



# DCCWConnect



## Top Story: New Centres

We are delighted to announce the opening of our latest **Computer Training Unit under our Vocational training Programme at our Qudsia Bagh premises.**

With a former student of ours, Ritika, taking on the reins as the instructor, we are expanding our reach in this area to offer computer graphics and animation courses to empower underprivileged girls in the age group of 14 to 21 years. In the three months since it was started, the centre has picked up very well and reaching out to 30 beneficiaries.

We express our deepest gratitude to **Mr. Ramit Budhreja** for generously donating all the equipment and infrastructure for this course in memory of his late parents Lt. Gen. Lok Nath and Mrs Raj Budhreja. The centre was inaugurated in April by Ms. Meenaxi Gupta, our esteemed board member who has been associated with DCCW for the last four decades.

The **new centre at Shahbad Dairy** in Northwest Delhi that was started last quarter, is now running at full strength. Our programmes Palna WeeKids, Supervised Homework Scheme and Vocational training run from that centre and we now have 45 beneficiaries using the services of the centre every day.

We hope to impact more lives and stay dedicated to our mission of 'Giving children a childhood and a future'.



## Spotlight: Sunanda

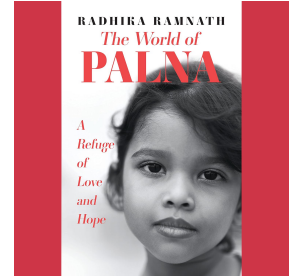


Sunanda, our beloved Palna daughter, revisited her first home, in May 2024. She was adopted by a loving family and brought up in Bangkok by Thai parents. She was warmly welcomed by Ms. Loraine Campos, Assistant Director, and the entire team of Palna. She relived old memories and instantly brought joy to the children who loved and connected with her. She is stand-up comedian by profession!

Sharing her emotional journey, Sunanda encouraged adoption with a heartfelt and simple message: “Adopt!” She added, “There’s abundant love waiting to be shared with these children. Let’s give them the love they deserve. Spread love and adopt a child today”.

(Many life stories of Palna children have been collated in the book “The World of PALNA: A Refuge of Love and Hope” by Radhika Ramnath, which is available at online bookstores across the world (Amazon India), and at Palna.

*All proceeds from the sale of the book come directly to Palna.)*



## Quarterly Updates

### **Partnerships in Action**

One of our Palna alumni and her family have been instrumental in Palna winning an unexpected first prize from the **Gresham Charitable Giving Committee, Sydney**. Our special thanks to Priya George for thinking of Palna and taking the initiative to nominate Palna and making this happen!



The **Rotary Midwest Trust** fulfilled a long-felt need in Palna by **installing a laundry unit** comprising washing machines and dryers.

We were honoured to welcome the Rotary District Governor of RI Dist. 3011, the members of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, and the trustees of the Rotary Midwest Trust, for the inauguration of the Palna Laundry Unit on 11th May, and look forward to a lasting partnership.

The **EXL team**, led by Mr. Satyajit Gupta, Vice President, continued their generous support to DCCW by donating multiple sets of **summer uniforms for all our 500+ Palna WeeKids children**. The children in turn put up dance performances as their way of expressing thanks, cheered on lustily by the large EXL contingent! We cherish this bond and hope to continue this invaluable partnership.



Our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and well-wishers – both individuals and organisations - for their continuing support in helping us fulfil our objectives and ensuring the wellbeing of our children. In particular, this quarter we would like to acknowledge the generous contributions from:

- **Ion Foundation** for financial support for the Palna Classroom
- **Arpan Prayas** for contributing towards Palna groceries and medicines
- **Dalmia Trust** through YFLO for medicines for Palna.





## ***Programme Highlights***

**Summer camps** were organised across **DCCW centres**. The kids had a rollercoaster of activities including brain games, team building, computer classes, yoga, and Zumba. Every moment was packed with excitement and creativity, making each day a new adventure.

A **two-day instructor workshop** was conducted with **Palna WeeKids** instructors by Ms Sunita Sharma, an expert trainer in Early Childhood Care and Education. The focus was on effective communication techniques, language development and story-telling methods. It was an enlightening and enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Educational Sponsorship:** In April, 610 students benefited from our educational sponsorship program, receiving both financial aid and stationery gift hampers. Our counselling sessions focused on fostering effective study schedules, time management skills, stress management techniques, and leveraging online study resources. Additionally, students were motivated to develop their personality and professional skills.

Six students from our **Supervised Homework Scheme and Vocational Training programme**, New Seemapuri centre, along with two instructors, attended the 39th National Learn to Live Together Camp held in Mohali, Chandigarh, from 23rd-29th June 2024. This enriching event brought children from across India together to share traditions and enjoy creative activities, games, sports, and insightful lectures tailored for adolescents. Our students **Mansi and Tanisha each won a gold medal** in creative collage making and Kathak dance respectively.

Two beneficiaries of our Vocational Training programme in Computers have been **appointed by EXL**. This achievement is a testament to their talent and perseverance. The girls enrolled at our vocational training program at Qudsia Bagh were given a session on female reproductive health and menstruation by volunteers from Manzil Mystics.

**Mother's Day** was celebrated across our DCCW centres. From heartwarming performances to exciting games and prizes, every moment was a tribute to maternal love. Children and teachers crafted memories in handmade frames and penned love in every Mother's Day card.

One memorable morning the Palna crew boogied with an electrifying Zumba session by the group of **Synergy Institute of Music**. With peppy Bollywood beats, the Palna team, Palna kids, and Palna WeeKids swayed and grooved, soaking in the energy!

The team of **Soul Setu Wellness Foundation** joined hands with Palna to give us a one-of-a-kind experience of a sound healing therapy session.

## Other Updates

### HONORABLE MENTION



Congratulations to the **Delhi Council for Child Welfare** for their Honorable Mention in the 2024 CAF America Charity Impact Challenge!



We are thrilled to announce that we were **one of the winners of the #CharityImpactChallenge** run by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) America! This would not have been possible without the support of our amazing Instagram family! Your likes, shares, and kind words have truly made a difference! A huge thank you to @caf\_america for this opportunity. With the grant we receive, we aim to make the lives of our children better and brighter.

As in previous years, girls in our vocational training program across DCCW centres learnt **karate for self-defense**, ensuring they are equipped to face challenges confidently. The training was organised by the **Special Police Unit for Women & Children**, supported by Ms. Meenakshi and her dedicated unit that has been associated with us since 2002. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their unwavering support in fostering resilience and security among our girls.

## Well-wishers Speak

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

**Navodita Sharma:** *You are doing wonderful job.*

**Jyoti Vig:** *God Bless all the children.*

**Amit Sharma:** *Keep up the good work.*

**Tanu Shree:** *To the children and people working there, thank you for existing. I wish the children grow well and be happy.*

**A Donor:** *I do not want any benefit from this contribution. Just take care of the kids. Thank you so much.*

**Aastha:** *You are doing a great work. Please keep it up and use the funds appropriately.*

**Prateek Dhanwaria:** *All the best, keep on doing good work :)*

**Manuj Bansal:** *God bless everyone.*

**Samarth Sharma:** *Please carry on all the great work you are doing!!*



# Photo Gallery





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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.



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