



# DCCWConnect



## Vocational Trainee Graduation Day

The 2017-18 graduating batch of vocational trainees completed their examinations in March 2018. Over 500 participants were graduating after passing their examinations at the end of their six month or year-long training courses.

DCCW's Vocational Training Programme has been running since 1976, and is aimed at girls from under-privileged families in resettlement colonies and the urban slums of Delhi. The programme operates at thirteen centres empowering over 500 girls annually with income-generating skills and practical competencies for the job market. The courses are accredited by NIOS and JSS, both government certifications, qualifying the successful trainees for government jobs.



The courses offered, namely, tailoring, beauty culture, computer graphics, etc allow girls to work within or near their homes, even after marriage, without requiring large investments. The trainees simultaneously undergo sessions in English-speaking, confidence-building, motivation, communication and presentation skills, etiquette and attire, along with legal rights and self-defence.

The valedictory function for the successful participants was held in the first week of April. Apart from the trainees, the function is also attended by guests who have been supporting the program. Prizes were given to the top performers in the various courses, while all successful participants received a certificate. The work-products of the participants were on display. Then there was a variety programme of games, dance and music put up by the trainees, followed by refreshments and lunch for all. Keeping the focus on this programme, our Spotlight section features two of our alumni from the vocational training programme.

# Spotlight - Bharti & Reema

## Bharti

Bharti lives with her family comprising her father, mother and brother in a small rented accommodation in Madipur. Her father works as a driver and her mother works as a domestic help, and together their family monthly income is about Rs. 13000.

Bharti joined our Madipur centre and successfully completed her beauty culture course in 2017. She always wanted to do something meaningful in her life. After joining our centre, along with her skill in beauty culture – the course she had joined - her confidence also increased day by day with the additional support of the personality development trainings. She was a quick learner and performed very well in her course.

After finishing the training, at just seventeen years of age, Bharti has opened a small parlour in her home and is already earning around 3,000/- per month. She likes her work and is now helping her family financially. Her family is very proud of her success - as we are too!



Bharti working at her home

## Reema

Reema is eighteen years old and has just passed out of our Stitching and Tailoring course from our Pooth Kalan centre. Her family consists of her father, mother, two brothers and a sister. Her father works in a factory and the family monthly income is about Rs 12,000.

Reema is a driven, ambitious girl and was keen to do something on her own and become financially independent. So she decided to get a skill training to help her achieve her goal. She was a very active student in her class. During her course she participated in many programs and competitions. She is now an expert in making designer dresses and suits.

After completing her training just about a month ago, she started working from home and is already earning around 3,000/- per month, taking her first step towards her goal of becoming self-reliant. We wish Reema the best and are sure she will do us proud!



Reema working at home

## Quarterly Updates

### Health Camps for TB Awareness:

Our doctor along with three girls who have been trained at our Begumpur centre, have held camps in the surrounding communities of all our centres across Delhi, to raise awareness of TB – its symptoms, treatment and prevention.

### Workshops

Workshops were held for both children and their parents on understanding the difference between good and bad touch. Teaching them how to resist any exploitation by known or unknown people.





# Quarterly Updates



## Fund Raiser

A fund-raising event was organized in Canada on Valentine's Day by Mr Satish Sharma, Ms Alka Verma and Mr Khanna, all part of the global well-wishers of PALNA. Ms Tia Luthra, DCCW Executive Committee member, also attended and briefed the audience in detail about the history, functioning of PALNA, and the impact it has been making on the lives of thousands of children.

## Workshop on Story Telling

As part of our continuous effort to empower our staff and faculty by providing opportunities for their growth and development, a workshop on Story-telling was held for all our teachers. The workshop did not just teach the concepts, but also engaged all the participants in live exercises to better assimilate and demonstrate their learning.

## Iranian NGO Visit

An Iranian NGO delegation visited DCCW for sharing of learning in the area of skill training of young girls.

They visited several of our centres and there was a good exchange of experiences and ideas.

## National Bravery Awards

As has become the practice every year, this year too the National Bravery Awardees visited PALNA where they were felicitated by the DCCW Executive Committee and staff, as well as children from our different programmes, who put up a small programme in honour of the young brave hearts.

## Celebrating Lohri

Employees of Globe Capital came and celebrated Lohri with the Palna children, singing and dancing around the Lohri bonfire. They provided Palna with cupboards, children's desks & chairs and all daily need items. A big thank you to them!



Birthday and festival celebrations across all centres, a glimpse....



## Visitors' Comments

Protima Agostini Vasino (Palna Child on revisiting her first home after 20 years)

*"Great emotion to come back here, thank you for what you do for children and what you have done for me"*

Delhi Council for Child Welfare (DCCW) is a Registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization), established in 1952 to care for children who had been displaced during the riots that took place after the partition of India. Since its inception over 50 years ago, DCCW has grown, its services expanding and diversifying to keep pace with the changing needs of Delhi's less fortunate children. Today, DCCW provides a range of services for underprivileged children living in and around Delhi, in

