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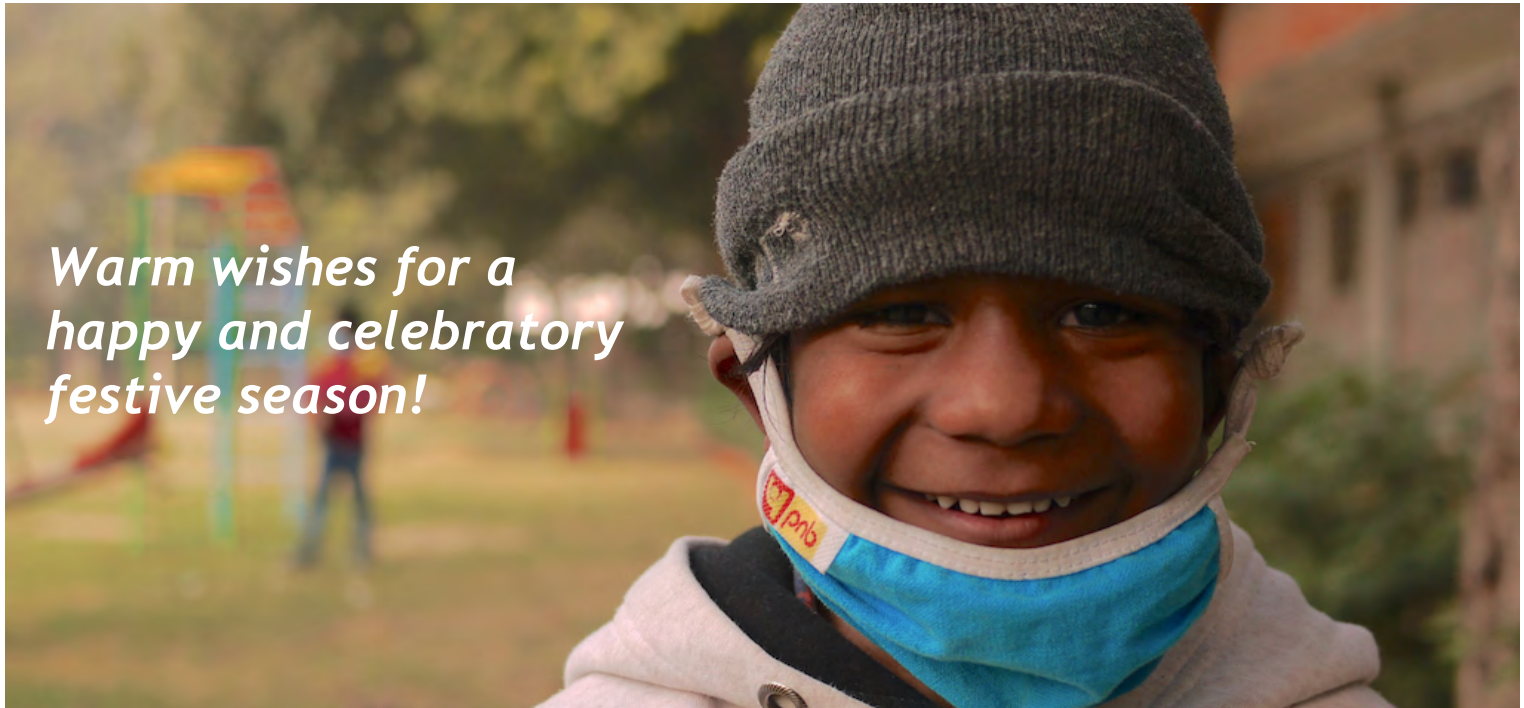


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Warm wishes for a happy and celebratory festive season!



DCCW awarded Mahatma Award for Social Impact 2024 !!

Delhi Council for Child Welfare was honoured to be a recipient of the Mahatma Award for Social Impact 2024! The Mahatma Award is a prestigious national award that recognises contributions to the public, private, and development sectors, including philanthropy, sustainability, shared value, and corporate social responsibility. The jury members included Dr Kiran Bedi, Ms Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, Ms Rajashree Birla and Gandhian Mr Amit Sachdeva.

The award presentation function was held on 1st October in New Delhi. Team DCCW had the privilege and honour of receiving this award from Dr Kiran Bedi and Mr Sachdeva. The award recognises the commitment and dedication of the entire DCCW team.

This honour encourages us to continue our mission with passion and integrity, serving abandoned, underprivileged, and special children, with renewed dedication.

(L to R) Dr Kiran Bedi, Team DCCW (Neeru Bhatnagar, Loraine Campos, S K Mishra), Mr Amit Sachdeva

Spotlight: Palna welcomes the Japanese Ambassador



In August, Palna was honoured to welcome H.E. Ambassador Hiroshi F. Suzuki, his wife Mrs Eiko Suzuki, and their team - a day that will remain etched in our hearts.

During their visit, Mr and Mrs Suzuki visited each room in Palna, interacting with the children, and learning about their backgrounds and the circumstances in which they came to Palna. Our medical team also briefed them on the challenges the children face with the ongoing treatments. They spent dedicated time with the special needs children as well the children in the medical crisis unit. In the classroom, they connected with the children on a personal level, and their playful interaction brought smiles to every face. A visit scheduled for 30 minutes, stretched to over to 90 minutes!

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr and Mrs Suzuki and their entire team for their visit, and look forward to many more such meaningful interactions in the future

Quarterly Updates

Programme Highlights

Our **special educators attended a 2-day National Workshop** on "Latest Trends in Assessment and Management of Dementia," organised by the Institute of Neurosciences, Medanta, and the Indian Association of Health, Research and Welfare. The event provided invaluable insights from leading experts, with real-life examples enhancing the learning experience.

A one-day **advanced training workshop for DCCW's stitching and tailoring instructors** was held on 21st September, supported by Nykaa Foundation. This session was instrumental in upgrading their teaching methods, ensuring they stay up-to-date with emerging trends



Palna caregivers participated in an informative **session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)**, conducted by an expert, Ms Karuna Narang. The session covered case studies of sexual harassment, and procedures for reporting assaults under POCSO. Attendees learned how to respond effectively to incidents and lodge complaints.

Graduation of Palna WeeKids children across 5 centres marked a joyous milestone with farewell events filled with delightful performances! We presented gifts to the children, celebrating their achievements and wishing them well on their future educational journey. Special appreciation to all the instructors for their dedication in facilitating the **enrolment of over 200 children into mainstream schools**.

Sixty girls graduated from our Vocational Training Programme after completing their respective courses. The programme equips young women with skills to ensure financial independence by offering courses like computer graphics & animation, stitching & tailoring, and beauty culture.



In August, **646 students benefited from our educational sponsorship program**, receiving financial aid as well stationery. Counselling sessions were also held for them focused on fostering effective study habits, higher studies options, stress management techniques, and preparation for various entrance exams.

Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Gandhi Jayanti and Teacher's Day were **celebrated by the children** across all our centres. Officers from the **Indian Coast Guard Headquarters** joined Palna's Independence Day celebrations, making the day extra special.

Partnerships in Action

As part of their CSR campaign, a team from **Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital** consisting of psychologists, therapists, and special educators visited our Qudsia Bagh centre. They conducted a wide spectrum of assessments, including behaviour tracking, ADHD tests, IQ tests, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. The team also provided step-by-step guidance to the parents of Palna WeeKids and Supervised Homework Scheme children, to understand and respond effectively to their children's behavioural changes.

Palna had the honour of hosting the **IHBAS team**, including Dr Uday Sinha, Dr Amrita Sahay, and dedicated volunteers, for a session on "**Stress Management for Caregivers**". They explored how stress impacts one's mental and physical well-being, and provided practical exercises to help our caregivers stay active and manage stress effectively.



Palna had the privilege of a visit from Mrs Anita Baijal, **First Lady of the Territorial Army**, along with the wives of Territorial Army officers and other representatives, on the occasion of the platinum anniversary of the Territorial Army Day. The children's patriotic poems and performances brought many smiles. The team generously donated a smartboard to DCCW.

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Gas, and Engineers India Limited joined forces with our organisation to celebrate their 50th and 60th anniversaries. They made generous donations for our vocational training programme and Palna children. We extend heartfelt thanks to Ms Archana Mahaur, Mr V J Sharma, Ms Sandhya Bisht, and their entire team for their invaluable support.

As part of their "Me 2 We Campaign," **students of DL DAV Model School**, Shalimar Bagh, visited Palna and interacted with the children. The day ended with everyone dancing together! The students also gifted handmade articles and donated funds. A special thank you to Ms Reena Rajpal, Principal DL DAV School.



Students from the **Rotaract Club of Sanskriti School** visited the Vocational Training Centre at Qudsia Bagh, inspiring young girls with vital knowledge on cyber security, menstrual hygiene, and gender equality.

As part of the **ICICI Foundation's** CSR campaign, Ms Isha Bajaj Sharma led a session on **Financial Literacy** at the Qudsia Bagh centre. The girls from our Vocational Training Programme gained insights into banking procedures, saving habits, various schemes, as well as the importance of being vigilant against financial and cyber frauds.

We are grateful to **SMS Water Grace BMW Pvt Ltd** for their dedicated support over the past three years. During their recent CSR visit, the team generously contributed essential resources to Palna,. As a leader in medical waste management, they manage the collection and disposal of medical waste from Palna, ensuring a healthier environment for our children. A heartfelt thank you to the entire team for this vital collaboration.

Other Updates

Janakpuri Centre Re-construction: In July, the re-construction of the centre was initiated with a small Bhoomi puja in the presence of DCCW Executive Committee and team members, and the contractors. The work on the foundation started immediately thereafter and is now nearing completion. **If we are able to raise the necessary funds, the building is scheduled to be completed by September 2025.** We look to you for support in helping us with this essential project, which will enable us to serve over 200 children on a daily basis and serve the local community effectively.



DCCW Annual General Meeting for 2023-24 was held on 27th September 2024 at the DCCW head office. A brief summary of the year and the [Annual Report](#) were presented by Ms Radhika Minocha, Hony President, and the annual audited accounts were summarised by Mr. Ishwinder Singh, Hony Treasurer. General Secretary Asheesh Vadera discussed the progress to date on the reconstruction of the Janakpuri centre and stressed on the critical need for funding to complete this project.



Well-wishers Speak

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

H.E. Ambassador Hiroshi Suzuki: *My deepest respect for all the wonderful work that you are doing here.*

Lohit Parashar: *I know this is not much and just a token; hopefully I can be of much greater help in the years to come. I deeply admire the work done by the staff at DCCW and hold them in great regard.*

Arti C Srivastava (Addl Secretary): *At Palna the dedication of the personnel looking after the children is commendable. They are indeed doing great service. I would like to remain connected with Palna and contribute in any way possible.*

G Sudhakar (District Megistrate, Central Distt, New Delhi): *I am truly touched by the dedication with which Palna is taking care of abandoned children, some of whom are specially-abled. I would like to be connected and contribute in some way.*

Indian Coast Guard team: *Palna is a very well maintained and excellent ambience. Staff are well educated and well behaved. Wish you all the best.*

Sanjeev Kumar Pawar: *Keep up the good work.*

Ankita Goel: *Give our love to the children.*

Vicky Suri: *Just love innocent children as the image of God.*

Photo Gallery



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