

DCCWConnect



A Very Happy and Blessed New Year to all our readers and well-wishers from everyone at PALNA / DCCW!

Mira visits PALNA, her first home.

At the dawn of 2019 PALNA was blessed with the arrival of one of our PALNA angels, Mira for a visit to her first home, which enabled her to take wings and excel in her passion for Kathak dance. Recently she gave her first public performance in California, which was much appreciated and applauded by the audience. The performance raised \$5000, all of which gave in support of her first home, for the care of the little ones here. Our gratitude and love to her and her family.



This is what she had to say when she sent the amount she had collected:

“My name is Mira Kapoor Wadehra and I was adopted from PALNA on November 24, 2001. I live in the Bay Area, California. On July 8th, 2018, I performed my first kathak solo dance performance and my parents and I decided that all the ticket sales should be donated to PALNA. My parents and I just wanted to thank PALNA because without PALNA, we would not be where we are today. I am SO happy I got to raise the money for DCCW (PALNA) and hope to visit soon.”

Sure enough, she was true to her word, and visited PALNA soon after – she is seen at PALNA in the photo with her parents, Mrs Sudha Gupta, Honorary President, DCCW and Dr Sandhya Bhalla, Director, DCCW.

Spotlight - Nisha & Shweta

Nisha lives with her family of five members. Her father is a Painter and earns Rs 10,000/- pm. She joined our vocational training programme in 2018 and enrolled in the 6-month Computer training course. She was a very dedicated student and regular at the centre, as well as being a quick learner. She helped the other students of her class with their work. She could even handle the class in case the instructor was called out. She has excellent typing speed 30 wpm. Also, she was very eager to learn English and actively participated in the training sessions organized at the centre. After completing her course in November 2018, she volunteered and took English classes with the young school going children attending the centre.

Today she is working for Association for Development, an NGO, as a teacher-cum-supervisor and earning Rs 12,000/-pm. She is very pleased with her achievement but aspires to touch greater heights. We are proud of her and wish her the best for a very bright future.



Shweta lives with her family of six members. Her father is an auto driver and mother a homemaker. She is a student of the 7th grade. She joined our supervised homework scheme in April 2017. Her other three siblings also attend our centre.

When she enrolled at our centre she was totally de-motivated in both her studies as well as extracurricular activities. After much counseling of her parents as well as her, she started showing some interest. She became regular and started participating in all centre activities. She started playing chess in the Saturday activities organised for the children. She had a flair for chess and got selected at the state level. She won the 2nd prize for her school at the state level chess competition that was held in Tamil Nadu. She started taking interest in her studies and showed a positive change in her attitude. This quarter she excelled in her half yearly exam and scored between 65 and 80 percent marks in all subjects! She is now focused on doing well in all areas, making an enormous change in just over a year!

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The quarter being one filled with festivals and celebrations, all our beneficiaries across all programs had a great time. Children's Week was also celebrated in all centres in November and many of the children were involved in decorations, making posters, preparing for competitions and also participated in external programs like the YMCA NGO Mela, and the SPLASH competition organized by Concern India.





Diwali, the festival of lights, enthruses great zeal and zest not only among the beneficiaries but also the communities that we serve. They look forward to the small Diwali mela organized by the DCCW centre. The children put up stalls of small gift items, all made by them out of waste material, which they learnt through the workshops conducted at our centres. These activities imbibe in them a sense of responsibility of not wasting, and also a sense of worth as the sale of their work earns them some remuneration. The older children also put up small food stalls of items they have learnt in their cooking classes. The day was filled with fun and frolic.

Despite being a festival where they love to burst crackers and enjoy other fireworks, our beneficiaries decided to give a skip to this and contribute their bit towards cleaner air and environment. Instead they went into their communities, did role plays and carried placards about saving the environment and the harmful hazards of crackers and fireworks. They did DCCW proud with the stand they took.

In our continuing endeavour towards the good health of children across all our programmes, DCCW organized a Dental Camp at Madipur, where the children were shown a colourful presentation on dental hygiene and its importance. Thereafter a quiz was organized in which over a hundred children and their parents participated.



Ensuring that our staff keeps learning new practices and gives the best care to the children in their charge, an Orientation and Sensitization workshop for all Caregivers was organized, which emphasized and focused on preventive measures through better hygiene practices. This helps keep illness at bay not just for the child but also the family.

A one-day capacity building workshop on Cursive Writing was organized by DCCW for all Instructors by Ms Ritika Gupta, Calligraphist.

To promote safety awareness among our children a session on Good & Bad Touch was organized at our Sultanpuri Centre. This is even more critical for children with disability as they have limited communication skills & channels for help when in need.

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Ending the year on a high note, all our centres organized an Educational Tour for the children. They went to Qutab Minar, Bal Bhawan, Rail Museum, Nehru Planetarium and National Science Museum among other places. Collectively the children decide where they would like to spend the day. This tour helps them learn more about our history, heritage as well gives them a lesson on being punctual and disciplined, especially when out in public, and also helps them bond and have a good time.

Visitors' Comments

Meera Malhotra - Delhi

"It was a wonderful experience to be here and see the awesome work being done by PALNA"

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

