



PALNA CHILDREN celebrate Rakhi with Lieutenant Governor



PALNA children had a very memorable Raksha Bandhan celebration, as they were invited to tie rakhis on Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. The Honourable Governor disarmingly endeared himself to the children, spending time talking with them, making them feel at ease, and getting rakhis tied by all of them. There were also delicious child-oriented snacks, and each child was presented with a huge gift packet! It was a wonderfully warm event, and one which the children will always remember!

Our deep gratitude to the Honourable Lieutenant Governor and his entire staff for making this such a special Raksha Bandhan for our children!

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Spotlight

PALNA alumni visit their first home

Naisha recently returned to visit Palna for the first after she left to join her forever family when she was just four months old! She is now fourteen years old and lives in the USA. She is currently a student of Class IX and aspires to become a surgeon. Naisha was accompanied by her father. Their visit was filled with conversations about adoption and the beautiful meaning of family, and feelings of gratitude. Seeing the children happy, safe and thriving made the visit especially emotional. It was a heartfelt reminder that no matter where life takes them, all our Palna children carry a lasting connection to their first home.



Arundati: In 1998 Arundati's journey took a new turn when she was adopted from Palna and welcomed by her family. Years later, she has grown into a confident and accomplished woman, nurturing her passion for design as well as building a career of her own in banking. Today, Arundati lives in the UK, carrying with her the experiences, opportunities and values that have shaped her journey. Her return to Palna was a beautiful full-circle moment - a chance to revisit the place that was once part of her childhood and share how far life has taken her since.



Quarterly Updates

Partnerships in Action

On 8th September **DCCW and Rotary Midwest Trust, Delhi**, signed an MoU to expand our Vocational Training Programme at the Janakpuri centre by introducing two new courses - General Duty Assistant and Food & Beverage Assistant. We look forward to this partnership creating new opportunities and enabling more young people to build a brighter, independent future.



Mr. Ravi Sakhare from our partner organisation **IDFC First Bank**, as well as members of their CSR advisory team from Ernst & Young, visited our Janakpuri centre and reviewed the Bal Chetna programme which operates under the umbrella of their Ek Prayas programme.

A rejuvenating yoga session was conducted at Delhi Council for Child Welfare's Janakpuri Centre by a team from the **Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy**. Around 30 students from the Vocational Training Programme, along with their parents and staff, participated in the session.





As they have been doing for the last several years, Mahindra & Mahindra Group celebrated its **81st Founders' Day**, with children from DCCW's Supervised Homework Scheme programme at Qudsia Bagh Centre. We appreciate their continued CSR partnership and support.

AutoZone India Services LLP which already supports a few of our Educational Sponsorship Programme beneficiaries, extended its CSR support to our Vocational Training Programme with a donation of 14 laptops.

A team from our long-term partner **EXL** spent a memorable afternoon at Palna, bringing magic, laughter and smiles to the children. From enjoying the magic show to sharing in the fun, the day created meaningful moments of connection and ended with the distribution of goodies

Programme Highlights & Other Updates

DCCW organised a valedictory program for its **Vocational Training Programme**, celebrating nearly **400 young girls** who successfully graduated across three skill-based programmes, and received their certificates. Our partner Nykaa who supports our Beauty Culture as well as Stitching & Tailoring courses, sponsored the valedictory program also



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- As part of the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Palna organised a TB Screening & Awareness Camp focused on early detection and prevention. A total of **77 caregivers** underwent on-site chest X-ray screening, with no active TB cases detected. Preventive Anti-Tuberculosis Treatment (ATT) was also initiated for eligible immuno-compromised individuals.
- Palna caregivers recently attended an insightful session by Dr. Ashima Mehta, Developmental Paediatrician, on child development, milestones and timely intervention.
- PALNA hosted a POCSO awareness session led by the District Child Protection Unit, Delhi Central. The objective was to help our caregivers better understand how to identify, prevent and respond to child protection concerns.
- We are grateful to Dr. Surender Singh Bisht, HOD Department of Paediatrics, Swami Dayanand Hospital for supporting the facilitation of Disability Certificates for some Palna children with special needs.

Across DCCW's centres, **168 children** celebrated an important milestone as they completed their early learning journey through **Palna WeeKids** pre-school programme. Our young graduates received certificates, school bags and farewell gifts, surrounded by proud parents, educators and well-wishers, as they take their next step towards formal education.

Through DCCW's **Educational Sponsorship Programme**, children and young students from vulnerable communities receive support for essential educational needs. In August, **680 beneficiaries** received assistance, helping them continue their education with greater confidence and stability.



Festivals & Celebrations: Independence Day was celebrated at all centres with pride and the vibrant spirit of our children, flag hoisting and cultural programmes. Our little ones at Palna WeeKids celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the shared laughter and endless fun. This Teachers Day, our children celebrated their teachers with handmade cards, bouquets and cake. For a day, our students took charge - handling attendance, teaching lessons and even keeping the class in line!

Parents of our Bal Chetna special needs children at our Janakpuri centre, participated in an informative diet and nutrition training session by dietitian Ms. Radhika Saini, which focused on understanding the children's nutritional needs and choosing balanced, age-appropriate diets to support their growth and development

Organisational Updates

The DCCW Annual General Meeting for 2025-26 was held on 25th September 2026 at the DCCW head office. Ms. Radhika Minocha, Hony President addressed the gathering and presented the Annual Report. The annual audited accounts were summarised by Mr. Ishwinder Singh, Hony Treasurer, while Ms. Neeru Bhatnagar, Director, presented an update on the year's activities.

Hony. General Secretary Mr. Asheesh Vadera informed members that the reconstruction of the Janakpuri centre is nearing completion, and we hope to start operations in the new building by the end of 2026.



Well-wishers Speak

Usha Gupta: Kept the (Palna) facility very nicely, really impressed. It is very well organised.

Jaspreet Singh: We're collaborating with DCCW from past 4 years and its been a wonderful journey so far!

Himadri: I know this is too insignificant, but I promise that in future when I earn more and have the capability to donate more I shall do asap.

Maneet Sehgal: Amazing facility (Palna). Extremely well organised with appropriate hygiene & cordial staff.

Harendra Sharma, CWC: Children at Palna were found happily living and cared & staff is good. May God bless them with all happiness of the world.

Varun Kapoor: The children are in safe hands.

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