

# Annual Report 2024-25

*Chronicling our progress in placing the child at  
the heart of strong local governance.*

बाल मजदूरी का करें दमन  
बच्चों को लौटाएं बचपन  
बाल कल्याण

At Bal Kalyan Sangh, the sound of a child's confident voice in the Bal Sabha is the true measure of our success; this year, we significantly amplified that voice by strengthening the local systems designed to nurture it



# Message of Gratitude from Founder & CEO



*Dear Well-Wishers*

*This Annual Report is not merely a record of achievements. It is a celebration of our collective humanity, of what becomes possible when compassion meets commitment. Together, we move ahead with hope in our hearts and strength in our purpose: to build a future where every child in India can live, learn, and thrive in safety and dignity.*

*This year has been a story of courage of children daring to dream, of families rediscovering their strength, and of communities learning that protection truly begins with compassion. In the quiet corners of Jharkhand, where challenges are many, we have witnessed extraordinary change. This change has been shaped by ordinary people who simply refused to give up hope.*

*We extend our deepest gratitude to Shri Santosh Gagwar, the Honourable Governor of Jharkhand, and Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Honourable Member of the NHRC, for their unwavering commitment to child rights. Our sincere thanks also go to Ms Sameera S., IAS, Ms Nidhi Dwivedi, IPS, and Mr Mukesh Kumar, IAS, whose continued support has been vital to our mission of protection and care across the state.*

*We are especially grateful to Mr Geovanni Soledad of the International Labour Organization (ILO) for his vision and partnership in making Jharkhand a model for child safe and decent work environments. We also acknowledge the leadership of the Honourable Prime Minister of India, whose vision of Viksit Bharat inspires our resolve to create inclusive and resilient communities.*

*To our donors, partners, and supporters, thank you. Thank you for believing in our vision and for standing beside us on this journey. Your trust fuels every action, every story of change, and every child's smile that lights our path forward.*

*Each step forward has been guided by our belief that every child deserves to grow up safe, educated, and empowered. Our work this year, from preventing trafficking and child labour to strengthening families and empowering women is a testament to that belief in action. It has shown us that when a community takes ownership of its children's future, transformation is not only possible; it is certain.*

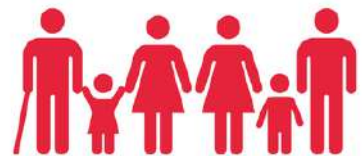
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Mr Sanjay Kumar Mishra  
Founder CEO  
Bal Kalyan Sangh



# In Step with the SDGs

**1** NO  
POVERTY



**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH



**4** QUALITY  
EDUCATION



**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



**5** GENDER  
EQUALITY



**16** PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



1.4 Ensuring equal rights of economic resources

3.7 Awareness campaigns regarding sexual and reproductive health-care services

4.4 By 2030, Ensuring substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship

5.2 Eliminating all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

8.7 Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms



# ESSENCE OF BAL KALYAN SANGH

## Our Vision

Improved socio-economic status of vulnerable communities, particularly women and children by promoting human rights.

## Our Mission

To create an environment in our society where women and children can have their participation in development processes & can enjoy their rights, standing neck to neck with modern approaches, technologies & economies





# OUR GUIDING VALUES

Every action we take centres on the  
safety, growth, and well-being of  
children



Honesty in word and deed;  
openness in every partnership  
and process



Strengthening families, women,  
and youth to be change-makers  
in their communities



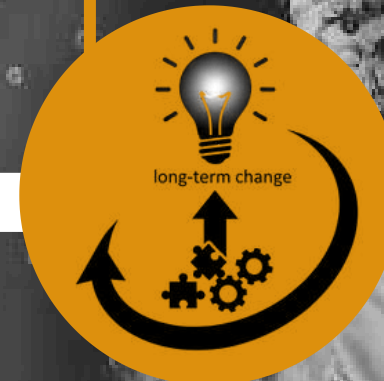
Ensuring opportunities,  
rights, and protection for  
every child, especially the  
marginalised



Working hand-in-hand  
with communities,  
government, and civil  
society for lasting impact



Creative solutions for  
challenges, designed to  
create long-term change



Treating every individual  
with empathy, care, and  
honour





# A Blueprint for Change: BKS and Government Partnership

At Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS), we believe the most profound social change emerges from a powerful synergy between civil society and government. Our collaboration is more than just a partnership; it is a dynamic model where BKS acts as a force multiplier, using our grassroots expertise to amplify the impact of government initiatives and ensure they reach the most vulnerable communities in Jharkhand.

Our work is deeply integrated with the national vision for child and women's development. We are proud to be a key partner in implementing flagship national missions, including **Mission Vatsalya**, **Mission Shakti**, and the **POSHAN Abhiyan** scheme. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of India, particularly the Women and Child Development (WCD) Department, for their unwavering support, which enables us to transform actions into life-changing practice.

Child protection is the cornerstone of our collaboration. We are deeply thankful to the NCPCR, NHRC, and NCW for their guidance. Our joint efforts are visible in our active participation in events like 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' and celebrating National Girl Child Day.

In the realm of education, our model is designed to strengthen the government's ambitious goals. We actively align with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**. Our community learning centres provide crucial last-mile delivery for the **NIPUN Bharat Mission**, ensuring that foundational literacy and numeracy skills are built at the grassroots level, thereby helping the state achieve its core educational targets.

With the Department of Labour, Government of Jharkhand, we have been a pivotal partner in developing the State Action Plan for the Elimination of Child Labour.

In close collaboration with the Government of India, we are spearheading the '**Baal Taskari se Azaadi**' (Freedom from Child Trafficking) campaign with crucial on-the-ground interventions.

Our synergy extends to health and community mobilisation. Our role in promoting the **Swachh Bharat** Campaign showcases our ability to foster civic responsibility. This holistic impact, featured by **DD News Jharkhand**, demonstrates how our model successfully mobilises communities to embrace and sustain government-led change.



This powerful alliance between BKS and the government has created a robust blueprint for social development in Jharkhand. We are not just implementing schemes; we are co-creating a safer, more equitable, and empowered future.



Together, we are stronger

Together, we create change





# One Year of Numbers: An Impact Snapshot



**11,132**

## Children Reached

Awareness campaigns, school events, and community health camps spreading vital support



**2,318**

## Children Impacted

Enrolled in long term educational, nutritional and protective programmes



**1000+**

## Stakeholders Reached & Strengthened

Community leaders, educators, and officials empowered for child rights

*Together, these numbers tell a Story of Change*





## 1. From Awareness to Action (11,132 Children Reached)

The larger number reflects the scale of our outreach activities. This includes:

- **Mass Awareness Drives:** Campaigns in villages and urban slums on topics like child marriage, child labour, and the importance of education.
- **School-Based Programmes:** Workshops on hygiene, sanitation (Swachh Bharat), and safe touch, conducted across dozens of government schools.
- **Community Camps:** Camps providing basic social security schemes linkages support

## 2. Deep, Sustained Intervention (2,318 Children Directly Impacted)

This is where we measure transformative change. These children are part of our core, long-term interventions, including:

- **Remedial Education Centres:** Daily academic support for children to bridge learning gaps and prevent dropouts.
- **Rescue & Rehabilitation:** Children saved from trafficking, labour, and abuse, who are now receiving shelter, counselling, and education.
- **Girls' Empowerment Groups:** Regular workshops and skill development sessions for adolescent girls.
- **Nutritional Support:** Children enrolled in our programmes who receive regular, nutritious meals to combat malnutrition.

# Beyond the Numbers: Understanding Our Approach

## 3. Strengthening the Ecosystem (1,000+ Stakeholders)

A child cannot thrive in isolation. This year, we strengthened the protective net around children by training and sensitising key community members, including:

- **Teachers & School Management Committees (SMCs):** Trained on child-friendly teaching methods and their roles in ensuring school safety.
- **Anganwadi Workers:** Capacity building on early childhood care and identifying malnutrition.
- **Panchayat Members & Village Leaders:** Sensitised on child rights, the POCSO Act, and their role in local governance for child protection.
- **Police Personnel:** Workshops on handling cases of child abuse and trafficking with sensitivity.





## SWAVALAMBAN

(Skill Development programs for Survivors of Trafficking)

Bal Kalyan Sangh has been actively engaged in addressing the pressing issue of cross-border trafficking in Bihar and Jharkhand. The organization has implemented various initiatives aimed at empowering vulnerable populations, particularly young girls and women, to mitigate the risks associated with trafficking. Jharkhand has emerged as a critical source of trafficking, impacting the lives of countless girls and women. According to the Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021, this state is the second poorest in India, with a staggering 42.16% of its population living below the poverty line. The dire socio-economic conditions, compounded by a lack of viable livelihoods and educational opportunities, significantly increase the vulnerability of young women to trafficking. Those aged 12-15 are often targeted for domestic labor, further exacerbating this issue. To combat this alarming trend, Bal Kalyan Sangh launched the Security Guard Training program designed to empower girls aged 15-20 by providing them with essential skills and employment opportunities in the security sector under Swavalamban Program.

The selection of candidates for the Security Guard Training program involved a strategic approach. Bal Kalyan Sangh collaborated with local Panchayats and community leaders to identify at-risk girls. A clear set of selection criteria was established, focusing on age, economic background, educational status, family situation, and previous instances of trafficking. Home visits were conducted to engage with families, assess each girl's vulnerability, and determine her willingness to participate in the program. Final interviews were then conducted to shortlist candidates for the training.

The training program was intensive, spanning three months and comprising six days of instruction each week. The curriculum covered a range of topics, including security protocols, emergency response procedures, surveillance techniques, and customer service skills. To maintain a low trainer-to-student ratio of 1:15, personalized attention was provided to each trainee.

The training delivery mechanism included multiple components to enhance learning. In-person sessions were complemented by practical training, which involved mock drills and physical training for self-defense.



## From vulnerability to vigilance empowering survivors to guard their own future

Additionally, the program incorporated life skills training, focusing on self-esteem, decision-making, stress management, and financial literacy. Mentorship was also a key component, with industry exposure provided through field visits and personalised guidance. Language skills were enhanced through basic English and Hindi training, which improved communication capabilities among the trainees. Health and wellness sessions were included to promote physical fitness and address mental health needs.

Upon completion of the training, Bal Kalyan Sangh facilitated job placements for the trained girls in various institutions. Partnerships were established with organisations to create employment opportunities, and graduates received certificates to enhance their credibility in the job market.

The training provided a comprehensive Computer Basics course, covering essential skills such as operating systems, word processing, internet usage, and troubleshooting. The program was conducted over three months in a residential setting, utilizing a blended learning approach that combined instructor-led and self-paced modules. Emphasizing hands-on practice, the training included offline learning materials and was customized to address the specific needs of the participants, including online safety and data protection. Progress tracking systems were implemented to monitor individual development, and post-training support was provided to link participants with further courses.

In conjunction with the Security Guard Training program, Bal Kalyan Sangh also launched a Digital Literacy Training initiative aimed at empowering girls vulnerable to trafficking. Human trafficking remains a significant issue in Jharkhand, affecting marginalized communities and posing risks both within the state and across borders. The Digital Literacy Training program seeks to equip vulnerable girls with essential computer skills, thereby enhancing their employability and reducing their risk of trafficking. Partnerships were established with local leaders to identify vulnerable girls, and informational meetings were conducted to explain the program's objectives. The selection criteria focused on age, economic status, educational background, and family situations.





# WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

*From awareness to action*

*creating pathways of protection and empowerment.*

On July 30, 2024, Bal Kalyan Sangh held a State Level Consultation to commemorate the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. This event aimed to raise awareness about human trafficking while promoting economic empowerment for women. The conclave attracted 100 participants, including government officials, civil society members, and trafficking survivors, underscoring a collaborative approach to combating trafficking.

The session featured insights from law enforcement and government representatives, who emphasized the need for preventive measures and better record-keeping of migrant workers. Key sessions focused on the intersections of cybercrime and trafficking, highlighting the necessity of education and stronger digital safeguards. Additionally, the rehabilitation of trafficking survivors was discussed, with an emphasis on comprehensive support strategies, including education and skill development.

The conclave strengthened the commitment to a multifaceted approach to combat trafficking and protect vulnerable populations. Key proposals included the establishment of trafficking units in metropolitan areas and clearer employment guidelines for children, which aimed at enhancing protection for at-risk individuals.

Throughout the reporting period, significant progress was achieved in line with the objectives of the Swavalamban Program. A total of 30 girls completed the Security Guard Training, while 20 girls participated in the Digital Literacy Training. The program successfully facilitated employment for 50 girls, providing them with earnings ranging from ₹9,000 to ₹12,000. Engagement with stakeholders was also noteworthy, with 100 individuals convened to promote awareness about trafficking.

A particularly inspiring story that emerged from the program is that of Mansi, who exemplifies resilience and the transformative power of opportunity. After facing exploitation in a domestic job, Mansi returned home and found hope through the security guard training program.





# सपनों की उड़ान

*(EMPOWERING CHILDREN, STRENGTHENING  
LOCAL INSTITUTIONS and CHANGING LIVES)*

Supported by Azim Premji Foundation in collaboration with District  
Administration Khunti





# Key Achievements at a Glance

2,059  
CHILDREN



were identified and registered in the project's Management Information System (MIS)

142

AT-RISK CHILDREN



brought under direct case management, including 52 high-risk cases

14

VILLAGE LEVEL CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES



were successfully formed and made operational

30

CHILD PROTECTION CASES



were referred or acted upon by the newly formed VLCPCs

14

LEARNING CENTRES AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES



were established to support children's education

355

INDIVIDUALS



received assistance in obtaining essential documents like birth certificates and Aadhaar cards

157

BENEFICIARIES



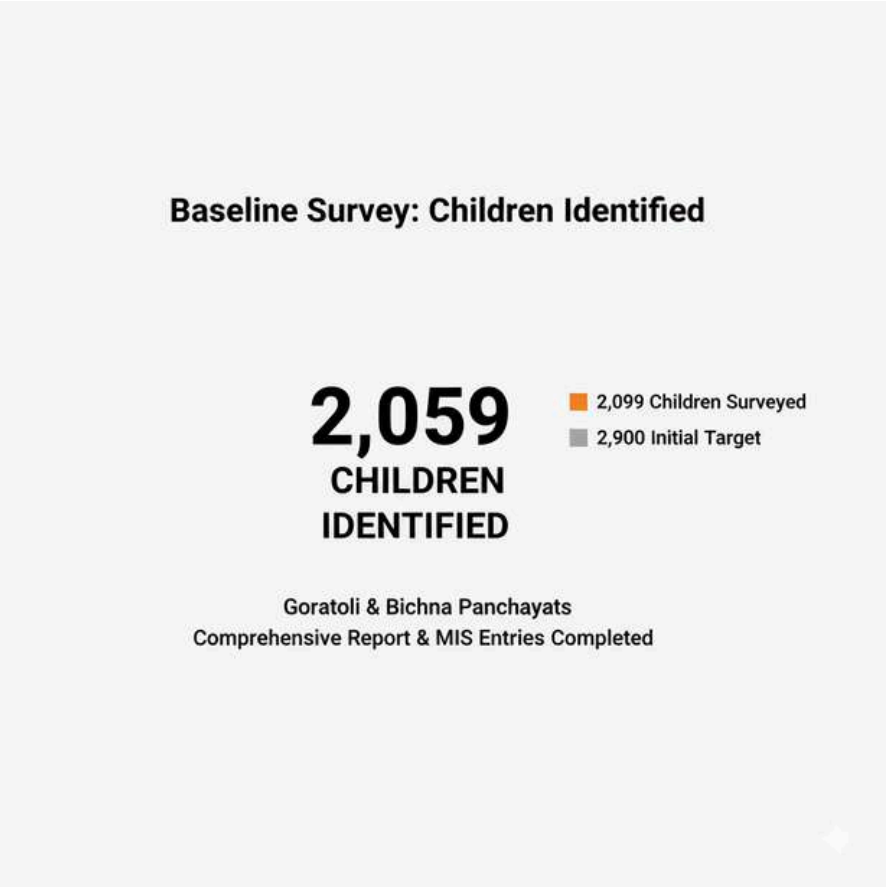
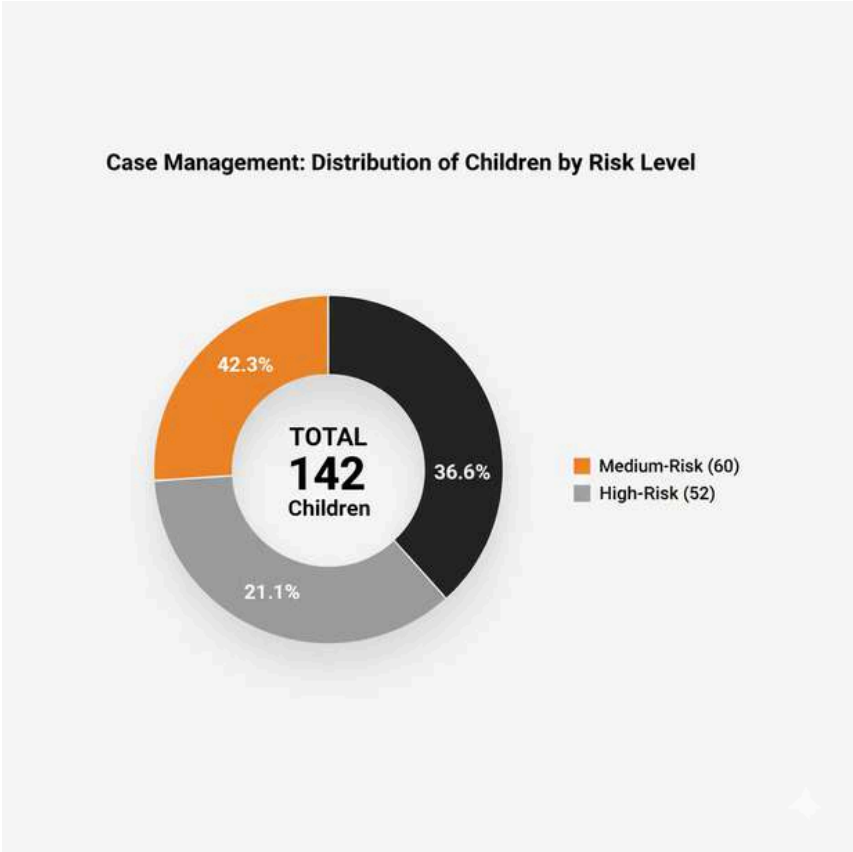
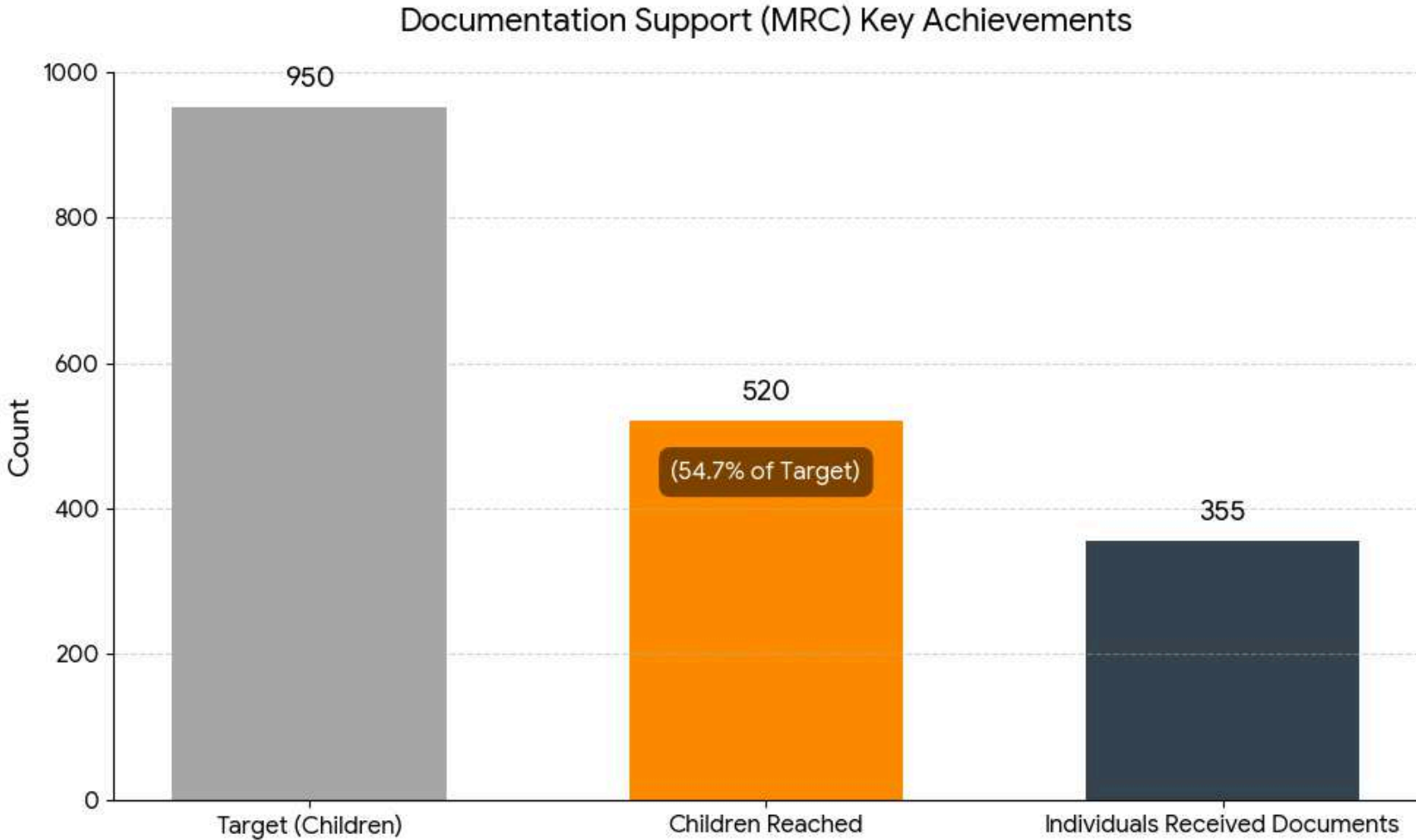
were linked to key government welfare schemes



# Direct Support for Children



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# Our Unique Model:

## Migration Resource Centre

Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS) established the Migration Resource Centre (MRC) as a community-based model to ensure safe and informed migration, focusing on protecting children and families vulnerable to unsafe migration and trafficking. The MRC maintains a village-level database to track migrant families, conducts risk mapping, and supports children's access to education and care. It links families with key government schemes such as MGNREGA, PDS, Ayushman Bharat, and Labour Cards to reduce economic vulnerability. Through coordination with Panchayats, Labour Departments, and Childline 1098, the MRC facilitates migration registration, awareness campaigns, and reintegration support, promoting long-term family stability and community resilience.

### Tracking, Linkages, and Protection for Migrant Families and Children

- ✓ Identification and Tracking of Migrant Families
- ✓ Migration Mapping and Risk Assessment:
- ✓ Linkage with Social Security Schemes







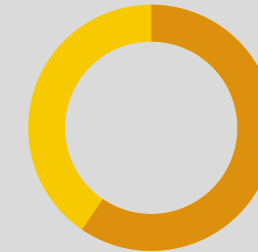
# Education & Empowerment

## Learning centres & Libraries

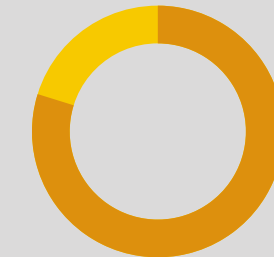


Learning Centres and Community Libraries were successfully established

## Children's Groups



**50**  
groups formed



**536**  
meetings held

## Life Skill Training



Facilitator session completed

Children's session completed

## Awareness Events

**100% Completed**

Child Labour Day, Child Rights Day, National Girl Child Day



# *The Power of Community: Rescuing Soham's Future*

Eleven year old Soham Nag from Murhu Block, Khunti district has faced more hardships than most can imagine. Raised by a dedicated single mother, his world was shattered when she was accused of witchcraft and brutally attacked, leaving her permanently disabled and unable to work. With his father, a man entangled in substance abuse, long absent from his life, their sole source of income vanished. Survival suddenly took precedence over dreams, and Soham faced the harsh reality of dropping out of school.

When our facilitator learned of Soham's plight, the community network sprang into action. The easiest solution, a government school, was not what Soham needed. He was determined to stay at his private school. His reason was inspiring: the school was close to home, allowing him to care for his disabled mother during breaks.

Moved by his resilience, our team knew they had to find a way. The case worker and facilitator, joined by VLCPC members and Childline, launched a collaborative effort. They approached School, advocating tirelessly for Soham's right to free education under the RTE Act, which reserves seats for Economically Weaker Sections.

It was not an easy process. It required extensive paperwork and persistent follow ups, but the community refused to give up. Their collective perseverance paid off. Soham was granted a full scholarship covering his tuition, books, and learning materials.

Today, Soham balances his studies while caring for his mother. His story is a powerful testament to the unwavering strength of a boy who refused to give up, and a shining example of what a determined community can achieve when it rallies together to support its most vulnerable.



# National Girl Child Day Conclave 2024



*Shri Santosh Gangwar, Honourable Governor of Jharkhand as the chief guest of the event*



*Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Honourable Member, National Human Rights Commission as the special guest during the event*

On January 24, 2025, Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS) commemorated National Girl Child Day by hosting a significant state-level conclave at Audrey House in Ranchi. The event was themed **"Preventing and Combating Child Trafficking, Unleashing the Potential of Girls, and Celebrating the Resilience of Survivors"**. It brought together over 500 participants, including girls from across the state, government officials, civil society organizations, and local stakeholders. This event underscored BKS and Jharkhand's 25 years of unwavering commitment to fighting human trafficking, protecting vulnerable children in the state



# National Girl Child Day Conclave 2024 Objectives and Strategic Actions

## Uniting Stakeholders

The event's foremost goal was to bring together diverse stakeholders to foster collaboration. This was achieved by gathering government officials, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), and civil society partners on a single platform to strengthen community resilience against trafficking.

## Raising Awareness

A core objective was to highlight the vulnerabilities that lead to trafficking. This was addressed through powerful speeches, including an address by BKS founder Shri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, who emphasized the need for collective action and noted the successful rescue of **507** girls.



## Empowering Survivors

The event aimed to showcase the importance of supporting survivors. BKS emphasized its comprehensive approach of rehabilitation, counseling, education, and vocational training. This was powerfully illustrated by the personal testimonials of survivors Budhmani Ji and Sushma Ji, who spoke about the transformative impact of BKS's programs.

## Setting a Future Vision

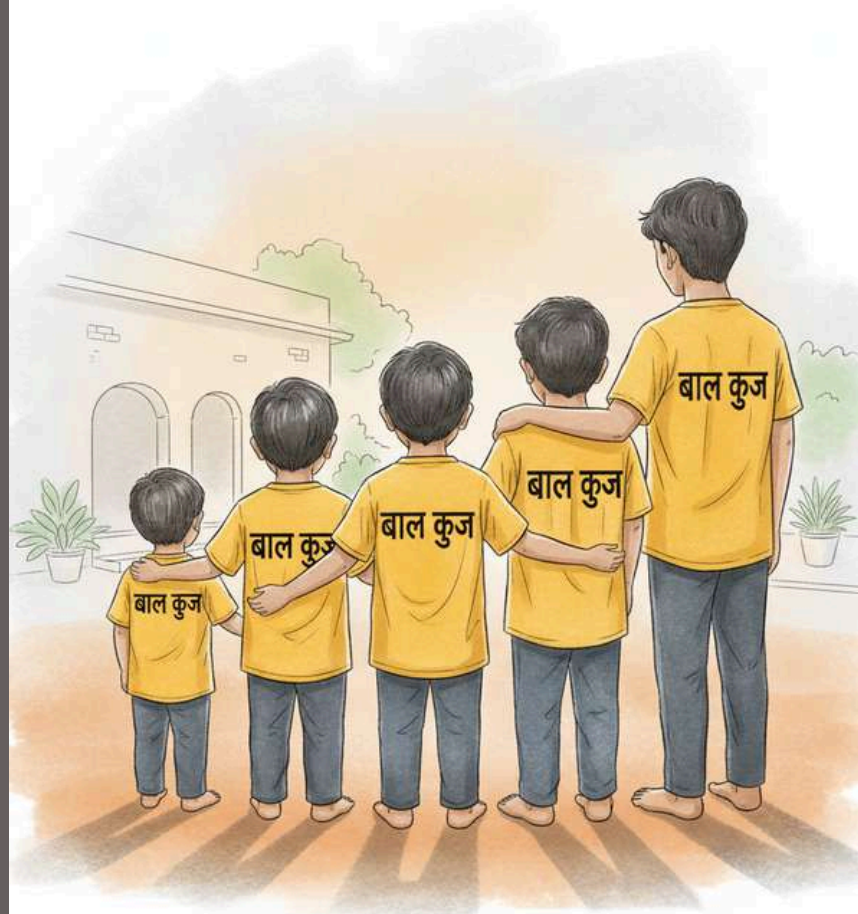
A key action was to establish a long-term strategic roadmap. This culminated in the Honorable Governor of Jharkhand, Shri Santosh Gangwar, unveiling the BKS "**Vision Document for 2030**", a plan to guide future efforts in child protection.



# बालकुंज

# A Haven for Care, Rehabilitation, & Hope

Child Care Institution supported by Department of Women, Child and Social Security,  
Government of Jharkhand



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Balkunj, the Children's Home for Boys located in Chaibasa, West Singhbhum, continues to be a cornerstone for the care, protection, and rehabilitation of children in need of support. Currently providing a nurturing home for **44 children**, the institution is dedicated to ensuring their shelter, education, and successful social reintegration.

## A YEAR OF DYNAMIC SUPPORT & INTEGRATION

FY 2024-25

Bal Kunj- Child Protection Metrics

New Enrollments

92



Reintegrations /  
Discharges

81



Ongoing Care &  
Rehabilitation

Active Monthly  
Admissions



Continuous Case  
Management



Collaboration with Families  
& Communities



Safe, Sustainable  
Reintegration





*When I grow up, I want to  
be a helping hand for others*

## Peter: Growing Dreams, One Seed at a Time

When asked what name he'd like to be called by, the 16-year-old smiled and said, "Peter - like Spider-Man." Maybe it was because Peter believes in what every hero stands for - courage, kindness, and the will to help others.

He came to Bal Kunj when he was 9. In the beginning, he didn't like being here; everything felt new and unfamiliar. But slowly, the warmth of the caretakers and laughter of his friends began to feel like home. Now, he can't imagine his days without them - his "brothers," as he fondly calls them.

Peter recently passed his 10th class from a nearby government school after being among the toppers in Class 9 and is preparing to take admission for higher studies. His dream is to become a footballer like Cristiano Ronaldo - determined, disciplined, and full of spirit.

But Peter's heart is not just on the field; it's in the garden too. What began as a small curiosity turned into a quiet passion. He started planting seeds, caring for saplings, and soon inspired others to join him. Today, the garden at Bal Kunj is his favorite corner - a living reflection of how far he has come.

Always smiling, Peter has a way of brightening the place around him. He takes care of others, lends a hand where needed, and speaks with warmth that crosses languages - Hindi or Ho, it hardly matters.

When asked about his future, he says,  
*"When I grow up, I want to be a helping hand for others - like everyone here has been for me."*

And perhaps that's what makes Peter truly heroic - not his strength, but his smile that keeps growing hope wherever he goes.



# सक्षम

*Empowering Villagers as Barefoot Negotiators to Unite Children with Families.*

Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS), in collaboration with the Jharkhand State Child Protection Society (JSCPS) under the Department of Women, Child and Social Welfare, Government of Jharkhand, and with the support of Miracle Foundation India, is implementing the “Saksham” program — a Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care Model in the Kolhan Division of Jharkhand.

The initiative focuses on empowering vulnerable families, preventing child separation, and ensuring every child grows up in a safe and nurturing family environment.



**Because, when families are supported, children thrive**







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## Strengthening Families

In the aftermath of the pandemic, a 2021–22 vulnerability mapping exercise by NCPCR revealed that 7,026 children in East Singhbhum were living in high-risk conditions. To address these vulnerabilities, Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS), in collaboration with the Jharkhand State Child Protection Society and supported by Miracle Foundation India, launched Project Saksham—a Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care model in the Kolhan Division.

The project also trained 30 youth as “barefoot counsellors” to provide psychosocial support and mobilized CWCs, DCPUs, and CCIs to promote Family-Based Alternative Care (FBAC). Between July 2024 and March 2025, 88% of children (447 out of 508) presented before CWCs were restored to family care East Singhbhum achieving a 97.1% restoration rate. Project Saksham stands as a testament that when families are strengthened, children thrive where they belong within families, not institutions.

## Securing Futures

Focusing on Patamda, Boram, and Ghatshila blocks, the project re-identified 689 vulnerable families (1,136 children) and, using Miracle Foundation’s Thrive Well methodology, found 480 families below the well-being threshold, requiring urgent intervention. The major gap identified was lack of essential documentation, excluding families from key schemes. Through coordinated block and panchayat-level camps, 200 families were successfully supported to government schemes.

### Way Forward: Scaling the Family Strengthening Model

Building on the success of Project Saksham, Bal Kalyan Sangh aims to scale the Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care Model across other districts of Jharkhand. The focus will be on institutionalizing this model within the state child protection framework by integrating it with Mission Vatsalya and linking families to sustainable livelihood and social protection systems. The next phase will emphasize the formation and capacity building of Child Welfare and Protection Committees (CW&PCs) at the Panchayat level, strengthening aftercare and family reintegration services, and fostering a community-owned protection mechanism. By documenting the model’s learnings and outcomes, making this as a replicable, evidence-based approach to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, caring, and empowered family environment.



# SWACHHATA CAMPAIGN LED BY COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



Bal Kalyan Sangh facilitated a community-driven Swachhata (Health & Sanitation) Campaign in the villages of Khunti, focusing on promoting hygienic practices, safe drinking water, and waste management. The initiative empowered children's groups (Bal Manch), village youth, SHG women, and Gram Sabha leaders to take collective action for a cleaner and healthier environment.

Key awareness activities included door-to-door sensitization, cleanliness drives, demonstration of handwashing practices, construction of compost pits, and mobilization of households to adopt toilet use and safe waste disposal. Special efforts were made to engage adolescents as Swachhata Ambassadors, nurturing leadership and ownership within the community.

The impactful community-led model and visible improvements in village sanitation were recognized at the state level. The campaign was featured on DD Jharkhand, highlighting it as a best practice of community participation to inspire other districts. This initiative strengthened local health-seeking behavior, reduced open defecation practices, and built collective responsibility towards sustaining a clean and dignified living environment.



Click here to watch documentary  
<https://youtu.be/Msju9rTOv-s>



# HUNAR SE UDAAN: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN & FAMILIES



Bal Kalyan Sangh provided seed support for agriculture-based livelihoods to 30 vulnerable families, helping them improve household food security and reduce dependency on distress migration. Families were supported with quality seeds and guidance on seasonal crop planning and sustainable farming practices.

Alongside this, 10 SHG groups were supported in bamboo basket making, strengthening traditional skills into viable income-generating activities. Women's groups are now able to sell their products in local markets and community fairs, contributing to their economic independence.

To diversify livelihoods further, 100+ families were trained and supported in mushroom cultivation, including supply of spawns and low-cost growing units. This activity helped families, especially women, to generate regular income from home with minimal investment.







# DIGITAL SAFETY AND CYBER-ENABLED TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

BKS, in partnership with CyberPeace Foundation, trained 50 Master Trainers on Digital Safety and Cyber-Enabled Trafficking prevention. These trainers conducted awareness sessions in 50+ villages, reaching 10,000+ children, youth, parents, and community members through direct and indirect interventions. The initiative strengthened community vigilance, promoted safe digital behavior, and reduced the risk of online grooming and exploitation.

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# खुल के बात करें : SRHR for Confident Adolescents

Bal Kalyan Sangh continued its focus on Adolescent Health and Sexual and Reproductive Rights (SRHR) with special emphasis on Menstrual Health and Hygiene. Through the “Chupi Todo Abhiyan” (Break the Silence Campaign), adolescents—especially girls—were encouraged to speak openly about menstruation, bodily changes, and emotional well-being without shame or stigma. Sessions were conducted in schools, Bal Manch groups, and community spaces to provide correct information on menstrual hygiene, nutrition, use and disposal of sanitary products, and addressing myths and taboos. Boys were purposefully included to foster respect, understanding, and supportive behaviors. The initiative promoted healthier practices, enhanced self-confidence among adolescent girls, and helped establish a positive, stigma-free environment around menstruation and SRHR issues in the community.





One shared mission, by many hands upheld



## Collaboration with National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)



Under the initiative “SAMVARDHAN III: Vulnerability Mapping of Children and their Families Living in Difficult Circumstances,” BKS partnered with NCPCR and conducted extensive field mapping across Koderma, Giridih, and Dumka districts, with support from IGEP India.

The initiative focused on identifying children at risk of exploitation, trafficking, and neglect, while strengthening local protection systems through data-driven interventions and family-level support.



At the launch of the Vulnerability Mapping Report, Mr. Priyank Kanoongo, Chairman of the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Mrs. Rupali Banerjee, Member Secretary of NCPCR, Mrs. Sharda Subramanyam, Country Head of IGEP, and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Secretary of Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS)



## Collaboration with Department of Labour, Employment, Skill Development and Training, Government of Jharkhand



*In frame (from right) Vikas Dodrajka, Member, JSCPCR, Geovanni Soledad Chief Technical Officer, ILO New Delhi, Nidhi Dwivedi IPS, SP, CID, Mukesh Kumar IAS, Secretary, Department of Planning & Development, GoJ, Satyanand Bhogta, Former Labour Minister of Jharkhand, Sashi Prakash Jha IAS, Mission Director, NHM, Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Founder, BKS, Sanjay Gupta, Chairperson, NACG-EVAC India*

BKS, in partnership with the Department of Labour, Employment, Skill Development and Training, Government of Jharkhand, organized the State-Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Eliminating Child Labour 2024, supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO), New Delhi. The dialogue brought together policy makers, civil society, enforcement agencies, and community representatives to deliberate on strategies for eradicating child labour and promoting decent work. To bridge the gaps in access to social security and welfare schemes, BKS also facilitated multiple scheme enrolment camps through coordinated efforts at the state, district, and block levels, ensuring that vulnerable families are linked with entitlements and benefits.



## Collaboration with Jharkhand State Child Protection Society (JSCPS), Department of Women, Child and Social Security, Government of Jharkhand



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Under the umbrella of Mission Vatsalya, BKS collaborated with JSCPS, Department of Women, Child and Social Security, Government of Jharkhand, to organize Orientation Programs for Child Protection Stakeholders across all districts of Jharkhand. These orientations, supported by Miracle Foundation India focused on building the capacities of officials, Child Welfare Committees, District Child Protection Units, and community-based structures on the Mission Vatsalya Guidelines, reinforcing a child-centred and family-based approach to care and protection. Through these multi-level collaborations, Bal Kalyan Sangh continues to advocate for systemic reforms, strengthen grassroots mechanisms, and promote collective action for ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, protective, and empowering environment.



The National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India (NACG EVAC India) is a country-level civil society forum of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC). It envisions a South Asia where all children, irrespective of gender, enjoy their right to a safe environment free from violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect, and discrimination. Constituted by leading child rights organizations, NACG EVAC India plays a crucial role in coordinating and advancing the Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) agenda of SAIEVAC at the national level, in close collaboration with the SAIEVAC government mechanism. Bal Kalyan Sangh, supported by Terre Des Hommes Netherlands, was one of the active partner organizations contributing to this national effort, amplifying children's voices from Jharkhand and advocating for stronger community-based child protection mechanisms.

Under the aegis of the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat, and NACG EVAC India organized a National Consultation in New Delhi.

The purpose of this consultation was to engage children directly in discussions on six core child protection themes:

- Child Labour
- Child Marriage
- Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (including Online Safety)
- Corporal Punishment
- Child Trafficking
- Child Participation

Additionally, the consultation addressed three cross-cutting themes: Children with Disability, Gender, and Children's Rights & Environment with a special focus on Climate Change.

The event brought together children's representatives from 18 States and Union Territories including Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Bihar, Nagaland, Telangana, Karnataka, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Kashmir, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand to deliberate on key protection issues, share lived experiences, and propose actionable solutions for eradicating violence against children.

## Collaboration with NACG-EVAC India for National Children's Consultation on Ending Violence against Children







## Awareness Campaigns Snapshots





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# Testimonials

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**Mr Narasimhan Gadiraju**

National Project Coordinator, International Labour Organisation

*"What distinguishes Bal Kalyan Sangh is their ability to mobilize children, families, community leaders, and government systems to work together for a shared goal i.e., the safety and dignity of every child. Their leadership in building child-friendly communities reflects courage, clarity of purpose and rooted in collaboration with local governance structures and public service delivery. We value our partnership with Bal Kalyan Sangh and look forward to continued joint efforts to advance child rights and eliminate child labour"*



**Mr. Lor Singh Munda**

Gram Pradhan, Bagma

*"Since BKS began working in our village, there has been a major change in how families and children view education and safety. BKS has supported us with school enrollment, documents, and access to government schemes. Children now participate in community events and help keep the village clean and safe. This positive change has given new hope to our entire community."*



**Roshaliya Mundu**

(Volunteer, Surunda)

*"Working with BKS has allowed me to contribute to positive change in my community while supporting my education. Being with the children at the learning centre and providing them a safe space to grow brings me immense joy. This experience has also helped me build self-confidence and the courage to speak in community meetings. My journey with BKS has shaped both my future and theirs."*



**Sushma Kerketta**

Beneficiary, Swavalamban Program

*I am deeply thankful to Bal Kalyan Sangh's Swavalamban program for giving me a second chance in life. The hospitality training I received helped me build confidence and learn valuable skills. Today, I am happily working with government institutions in security and hospitality. This program has given me independence, respect, and hope for a better future*



**Nikita Kumari**

(Panchayat Coordinator, Bichna)

*"Working with BKS has given me the chance to reach vulnerable children and support real change. I manage a team of 14 field staff, and together we work to protect and empower children in our villages. This role has strengthened my confidence and leadership. For the first time, I was able to speak in public forums and bring children's voices before the community. It has been a deeply meaningful journey."*



**Urvashi Kumari**

(Child Champion, Bichna)

*"Becoming a Child Champion has made me confident and fearless. I have learned new skills, including leadership and communication. Through Bal Manch, I help my friends and younger children learn about their rights and responsibilities. We work together on activities like community clean-ups, sports and wall paintings. I believe what I have learned here will help me become a responsible citizen of India.."*





# The Way Forward

In the coming year, Bal Kalyan Sangh will continue to strengthen its family-centric approach to child protection, ensuring that children grow up in safe, nurturing and empowered environments. The focus will be on holistic development of children, promoting education, life skills, emotional well-being, and active participation through Bal Manch and adolescent groups. To support families and reduce vulnerabilities related to poverty, migration and early marriage, the organization will expand initiatives on livelihood and skill development, particularly for youth and adolescent girls, enabling them to access dignified and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Traditional and local skills will be promoted alongside digital and financial literacy to improve income security. Communities will be further empowered through awareness, collective action and strengthened local protection structures, ensuring that they play an active role in safeguarding children's rights. Recognizing the growing digital exposure of children and youth, BKS will also integrate cyber safety, responsible digital behaviour, and basic AI awareness into its education and youth empowerment programs, preparing young people for a safe and informed future. This integrated approach will ensure that education and empowerment progress hand in hand, leading to resilient families, confident youth, and safe, supportive communities.



# In the News

बाल श्रम को समाप्त करने के लिए हर वर्ग का सहयोग जरूरी : मंत्री

मिशन वात्सल्य पर सम्मेलन में जुटे कई खास, योजनाओं को धरातल पर उतारने का निर्णय

रांची: झारखंड राज्य बाल संरक्षण संस्था, समाज कल्याण विभाग झारखंड सरकार एवं बाल कल्याण संघ के तत्वावधान में आयोजित बाल सुरक्षा, बाल अधिकार एवं बाल कल्याण पर एक दिवसीय सम्मेलन का आयोजन कैपिटल हिल होटल



विश्व बाल श्रम निषेध दिवस पर हितधारकों का संवाद कार्यक्रम

बाल श्रम को खत्म करने के लिए संयुक्त पहल हो : सत्यानंद भोक्ता

लाइफ रिपोर्ट रांची



संवाद कार्यक्रम में बोलते बाल मंत्री सत्यानंद भोक्ता और अन्य.

निदेशक शशि शेखर झा ने कहा कि बच्चों को उनका नैसर्गिक बचपन मिल सके, वह हमारी सामूहिक जिम्मेदारी है। बाल श्रम एक वैश्विक समस्या है। सोआइडी एसपी निधि द्विवेदी ने कहा कि बाल श्रम समाज का भविष्य भी गंत में डालता है। अहमलओ के जीवोनी सेलिडेड ने कहा कि बाल श्रम एक वैश्विक समस्या है। बाल

# चुप्पी तोड़ो, खुलकर बोलो अभियान शुरू

छूटी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस के अवसर पर बाल कल्याण संघ एवं बच्चों की सुरक्षा भी स्वाभाविक रूप

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# अभ्रक खनन में लगे बाल श्रमिकों की होगी मैपिंग

विशेष आशीष तिग्गा माइका के लिए गिरीडीह-कोडरमा व असुरक्षित पलायन के लिए दुमका में होगा कार्य

रांची: कार्य परिवार हूप हैं। जिला हजार में बाल की सू पुरुष भी हो रहे मानव तस्करी का शिकार : झा



वार को कॉन्क्लेव का बाल संरक्षण संस्था व मुख्य अतिथि रांची के एं और बच्चे ही नहीं, मानव तस्करी मानव महानगरों में प्लेसमेंट फर्जी होते हैं। समाज पिछले तीन सालों में

हिन्दुस्तान मानव तस्करी पर अंकुश लगाने को ग्राम बाल तैयार संगठन अब मानव तस्करी की निगरानी का जिम्मा भी उठाएगा। उपरोक्त निर्णय बाल कल्याण संघ और एपीएफ के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित ग्राम स्तरीय बाल संरक्षण समिति का प्रशिक्षण में लिया गया। समाजसेवी संगठन ग्राम बाल संरक्षण समिति ने एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाते हुए शुक्रवार को अपने कार्यक्षेत्र का विस्तार किया है। जिसके तहत उक्त इस कार्य के ग्राम बाल संरक्षण समिति के 70 सदस्यों ने भाग लिया। मौके पर बताया गया कि ग्राम स्तर पर बाल संरक्षण समिति को सशक्त बनाना और बच्चों के अधिकारों की सुरक्षा के लिए उन्हें और अधिक प्रभावी बनाना है। इस दौरान मुख्य प्रशिक्षक ओम प्रकाश तिवारी ने कहा कि बाल संरक्षण समिति का कार्य बच्चों के सर्वांगीण विकास को सुनिश्चित करना है। उन्होंने बताया कि ग्राम बाल संरक्षण समिति में कई प्रकार के केस आ सकते हैं, जिन्हें बहुत ही सावधानी से निवारण करने की आवश्यकता होती है। कहा कि बाल संरक्षण समिति जितनी मजबूती से कार्य करेगी, बच्चों का सर्वांगीण विकास उतना ही संभव होगा। इस प्रशिक्षण के क्रम में कई बाल संरक्षण समिति के सदस्यों ने समस्या हल करने को अपने अनुभव को साझा किया।

# State's first child welfare and protection committee formed Trained in East Singhbhum Under Mission Vatsalya

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Ranchi In a significant step towards ensuring the rights, safety, and holistic development of children, Jharkhand's first-ever Child Welfare and Protection Committee (CW&PC) has been estab-

Vatsalya guidelines. They also received information on their roles and responsibilities to strengthen the child protection system at the village and block levels. Addressing the programme, the Block Development Officer (BDO), Kiku Mahto, emphasised that ensuring the safety and all-round development of

# जिला प्रशासन एवं बाल कल्याण संघ रांची के सौजन्य से संवर्द्धन 3.0 का शुभारंभ

झारखंड को बाल संरक्षण संवर्द्धन 3.0 का शुभारंभ जगमग संवाददाता, रांची: कठिन परिस्थितियों में जीवन यापन कर रहे बच्चों को सुरक्षित, सम्मानजनक एवं समग्र विकास को लेकर गुरुवार को रांची के कैपिटल हिल में राज्यस्तरीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। झारखंड में मिशन वात्सल्य योजना के प्रभावी क्रियान्वयन और बाल संरक्षण के सशक्त निर्माण के उद्देश्य से आयोजित कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि पीसी सक्सेना ने का और कल्याण कार्य नहीं, ब जाने वाली फ को अफसर संवेदनशील होगा। उन्होंने जैसी गंभीर करते हुए क कुरीति समा प्रभावित कर के लिए सभी समाज के स है। पावर प्रेज प्रमंडलों की गई। पूरे राज्य ने लिया थ

# अब ग्राम बाल संरक्षण समिति करेगी मानव तस्करी की निगरानी

आजाद सिपाही संवाददाता खूंटी। गुरु प्रखंड की ग्राम बाल संरक्षण समिति ने एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाते हुए अपने कार्यक्षेत्र का विस्तार किया है। अब समिति मानव तस्करी की निगरानी को जिम्मेवारी भी उठायेगी। यह पहल बाल अधिकारों की सुरक्षा और

# महिलाएं और बच्चे ही नहीं, पुरुष भी हो रहे मानव तस्करी के शिकार : आईजी

काइम रिपोर्ट रांची केवल महिलाएं और बच्चे ही नहीं, बल्कि पुरुष भी मानव तस्करी के शिकार हो रहे

समाज कल्याण विभाग के निदेशक बोले- मानव तस्करी पर रोक लगाने के लिए हमें मिलकर करना होगा कार्य विश्व मानव तस्करी निरोधक दिवस के अवसर पर आयोजित कार्यशाला में मौजूद लोग। महानगरों में घरेलू नौकरों की मांग बढ़ने का फायदा प्लेसमेंट एजेंसी के नाम पर ट्रेफिकिंग करने वाले दलाल उठा रहे हैं। आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर झारखंड की बच्चियों को महानगरों में ले जाकर घरेलू नौकर के नाम पर बेचा जा रहा है। बाल कल्याण संघ के संस्थापक संजय मिश्रा ने कहा कि झारखंड की बच्चियां

मेहनती हैं, इसलिए महानगरों में उनकी ज्यादा ट्रेफिकिंग हो रही है। सीआईडी एसपी निधि द्विवेदी ने कहा कि तस्करी के लिए बच्चियों के अभिभावक भी जिम्मेदार हैं। ऐसे कई मामलों सामने आए हैं, जहां बच्चियां 10 साल पहले कमाने के नाम पर बाहर गईं। दलाल कुछ पैसे उनके अभिभावकों को देते रहे और वे चुप रह गए।

400 बच्चियों का कल्याण विभाग ने किया पुनर्वास कार्यशाला में समाज कल्याण विभाग के निदेशक शशि प्रकाश झा ने कहा कि तीन वर्षों में मानव तस्करी की शिकार 400 से ज्यादा बच्चियों को विभाग ने दिल्ली जैसे महानगरों से रेस्क्यू कर उनके घर तक पहुंचाया और पुनर्वास किया है। इनमें 100 से ज्यादा बच्चियां साहिबगंज जिले की हैं। हम सभी को मिलकर कार्य करने की आवश्यकता है, ताकि मानव तस्करी पर रोक लगाई जा सके।



# Combating Human Trafficking in Jharkhand

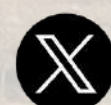
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