



# DCCWConnect



## A Rare Visit

We, at DCCW, were privileged and delighted to welcome one of our founding members, Mrs Indira Dey, on 29th September, the day of our AGM. At 92 years of age, she could put many people decades younger than her to shame! She is sprightly, effervescent, passionate, and a treasure house of wonderful memories from yesteryears. She had arrived just that morning from the United States, where she now lives with her daughter, and despite flight delays, landed up at the DCCW office to attend the AGM – well before time, and showing no signs of fatigue! She spent time with members of the Executive Committee and staff, several of whom she still remembered.



It was an invigorating and inspiring interaction for us all. It was wonderful to hear from her about how they worked with children in those times, feeding and taking care of over 1500 children across Delhi through over 90 creches and how MCD and all other agencies supported Palna. The then MCD commissioner even exempted DCCW from property tax. She was also one of those who came up with the name Palna for our home for abandoned children. She was really happy to see how DCCW has made strides in the intervening decades, but what touched her most was the dedication and positivity in all the people she met, which reassured her that DCCW was going in the right direction.

All in all, a wonderful experience – and we really look forward to her next visit! She also inspired us to try and reconnect with others who have been an intrinsic part of the DCCW family over the last seven decades.

## Spotlight: Sarvagya

Sarvagya Vedwal joined our pre-schoolers' programme Palna WeeKids at our Trilokpuri centre, as a three-year-old. Sarvagya was an introvert with minimal communication and no exposure to any kind of learning.

Within the first few days itself, our Instructor noticed that he remained very quiet and did not mix with any of the other children, either in class activities or in while playing. The instructor started paying him additional attention, talking to him during activities and patiently showing him how to hold the colours and pencils properly. This gradually interested him in colouring and drawing lines in his notebook. Slowly he started showing interest in his surroundings and participated in every activity being

conducted. Soon he enjoyed coming to the centre so much, that he never missed a day! His mother was delighted to observe the changes in his behaviour and his budding interest in learning, and encouraged him in all that he did.

Now Sarvagya has got admission in L.K.G. at Angel Public School, Delhi, which is a proud moment for his mother who thanked us for all our support in making sure that Sarvagya got into a good school – the first step forward in his academic life!



## Quarterly Updates

### Programme Updates



**Vocational Training Programme:** Upgrading the skills of our Beauty Culture course beneficiaries, the on-the-job training by our partner Godrej proved to be a great value addition. This is the second year this workshop was held. The Godrej representative Sonal also assessed our trainees and was very pleased with their performance.

In our endeavour to continuously upgrade the skills of our staff, refresher training for our instructors of the Stitching and Fashion Designing course was organised.

**Palna WeeKids:** This year saw a slow start with our Palna WeeKids programme re-starting in February after a gap of almost two years, but soon we caught up to our pre-pandemic numbers. Initially children took some time to readjust to coming to our centres after having got used to being at home, but they settled down after a few weeks. In July 132 of the beneficiaries got enrolled in mainstream schools. The few months that they came to the centres helped accustom them to a school routine. A send-off party was organized at the centres for these children wishing them well as they started on a new chapter of their lives. Also, our caregivers for these little tiny tots underwent a refresher course on handling the children. The focus was on gentle handling, communication with parents and organising effective activities for the children.

**Educational Sponsorship Programme** saw the disbursement of the stipend to the children.

The children presented their school results, and also wrote thank you letters for their sponsors.

Apart from the stipend, the children were also given stationery for their classes.





**Palna:** Though Palna continues as usual, the quarter stated on a sorrowful note. With a very heavy heart we write that we lost a little one of ours, Shailender, who fought a brave battle with cancer. He came as to Palna as a special needs new-born infant and has been at Palna for the last twelve years. We thank all our donors who fulfilled all his wishes of various coloured cars till the last day, as well as supported his treatment. We truly miss his smiling face and cheerful nature, which was on full display till his last day.

### Partnerships in action

Our partner organisations and institutions aided our programmes through several very useful interactions:

- Centre for Sight held an eye check-up camp for all the beneficiaries at our Trilokpuri-I centre.
- Maulana Azad Medical College held dental camps at several of our centres.
- Godrej visited and reviewed the activities of our Beauty Culture vocational training programme. They also held a workshop on networking on-the-job.
- XL-India visited our Janakpuri centre and made a donation towards supporting Computer training. Our children put up a small dance and music show for the XL-India team.
- Inner Wheel Club 301 generously supported the hepatitis vaccination drive for DCCW.



**DCCW Annual General Meeting.** The AGM for 2021-22 was held on 29th September at the CCW head office. The Annual Report was presented at the meeting by the General Secretary - it is available on our website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

This was an election year and the new office bearers elected for a three-year term are as follows:

Ms. Radhika Minocha - Hony. President  
Lt. Gen. Sanjiv Chachra, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC (Retd) - Hony. Vice-President  
Mr. Asheesh Vadera - Hony. General Secretary  
Ms. Radhika Ramnath - Hony. Joint Secretary  
Mr. Ishwinder Singh - Hony. Treasurer

### The World of PALNA

We are proud to present “The World of Palna” - a book written from the heart by Radhika Ramnath. It focuses on the journeys of our little ones from the cradle to their youth, where they stand tall today, making us proud! The book is available for purchase at PALNA, several bookshops, as well as [online](#). All proceeds from the sale of the book come directly to PALNA.

## Photo Gallery



## Donors Speak

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

**Rejo Mathew:** May this festive season bring happiness to all the little angels of PALNA.

**Ekta Agnihotri:** Your organisation is doing great service to these children. Please keep it up.

**Tata Power Employees:** Keep up the good work.

**Chetana:** My daughter spent her first 11 months at Palna and this is a thank you for that wonderful care, and hoping to pass it on to many other kids who come to Palna due to their life's circumstances.

**Amit Singh:** You all are doing a great work. Please keep it up. It's a very small contribution from our side. We hope to meet the children in person someday.

**Pranab Pandey:** Thank You for the good work you do.

**Sushmita Tanwar:** Really appreciate the work you are doing for the abandoned children. May God bless you and the children you have provided shelters to.. Keep up the good work

**Karan Sharma:** God bless your team!! Keep up the good work.

Thank you all for your good wishes and support!

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