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Happy New Year
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Thank you for your valuable support!



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Gateway Distriparks Limited (GDL) has been a valued partner since 2018, when their initial support helped us establish our computer vocational training centre in Computers at Pandav Nagar, which has since been empowering 90 young girls annually. In this quarter they supported DCCW in getting a much-needed new vehicle, replacing our heavily used 10+ year old one, which had become unreliable. This vehicle plays a crucial role in ensuring our smooth operations, as it is used for logistics connectivity between our fifteen centres spread across Delhi, as well as the transportation related requirements at PALNA.

We are truly thankful to GDL for their unwavering generosity and commitment in helping us improve our programmes and making our operations more efficient and effective.

Spotlight: Ben & Priyanka



Ben

Ben Ashok Despineux, a Palna child, was adopted by a family in Belgium in 1987. Through sheer determination he overcame the challenges of a forearm disability and rose to become a global table tennis sensation. He represented Belgium in the disabled table tennis championships, becoming a European Champion and a two-time World Championship medallist. Ben has also represented Belgium at the London 2012 and Paris 2024 Olympics.

Ben revisited his roots at Palna recently where he was warmly welcomed by Ms. Loraine Campos, who has been the face of Palna for thousands of families over the last 35 years. He re-lived cherished memories, viewed his file, and shared his extraordinary journey. Listen to him on our [Instagram reel](#).

Ben expressed heartfelt gratitude for the foundation Palna gave him. His visit reminds us of the boundless potential within every child.

Priyanka

Arriving at Palna in 2011 as a newborn infant with hearing impairment, Priyanka found her perfect match three years later in her mother Valerie, a teacher at a school for the hearing impaired, who had long dreamed of raising a child with similar needs. A decade later mother and daughter revisited Palna in December 2024. Everyone at Palna was delighted to welcome them back.

Priyanka is now thirteen years old, and under the love and care of her extended family, has grown into a confident and vibrant young girl. They went all around Palna, with Valerie being Priyanka's interpreter. They were thrilled to see Priyanka's photograph on Palna's Success Story wall - a moment that beautifully marked a full circle of their incredible journey, which has been a beautiful embodiment of love, destiny, and unwavering determination.



Quarterly Updates

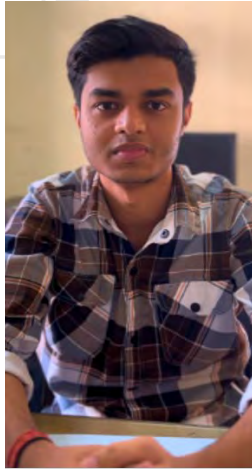
Programme Highlights

DCCW expanded its Palna WeeKids programme by starting a new unit at our New Seemapuri centre. This programme supports underprivileged children in the age group of 2.5 years to 6 years from the local community, for their overall development and preparing them for formal schooling. The programme was formally launched by our Director Ms. Neeru Bhatnagar and Assistant Director, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, in the presence of esteemed members of the local community.



H.E. Hiroshi Suzuki, Japanese Ambassador, and his wife Mrs. Eiko Suzuki, had visited Palna in August 2024, and spent a lot of time understanding the operations, and also the various issues faced in caring for the special needs children. Before leaving India, they donated two electric wheelchairs for the benefit of these children. This has proved to be a boon for Sonu, a very intelligent special needs child with congenital brittle bones, who learnt to use the wheelchair very quickly, and was able to move independently for the first time in his life! The sheer joy that lit up his face is indescribable! These wheelchairs will greatly improve the mobility of our children, helping them navigate daily tasks with ease and comfort. A special thanks to the Japanese volunteers who officially presented these transformative gifts.





Satyam and Harsh, **two of our Educational Sponsorship Programme beneficiaries** have done us - and their sponsors - proud! They have been enrolled in our programme from Class III and IV respectively. Both of them had excelled in their Class XII Board exams in 2024, and have now secured admission for Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) courses in prestigious universities. We are grateful to their sponsors for their unwavering support in easing their financial burden all these years. As part of our attempts to support students who excel - even beyond the scope of our programme - we are giving them a one-time additional financial support to help them pursue their dreams. dependence by offering courses like computer graphics & animation, stitching & tailoring, and beauty culture.

Nine beneficiaries of our **Bal Chetna programme** for the rehabilitation of special needs children, participated in the Divyalympics 2024 held at Chatrasal Stadium, Model Town, Delhi. From running races to soft ball throws, they showcased incredible sportsmanship and dedication, paired with unmatched enthusiasm and talent.

They secured **two golds, two silvers, and one bronze medal**. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, skill, and determination of both our children and the rehab team.



Advanced training sessions on hairstyling, bridal make up, and nail art extension, were conducted by external expert trainers for our beauty culture vocational training instructors. These trainings not only strengthen skills but also empower the instructors to elevate our students' learning experience and enhance their competitive edge in the beauty industry. One such training was also organised in December for our Stitching and tailoring instructors.

Update on Janakpuri Centre Re-construction: The foundation of the building being re-constructed has been completed. All construction has since been at a halt in alignment with the government's GRAP restrictions. Funding for this construction remains a critical priority. We appeal for your support.

Celebrations: Palna children brightened up the Dusshera festivities with the re-enactment of the eternal saga of Sitaharan and Ravan's defeat by Lord Rama. They took over the stage with the incredible Hindi dialogue delivery and the famous laughter of Ravan! At the end of the play, the effigy of Ravana was burned, and everyone celebrated the victory of good over evil.

Diwali melas were held at all the centres. Students and instructors showcased handmade diyas, decorations, clothes, along with scrumptious food and games.

DCCW centres transformed into a Santa's haven at Christmas. Children dressed in Santa suits danced to Christmas carols and decorated Christmas trees. Instructors played Santa, distributing gifts and creating a magical celebration for the children.

Partnerships in Action

We had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Arpita Sharma from our partner organisation **Ion Foundation** on her first visit to Palna, accompanied by her team. Associated with us for over four years, the foundation has been instrumental in supporting Palna's mission. Ms. Sharma praised the transparency, dedication, and care that define our work. Their invaluable contributions enable us to provide children with essential care, education, and joyful experiences.

In November 2024, the Stitching and Tailoring room at DCCW's Madipur Centre was refurbished by the **Rotary Club of Midwest Delhi** in memory of the late Mrs. Manju Jain. Special thanks to Rotarians HMP Singh, Prateek Jain, PC Gulati, and Mahesh Rajdev, for their generosity in enhancing the infrastructure and donating new sewing machines. We look forward to a lasting partnership.

A **health camp** was organized by **Clove Dental** in October at our Janakpuri centre, providing thorough checkups for all the children of Bal Chetna, Palna WeeKids, Supervised Homework Scheme, and Vocational Training Programme girls. Our staff members also participated in the camp. The camp included tests for blood pressure, sugar, anthropometric measurements, eye Checkup and dental examination.



A team of employees from our **valued partner company EXL**, visited our Qudsia Bagh office and centre, and spent quality time with our Palna WeeKids programme children – a programme they have been supporting for the last few years. Apart from engaging the children, they also gifted them water sippers and greeting cards.

Adiva Goel, a student of The British School, has been awarded the prestigious EARCOS Global Citizenship Award and Community Service Grant for her exceptional work on “**The Ourchive Project**”, which she did in collaboration with **DCCW**. Through a series of five interactive workshops that she conducted at Palna and one of our centres, Adiva empowered children by amplifying marginalised voices and preserving oral story-telling traditions. She was also presented with a token of appreciation by our President, Ms. Radhika Minocha.

The team of **Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital** consisting of psychologists, therapists, and special educators, visited DCCW and conducted various assessments of the children, including behaviour tracking, ADHD tests, IQ tests, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. The parents were happy to benefit from such personalised sessions.

On 2nd October, **Mahindra and Mahindra Group** marked their 79th Founder's Day by distributing backpacks and study materials to the children of our Supervised Homework Scheme at our New Seemapuri centre. Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Jothi Hariharan for this support.

Workshops on Menstrual health and hygiene and Cybersecurity were organised by the **students of IP college** for our vocational training girls. We appreciate the IP College team for their time and valuable insights.

Well-wishers Speak

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

Sushmita P Bakshi, India: *It was an absolute pleasure and delight to see the children. They are so full of smiles, hats off to the staff for being so caring and generous.*

Dr Rajat Roy, India: *Heart Warming experience. Very blessed to visit Palna*

Juanna Munk Holm Bager, Denmark: *Thank you so much for your kindness and hospitality. It means a lot to see my first home.*

Priyanka Nordstrom, USA: *Thank you for caring me when I was just 3 years old. I am so happy to see the place I spent my earlier years of life.*

Sankalp, Sweden: *Thanks for taking care of me. You are always in my heart.*

Bhavya Aiyagan, USA: *I really enjoyed meeting all the children. Seeing the babies is also a lot of fun. They are so cute and cared for well.*

Photo Gallery





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