

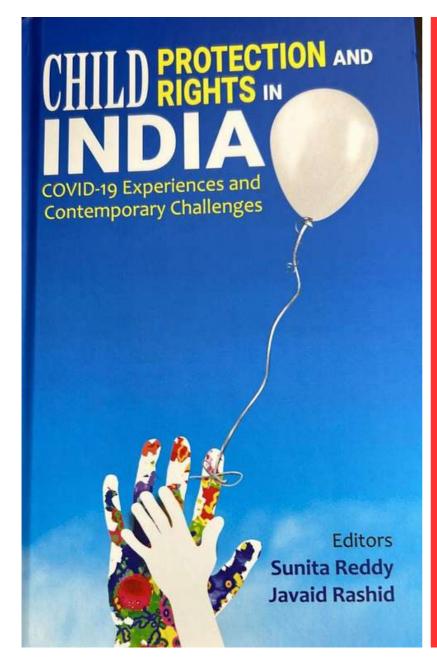
# **PARIVARTAN**

**Prayas Monthly Newsletter** 

**OCTOBER, 2023** 



### Achievements



## Book Launch, IIC Annexe, New Delhi

It was indeed a very proud moment as our GS and GBM added waves with their insightful contributions. Mr. Amod K. Kanth, the Founder and **General Secretary of Prayas JAC** Society, contributed a chapter on "Defining a Child and Framing Child Laws in India: The Journey of Prayas," and our GBM, Mr. Amitabh Shrivastava, penned a chapter on "Media Representation and Children" in the book 'Child Protection and Rights in India' edited by Professor **Sunita Reddy and Javiad Rashid.** The book launch and the panel discussion took place in IIC Annexe, New Delhi and was attended by a few members of Prayas including our **Executive Director Ms. Indu Rani** Singh.







A moment of immense pride for Prayas JAC Society!

On 12th October 2023, at the National Convocation of Skilling India, Kushal Dikshant Samaroh, Prayas witnessed a truly remarkable moment where Shivani Sah, one of our talented JSS trainees from Prayas Delhi, took center stage and delivered an inspirational speech.

Shivani, a shining star in the Beauty & Wellness sector, was chosen through a rigorous competition to represent our entire JSS community.

Speaking at this prestigious event, in the presence of esteemed MSDE Ministers, Secretaries, and Skilling program representatives from all over the nation, is nothing short of extraordinary.







### Activities and Celebrations



#### Jahangir Puri, New Delhi

31st October, 2023 marked a heartwarming occasion in Jahangir Puri, Delhi as Prayas JAC Society came together to distribute 200 hygiene kits supported by Karcher Group to the resilient rag-picker community. In addition to providing essential hygiene kits, there was a delightful refreshment to keep their spirits high.









#### Navratri Eve Celebration at Prayas JAC Society

On the eve of Navratri, we gathered at our Head Office to celebrate Dussehra with the children of Home and Children Hope Prayas, and the NFE Centre. They put on a stunning Ram Leela and cultural performance.

The victory of good over evil and incredible talent of these young performers was witnessed. Their energy and dedication were truly inspiring.







#### **National Girl Child Day**

We believe that we all prosper when no one is left behind. National Girl Child Day, known as Rashtriya Balika Diwas, is an important occasion in India. Prayas, in partnership with KSCF, under Access to Justice Project, celebrated this day in over 1000 locations across the country.

We reached out to more than 10,000 people, raising awareness about the gender inequalities faced by girls in our society. Our dedicated teams from 5 different JSS centers organized various programs with great enthusiasm.











#### **International Girl Child Day**

A globally recognized voice for gender equality and justice is striving to be established on this day, as mentioned by Jitendra Kumar Singh, who leads the child Marriage Free India Campaign under the Access to Justice Project, alongside more than 200 of our coworkers on behalf of Prayas JAC Society. Together, with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, we are actively promoting this campaign in 300 districts across India. Our vision is to make India child marriage-free by 2030 – a commitment we make on International Girl Child Day.





#### **Guest Visits and Invitations**

#### Bindapur, New Delhi

Our esteemed General Secretary and Founder, Mr. Amod K Kanth, and Executive Director, Indu Rani Singh, from Prayas JAC Society, had the honor of being special guests at the inauguration of the Children's Hope/Makhija and GEP Preschool & Remedial Centre in Basti Vikas Kendra, JJ Colony, Bindapur, New Delhi.

This momentous occasion marks a significant milestone in our 30/30 Educational Initiative, part of the CH Projects - CHAHAK: Children's Hope Academy of Harmony And Knowledge. With our shared commitment to the belief that "Every Child Counts," this initiative holds a special place in our hearts. For children entering government schools at a later age, mastering the fundamentals of reading and writing can be a formidable challenge. The inauguration of this new Preschool & Remedial Centre is a significant stride in the right direction, guaranteeing that every child in our community receives the strong educational foundation they rightfully deserve. We take immense pride in Amod Sir and Indu Ma'am for representing Prayas JAC Society at this event and for their unwavering dedication to this noble cause.





## Awareness Campaigns and Rallies

#### #BalVivahSeAzadi

The month of October witnessed several awareness programs on child marriage.

#### **PURNEA, BIHAR**

150 people from local community of Akabarabad village in Purnea gathered to raise their voice against Child Marriage.

Senior Secondary School at Maktab, Purnea gets 750 children and community people raising hands for #ChildMarriageFreeIndia and give every child the gift of a hopeful future.

"भविष्य को बचाना है, बाल विवाह मिटाना है।" बाल विवाह के ख़िलाफ़ एक आवाज़ में बसई, पूर्णिया के 250 लोग एकजुट हुए और #ChildMarriageFreeIndia की शपथ ली।











#### **GAYA, BIHAR**

800 children painting a world of awareness for #ChildMarriageFreeIndia in Sadar Block, Gaya with Prayas JAC.

In the fight against child marriage, oath taking & awareness program for #ChildMarriageFreeIndia was conducted in Manpur Block, Gaya to protect innocence. Together, let's amplify awareness and break the chains that bind our children.



#### CHAMPARAN, BIHAR

1375 local people gather for Kalash Yatra and oath-taking at SSB Seema Chowki, Raxaul, East Champaran to spread awareness against Child Marriage Free India

"Together we can stop Child Marriage" 200 community people of Adapur, East Champaran participate

#ChildMarriageFreeIndi a in support of legal age restrictions.



















Cultural harmony in the spotlight, raise awareness for #ChildMarriageFreeIndia by 2100 girls at Raj Girl School, Bettiah, West Champaran.

787 students from Sugauli, U.M.V sugaw of East Champaran attend event on the issue at hand

In a pedal-powered protest against child marriage, 400 girls from Bhitiharwa, West Champaran hold a cycle-rally for every child's dreams to be protected, and innocence preserved.



#### **SAMASTIPUR, BIHAR**



"Marching together for a brighter tomorrow, saying 'No' to child marriage today." 400 people in Samastipur hold a rally to support #ChildMarriageFreeIndia

The voices of a 1000 girl students echoed today at Kasturba Vidyalaya in Samastipur with slogans "हम बच्चों ने ठाना है, बाल विवाह मिटाना है"

30 RPF, GRP and Coolies of Samastipur Railway Station march for #ChildMarriageFreeIndia and empower young lives of Bihar.







#### PATNA, BIHAR

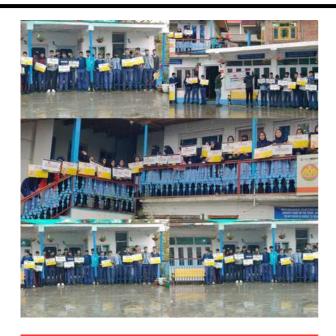
"End Child Marriage, Empower the Future."

On 16h October, an oath-taking & awareness program with engagement of 550 students from Baipar Mandal Madhay Vidayalay

250 students from Shivam International School, Khushurupur Block, Patna took the oath to support







200 Students in Khansahib Budgam, Kashmir say no to child marriage as they participate in the awareness event today organised by the Kashmir Chapter of Prayas JAC Society.

#### **KASHMIR**

140 in Awareness for Child Marriage at Kashmir.

'Choosing when and who to marry is one of the life's most important decisions. This basic right and decision-making is under threat for girls at risk of marriage.'









40 Students in Child Marriage Awareness Programme at Govt School Bhatubasti, South Andaman.

#### **ANDAMAN**

'Every child deserves a chance to bloom, not to be a bride'.

Around 120 people participated in the Child Marriage awareness programme at water sports complex of Carbin's cove beach in South Andaman earlier today.







#### **SURAT, GUJARAT**

Around 150 members of local community including the Police sensitized against child marriage in Surat railway station.





'बाल विवाह का परिणाम बच्चों के साथ बलात्कार होता है और बहुत मामलों में इसका परिणाम बच्चों की मृत्यु होता है।'

Awareness event on child marriage at Vatslaydam CCI Khovad, Kamrej, Surat.

#### **JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN**

Pledge taken at police station in support of the campaign against Child Marriage at Mahila Thana, Gandhinagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan with 25 participants.



More than 500 participants supported the culmination event awareness cum Sensitization program at Jaipur National University, Jaipur, Rajasthan.





100 in signature campaign at Medical University, Agra Road, Jaipur.











#### **AHMEDABAD, GUJRAT**

150 students stood against Child Marriage at Shri Khet Vikas Madhyamik Shala, Shiyal Village, Ahmedabad.







'Prayas' Ahmedabad team organized an oath taking event with 250 people and at Shiyal Prathmik Shala, Ahmedabad for their #ChildMarriageFreeIndia campaign.









'Childhood is a right, not a sacrifice'.

150 participants from the community of Shram Bindu Point, Shiyal Village, Ahmedabad, Stands united against child marriage.



#### RESCUE OPERATIONS OF THE MONTH

#### Rudrapura, Gujarat

On 26th October 2023, Prayas Juvenile Aid Center Society, Surat (Gujrat) District Child Protection Unit, and Eighth Lines Police joined forces to rescue 11 children, aged 10-13, working as laborers near Rudarpura, Nanpura (Gujrat). These kids, from UP and Bihar, were working over 12 hours daily, earning just Rs 5000 per month.



#### Aman Vihar, New Delhi

In a powerful joint effort between the SDM, Labour Department, Delhi Police and Prayas JAC Society, 20 child laborers were saved from Sultanpuri, Raj Park, and Aman Vihar (North West Delhi).

Children aged 13-17, were freed from 12-hour workdays. Thirteen were liberated from a shoe factory, 7 girls and 6 boys, and 7 boys from motor repair shops.

Aman Vihar, Kanjhawala, Begumpur - New Delhi

On 17th October 2023, a child labor rescue mission unfolded, spearheaded by Kanjhawala SDM, leading to the miraculous salvation of 11 children from perilous conditions from Aman Vihar, Kanjhawala, and Begumpur (North west Delhi). 9 boys and 2 girls, all under 18, were rescued and can now look forward to a brighter and safer future. Three FIRs were promptly filed, and 7 hotels and factories involved in this dark practice were sealed, marking a significant step toward justice and child protection.







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