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The DCCW team joins our children in wishing you a very happy Diwali!

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We are delighted to share that DCCW was awarded the first prize in the Charities Aid Foundation America's 2025 Charity Impact Social Media Challenge!

We had participated last year too and were placed third - so we are really happy to have won this year! This recognition reflects the dedication of our team and the support of our donors, inspiring us to continue transforming lives and empowering children.

Do visit our Instagram @palna_dccw to see the video that won the prize, and other interesting updates.

2025 CHARITY IMPACT CHALLENGE VIDEO CATEGORY



Spotlight: PALNA ALUMNI continue to make us proud!

Priya & Stuti – Our classical dancers

In July we had two of our Palna alumni take to the stage for Bharatnatyam recitals!

Priya Srinivasan, a Bharatnatyam guru who runs the Trikeyaa Dance Foundation, presented a variety of mesmerising performances along with her disciples, at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, to a large and very appreciative audience. At the other end of the spectrum was 18-year-old Stuti Mukherjee, who presented her first solo Bharatnatyam recital - her Arangetram - at the Triveni Kala Sangam Auditorium on July 25th.

Learning for a decade in Natya Vriksha, under the guidance of the globally renowned Guru Geeta Chandran, Stuti shared her joy of dancing in the packed hall. Stuti feels blessed to have this opportunity and is determined to continue dancing, along with her other pursuits as she heads to Shiv Nadar University for her Bachelor Degree in Design.



Lene: Navy veteran, politician, author!

Lene D. B. Langemyr was adopted from Palna by a Norwegian family in 1979 – one of the very early Palna adoptions. “I was left in the crib outside Palna,” she shared with us. Raised in Norway, Lene is today a multi-faceted achiever! She is a navy veteran, politician and author! Lene hopes to visit Palna next year, and has generously dedicated a portion of her book’s proceeds to support our children.

In a beautiful twist of fate, she has become a close friend of another Palna alumni, Sita Therese (on the right), whom she happened to meet just a couple of years ago, despite having grown up fairly near each other!

Our blessings to Priya, Stuti and Lene. They make us so very proud!



Quarterly Updates

Programme Highlights

New Vocational Training unit: We are proud to announce the opening of our new Stitching and Tailoring Training Room at the Qudsia Bagh centre. This space will offer fashion designing courses to underprivileged girls and help them gain skills for financial independence. Our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Kavita Agarwal and Ms. Ankita Agarwal from the Krishaj Foundation for generously supporting this initiative.



From First Steps to School Desks: 207 children from the Palna WeeKids programme have successfully transitioned into formal schooling. In July, farewells were held with great enthusiasm at all the centres. More than just a preschool, Palna WeeKids offers structured early education, individual attention, and developmental support for children from underprivileged backgrounds.

In August, **700 children benefited through our educational sponsorship programme**, receiving financial aid as well as stationery. Counselling sessions were also held on mental well-being, conflict resolution and trust-building. A dental check-up camp was also organised by Clove Dental and a general health screening was done.



With the support of Nykaa Foundation, a **two-day advanced training** in Haircutting and Styling was conducted with the instructors of Beauty Culture training programme. The session focused on modern techniques like precise cutting, face-specific styles, crimping, braiding etc. Such sessions are critical for the continuous learning of our instructors.



A two-day workshop was **organised with Palna care-givers** to structure their daily routines and improvise on systems for nutrition and hygiene. This interactive approach helped them gain deeper insights in best nurturing practices.

Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Gandhi Jayanti, Teacher’s Day and Dusshera were **celebrated by the children** across all our centres.

Partnerships in Action

Mrs. Shashi Tripathi, President of the **Navy Welfare & Wellness Association (NWWA)**, visited Palna with her team. The children welcomed them with lively performances and smiles all around. Mrs. Tripathi shared a heartfelt message, appreciating the children, the Palna team, and the enduring partnership between Palna and NWWA.

Palna recently welcomed Mr. Arvind Mehta, who has been associated with our partner **EXL** for the past 18 years, along with his wife and Mr. Bharat Sharma. Mr. Mehta is keen to support Palna by providing assistance in fundraising strategies, ensuring sustainability and growth. His commitment helps us in further building a strong future for our children.

As part of their Swachhta Pakhwada initiative, **Engineers India Limited** held cleanliness awareness events at our Janakpuri and Pandav Nagar centres. Vocational Training Programme students participated in drawing competition on the theme of a cleaner India. The winners were felicitated with prizes and gifts.

Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital conducted a two-day behavioural screening camp at our Madipur centre. A highly experienced team of behaviour therapists, psychologists, speech therapists, and special educators, supervised by a paediatrician, assessed 63 children aged 2.5 to 16 years from our Palna WeeKids, Supervised Homework Scheme, and Vocational Training Programme. Parents also attended counselling sessions to better understand behavioural symptoms, home-based strategies, and, where necessary, were guided for further medical interventions.

Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest and the Trustees of the Rotary Midwest Trust donated 10 desktops to our Computer Training centre at Madipur. Their support enhanced the digital learning opportunities for girls from underprivileged backgrounds.

An interactive session on mental health and emotional well-being was conducted at the Trilokpuri 3 Centre by the **Rotaract** District Organisation 3012. The session encouraged students to understand and express their emotions, offering valuable strategies to manage them positively.

The **Rotaract Club of Dyal Singh College** organised an insightful session on Polycystic Ovarian Disease for our Vocational Training and Supervised Homework Scheme girls at Trilokpuri. The session was interactive and empowering and equipped students with knowledge to make informed health choices and fostering awareness on an issue that affects many young women today.

Well-wishers Speak

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

Debamalya Mazumder (Pierag Consulting CSR): I am really impressed by the way Palna is managing things. Amazed to see the extremely affectionate staff & loving children. Wishing you all the best for the good work.

Shashi Tripathi (President NWWA): It is a privilege to visit DCCW and witness the wonderful work being done here. The compassion, dedication and care extended to the children are truly commendable.

Anshul Vikram Pandey: Thank you for the amazing work you're doing. Our very best wishes.

Anubha Mathur: Love to the children.

Mansi Rastogi: Keep working hard and keep shining!

Hardeep Kaur: I need the blessings of all the children and wish happiness to all of them.

Dr Pankaj Gupta & Ms Jyoti (Child Welfare Committee Members): We inspected Palna and found it running very well as per the provisions of JJ Act. Keep up the good work.

Asim Lakhani: You are doing good work. Thank you for being genuine.

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