



# PARIVARTAN

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Prayas Monthly Newsletter

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## ***Activities and Programs***



**Andaman**

### **District Jail, Andaman**

Inmates were given the chance to express their patriotism and creativity through a drawing competition on the theme "Azad Bharat"

Such initiatives contribute to the holistic rehabilitation of inmates, reminding them of their connection to the larger society and the celebration of our nation's rich heritage.

### **District Jail, Andaman**

A sense of camaraderie and growth filled the air as a Carrom competition was organized for our inmates.

To honour their participation and dedication, prizes were awarded to all participants.

But that's not all! We also took a step towards a greener future by donating 15 fruit-bearing saplings. Each sapling is a symbol of hope and growth, just like the individuals within these walls.



**Andaman**

# Awareness Campaigns and Meetings



**East Champaran, Bihar**

The Anti Human Trafficking Unit, Area Headquarters 47th Corps Raxaul and Prayas Juvenile Aid Center, East Champaran, collaborated to organize a one-day training program on human trafficking. Girls and boys from the region came together to combat issues such as human trafficking, child marriage, child sexual abuse, child labour and cybercrime.

Aarti Kumari, District Project Coordinator of Prayas, took a stand against child marriage, rallying the children to pledge their commitment to ending this harmful practice.



**Gujarat**

In a dedicated effort led by Inspector/Surat, Sub Inspector Jitendra Singh, along with the support of Operation Against Human Trafficking organization, the Prayas-Gujarat team conducted an important awareness campaign at Surat Railway Station Platform No. 4.

Information about helplines 112 and 1098, providing passengers with the knowledge they need to protect themselves and others.



## New Delhi

**Breaking Stigmas: Empowering Boys with Knowledge!**

At Prayas Children's Home for Boys, Jahangirpuri, we're breaking barriers and fostering awareness. A vital session on the topic of "menstrual cycle and puberty" was organized.

The session's prime objective was to shed light on the natural biological changes in females and how they impact mental well-being. Understanding leads to empathy and empathy paves the way for a more compassionate world.

Our dedicated counselor, Ms. Nishtha Singh, took the lead in this transformative session, guiding our young boys through these important aspects of life.



## Jaipur

On September 13th, 2023 a meeting on childlabour, childtrafficking was held for the Multi-stakeholder.

Since 2013, the relentless efforts of Prayas in Rajasthan have focused on #skillsdevelopment and #childprotection.

We embarked on this journey with a mission to combat child trafficking, with our very first case involving the son of a railway station coolie, kidnapped from Samastipur, Bihar. With the collaboration of Delhi and Rajasthan police, we swiftly located the child in a bangle factory in Jaipur and rescued 184 children within three days, including the informant's son.

This marked Prayas' entry into Jaipur's fight against trafficking, child labour and bonded labour.

**Objectives of the meeting:**

1. Convergence of multiple departments
2. Establishing a database of traffickers
3. Filing separate FIRs for different employers
4. Comprehensive understanding and interpretation of laws related to children
5. Streamlining the process for speedy rescue operations post-identification
6. Ensuring immediate compensation to victims, following MC Mehta Judgment, central sector scheme, recovery of back wages and sealing of establishments
7. Timely completion of chargesheets to initiate speedy trials for the restoration of the child



**Gujarat**

The team gathered at Prayas Shelter Home for a management committee meeting, bringing together key stakeholders committed to our mission.

DCPU, RPF, GRPF, local NGOs and our local police force joined hands to discuss ways to enhance the well-being and safety of our residents.

During this meeting, ideas were exchanged, challenges were addressed and strategies were formulated to ensure the best care and protection for those under our shelter's wings.

It was a special day at our Open Shelter, Mori Gate, as we welcomed a distinguished group of 18 individuals from NIPCCD and Child Welfare Committees of Uttar Pradesh. It was a day filled with insightful discussions, shared experiences and a deep commitment to the welfare of children.



**New Delhi**



**Andaman**

A pivotal meeting took place on the important topic of "Child Protection Programs in Andaman."

We were honoured to have Smt. Poramita Negi, Child Protection Specialist of UNICEF, amongst us. The gathering aimed to:

- (i) Explore potential technical support
- (ii) Discuss program challenges
- (iii) Share and learn from good practices

This collaboration exemplifies our unwavering commitment to safeguarding the rights and well-being of our children.

## ***Achievements and Celebrations***



### **Celebrating Excellence Within Our Team!**

It was indeed a very proud moment for the entire Prayas family as one of our exceptional coworkers was honoured by the prestigious Atal Foundation.

The award was presented by Smt. Aparna Singh, the National President of the foundation, this recognition is a testament to the dedication and hardwork of our team members. It reflects the values and commitment that define our organization.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed colleague, Ms. Marya Sheela, for this well-deserved accolade. Achievements like these inspire all and remind us of the incredible talent within our ranks.



After persistent efforts and dedicated follow-up with the Delhi Police officials, a Library cum Vocational Training Centre was launched in multiple districts of Delhi, all under the esteemed banner of the "Yuva Connect" Program.

This incredible initiative was started by Prayas in 2011 and was inaugurated by none other than Mr. B. Gupta, CP Delhi Police and our General Secretary, Mr. Amod K Kanth.

# RESCUE OPERATIONS OF THE MONTH



## BIHAR

A powerful collaborative effort took place in Naroda Patiya extension, showcasing the strength of unity and compassion.

The Labour Department, along with the dedicated teams from Prayas, AHTU, and the local police, came together to rescue a 10-year-old boy from the clutches of childlabour.

## EAST CHAMPARAN, BIHAR

A 14-year-old minor girl, lost and vulnerable, was taken under the protective wings of the Government Railway Police Raxaul (GRPF), with the help of the Prayas team and together left no stone unturned in ensuring her safety and well-being of the girl.



## PURNIA, BIHAR

In a powerful collaboration led by Mr. Jagarnath Paswan, Labour Superintendent of the Labour Resources Department, Purnia and with the invaluable support of Prayas JAC Society, Purnia, a child labour liberation campaign unfolded under the watchful eyes of Mirganj police station.

During this courageous campaign, the dedicated team rescued three young souls from the clutches of child labour in Mirganj market. These children, aged 9 to 11, were working tirelessly in a hotel, a motorcycle garage and a washing center shop.

Mr. Umesh Kumar, District Project Coordinator of Prayas JAC Society, Purnia, highlighted the importance of raising awareness about the illegality of child labour.

## WEST CHAMPARAN, BIHAR

Prayas-Bettiah and Mission Mukti Foundation, with the guidance of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, conducted a courageous raid on two orchestras. The outcome of this operation is a ray of hope for three young souls.

The journey to freedom was not easy. One victim shared the heart-wrenching tale of being forced into obscene dances for monetary gains, while the second victim was tragically sold to an orchestra conductor by a relative. The third victim was ensnared by family relatives, exploiting her vulnerability due to poverty.

The victimized girls have found refuge in a shelter home, where they will be nurtured back to life.





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