Camp

84

children have
been reunited
& rehabilitated

14

children have
been provided
Institutional Care

From 2016 to till now SOCH has successfully conducted four 3 weeks residential camps and one 4 weeks residential camp.

“A SMALL EFFORT GIVES US NEW HOPE TOWARDS OUR DESTINATION”

The coronavirus pandemic and the unprecedented measures to contain its spread are disrupting nearly every aspect of children's lives: their health, development, learning, behaviour, their families' economic security etc. As project Punarjivan working for children who are addicted, drop out, and hard by behavior, we organize camps where we correct children and teach them and guide them to come out from addiction. As we have conducted 4 camps, we have been sent some of our returned camp children to residential schools. They were so happy to continue their study.



But when lockdown announced by govt and students were asked to leave the hostel some of our camps returned children also left the hostel. They say that “IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING FROM THE DEPTH OF YOUR HEART, YOU CAN FIND A WAY AUTOMATICALLY”.

So Swapna (name changed) a girl who lives in an urban community in Bhubaneswar. A community where electricity facility is not there, a thatched cottage where hardly 3 to 4 people can stay hardly When lockdown started she had a hope that school will reopen soon but looking at the scenario lockdown gets extended. She was addicted before and took a promise to never addict and she did that. She managed to do self-study in the morning and night with the hope of making her dream true. Our team does regular telephonic follow up, psychosocial counseling, etc.

That girl is an inspiration for all of us. Despite not having all the necessary equipment, the girl is trying her very best to gain some knowledge and make the best use of this lockdown period through her courage and passion. Our organization is very proud to let everyone know about such kids who are very determined and concerned about their future.

Our organization salutes these kids and urges everyone to please take some motivation from them and start utilizing your time in a proper direction.

UPDATES OF CHILDREN DURING THIS PANDEMIC TIME

- Telephonic phone calls with parents as well as with children (oriented them about hand wash & sanitizing during COVID 19).
- Parents counseling of camp returned children where we discussed family dynamics & parental involvement in the upbringing of the child.
- Regular remedial classes for 2 hours with using TLM products & other basic literacy methods through which children can engage more.
- Pilot screening test for three months educational bridge camp, the test will enable us to understand if the child has a basic understanding of the subject and can proceed to preparation for class 7/8 or need to first clear more basic material.



UPDATES OF CHILD CENTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CCCD) PROGRAMME

The idea behind CCCD programme is to work on multiple facets of development in a specific geography, while keeping children at the focus. For the overall and sustainable development of children & their whole community.

DOMAINS

- Education
- Child Rights
- Children with no parental care
- Health, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Awareness and Empowerment
- Livelihood Promotion
- Environmental Care
- Elderly Care

EDUCATION

School Enrollment campaign - We conducted a campaign, Asa Padhiba Asa Sikhiba, in this our volunteers did home visits and collected details of children who lacked Aadhar Card and after lots of difficulties we were able to secure admission of 38 students and few more are lined up for August.



HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Installation of Water Cooler at Ganpati Shishu Mandir, Balijhara slum at Paradeep



AWARENESS & EMPOWERMENT

We had one offline session among the adolescent girls and main objective of the session was to increase awareness of prohibiting child marriage and give the information regarding child rights



LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION

For the first time, we created a linkage with different vendors of Paradeep and MO KHATA outlet for the doormat product selling & marketing. Mo Khata is the initiative of Paradeep municipality. They are feeling good that their hard work became successful and their doormat reached the market for selling.



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Help a child go back home after runaway from home or being trafficked or from other difficult situations under Project Rakshyak	Rs- 6,000/-
Help a family connected repeated runaway or addicted child to go through our 3 weeks long residential rehabilitation camp	Rs-10,000/-
Help a street connected addicted child to go through our 4 weeks long residential rehabilitation camp	Rs-12,000/-
Help a school dropout child go back school after going through our 12 weeks residential educational- bridge course.	Rs-30,000/-

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