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Happy New Year!



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Spreading the festive spirit, the US Ambassador Elizabeth Jones, and her team from the American embassy, celebrated the US National Adoption Month by visiting Palna and spent a fun filled day with the children and staff. The day started with a small presentation on DCCW, followed by an address by Ambassador Jones, and the donation of many useful items for Palna. Then Ambassador Jones took a detailed tour of Palna, stopping by the Medical Crisis Unit, nursery, as well as the classroom - much exceeding the planned time of her visit.



At the end of her visit, she had this to say: ***“I was thrilled to visit Palna and to see the exemplary work done here to take in and care for abandoned and challenged children. The work is ground breaking and essential for the children and the communities in which they live. Thank you for this wonderful work that benefits so many.”***

The 40+ strong contingent from the embassy, which included some family members of the staff, came with the objective of painting the walls of two children's rooms in Palna, which they did with great enthusiasm. They also played games and organized fun activities with our little ones. The crux was the spirit of giving; sharing and teaching the young ones accompanying them the joy of giving. A memorable day.

Spotlight: Shalu achieves her dream

Shalu Kumari enrolled in our Educational Sponsorship Programme while in the 6th grade. Her father works as a lift operator and earns Rs 11000/- while her mother is a homemaker, and her two younger brothers are in school. The family income is Rs 14000/- per month. The family struggled to bear the cost of educating their children and the sponsorship assistance came as a boon to them. Shalu was an above-average science student and the school was hopeful that given the opportunity, she would do something noteworthy and work towards building a career for herself.

During the pandemic, Shalu found it very difficult to cope with online classes. She started taking tuitions from Class XI in Physics, Chemistry and Biology to substitute the online class. Her aim was to become Spotlight: Shalu achieves her dreaman engineer. Since she was doing well and determined to succeed, her parents supported her by putting all their resources together to enable her to join an online study group to help her prepare for the All India Engineering and Medical entrance examinations

Her father's economic condition and the family's whole-hearted support doubled Shalu's determination to make it through the National level examinations. We are proud to share that her determination got her through the joint entrance examination with a 99.82 percentile! She has got admission in the National Institute of Technology, Suratkal, Karnataka - a premier engineering institution.

DCCW has helped her by giving a one-time financial assistance and her extended family too is helping out from Bihar, as her grandfather is very proud of her becoming an engineer - a first for their entire clan. We wish Shalu continued success and fulfilment.



Quarterly Updates - Partnerships & Visits

On December 22nd, teams from **World Bank** and **International Finance Corporation** visited Palna and the Palna WeeKids classrooms. They organized a picture painting session wherein each child was a winner. This was followed by singing, dancing and eats, giving a joyful day for our children.

We had a special visit by the **Sikh Unit of the Indian Army** on their Raising Day. Seeing the army truck many kids wanted a toy truck like the real one! The children remembered that they had dressed like as soldiers for the Independence Day program.

The **India Vision Institute**, on a mission to correct eye disorders at early stages, held Eye Check-up camps across all our centres in October. They reached out to **1035 children**, of whom 256 children were identified with refractive eye errors for which they were given spectacles free of charge. A real boon for the young ones.



Focusing on dental health among young children, **Maulana Azad Medical College** organised free dental check-ups for beneficiaries across 10 of our centres and Palna, in December 2022. They taught the children basic dental hygiene practises, and the children were advised to visit the dental department at the hospital for free treatment and follow up in case of any problems.

Another memorable day for the children was marked by the visit of the **two young daughters of the Hon Chief Justice of India**, Justice D Y Chandrachud, as they interacted with our little ones in class. They heard rhymes and poems and exchanged names. The two girls gifted a goody bag to each child, and in return they were presented with hand-painted thank you cards by our children. They promised to come back another day to have lunch with the Palna children in the dining hall.

Our very **own Palna family's** continuing support for our Trilokpuri centre and the thrust on gardening and nature education for our children has ensured a regular supply of fresh vegetables for Palna. We are deeply grateful to **Sadhana ji** for this as well as for the regular support for the maintenance of the centre.



The community service / community citizenship wings of **The Srijan School** and **The Indian School** visited Palna and spent a fun day with our children. singing, playing games, and sharing small gifts.

Programme Updates

Godrej Ltd continues to support our Beauty Culture vocational training programme. This quarter they organised **Job Fairs** for our young girls with Beauty Parlours in the city. It is noteworthy that the professionals and owners of parlours who came for the job fair interviews were impressed with the level of our work proficiency shown by the girls for the various tasks along with theoretical knowledge. Several job offers were made, which have been deferred by the girls till March 2023, when their course finishes.

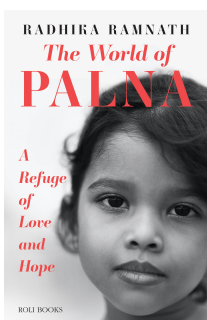


For **Diwali**, DCCW children get into action making wax-filled diyas, something they are very proud of. Over 3000 diyas were made and our supporters - who wait for these every year - bought out the entire lot.

Almost **all our programmes** are now running at pre-pandemic levels. The BalChetna Outreach programme which provides day-care and rehabilitation to special needs children from underprivileged families is the last one to be re-started and the first unit will start operating at Janakpuri in January 2023.

Strengthening the DCCW team as we once again focus on expanding our services, **Mr. Manoj Mishra** has joined as Assistant Director at Janakpuri in October 2022, bringing with him valuable experience in planning an operationalising programmes in the social sector, .

DCCW 2023 Calendar: The beautiful and colourful DCCW 2023 calendar featuring drawings of Palna children, is now available for purchase from our office at a price of Rs 200/-.



Book on Palna Children: The book “The World of PALNA : A Refuge of Love and Hope” by Radhika Ramnath, gives a short history of Palna, and traces the fascinating life journeys of several of our children, from the time they were at Palna to where they have reached today, and is an engaging read. The book is available for purchase in online bookstores across the world ([Click to Buy in India](#)), and at the Palna office. All proceeds from the sale of the book come directly to Palna.

Many festivals were celebrated across all our centres this quarter. Some glimpses:



Donors Speak

As always, your messages of support mean a lot to us!

Aruna Gulechha: Thanks for giving me an opportunity to serve people in need. Keep up the good work!!

Brendan Mullarkey, US Embassy: Thank you so much for hosting us in your beautiful home. The work you do is inspiring and the children are precious. Thank you for all that you do.

Rishiba Gupta: Grateful for the work you do! God bless all the children.

Namita Aurora: God bless you for all the work you are undertaking.

Nazima Razick, US Embassy: It is such noble work you are all doing here. It is truly God's work. The children seem so happy and well taken care of. God bless.

Abhishek Sobti: Please keep doing the good work. Love to all kids.

Aarti Markandaya: Great work being done by you.

Rekha Khosla: You are doing excellent work in providing a home for abandoned children and others.

Brayley T Campbell: Thank you for doing great work.

Anant Garg: Thanks for all the hard work that you do for society.

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