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Life Goes On

The last quarter of the year is traditionally one of festivals and celebrations, and this one was no different in that sense. The little ones at Palna enjoy these celebrations enormously and put their never-ending energy and enthusiasm into decorating their home, classroom, making greeting cards, painting diyas, and enjoying the sumptuous treats and the eagerly awaited gifts!

This time we shift the focus from the children in Palna, to the other facet of Palna, which is the adoption of our children, and their getting enfolded into loving families. Over the years Palna has been witness to a few thousand parents coming and giving wings to our little angels. Though each case is special, some cases are a little different and remain etched in our minds. Aakriti was one such.

A very simple, young, single parent, Aakriti (name changed) was offered a little one from Palna through the government's centralised adoption system. Aakriti is a young widow. She had been married for only four years when she lost her husband. Within a few months of their marriage, he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. They were completely taken unawares, being so young and trouble-free till then.

Once he understood the gravity of the situation, her husband urged her to take a divorce, and start her life anew, instead of getting mired into the world of his harsh medical treatments, and gradual decline. But Aakriti could not even imagine following his advice, and would not be persuaded otherwise. She spent the next few years caring for him, while he endeavoured to use the time left to him to ensure that he left her financially independent, with a home to call her own.



A couple of years after her husband's demise, Aakriti decided to share her life not with another partner, but with a child. As she says, "I cannot share this home with another name but want to carry his legacy with this little blessed angel". Aakriti now has a baby daughter to complete her home and her world. Her family has been very supportive and have encouraged her to adopt and are delighted with the new arrival. She will have their complete support in raising her daughter.

A new chapter of life has begun both for Aakriti and her little one.

Spotlight - Jashandeep

Jashandeep, now eighteen years old, has been a beneficiary of our Educational Sponsorship programme since middle school. She lives with her family of four members. Her father is an auto-electrician and her mother is a worker in the Community Health Service department. The parents strongly encourage their children to focus on their education. Jashandeep's older brother is currently pursuing B.Sc. Computer Science.

Since childhood Jashandeep has been an outstanding student in her school, and she has also been one of the brightest in our Sponsorship program. The support from DCCW was of real help to her, enabling her to buy necessary stationery right from her middle school stage, and later on in classes X and XII she used it to avail tuition in Maths.

She cleared her Class XII with 94% in 2021. Alongside she got through the Armed Forces Nursing College entrance exam and was selected for the B.Sc. Nursing course at the prestigious Army Command Hospital, Kolkata. DCCW has supported her with a one-time financial assistance for her course. Jashandeep is now in Kolkata attending the BSc Nursing course. We wish her a bright and fulfilling future.



Quarterly Updates

Re-starting suspended programmes - in fits and starts: With the pandemic showing signs of easing and government norms being relaxed, our pre-school program for little children, Palna WeeKids, was re-started, after having been suspended in April 2020.



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Meeting of Parliamentary Committee on Law & Justice held at Palna. 'Cb' %h' Bcj Ya VYfZ 877K' k YW'a YX h Y a Ya VYf'g' cZ h Y DU'jUa YbHfm 7ca a jhY' cb' @Uk' / ' >i ghWZ' YX' VmFUUnU GU\U A DZ' Af' Gi g\j' ? . 'AcXj' H Y W'a a jhY'k Ug' UXXYggjbl' 'h Y fYj jYk' cZ h Y fYj jgYX>i ghW>i j Yb] Y 5Vh fci [\ 'a Yh]bl' g' k jh' U' gU Y\c' Xf'g' F YdfYgYbUj Yg' Z'ca ' 7YbU' 5Xcdhcb' F Ygci fW' 5i h cf]hm f75F5Ez' A jbl'g fmcZK ca Yb' / ' 7\j'X' 8Yj Ycda YblZ' A jbl'g fmcZ @Uk' UbX' >i ghWZ' 8Y\j' GUH' 5Xcdhcb' F Ygci fW' 5i h cf]hm fC5F5Ez' UbX' 8jg f]Vj7\j' X DfchWjcb' I b]Z Ug' dUfHjVdUHXjbl' h YXjgWggjcbg"

It was a welcome step to have the parliamentarians interact and take first-hand information on issues which are faced by implementing agencies. Challenges faced in the Adoption process were also discussed. DCCW presented the committee with a list of issues from the perspective of an adoption agency, and these were discussed in detail. They also visited the home and had direct interaction



with the children. Visiting the Medical Crisis Unit, they had a detailed discussion with our doctors regarding the children.

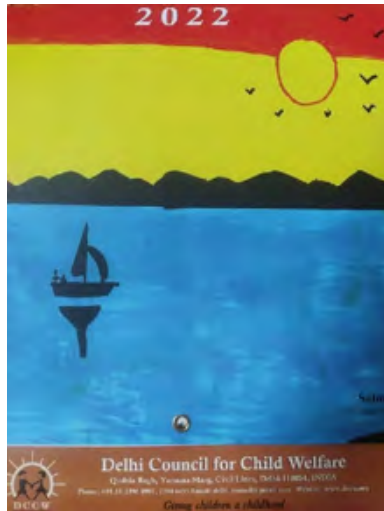
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- **Mulani Family Trust** and **The Asha Lata Foundation** for supporting abandoned and special needs children.
- **Ion Exchange** for supporting school education for abandoned children.
- **State Bank of India** for facilitating solar energy systems at four of our centres.
- **XL India Business Services** for providing medical equipment required at Palna along with other utility items.
- **Godrej Consumer Products Ltd** for supporting the beauty culture vocational training program for young girls.
- **The Baba Gopal Dass Sahib (Talib) Trust** for helping to renovate the classroom at Palna.
- **Punjab National Bank** and **Delta Faucet Company** contributed towards the welfare of children staying at Palna.
- **Young FICCI Ladies Organisation** and the **Society for Applied Studies** generously donated items urgently needed in Palna.

Our partners **GiveIndia** and **Fueladream Online Ventures Pvt Ltd** have provided invaluable support through very successful fundraising campaigns that they have run for DCCW. They had run campaigns for us last year too, and we are deeply indebted to them for this critical support through our tough times.

Our heartfelt gratitude to all of them. They make our work possible during these difficult times

The beautiful **DCCW Wall Calendar for 2022** is available for purchase a cost of Rs 200/- from our Head Office. This time it features the amazing artwork of the young beneficiaries of our Educational Sponsorship programme.



Donors Speak

Your messages and words of support. They keep our spirits high.

Maya Pradhan: Please keep doing this great job. Thank you so much for keeping the essence of humanity alive and giving these lovely children a life, they deserve.

Pankaj Kumar: Thank you so much. I had visited DCCW before COVID-19 pandemic and it was a great experience. Would like to visit again.

Priyank Srivastava: Thanks for the amazing work you guys are doing!

Jitender Chaudhary: Keep Up the good work. My best wishes to you.

Binita Bhattacharjee: Please keep up the good work for the sake of the children. It is admirable. Hope to continue to support your efforts in the future too.

Pooja Israni: I would like to donate this money to the newly born babies for their support and care. Thank you for your efforts. Please let me know if I could provide any support through volunteering.

Shirish Rane: Thank you for the work you are doing for the children.

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