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CHILDREN MUST BE TAUGHT HOW TO THINK, NOT WHAT TO THINK

NEWSLETTER



Society for Children (SOCH)

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The background of the page features a red-tinted photograph of the SOCH office building. The building's facade has Odia text and a logo. In the foreground, two men are visible: one on the left wearing a blue shirt and dark pants, and one on the right wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The text is centered in a white box.

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 four 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. Due to lock down, travelling has been hugely restricted, so we have not able to rescue any child from railway station but the team is engaged in conducting a survey in rural Odisha about children’s current need.

Since inception

Till 30th June 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 30TH JUNE 2020

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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 CHILD'S CASE HISTORY

Bijay, a 14-year-old boy, son of Mr. Surendra & Mrs. Rajani Pradhan of Kaniari village of Ganjam was found sitting alone by the SOCH team at platform No:3 in the Berhampur Railway Station on 8th August 2019. After observing him for a long time, they enquired about why he was alone at the station. Bijay avoided & left the place to join another two boys sitting at a distance. The SOCH team followed him until that place. They tried to converse with the boys to know the reason for their being on the platform in an unearthly hour. They were taken to the Contact Point to make them feel more comfortable. It was then known that Bijay came from a family with very meager earnings. His father had some small business & his mother was a labourer. After a while, his father could not go out to work due to illness. It became difficult for Bijay's mother to manage all household expenses along with his education. His father took to alcohol & that made the situation worse. There were constant squabbles at home for money. Bijay's father was not very keen on his continuing his studies. To avert all these unpleasant & unsavoury situations he confided in his two close friends, Aditya Pradhan & Silu Sahu about his problems. Thus the three of them found a solution to the problem that they would go to Chennai & earn their livelihood. The volunteers counselled them about not leaving their home & cautioned them about the dark, cruel world around. The volunteer spoke to their parents & asked them to take them back home. They were sent to the open shelter with the single-member order of CWC, Ganjam for further care & protection as per the JJ Act. On 9th August 2019, the boys were reunited with their parents through CWC. Their parents too were counselled about giving proper attention to their children at this impressionable age. They conveyed their deep gratitude towards SOCH for their commendable work.

On follow-up action in 12.04.2020- it was found that the boys were happily back in school.

NAME- BIJAY PRADHAN (NAME CHANGED)

AGE & GENDER- 14 YEARS OLD, MALE

EDUCATION - 9TH STANDARD

PARENTAL STATUS- RUPA MAJHI (FATHER), JOBAMANI (MOTHER)

RESCUE LOCATION- BERHAMPUR RAILWAY STATION

RESCUE DATE & TIME- 08.08.2019

ADDRESS- KANIARI,GANJAM,ODISHA

AFTER COMPLETION OF OUR BEHAVIOURAL MODIFICATION CAMPS, HERE SOME UPDATES WITH PICTURES OF CHILDREN DURING FOLLOW UP BY THE PUNARJIVAN TEAM

- Telephonic phone calls with parents as well as with children (Oriented them about hand wash & sanitization during COVID 19)
- Parents counseling of returned camp children where we discussed the family dynamics and parental involvement in the upbringing of the child. It has thrown some light on how each child needs an individual plan.
- Personal hygienic session - During COVID 19 how children should keep themselves clean and frequently uses of hand sanitizer, handwash, properly clean the nails etc.
- Regular remedial classes for returned camp children of paradeep (where our volunteers taking remedial classes for 2 hours per day with proper social distance and using sanitizer frequently). This is the new step of beginning teamwork with camp children where children will come regularly to class.
- We are using TLM products and other basic literacy methods through which we will engage them.



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

Our focus is on Basic literacy and Numeric Literacy And Social Emotional Learning. While maintaining social distancing our volunteer teaches children regularly every morning 2 hours and evening 2 hours. In this we use the medium of stories, rhymes, drawing, and other creative activities to increase child participation in class.



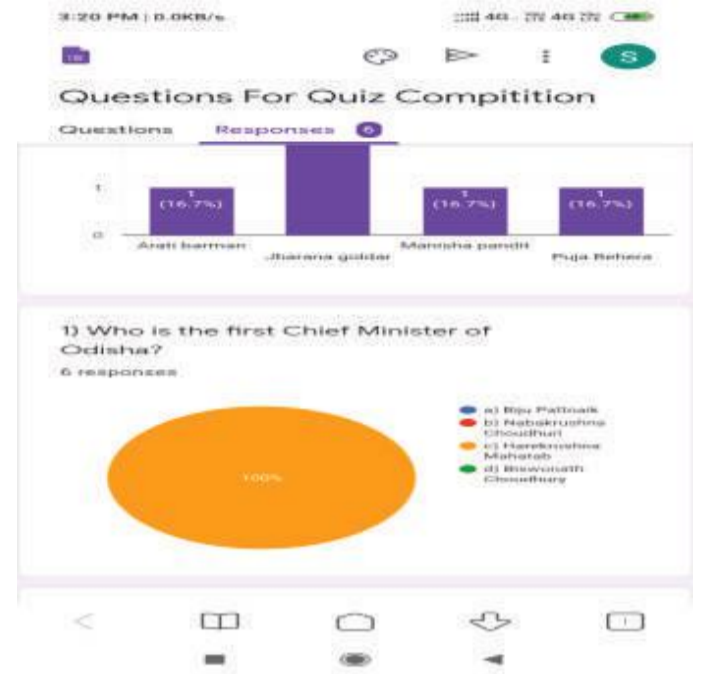
HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



To know the status of health and nutrition of the maternity group, the team start to mapping their problems and to know the real penetration of government interventions. We also cover the newborn babies through our regular home visit.

AWARENESS & EMPOWERMENT

- Conducted two sessions on Child Trafficking & Cyber Crime among the adolescents' girls.
- Conducted online quiz competitions for the Adolescent girl and declared the winner among themselves.
- Celebrated Raja Festival - We organized some activities among the girls like Mehendi competition, Alata competition, drawing competition maintained with proper social distancing and precaution. We also distributed prizes among them. It was a good group bonding among adolescent girls.
- Digital technologies have strong potential to empower girls. They feel safer and more connected when they have a mobile phone and they have to know the proper use of mobile to save time, money and access education opportunities. We are creating awareness among adolescent girls regarding cyber crime as well as digital empowerment.



RESPONSES TO COVID-19 @ BHUBANESWAR & PARADEEP !

DISTRIBUTED 40 SANITARY KITS AT DAYA ORGANIZATION



The corona virus 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 and their protection from violence and abuse & their mental health. Keeping in mind the need of these children SOCH in association with New Hope distributed 40 sanitization kits to children in DAYA NGO at Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar. The corona virus pandemic requires everyone to maintain good hygiene to control the spread and protect one from falling sick to facilitate this the kits included masks, sanitizers and hand wash. The kits were distributed among children who study at DAYA - Day Care Centre and were devoid of such necessities. During the distribution drive, volunteers from SOCH and New Hope educated the children about the proper use of those kits and its components. Children were very much happy to receive the kits and felt more educated about the need for proper hygiene.

SOAP AND MASK DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of masks and soaps, in response to Covid19, with help of local volunteers in different hamlets of Paradeep slums.



DISTRIBUTION OF DRY RATION KITS

SOCH has distributed 12 Dry Ration Kits with the support of PPL to 12 families of leprosy colony near to our project intervention area at Paradeep.



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ON BEHALF OF SOCH FAMILY

“THANKING YOU ALL... FOR BEING SUPPORTING THE CAUSE & KEEP SPREADING THE WORK & VALUE OF SOCH”.

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Contribute Your Time	
Be a SOCH Volunteer/Teacher/Trainer and many options...	
Contribute Your Money	
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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