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Strange as it might appear Prayas owes its origin to a devastating fire that rocked Jahangirpuri, one of the biggest slums in Delhi. Apart from the physical devastation, the fire left in its wake a large number of people in shock, trauma and complete destitution. It was also apparent that children from the affected families bore the brunt of this calamity. Prayas thus came into existence as a response aimed at reorganizing and rebuilding the shattered lives of these children. Formed in 1988 by the Delhi police, Prayas was registered as a society under the societies Registration Act, 1860. During the same period two other organizations joined hands with Prayas viz. Delhi School of Social Work and Shramik Vidyapeeth.



Starting its activities in a tiny one-room structure Prayas began to function by



providing non-formal education to 25 children. Today Prayas successfully operates more than 12 different projects in various slum communities in Delhi. These projects serve about 50,000 neglected, street and working children in Delhi itself. It has also initiated similar projects in the states of Bihar and Gujarat.

Besides, it provides health care and helpline services to thousands of children every year.

This long journey has been beset with numerous challenges that have been responsible for giving Prayas its present form. With the passage of time it has evolved from a small welfare agency directly serving the people to a fairly large sized voluntary agency having a number of administrative and service centres.

Today most of its projects function with the cooperation of the communities it serves. The single common denominator in the entire process has been its focus on development of: ***'Children in Need for Care and Protection'***.

The children served by Prayas include rag pickers; shoeshine boys, street vendors and children trafficked for different forms of child labour including domestic help and beggars. These children live on and off the streets at the mercy of the elements of nature, criminals and drug addicts. Many of these children are subjected to violence, abuse and exploitation, which often orient them to delinquency and crime. It is estimated that the number of such children in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi itself is about half a million.





PRAYAS MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

A humanitarian, gender-sensitive and child-focused development organization, Prayas aims at restoring the lost childhood of neglected, street and working children. Its mission therefore is to help them fulfill their basic needs. Prayas' strength lies in its capacity to network with the government as well as other NGOs in the field. In this context, it has been able to participate with the government at the policy and advocacy levels. It also maintains close links with NGOs working in the field of child rights, child labour, juvenile justice and other such related issues.



In restoring the childhood of neglected and exploited children it is vital to remember that children cannot defend themselves like adults against various adversities inherent in an exploitative social milieu, rooted in 'survival of the fittest'. Prayas also believes that community participation in all such programs is an absolute must.

Objectives:

- Undertaking welfare programs for the, care, protection and development of disadvantaged children, youth and women
- Promoting and organizing meaningful educational programs for children
- Running vocational training programs and organizing Self – Help Groups as part of economic empowerment of these disadvantaged groups and the communities to which they belong
- Organizing basic health, nutritional and medical services including health awareness programs for children
- Developing recreational and library facilities for its target audience
- Offering counseling and psychological support
- Promoting measures for correction/ rehabilitation of juvenile offenders and neglected children
- Running model home for children in need of institutional care and protection
- Conducting research on issues related to neglected children and the juvenile justice system in the country
- Initiating advocacy to usher in policy changes to promote effective child development programs in the country and
- Bringing out publication on various issues dealing with development of children youth and women in deprived communities.



PRAYAS
JUVENILE AID CENTRE

PRAYAS JUVENILE AID CENTRE (JAC) SOCIETY

Prayas is a registered 'society' under the Societies' Registration Act, XXI of 1860 No. S-20291 dated August 29, 1989. To foster its growth and to specialize in vocational education, Prayas JAC Society set up a Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) registered under the Indian Societies Act, 1860 vide registration No. 37213 of 2000.

Prayas has been given recognition under Section-6(I) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India No. II/21022/83/59/93-FCRA-III dated Dec.20, 1993 (Registration No. 231650677) for receiving foreign contributions.

It has been granted registration under section-80(G) (5)(vi) of the income Tax Act, 1961 by the Director of income Tax (Exemptions), New Delhi NO. DIT (EXEMPT)/P-109/91/95-96/1170. The Office of the Commissioner of Income Tax (Computer Operations) has also been issued a Permanent Account Number (PAN) AAATPO449E.

Prayas is recognized as a 'Fit Institution' under Sub-section (II) of Section-2 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 read with Rules 34 and 35 of Juvenile Justice (Delhi) Rules, 1987 vide Notification number F6 (13) DSW/DDCW/96-97 dated June 6, 1997, of Directorate of Social Welfare, Govt. of NCT, Delhi. (Formerly run under the control and guidance of Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration Prayas Observation Home for Boys is now being managed entirely by Prayas with financial support provided by the Delhi Government. This arrangement conforms to the JJ Act, 2000 whereby Prayas qualifies as a '*Fit Institution*' to run such a home under the Act

PRAYAS JAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHAN

Under the aegis of the Ministry of Human Resource & Development, Government of India, the Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre Society, the mother NGO, has created another society called the Jan Shikshan Sansthan Prayas in 2000. The constitution and guidelines of the JSS have been drafted by the Ministry of HRD dovetailing it with the National Literacy Programme & other related activities.



LEGAL STATUS





ISSUES ADDRESSED

The Indian Constitution proclaims “The State shall endeavor to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years.’ Notwithstanding this proclamation there are nearly 100 million out-of-school children. Prayas endeavors to serve such children especially girls through an Alternative Education system and tries to mainstream them into formal schools. In pursuing this objective, Prayas believes that education should be ‘child friendly’ with a need-based curriculum.



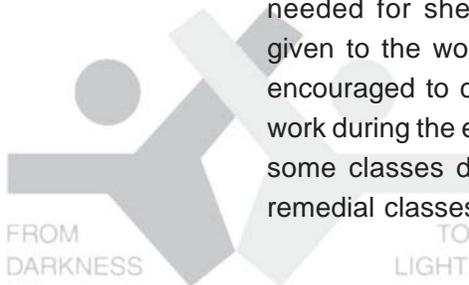
Through various projects in slum neighborhoods of Delhi, Prayas tries to reach out to such children. To this end, innovative methods have been evolved to impart alternative education that pursues a holistic approach.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ACTION

It may be explained at this point that the non-formal/ alternative education program targets children in especially difficult circumstances, who have been left out of mainstream education. This includes child labour, street children, children who have never been to schools or those who have dropped out of school for various reasons. Prayas views alternative education as a first step towards mainstream schooling. Presently, nearly 7,000 deprived children are annually mainstreamed through options like Non-Formal Education, Vocational Education, National Open School (NOS) system and the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)



The approach underlying these options is highly flexible in terms of timings and curriculum. It allows children to study, as also to work wherever needed for sheer want. Special attention is given to the working children. To illustrate, Children working in the morning are encouraged to come for the afternoon classes. Likewise children engaged in the work during the evenings are welcomed to join the morning classes. If a child misses some classes due to compulsions of work, he/she can avail the benefit of the remedial classes.



Children can attend these classes for a period of three years during which they are mainstreamed into a regular school. Even after mainstreaming, the progress of the children is monitored to help them adjust to the formal school system and to prevent them from dropping-out. The age – group of children enrolled at the AE centre is 6-14 years. They are also provided with the requisite educational materials. These AE centres are usually located in the slums close to the places where children work and live and function for 3-4 hrs at a stretch in two shifts for five days a week. Saturdays are used to organize Bal Sabha where children discuss different problems affecting their development.



Prayas runs 56 Alternative Education Centres in Delhi, seven in Gujarat and 20 in Bihar. In these centres, Parents-Teachers meetings are an important feature. Apart from apprising the parents of their children’s progress in these meetings, the educators also discuss the importance of general hygiene and sanitation with the parents. The educators also visit the families of the children regularly.

Prayas’ AE program was initially based on the BRAC model. Later on however, collaboration with the NCERT resulted in the development of more innovative teaching aids suited to the local needs. Several forums have been created for providing every member of the community an opportunity to convey their feelings.

PRAYAS SAMUDAI SAMITI (PSS)

It is a body, consisting of parents, children, community leaders and our instructors. Sometimes, the local politicians are also invited to attend these meetings. This body essentially provides support to our AE program in the slums through the management of the educational programs and monitoring the children’s progress. PSS provides counseling to dropouts, maladjusted and abused children. Each of the Prayas AE centre has a PSS to support its activities. The members hold regular meetings at least once in a month. They interact with the families of children on a regular basis at a personal level.



BAL SABHAS

In the context of innovative education Bal Sahbas are organized on Saturdays. It fosters open communication in the small group setting wherein children share their problems and find solutions.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
PSS & BAL SABHAS



PRAYAS
JUVENILE AID CENTRE



KALASRISHTI PRAYAS

It is forum that provides a platform to Street and Working children to express their own ideas through street plays, songs and dances. The participants learn not only to express their problems but also avail the opportunities to suggest solutions in a milieu that often views them with a degree of subjective negativism.



EDUCATORS OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY

Prayas emphasizes the recruitment and induction of educators for its AE program from the community itself. This emphasis is rooted in the fact that such educators intimately know the problems of the local milieu and their likely impact on children's



learning. To provide realistic and more acceptable inputs to the AE program it also fosters enhanced participation of the local community in implementing the project. During the year under review Prayas had 80 educators for its Alternative Education program.

Training: Prayas organizes training courses and workshops to orient its staff to respond to the changing needs of the communities served by it. The trainees include the field staff, library and other personnel working in the administrative units. During the year under review six training workshops for Community Educators were held in the year 2004 while one training workshop was held for the Librarians of the project in the year 2003.

MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAM

Prayas believes that the educational development of children cannot take place without adequate attention paid to their health and nutritional status. Therefore, as apart of the efforts to boost the Universalization of Elementary Education drive and the Alternative Education Program, Prayas has adopted the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. This approach has been adopted mainly because it improves the nutritional status of students in AE classes, which



is a must for affective participation in school. Mid-Day Meals are provided to all children attending the AE centres. As many as 10,000 children are provided Mid-Day Meals in a single day through its centres spread all over Delhi.



COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT FOR STREET CHILDREN

Community based projects offer alternative education programs for street children in slums. These children are on the streets most of the time as they go out to work to supplement their families' income or help parents in domestic chores and/or look after the siblings. The educators of these AE centres closely liaise with the parents through Prayas Samudai Samities (Community Meetings). Such liaison helps parents monitor the children's progress. It also promotes a deeper understanding of the social milieu and its impact on these children.



COLLABORATION WITH THE UEE MISSION: SSA

As part of the Sarva Shiksha Aahyan, Prayas has been designated as one of the bridge NGOs & District in charge in Delhi for providing elementary education to out-of-school children in the age group of 6-14 years. The program is being implemented through Learning Centres, with multiple point provision for mainstreaming the children. Presently, Prayas runs 50 such Learning Centres in different parts of Delhi. The activities of these centres are further enriched by Community Based Libraries.



EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

Considering that girls are at a greater disadvantage, special care is made to meet their socio-economic and educational needs. Special scholarships are provided to girls and education for girls is free.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

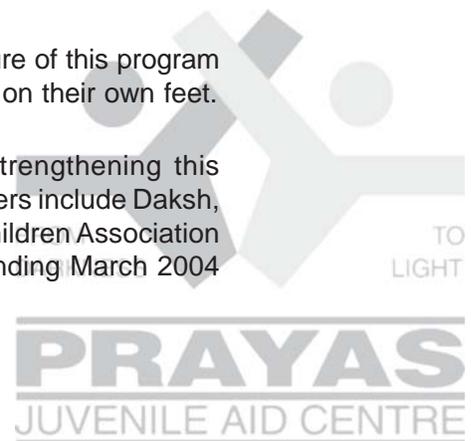
Bring Smile to Someone...Who Needs You!

Initiated in 1997 this program caters to the needs of children unable to continue their education due to the inability of their parents to support their schooling. The number of beneficiaries till date is more than 600.

Besides providing material help and mainstreaming a special feature of this program is to provide vocational training whereby these children can stand on their own feet.

Corporate and individual sponsors have lent their hands in strengthening this program. Some of the important corporate sponsors along with others include Daksh, KLG Compounding, Aerostar Helmet, INAIR Holidays Pvt. Ltd., Children Association – Switzerland, DCCW and Charity Aid Foundation. In the year ending March 2004 there were a total of 119 existing individual sponsors.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
SSA & SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM





COMMUNITY LIBRARIES...COMMUNITY 'VACHANALAYA'

This pioneering project was taken up by Prayas in the year _____ in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation to inculcate reading habits in the slum communities. Until date, a total of 14 such libraries have been set up by Prayas. Slowly but surely this facility is increasingly being used by the children as well as people of all age group of the slum community. In the process this project also makes a shuttle but significant contribution to the *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*.

Special feature of these community libraries comprises the presence of a book bank with facility of lending books to the members. The book bank possesses a large number of reference books, journals, research reports, children educational aids and textbooks for National Open School students. The libraries also maintain newspaper clippings on various issues related to child welfare and child development. Started with the initial assistance of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, the project has also been funded by the Krishna Bihari Vajpayee Trust, Directorate of Education, Government of India and NORAD.

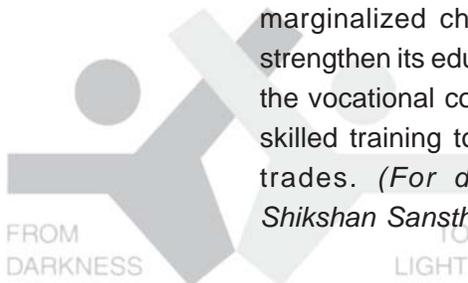


NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)

Prayas has been accredited by the Department of Education, MHRD, Government of India, to run the NIOS program for street and working children who have been unable to access school in the formative years of their life. The NIOS provides learning and teaching opportunities through its distance education mode to approximately 300 children. Prayas not only provides space for running the NIOS program but also organizes tutorials for the children enrolled under the scheme.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Realizing that the already existing educational programs were not enough for achieving the desired benefits for the marginalized children, Prayas decided to strengthen its educational program by adding the vocational component to it for imparting skilled training to the children in numerous trades. (For details Ref: Prayas Jan Shikshan Sansthan Pg)



ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING

To seek community participation and to generate awareness about the value of education, monthly meetings are held in all the Prayas projects. The participants in the meeting include the parents, local leaders and the staff of the concerned project.

CHILD LABOUR

While attempting to promote child development a major challenge comprises the existence and persistence of Child Labour. Realizing that the problem cannot be wished away just by enacting legislations, Prayas has adopted a multi-pronged approach to curb the menace of Child labour.



STRATEGIES PURSUED IN COPING WITH THE PROBLEM

Prayas aims to create conditions conducive to phasing out child labour. These involve forming the essential infrastructure to stem the supply of child labour to the workplace and to enforce legislation effectively.

- Changing mindsets of the people to avoid viewing children as a cheap and exploitable source of labour;
- Assisting children in going to school;
- Enriching children's education with the inclusion of vocational training and cultural values.
- Introducing poverty alleviation programs to foster economic empowerment of the family especially women.
- Generating mass awareness against the employment of Child Labour.

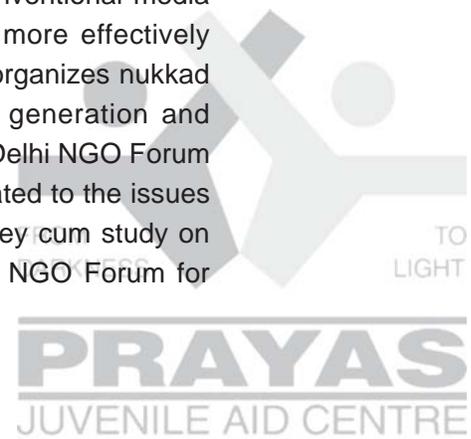
Prayas works with a large number of child workers through its different projects in Delhi. Its Childline project has been instrumental in freeing many children from the yolk of child labour.

ADVOCACY (IEC)

Prayas has adopted a multi pronged advocacy strategy to develop a strong public opinion against child labour using both conventional and non conventional media and persuading the Government to enforce existing laws and more effectively implement child labour legislations. In this context, Prayas also organizes nukkad natak, rallies, and poster competitions aimed at awareness generation and empowerment of working and street children. As the convenor of Delhi NGO Forum Prayas strived to promote inter agency cooperation on issues related to the issues of child labour. Prayas plans to undertake a comprehensive survey cum study on street and working children of Delhi along with the members of NGO Forum for Street and Working Children.



CHILD LABOUR





EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN & SHGs (TABLE-1)

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

To promote economic empowerment of women as well as indirectly attempt to curb the growing problem of child labour Prayas is actively pursuing the scheme of micro – credit through women’s Self – Help Groups in various parts of Delhi as well some of its projects in Bihar and Gujarat. By encouraging local initiatives these projects harness traditional skills, linking them with modern marketing approaches whereby the participants augment their family income. The products produced in these projects include papads, vadis, candle, mat, aggarbatti, bindi, string balls, brooms, spices, sweet boxes etc. In this context Prayas also provides vocational training and advanced skills to children and women participating in the project.



To sustain these projects Prayas extends micro-credit for their income generation through various nationalized banks. Maintaining their accounts in these bank the SHGs also thrift and credit to its members. By the year ending March 2004 approximately 100 SHGs had already been functional.

TABLE 1: SELF HELP GROUPS FORMED (JP-JAHANGIRPURI)

S.No.	Name of the SHG	Area	Members	Name of the Bank & A/c No.
1.	JAGRITI	K-Block, Jahangirpuri	18	SBI, J. Puri(86261)
2.	KASHISH	B-Block, Jahangirpuri	14	SBI, J’Puri(86316)
3.	KHUSBOO	Bhagwanpur	18	SBI Samaipur(100003)
4.	SHABAB	Bhagwanpur	20	SBI, Samaipur(51940)
5.	Kamyab	Bhagwanpur	20	SBI, Samaypur(52023)
6.	SANGHARSH	Bhagwan pur	18	SBI, Samaypur(52139)
7.	Shanti	Bhagwanpur	19	SBI, Samaypur(52024)
8.	Ekta	Bhagwanpur	20	SBI, Samaypur(52137)
9.	ASHA	G-Block, Jahangirpuri	14	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86356)
10.	SURBHI	B-Block Jahangirpuri	14	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86401)
11.	MAHA LAKSHMI -	IH Block Jahangirpuri	12	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86390)
12.	NIDHI	H Block Jahangirpuri	14	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86382)
13.	SRI DURGE	H Block Jahangirpuri	12	SBI, Jahangirpuri
14.	KALASH	J Block Jahangirpuri	12	SBI Jahangirpuri(83758)
15.	KARISHMA	D Block Jahangirpuri	19	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86381)
16.	VIKAS	D Block Jahangirpuri	20	SBI Jahangirpuri(86520)
17.	KHALSA	C Block Jahangirpuri	15	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86930)
18.	AKASH	D Block Jahangirpuri	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86931)
19.	SUKHAD	K Jh.Block, JP	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86972)
20.	SAHYOG	K Jh.Block, JP	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87186)
21.	SANCHAY	D Block Jahangir puri	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87092)



22.	SANKALP	D Block Jahangir puri	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87093)
23.	FIZA	E Block Jahangir puri	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87094)
24.	AHSISH	E Block Jahangir puri	19	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87298)
25.	MUSKAN	Bhalswa	10	SBI, Jahangirpuri(86568)
26.	EKTA	EE Block Jahangir puri	12	SBI Jahangirpuri(86557)
27.	JYOTSANA	EE Block Jahangir puri	8	SBI, Jahangirpuri
28.	MASHOOR	H Block Jahangirpuri	15	Yet to be opened
29.	RAHNUMA	D Block Jahangirpuri	20	SBI Jahangirpuri
30.	RAHI	D Block Jahangirpuri	20	SBI Jahangirpuri
31.	MAHIMA	K-BlockJh.Jahangirpuri	20	Yet to be opened
32.	PRERNA	D Block Jahangirpuri	20	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87964)
33.	GURU KRIPA	B Block Jahangirpuri	17	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87267)
34.	SHAMA	Bhagwanpur	20	SBI, Samaypur Badli(52419)
35.	SHAMA	C Block Jahangir puri	18	SBI, Jahangirpuri(87888)
36.	MEHENDI	Bhagwanpur	15	—
37.	DEVI	Peera Garhi	10	BOI, Peera Garhi(2097)
38.	MAHA LAKSHMI – II	H-Blk,Jahangirpuri	30	BOBaroda, Azad pur(4791)
39.	SRI CHAMUNDA	H Block Jahangir puri	30	BOBaroda, Azad pur(4763)
40.	Ma Durge	H-2 839 Jahangirpuri	20	Bank of Baroda, Azad pur
41.	Jai Ambe	H – 839 Jahangirpuri	30	Bank of Baroda, Azad pur
42.	EKTA	Narela	20	SBI, Narela (48335)
43.	DURGA	Bakauli	10	BOI, Bakhtawar pur (18456)
44.	JAI MATA	Narela	14	SBI Narela (48438)
45.	JAI LAXMI	Narela	16	SBI Narela , (40147)
46.	NAV CHETNA	Narela	10	Syndicate Bank, (27627)
47.	KRISHNA	Narela	13	SBI, (48956)
48.	PRERNA (new)	Borgarh	10	Yet to be opened
49.	GANGA	Borgarh	10	Yet to be opened
50.	SARASWATI	Hamirpur	9	Yet to be opened
51.	SWABHIMAN	Palla	12	Yet to be opened
52.	NIRMAN	Tigri	15	SBI Tigri(65074)
53.	CHETNA	Tigri	15	SBI Tigri65076
54.	PRAKASH	Tigri	15	SBI Tigri(65073)
55.	SAHYOG	Banjara Camp	12	PNB, Khanpur(3575)
56.	NAV CHETNA	Dakshin Puri	09	OBC Tughlakabad(136093)
57.	NAV JEEWAN	Dakshin puri	08	OBC Tughlakabad(141372)
58.	JAGRITI	East of Kailash	13	PNB(17758)
59.	KALYANI	Prahlad pur	20	Allahabad Bank(115282)
60.	SAKSHI	Tughlakabad	20	OBC Tughlakabad(137791)
61.	Gulshan	Tughlakabad Gaon	15	OBC,142506
62.	Samarth	Tughlakabad Gaon	15	OBC 142492
63.	KARISHMA	Sangam Vihar	15	Bank of Maharastra16785
64.	UJJWAL	Okhla	20	SBI Tigri
65.	Kamna	Tughlakabad Gaon	15	Yet to be opened



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
SELF HELP GROUPS





EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SELF HELP GROUPS

66.	Vishwas	Tughlakabad	15	OBC14145
67.	Jai Mata Di	Sangam Vihar	15	Yet to be opened
68.	KAMYAB	Bhawar Singh Camp	16	PNB, V V01-265809
69.	JOSH	Bhawar Singh Camp	10	PNB01-272825
70.	SAHELI	Bhatti Mines	14	Syndicate Bank16904
71.	CHADNI	Bhatti Mines	17	Syndicate Bank17714
72.	CHOTTI	Lal Khet	17	PNB, Vasant Vihar01-2595
73.	Nai Disha	Bhawar Singh Camp	13	PNB, V V01- 274418
74.	Naya Savera	Bhawar Singh Camp	12	PNB01-274649
75.	Nav Jyoti	Bhatti Mines	17	Syndicate Bank19024
76.	Umang	AmbedkarBasti RKPm	7	Syndicate Bank19028
77.	Sankalp	AmbedkarBasti RKPm	17	Syndicate Bank19404
78.	Surabhi	Ekta Vihar	12	Syndicate Bank19536
79.	Jyoti	Prayog Vihar	11	SBI,53340
80.	Muskan	Prayog Vihar	14	SBI,37028
81.	Anmol	Prayog Vihar	16	SBI,36027
82.	Vishwas	Prayog Vihar	14	SBI,36029
83.	Khushi	Marathi camp	07	Yet to be opened
84.	Asha	Bihari Camp	15	SBI,51007
85.	Prerna	Kathputali Colony	16	SBI,51002
86.	Gaurav	Kathputali Colony	09	Yet to be opened
87.	Kuber	Prem Nagar	10	Yet to be opened
88.	Khidmat-e-Khatoon	Prem Nagar	13	SBI,60206
89.	Ekta	Marathi Camp	14	SBI,51001
90.	Aarti	Kirti Nagar	07	Bank of Baroda
91.	Sapna	Kirti nagar	15	Bank of Baroda11178
92.	Lakshmi	Rakhi Market	12	SBI,70675
93.	Bhagwati	Daya Basti	17	SBI,70549
94.	Radha	Daya basti	15	Yet to be opened
95.	Saraswati	Rakhi market	10	Yet to be opened
96.	Bhagya Laxmi	Bihari camp	11	Yet to be opened
97.	Sangthan	Jwala Nagar	15	115134
98.	Sanjeevani	Jwala Nagar	15	115161
99.	Sangam	Karkardooma	11	118627
100.	Roshni	Kathpotli Colony	5	-
101.	Indra	Marathi camp	7	—

The adult education program of Prayas was started with the aim to strengthen the administrative activities of the Self – Help Groups. The following table provides the number of those benefitting from this program.

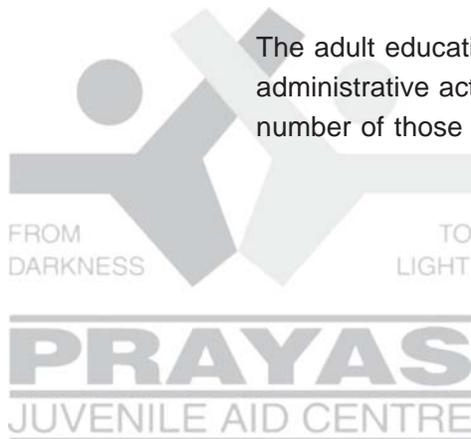


TABLE 2: ADULT EDUCATION

S. No	Area	No of Batches	No of Beneficiaries
1.	Tigri	01	18
2.	Tigri	01	16
3.	Kabadi Bast	01	14
4.	Sangam Vihar	01	18
5.	Bhanwar Singh Camp	01	16
6.	Pilli Kothi	01	10
7.	Ambedkar Basti	02	25
8.	Mohan Garden Uttam Vihar	01	13
9.	Hari Nagar(Prayog Vhar)	01	10
10	Thapa Basti	01	15
11.	Bhagwan Pur	01	20
12.	H-Block Jahangirpuri	01	20
13.	H-Block Jahangirpuri	01	08
14.	C-Block Jahangirpuri	01	15
15.	Bhanwar Singh Camp	01	15
16.	Lalkhet	01	17
17.	Bhatti Mines	01	04
Total		18	254

*** Part of SHG Training Program**



**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
ADULT EDUCATION (TABLE-2)**





HEALTH

To address the unique health challenges faced by street children, Prayas Health Service, Kirti Nagar was established in the year 1995. Since its inception PHS has been providing three- stage health coverage. Specifically, at the local level, it provides primary health care to 50,000 street and working children in Delhi. Additionally, it covers 36 villages in Gujarat (approximately two million population) and the slums and villages in Motihari district, Bihar (benefiting 25,000 families). The Health care package provided to the street children includes OPD services, Mobile Health Camps,



Laboratory services, Participation in Government Campaigns covering street children, AIDS awareness among Government school children and DOTS (anti tuberculosis service). Children needing special care are also referred to Babu Jagjeevan Ram Hospital, Deen Dayal Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, Batra Hospital, Charitable Trust, Rotary Blood Bank,

Venu – Eye Institute and Pharmaceutical Agencies.

Networking - Prayas' associations with the NGO forum enables the forum members' children to benefit from various health services offered by Prayas. In very many ways this aspect also signifies the advantages that accrue to the NGO sector through networking.

Services Offered - OPD – Regular and free OPD services are available at the premises of Prayas Health Service, Kirti Nagar for women and children living in the slum community of Kirti Nagar and Pandav Nagar. On an average around eighty patients



visit per day for treatment of their seasonal ailments, reproductive health based problems, ENT problems, respiratory tract infections and STDs etc. The PHS also offers *sick bays* for children in need of more intensive care. Children requiring special care are referred for specialized treatment like X –ray, dental, renal, heart, eye checkups and ENT services etc. to different hospitals

PROJECT – BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Medicare units exist in all the Prayas homes to serve the children sheltered therein. These units operate in Prayas Children's Home for boys at Jahangirpuri, Prayas Observation Home for Boys, Delhi Gate and Shelter Home for Girls at Tughlakabad Institutional Area, serving approximately 400 children.

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Health Camps are organized in different slum clusters of Delhi with the focus on children not covered by any health scheme. This service is augmented by Prayas



Mobile Health Vans with its team of medical and para - medical staff, who visit the intervention areas at least once a week on the fixed date and time for the health camp, STDs diagnosis and treatment and HIV/AIDS awareness.

The Peer group sessions, street plays, puppet shows, film shows and other community meetings are used as media for awareness about the camps and also about HIV/AIDS. The community is made aware that they should always consult a doctor in case of any illness, instead of visiting a quack.

Laboratory Services Laboratory services covers routine examination of blood, urine and stool. This service has helped in the timely detection of the health problems of the children.

HIV/AIDS Program - Sexually transmitted diseases are common among the children rescued from the streets. They are at high risk of contracting AIDS. STDs/HIV/AIDS awareness programs are organized for the street children in different parts of Delhi as per the guidelines of the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Prayas also initiated a program to impart education about HIV/AIDS to the students of Government schools. Till date it has covered students studying in class IXth and Xth in sixty schools. These programs have been developed particularly to arouse and sustain children's interest therein.

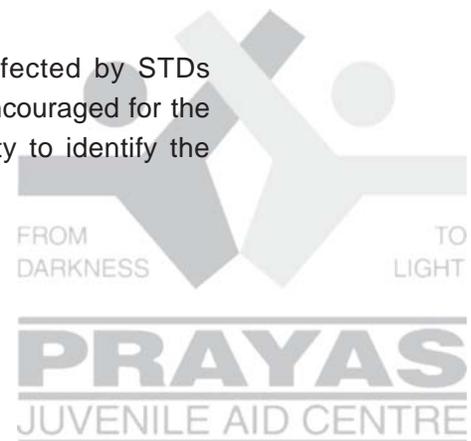
To keep abreast of the latest development, Prayas has been networking with various organizations concerned with this issue. These include NACO, Lawyers collective HIV/AIDS unit, UNESCO, DSACS, UNICEF, IMA etc. Interacting with these organization has helped Prayas to share its field- based experiences also to acquire know – how of the latest development in the field.



Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases – Patients affected by STDs identified through the OPD and the health camp programs are encouraged for the treatment of their partners. This offers an important opportunity to identify the asymptomatic person.



HIV/AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM





Peer Group Formation - HIV/AIDS awareness sessions are organized with adolescent boys and girls. Few adolescent boys and girls are also selected as peer educators. The myths and misconceptions carried by these children about sex and sexuality are removed during the course of the group training programs.



Prayas has successfully trained 20 peer educators (10 boys and 10 girls) for disseminating the HIV/AIDS and health awareness. This peer group reaches out to other children of their age and various other members of the community. The peer group is also evaluated and those successful are awarded incentives. The peer educators are also given refresher training.

Counseling Services - Trained counselors provide AIDS Counseling Service, including tele counseling, to children and adolescents for their problems relating to sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS/STDs. Prayas organizes HIV/AIDS/STDs awareness meetings and programs for the community members with special emphasis on its preventive aspect. Regular contact is maintained with other organizations working in this area. Counseling has also brought about changes in the behavior and attitude of the community people.



ROLLING BACK TUBERCULOSIS

DOTS (DIRECTLY OBSERVED TREATMENT SERVICE)

People living in slums are highly susceptible to contract Tuberculosis. Prayas Health workers have received training from the Health Dept, Delhi Govt. for identifying and eventually curing Tuberculosis patients.

Health Related Research Activities

Prayas health service has taken up several research projects prominent among which are *Survey on RCH (Reproductive Child and Health)* and *Survey to know the awareness level of street children vis – a – vis HIV/AIDS in the intervention areas*. The major findings of the latter survey were:

- Lack of knowledge about sex and sexuality amongst street children.
- Poor knowledge about HIV/AIDS
- Misconceptions about the issue of STDs and HIV/AIDS among the children.
- Unsafe sexual practices including homosexuality is also due to lack of knowledge of sex and reproductive health.
- Poor living condition and lack of awareness about vital health issues.



ADVOCACY (IEC)

Swasthya Darshan a quarterly newsletter providing details about the health issues and health programs of Prayas is published by the PHS.

A variety of media have been regularly used to develop awareness in the wider community against AIDS. The task of awareness building is also reinforced through the organization of street plays film show, puppet show, wall writing and display board. Catchy AIDS awareness slogans are put up on the post-office, railway reservation counters, near Alternative-Education centres of Prayas, dhabas and areas frequented by rag pickers. Training Aids used by Prayas comprise flip charts, posters, films/ modules on “Learning for Life,” and booklet.



IMPROVING HEALTH FACILITIES OF STREET KIDS

To develop the health strategies to improve the health of street children a workshop was organized. The event was presided over by Mr. Shatrughan Sinha, the Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare. On the occasion, he launched the Prayas' project on “Community Health Volunteers for Street Children” in Delhi. Encompassing health care for children between the ages 0-18 yrs, the project would be run by the volunteers belonging to the slum communities.



TRAININGS

Besides rendering health related services the PHS also organizes training program for male and female students of Class IX – XI along with the teachers on various health issues.

FUNDING

Health related programs organized by Prayas have entailed an investment of very large amount of resources. In this context, Prayas gratefully acknowledges the sizeable contributions made by NACO (National AIDS Control Organization), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, DSACS (Delhi State AIDS Control Society), Govt. of NCT of Delhi and UNESCO. We also believe that we will continue to get such support in future to enable us to provide these vital inputs for the development of the health of some of the most neglected sections of the society.



ADVOCACY & TRAINING





TOWARDS A MORE HUMANE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Prayas believes that the basic needs of the child are synonymous with his/her basic rights. These include the right to (i) survival, (ii) protection, (iii) development and (iv) participation. We envisage a scenario where every child goes to school or receives a decent 'alternative education' and has the opportunity to satisfy his/ her basic needs for development. Prayas model encompasses the provision of Alternative Education followed by mainstreaming. Till date Prayas has mainstreamed thousands of children. Provision of mid-day meals, weekly health check-ups, vocational training, recreation, community awareness generation, counseling, special aids, and sponsorship are some of the salient features of the Prayas package.



Prayas also provides custodial and non-custodial services to neglected juveniles through a Children's Home for Boys, each at Delhi Gate and Jahangirpuri and a girls home at, Tughlakabad. The Jahangirpuri home is 'a round the clock drop-in centre' capable of serving 300 boys. It offers facilities for night stay, bathing arrangements, meals, recreation as well as first aid. In more ways than one, it signifies a kind of symbiosis between non – institutional and institutional care

INSTITUTE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (IJJ)

Established in 1999, this institution comprises the apex unit and it serves and monitors various projects located in the slums of Delhi, as well as projects in Bihar and Gujarat. It organizes training programs, workshops, national and regional consultations on a wide range of issues including juvenile justice, child rights, child trafficking, etc. This unit also runs a shelter cum transit home for the girls in need of care and protection.



The objectives of Prayas and salient action taken are described: -

- To create a common platform to promote the best interest of the child.
- To conduct and publish studies on the socio-economic and legal status of neglected/ delinquent children within the broader context of juvenile justice system. In this context a study funded by CIDA was undertaken to locate the elements necessary to strengthen the Juvenile Justice system. Another study is underway to explore the dynamics of restoration of children from an institutional environment to their homes. Until date Prayas has brought a number of reports

and audio- visual presentations on the magnitude of the problem and measures needed / taken to effectively empower neglected children.

- To conceptualize and define the roles of the various stakeholders in the Juvenile Justice System etc.
- To seek effective implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act and keep it attuned to the changing realities.
- To sensitize the stakeholders (Police, Social Welfare Department, health workers, civil society organizations and the community at large) through advocacy about the role of Juvenile Justice in responding to the emerging welfare needs of the children. To this end, Prayas has been using a wide variety of locally suited media to change public opinion and influence the policy makers to usher in vitally needed structural and functional changes. In pursuing this objective a number of training programs are regularly organized to sensitize the functionaries and the policy makers about the need of flexibility and prompt action in dealing with the problems of the neglected children. The participants include police officers and functionaries of homes run by the government and the NGOs.
- To share the rich experiences of working with such children in community as well as the institutional setting in the time to come.
- To incorporate and sustain the minimum standards of childcare in the Prayas model in keeping with the U. N. Conventions on the rights of child.

Prayas tries to attain these objectives through the provision of innovative Alternative Education; vocational training and rehabilitation; custodial and non – custodial care; counseling; recreation; mid – day meals; educational trips and medicare.

CARE AND PROTECTION

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 provides a comprehensive definition of a child in need of care and protection. Working within the ambit of this Act Prayas strives to offer a 'protective cover' to children in need of care and protection through its holistic development program for children along with effective legal interventions against abuse and exploitation and counseling for wayward children.



To generate awareness on various issues concerning the care and protection of neglected children Prayas has been organizing National Consultations on "Priorities to Children in National Planning and Programs".

In operationalizing the legal component of Juvenile Justice, Prayas had the privilege of being entrusted with the running of an

Observation home for Boys OB Home at Delhi Gate. Viewing Prayas as a 'fit institution' under the JJ Act this home was transferred to it by the Delhi administration in the year 1997. Until date the major





thrust of Prayas in running the OB home is to create a 'true home' with a humane ambience for the delinquent children referred to it under the JJ Act.

NIGHT SHELTERS

One of the major problems facing neglected children in any metropolis is the absence of a roof over the head. Not having a secure place to stay makes children more vulnerable to exploitation by anti – social elements. To tackle the problem Prayas took the initiative to establish night shelters (more appropriately 'drop – in – centres'). Established in different parts of Delhi, six such units connote a step to reduce the risk of being exposed to anti – social activities. Overtime, some of the beneficiaries of these units also start benefiting from the other developmental activities of Prayas. The services in these night shelters include hygienic facility for night stay as well as meals and educational facilities especially for the young ones.



CHILDLINE

A national, 24-hour emergency outreach service, HILDLINE is a free phone helpline for children in need of care and protection. The CHILDLINE number 1098, a toll free number common in all the cities of India has been playing a vital role in the rescue and rehabilitation of the children.

CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY FORMULATION

Prayas has been actively involved in the formulation of the draft bill of National Commission for Children and the National Charter for Children with the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of HRD, Government of India. Prayas also drafted for the Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports a "Social Intervention Program for adolescents in difficult circumstances". Vis – a – vis the non – implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 the draft of an UMBRELLA SCHEME prepared by Prayas for more effective implementation of the legal provision under the Act, was accepted by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI.



TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Prayas has recently undertaken an initiative to work in the field of trafficking of women and children. For this purpose it has established linkages with active organizations working in this area and the Government of India. Special attention is on the girl child, street and working children, child labor and domestic child labor (including forced child labor). In this regard Prayas has developed links with Anti Trafficking Network, Delhi, ATSEC and South Asia Forum against Human Trafficking (SAFAHT), etc and organized a number of national and regional level consultations sponsored by Governmental agencies, UNIFEM and the UNDP. Prayas also lobbies with key leaders and policy makers about the need to tackle this problem on a war footing. A major outcome of these events was a heightened interest and response from the government in tackling this issue. Equally important was the generation of a heightened awareness about this issue among the marginalized communities particularly those prone to be affected by trafficking.



TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN & CHILDREN

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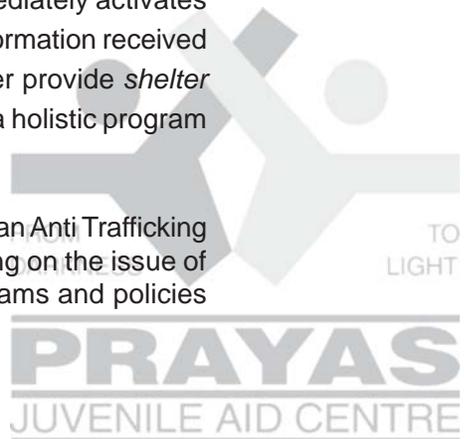
Every year Prayas organizes the Girl Child Rights Week in which thousands of children from Delhi's slum communities participate in rallies, art/painting, song and dance competitions etc.

INTERVENTIONS

Prayas has been addressing the issue of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual exploitation of Children and Women through its various projects and the Anti Trafficking Unit in the rescue and rehabilitation of the children.

Networking with the Police and other key individuals provides the information regarding the induction of children in the flesh trade in the red light area. Children in moral danger can also seek help through a 24 hour toll free Childline service (1098) for children in distress. Calls received from children in distress immediately activates the Prayas rescue team to initiate necessary protective action. All information received in this context is used to *rescue* the affected children and thereafter provide *shelter* and other developmental measures. The rescued children undergo a holistic program of rehabilitation in the Prayas homes.

Along with the Joint Women's Program, an NGO, Prayas has formed an Anti Trafficking Network in Delhi. This network has nearly 17 member NGOs working on the issue of Trafficking in and outside Delhi. The group works on various programs and policies related to this issue. Close linkages also exist between Prayas





and the South Asia Forum Against Human Trafficking, a network of organizations from countries from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh (SAFAHT), which is also supported by UNIFEM and ATSEC. In turn it enables Prayas to keep tabs on the developments in the area of Trafficking in this region. Prayas participates in all the activities initiated by SAFAHT aimed at the eradication of Human Trafficking through networking and coordination among the member NGOs across borders.

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER (CIC)

Established on 9 January 2000 this unit primarily caters to cases of rape of minor girls in South District of Delhi. Such cases frequently need psychological support, shelter and rehabilitation. This pilot project is being run in collaboration with Delhi Commission for Women, Government of Delhi, Central Social Welfare Board and the Delhi Police. Starting from the criminal investigations of the act to the rehabilitation



and counseling of the victim, CIC's working has been a source of in-depth learning for the sponsors of the programs.

Besides helping the cases registered under rape, CIC also assists in dealing with the cases of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation referred to it by the Delhi Police. The CIC package of service includes counseling, coping with trauma, medicare and rehabilitation.

RESEARCH

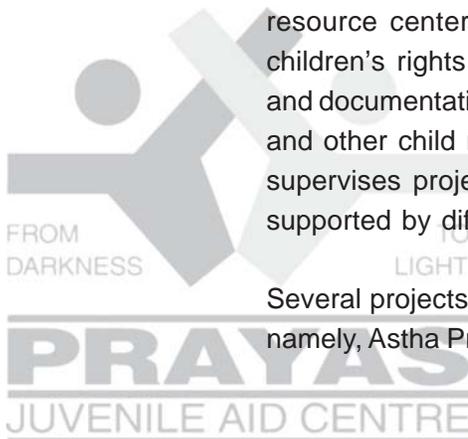
Prayas has been conducting various research studies and situational analysis on the subjects directly or indirectly aimed towards Trafficking in Delhi and nearby areas. In collecting more focused information about this multi-dimensional issue Prayas conducted a study with Ashray Adhikar Abhiyan, a Delhi based NGO, to have an idea about the magnitude of the number of women and children prone to Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation.

PROJECTS PROFILE

INSTITUTE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (IJJ)

The Institute of Juvenile Justice (IJJ) is the apex unit of Prayas which serves as a resource center at the national level to pursue developmental goals related to children's rights and juvenile justice. IJJ is essentially an action based research and documentation centre to focus upon Juvenile Justice, Child Rights, Child Labour and other child related issues. It directly serves different slums of Delhi and also supervises projects in Bihar and Gujarat. It also coordinates with other projects supported by different donors, government institutions and the corporate sector.

Several projects are running in the in slums of Delhi. Besides these, three projects namely, Astha Prayas, Akshar Prayas and Bhatti Mines, have emerged on their own



through the local initiatives- a phenomenon that is akin to what is known as ‘*radiation effect*’. Vis – a – vis these projects Prayas’ role was confined to the technical/ organizational /expertise. On popular demand and in response to a natural calamity, developmental projects have also been set up in Bihar and Gujarat.

Various operational units functioning in the IJJ campus include a Shelter Home for Girls; Juvenile Justice; Crisis Intervention Centre (CIC); Training; Research & Documentation, Information, Education and Communication), Education; Library and Resource Mobilization. Besides organizing various local, national and regional events (Seminars, Conferences etc.) Prayas also organizes training for groups.



SHELTER HOME FOR GIRLS

Prayas shelter home for girls forms a part of the IJJ with the provision of facilities like shelter, food, alternative education, recreation, counseling, health care and vocational training for girls in the age group of 6-18 years. Most of the girls in the home come from extremely difficult backgrounds, including some from Delhi’s red light area. About half of these girls have been enabled to attend regular schools as part of their mainstreaming.



SHELTER HOME FOR GIRLS
(TABLE-3)

TABLE 3: ACTIVITIES OF THE PRAYAS SHELTER HOME FOR GIRLS

Number of Girls	56
New cases in the whole year	46
Number of Girls mainstreamed into formal schools	30
Number of girls attending AE	15
Number of girls attending vocational training	15
Restoration	31
Referrals (Transferred)	11

JUVENILE JUSTICE UNIT

The Juvenile Justice Unit conducts survey, action research and studies on the socio-economic, emotional and legal status of the neglected and delinquent children within the broader meaning of Juvenile Justice system that clearly defines and conceptualizes the respective roles of the various components of the Juvenile Justice System viz. police, Juvenile Justice Board Child welfare Committee, functionaries of Home, NGOs and social workers etc.

The JJU works to create awareness through advocacy and lobbying for more effective implementation of the existing Juvenile Justice legislation in India. For this it also works in close association with the Ministry of Social Justice and





Empowerment, National Institute of Social Defence and Delhi Council for Child Welfare. For details of objectives and programs please see the relevant part of sub – section objectives (Towards a more Human Juvenile Justice System)

The unit also provides the much needed technical guidance and inputs for the effective management of the homes run by Prayas. Collection of data from homes and there analysis, preparation of case studies and reports of the homes. Preparation of the project proposals and networking with the government as well as the non – government agencies are just few of the activities taken up by the unit.

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- Seminar on 'Juvenile Justice & Right to Education' at Bagaha on November 29, 2003.
- A dissemination Workshop on the Juvenile Justice System and Rights of the Child on held on January 07, 2004.
- **A consolidated report prepared on Prayas initiatives in Juvenile Justice in Bihar.**
- Orientation workshop on Juvenile justice (care and protection of children) act, 2000 held for the functionaries of juvenile justice, in Patna on February 11, 2004.
- Training Program for the members of CWC/JJB / Superintendents of the Homes held on 11th, 12th & 13th of March at Patna.
- A regional level training program held in Lucknow (for the government functionaries in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 from Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal) on 31 March, 1 and 2 April 2004
- Compilation and editing of Report of Commemoration of Police Martyrs (Consultation Meeting on the Status of Widows of Police Personnel). It has been distributed to all concerned.

RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION UNIT

Set up to create a database on child labour and the related issues this unit conducts studies on issues pertaining to children's rights, non-formal education, juvenile justice system, street vendors, etc. The information collected is shared with various stakeholders and update the actual functionaries and policy makers through consultations, seminars, workshops and publications. The library unit of Prayas plays a pivotal role in enriching the efforts of the R& D unit.

RESEARCH TO

A survey conducted in June 2003 for identifying the out of school children in the age group of 6 – 14 in the kshetras allotted by the UEE MISSION.

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PAPERS, REPORT AND PUBLICATIONS

- Globalization, Vulnerability and Child Labour: Indian Perspective,
- Child Rights: Situational Analysis of Child Abuse, Abandoned and Runaway Children, Prevention and Strategies for Elimination,
- Situational Analysis of Children at Risk.
- **Report of the Workshop Saving Tomorrows Children Today: The Corporate Response to Trafficking in Children” on 19 th September, 2003 in association with US Embassy and American Chamber of Commerce.**
- Report of the Education For All Week celebrated.

PRAYAS VACHNALAYA (LIBRARY) PROJECT

Besides the community libraries operated by Prayas as part of the campaign to universalize literacy, the IJJ has a library in its own premises. Manned by a professionally qualified librarian this unit has a sizeable collection of books and other materials on street and working children, juvenile justice, child trafficking, HIV/AIDS etc. This unit is extensively used not only by the staff of the various other units of the IJJ but also the children of the shelter home and the adjacent community.



TRAINING OF PERSONNEL/ VOLUNTEERS

The rapid pace of social change necessitates that NGOs respond to the scenario effectively and without any loss of time. In turn it underscores the value of training of all the stakeholders coping with child developmental and all other related issues. In pursuit of this axiom the training unit of Prayas has been organizing a variety of events aimed at sensitizing the stakeholders. The details of the major training programs, workshops and consultations held during the year has been provided in *table no. 4*



PRAYAS VACHNALAYA (LIBRARY) PROJECT





TABLE 4: WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATIONS HELD IN THE YEAR 2003-2004

WORKSHOPS / CONSULTATIONS

1. "National Workshop (Vertical Interaction Programme) on Juvenile Justice: Child as Offender, Victim and Witness" March 24 – 29, 2003, for the senior Indian Police Officers in collaboration with Bureau of Police Research and Development, New Delhi.
2. "Developing the strategies for improving the health status of street children in India"
3. Bihar" organized jointly by Prayas and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) at Patna.
4. " Review and Reflections on the Status of Health Interventions for the Neglected Children in Delhi" May 3, 2003 organized by Prayas Health Service.
5. "Saving Tomorrows Children Today: The Corporate Response to Trafficking in Children" on 19 th September, 2003 in association with US Embassy and American Chamber of Commerce.
6. Commemoration of Police Martyrs on – October 2003 in India International Centre

OBJECTIVE

1. 5 – day national workshop aimed at sensitizing the police officials to make them aware about the finer details of the law which would help them to handle the cases of juveniles more effectively.
2. The workshop endeavored to develop a dependable understanding of health issues concerning street children in India and came up with recommendations for improving the present services besides adding on the new ones and to evolve a consensual strategy responding to the health problems of street children.
3. The workshop deliberated on the existing Juvenile Justice system and formulated an action plan in the light of experiences gained through the ongoing research conducted by Prayas.
4. The workshop deliberated on strengthening the Health Care system to respond to the health needs of a special segment of the society i.e. the neglected children".
5. Though, the prime objective of the workshop was to sensitize and seek a deeper involvement of the potentially strong corporate sector. The workshop was attended by a large number of NGOs, social activists, media persons and distinguished corporate personalities.
6. It was a consultation meeting on the Status of Widows of Police Personnel.

This unit has also been serving student trainees not only from various schools of social work and management institutes in Delhi but also volunteer learners from around the country and abroad. The unit makes arrangement for appropriate placement of the trainees / volunteers in different slum-based centres and other units of Prayas to develop tailor made opportunities suited to the needs of each. It also strives to provide tailor made learning opportunities for each trainee / volunteers, paying close attention to their educational background, language/s

known, the duration of their association with Prayas and the expectation of their organization/s sponsoring them for undergoing such training.

Another component of the training unit is the provision for trainees affiliated with the schools of social work and management institutes. They are given specific assignments based on their own interests and they are attached to different projects of Prayas. The reports submitted by them provide an opportunity for self-introspection on the basis of which the existing gaps are attempted to be filled up.

VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

Prayas believes in the participation of the society at large for bringing about any impressionable change through its efforts. Under its volunteer's program it

encourages and facilitates the placement of both national and international volunteers, thereby enabling them to contribute as well as have an insight in the programs and activities of Prayas

This year Prayas had students, professionals and working people as Volunteers who got an opportunity to interact with children, participate in the education program (learning centers), health, community work, resource generation, CIC etc.



- Foreign volunteers through Gandhi Peace Foundation, Suas volunteers program (Ireland) and Via. e Volunteers Program, Germany.
- Volunteers from Ireland, US, Japan and Germany have made valuable contributions in their own capacity
- National and International students of Social Welfare and Law Institutes; Jamia Millia Islamia, Department of Social Work Delhi, Rajagiri Social Work Department, NALSAR Hyderabad, Banaras Hindu University and Aligarh Muslim University.
- Management trainees from Xavier Institute of management, Bangalore; S.P. Jain management institute, Mumbai.

INFORMATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION UNIT

This unit creates mechanism for advocacy and awareness generation. The activities undertaken include networking with the stakeholders especially the Govt., NGOs and the media for organizing advocacy-based children's programs like sports,



painting competitions, street plays, puppet shows and children's rallies etc. All these activities are designed precisely to appeal to the target audience through **Kalashristi Prayas**, a special unit created by Prayas for this purpose of Prayas.

A salient feature behind the organization of these activities comprised inter - organizational collaboration. Thus, Prayas was privileged to join





hands with active collaborators like NIPCCD and Church of North India to organize national Level activities in which thousands of children participated.

TABLE 5: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENTS ORGANIZED

- Participation of Kalashristi children in
- Children's Theatre festival organized by national School of Drama
- Youth Festival organized by Don Bosco
- Gandhi Smriti Festival on Martyrs Day
- Exhibition on Child Rights organized by British High Commission
- Van Mahotsav from 2- 7 July
- "Kavi Samelan" hosted by the famous poet Mr. Ashok Chakradhar, on DD.
- Clay Modeling workshop organized by British Council.
- Painting workshop organized by ILO & UNIFEM on the occasion of International Literacy Day
- Summer workshops organized by Sahitya Kala Parishad from 19 May to 19 June 2003 in Tughlakabad, Jahangirpuri and Delhi Gate.
- Participation of Homeless children in public speaking competition organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Smriti
- Play by Kalashristi Prayas on the occasion of Lalit Maken's Birth Anniversary
- Play by Kalashristi Prayas on the occasion of Police Day (Martyrs day)
- Special screening of Jungle Book-2 for Prayas children with Columbia Pictures.
- Meeting of Prayas children with Anupam Kher by TOI, Sahara Samay, Aaj Tak , SAB TV.

MEDIA INTERVENTIONS

- Shooting of Prayas Children in a special program on Gandhiji at Rajghat and Gandhi National Museum
- Coverage by Aaj Tak on rehabilitation of sexually exploited and trafficked girls by Prayas.
- Shooting by Credence at Prayas for a Documentary on Juvenile Offenders

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNIT

This unit generates resources whereby Prayas moves towards self – sustainability. Its range of activities includes resource raising by organizing of various cultural events/film shows, sponsorship, sale of greeting cards, bakery products and other items of daily use.

Functioning in close collaboration with the IEC unit this unit targets both individual donors and corporate houses to generate resources. Some of the salient resource raising Events has been enlisted in the table number 6 .

HIGHLIGHTS
(TABLE-5)



TABLE 6: MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Musical Nights – Rock Show February 2004, Jagjit Singh Nite May 2003 and 24 March 2004,
 - Kapil Dev volunteered to be the brand ambassador of Prayas children
 - Visits – Prince of Bhutan — visited in August 2003, Jackie Shroff visited and interacted with children,
 - NGO Bazaar “ Ujale Ki Oor” at Dilli Haat in April 2003 and Swavlambi Mela, 15 Aug to 15 Sept, 2003.
 - Dinner Nights
 - Major Corporate Partners: LG, Earnst and Young,, Daksh, Vertex,
 - Prayas greeting cards, designed by our children were sold through different channels.
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- Charity shows of two films were organized to generate funds for Prayas.
 - Production and marketing of ‘Agarbattis’ has been initiated.
 - The unit has been constantly getting donations and sponsors , both in cash and kind, for all Prayas Projects and Programs. For this several schemes have been designed which include Bhagidari, donation box, etc.
 - 2 Sanchay Pryas – Amul Parlours opened as part of the economic rehabilitation of the trafficked survivors.



MAJOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

(TABLE-7)

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTRE (CIC)

With the establishment of the Rape Crisis Intervention Centre Prayas’ interventions to children in especially difficult circumstances have expanded tremendously. This unit attends to all the cases of minor rape and physical abuse registered in the district of south Delhi. Follow up of the CIC Cases, counseling, emotional and legal support to the victim and her family, medical care etc. form some of the important activities undertaken by the unit.

Besides the rape cases this unit is also working for the rehabilitation of the trafficked survivors. The rescued trafficked victims are provided specialized and clinical counseling, medical assistance, social investigation – home visits, education/ special classes, vocational and specialized training, economic rehabilitation. As part of the socio-economic rehabilitation strategy Amul ice-cream parlours have been opened for the placement of the girls. Girls have also placed at petrol pumps, boutiques and beauty parlours. A working Girls Hostel is in pipeline. They are provided freedom of movement for shopping, operation of bank accounts, making phone calls etc. Marriage of girls has also been initiated. Follow up of forced prostitution case in the courts of Delhi, networking and co-ordination with the



concerned organizations and bodies regarding rehabilitation of the trafficked cases are undertaken.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- One day workshop to generate awareness on the issue and elicit wide spread participation of corporate sector along with various other stakeholders organized
- Creation of a forum to evolve guidelines for coping with the menace of Trafficking.
- Training conducted by Prayas to sensitize the local police, border police and other concerned government bodies on various aspects of Trafficking. One of the foci of such training was to prepare the police to pose as clients and thereby nab the traffickers.
- Legal Awareness Camps were held in the community of Sangam Vihar in August 2003.

TABLE 7: NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED AND ATTENDED

Number of rape cases attended in South Delhi	39
Number of trafficked survivors attended	9

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

As part of the community based projects IJJ, Tughlakabad runs Alternative Education centres in the slum communities of Sangam Vihar, Tigri, Devli, Khanpur, Okhla Phase – I, East of Kailash, Dakshinpuri in South Delhi.



TABLE 8: THE STATUS OF THE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

Alternative Education

No. of centres	9
Children enrolled	400
Children mainstreamed	224

Vocational Training

Enrolled	80
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Mid-Day Meal 400

Health

Frequency of camps	3 camps in a week
Health cards	381



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES

- Recreation - Bal Sabhas were held every Saturday. Children were regularly taken out for educational tours, picnics and movies.
- Health – Dental camp was conducted at the IJJ by the rotary blood bank.
- International women day celebrated at Head office, Tughlakabad with active participation of the children. Mendhi, Rangoli, Dance and speech competition were held.
- Training – A teachers training workshop with Prof. Daswani as the resource person was organized on 31 March and 1 April 2003. Educators attended a training program in MAMTA, Health NGO in Tigri.
- All sponsored children successfully passed out from MCD school in April 2003.

PRAYAS CHILDREN'S HOME

A pilot project of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India the construction of its building was funded by the Planning Commission and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Inaugurated in January 1999, it offers residential care for 300 children between the ages of 6-18 years. It also covers children coming to the home for a shorter period, under the provision of the new Juvenile Justice Act, 2000.



Child Profile – A majority of the boys of the Home are street children who live at the New Delhi and Old Delhi Railway Stations and Inter-State Bus terminals (ISBT). They are usually 'run-away' children from their homes, some of whom are abandoned or lost. They come to Delhi in search of a better life and end up on the streets working as porters or cheap labour in tea stalls or as shoeshine boys, rag pickers, beggars and even pickpockets and are often abused because of their vulnerability. These children come to Prayas through various avenues like the Childline, Delhi Police, NGOs and the Prayas outreach programs at the railway stations and the ISBT.

TABLE 9: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES IN PCH

• Shelter Home		
Number of boys		285
Restorations		22
• Alternative Education		
Number of Children Enrolled		211
Number of Children Mainstreamed	98	



PRAYAS CHILDREN'S HOME
(TABLE-9)



- **Vocational Training**

Number of children enrolled in different courses 84

- **Primary Health Care***

Health cards made 285

- **Library ****

Number of children as members of the library 415

Number of books issued on different issues 102

* About 10 children were being treated for Scabies in Hindu Rao Hospital

**Library- The library of this home is used regularly by the children of the home as well as the Jahangirpuri community.

RECREATION

Sahitya Kala Parishad has been organizing workshop of music for the children. Sports activities were held frequently for enhancing the interaction of the PCH children & the community children. Bal Sabhas were held on Saturdays. PCH children went taken outside for participation in cultural programs organized by organizations like the G.E. Power.

The Children’s Home at Jahangirpuri, also runs three other projects namely, Community- based Intervention project for slum children, Childline project and the National Open School Project funded by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. The Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Prayas, an independent registered society for vocational training, literacy and continuing education, is also located in same building of Children’s Home at Jahangirpuri.

It is worth mentioning that the roots of the Jahangirpuri home can be traced back to a small nucleus known as the Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (Prayas JAC). Infact, the Prayas JAC provided the foundation that subsequently lead to the establishment of the larger home at Jahangirpuri which continues to be known until date as Prayas JAC.

STREET CHILDREN PROJECT

Besides, providing residential and non- residential care the Prayas JAC provides a platform to offer services exclusively for street and working children. This project covers children working on the railway platforms and the vegetable market at Azadpur (Biggest in Asia) and the adjoining areas. The specific objectives of this special project are:

- Identification of Street and Working Children and their enrollment with various developmental activities



- Protection against abuse, exploitation and destitution
- Provision of Alternative Education along with other services like mid – day meal, recreation etc.
- Rehabilitation through vocational training, repatriation and reintegration with their families,
- Awareness generation of the wider community about the problem faced by these children through advocacy and other measures.
- Research, documentation and dissemination of information about street and working children and their problems and
- Provision of learning opportunities through fieldwork for student social workers and NGO personnel.

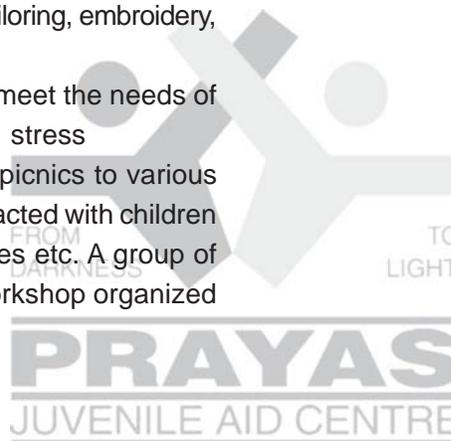


TABLE 10: MAJOR ACTIVITIES TAKEN WITH STREET AND WORKING CHILDREN

• Education	
Total children enrolled in the education program	494
• Mainstreamed	
Learning Centre (SSA/UEE MISSION)	356
Alternative Education	85
• NOS	
Passed out X th	64
Passed out XII th	26
• Vocational Training	
Cutting and tailoring	18 (8 employed)
Auto repair	5 (2 employed)
Beauty Culture	20 (9 employed)
• Health Camp	
	220
• Library	
Membership	922
Attended/benefited	7417

ACTIVITIES

- *Remedial education* - program sponsored by coca – cola is being run in Bhagwanpur
- *Vocational Training* – Children also availed the opportunities of undergoing vocational training in trades like bakery, auto repair, screen printing, cutting & tailoring, embroidery, commercial art, house wiring, beauty culture, art & craft etc.
- *Counseling* - Counseling services were extensively provided to meet the needs of these children; especially those found suffering from emotional stress
- *Recreation* – This year recreational activities included periodic picnics to various picnic spots in Delhi and stations outside Delhi. The children interacted with children of the place visited and performed drama, dance, music activities etc. A group of 15 children were selected to attend a fifteen-day vocal music workshop organized





by “Sahitya Kala Parishad”. The children celebrated various national and religious festivals all aimed at developing a perspective of unity and diversity.

- *Health* -A minimum of four health camps were organized every week to meet the health needs. Additionally, these children also benefited from the Prayas referral service whereby cases requiring specialized medical attention were looked after by the government hospitals collaborating with Prayas.

ADVOCACY

Issue – based awareness campaigns and mass sensitization through street plays, mass talks, puppet shows, films and exhibitions formed the major activity of the project along with representation on various forums and policy intervention. These activities particularly focused on ‘Child Rights, ‘Rights of Women’ and ‘Evils of Alcoholism’. All along the media has graciously supported in the causes taken up.

TRAINING

Field based training for various groups of social workers, teachers, police, doctors, lawyers etc comprised an important activity of Prayas JAC. Subjects covered in these training programmes included situation of Street and Working children, the Rights of the Child (UNCRC, 1989), legal and constitutional provisions to save these children and measures to rehabilitate them.

CHILDLINE

Prayas has been operating as a nodal agency of Childline in Delhi since the year 2002. The aim of the unit is to reach out to the most marginalized children between the ages of 0 – 18 years. It also offers a variety of services aimed at rescue, care and protection, shelter, counseling, medical care, rehabilitation, sponsorship, restoration to their families wherever possible and emotional support and guidance.



TABLE 11: STATISTICS OF CALLS RECEIVED FROM JAN TO DEC 2004'

S. No.	Categories of calls	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
I	Intervention													
1.	Medical	20	05	09	08	12	07	12	13	08	12	03	19	128
2.	Shelter	66	71	62	49	60	67	78	74	89	55	30	45	746
3.	Repatriation	30	31	27	29	30	25	39	44	47	34	18	24	378
4.	Rescue	24	10	22	22	09	25	27	12	23	14	13	18	219
5.	Death Related	4	00	01	00	00	00	01	01	00	00	00	00	07
6.	Sponsorship	3	09	10	08	11	07	05	16	13	15	06	09	112
II	Missing Children													
7.	Child Lost	59	90	89	75	87	58	117	89	72	80	73	73	962
8.	Parents asking for help	88	126	124	116	137	102	140	132	114	131	134	148	1492
III	Emotional support and Guidance													
9.	Intervention (ES&G)	134	172	91	81	71	68	68	63	75	81	63	129	1096
IV	Information													
10.	Information and referral to services	146	169	181	176	193	192	138	170	156	147	112	141	1921
11.	Information about CHIDLINe	242	205	201	209	194	214	154	197	220	260	227	231	2554
V.	Others													
12.	Administrative Calls	757	740	554	508	619	499	1288	586	442	559	483	727	7762
13.	Silent Calls	4197	3642	4031	4153	4118	3923	3936	4073	4054	3972	3349	3636	47084
14.	Blank Calls	3630	3392	3861	3696	3624	3464	3485	3255	3232	3568	2972	3425	41604
15.	Crank Calls	1680	1405	2314	2080	1936	1988	1402	2328	2411	2202	2177	1796	23719
16.	Chat Calls	1262	1235	1580	1497	1314	1404	1506	1405	1588	1137	1290	1024	16242
17.	Wrong Calls	2773	2259	2858	2777	2391	2473	1956	2897	3336	2799	2950	2904	32372
18.	Phone testing Calls	255	244	379	257	297	343	487	323	257	318	401	867	4428
19.	Personal Calls	388	291	419	374	384	351	460	380	316	310	302	402	4377
20.	Follow-up Calls	507	495	581	526	464	479	609	462	438	550	387	640	6138
21.	Unclassified Calls	3	007	000	16	14	002	003	00	34	06	01	3	89
	Total Calls	16267	14598	17366	16660	17350	16380	15759	16574	16925	16025	14993	15991	194888



CHIDLINe 1098 & NAYA PRAYAS
TABLE 11 & 12

ACTIVITIES:

Commemoration of five years of Childline, December 2, 2003

NAYA PRAYAS

Started in 1993 to help the vulnerable girl children working as domestic help along with the migrant children in couple areas of south Delhi. Initially, the project catered only to the need of the children. However, a while later, it also responded to the call of poor and jobless mothers, for help by introducing vocational training program that could use the traditional skills of these women.

TABLE 12: ACTIVITIES OF NAYA PRAYAS

Alternative Education

Number of NFE Centres	08
Number of children enrolled	470
Number of children Mainstreamed	381
Number of children given special coaching	231
Number of Children sponsored	45
Number of Library Members	346



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Vocational Training

Number of children/women enrolled in C/T & Embroidery	99
Number of children/women-completed C/T & Embroidery	57
Number of men/women enrolled in Computer course	80
Number of men/women completed the Computer course training	75
Number of women enrolled in Beauty Culture	15
Number of women completed Beauty Culture training	12
Number of Women self-employed after receiving training	
Number of Self-Help Groups formed after our training	

Health

Health camps organized	22
Number of Children examined	1171
Number of Children with health card	597
Number of Children referred to hospital for treatment	5
	465

Mid Day Meal

ACTIVITIES CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN

- Child Labour Rally held at India Gate in January 2004
- Elocution Contest in Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in January 2004 and won prizes
- Singing and Dance competition at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Palam in January 2004
- Coloring and Dance competition sponsored by HSBC in April 2004
- Annual week celebration held from 1 – 5 November 2004. Children expressed their feelings by actively participating in drawing competition, Debate Competition, Mehendi Competition, Extempore, Bridal Make up competition, Dance competition, Healthy Baby Show and Fancy Dress Competition.
- 'Udaan' a week long festival organized at Dili Haat.

RECREATION

- Magic Show organized for the children in collaboration with the NGO, Green Party of India
- Spiderman, a children's film shown to the children at Sangam Cinema by American Express in August 2004.
- Children taken to National Museum and Picnic at Children's' Park in August 2004
- Children taken to Garden of five senses for the cultural program organized by Prayas in August 2004



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TEACHERS TRAINING

- Workshop on counseling organized by Sarthak in April 2004
- Training organized for remedial teaching in November 2004
- Workshop organized for developing innovative teaching aids in May 2004

ANUPAM PRAYAS

Located in West Delhi the project was started in 1994 to help neglected children. Most of the children belong to the families adept in performing traditional art forms. These include folk dance & music, acrobatics and puppetry – all of which are taught to children from an early age. Quite a few of the children are also involved in occupation like rag picking, hawking, begging, domestic work etc.

The activities of the project are being supported by the HPS Foundation funds and the Children's Hope, USA.



TABLE 13: ACTIVITIES OF ANUPAM PRAYAS AS ON FEBRUARY 2004

Alternative education

Number of AE Centres	10
Number of children enrolled in AE Centres	500
Number of children attended in AE Centres	383
Number of children mainstreamed into schools	30
Number of children sponsored	15
Number of children who are member of the Library	545
Number of readers	1371
Bal Sabhas held	295
Meeting with the children	30
Parents Teachers Meeting	101
Number of children given mid-day meals	500

Health

No. of health camps organized	15
No. of children with health cards	441
No. of children referred to hospitals for treatment	67

Vocational Training

Cutting and Tailoring	25
Beauty Culture	52
English Speaking	25
Hospital Attended	25

Crèche

Number of Crèche	2
Total Children	54
Mid Day Meal	54





Educators participated in

Community Meetings

Number of SHG	11
SHG Meetings	465
PSS Meetings	24
Prayas Pradhan Meeting	39
Youth Group Meetings	20

Health Services: Prayas Health Services covers all children and provides healthcare and referral services. It also runs awareness and educative programs to sensitize adolescent boys and girls on HIV/AIDS.

Crèche: Two crèche were started for the younger children with working parents. This facility has provided the elder girls with the opportunity to get enrolled in the alternative education centers. Each child is provided a wholesome mid – day meal twice a day

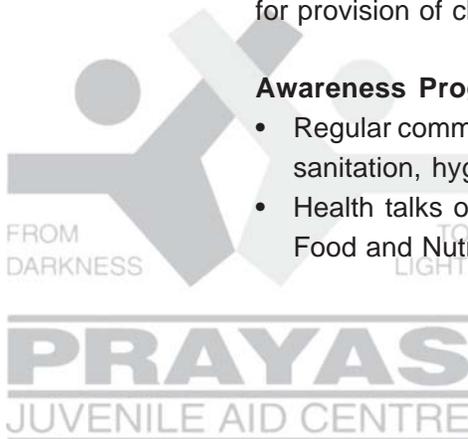
Activities for children: Recreational activities and outside visits are quite frequent. They include visits to book fairs, picnics, camps; street plays, painting competition, toy making from waste material and regular celebration of festivals and important days. This year children received certificates from Nehru Bal Samiti.

Women' s Empowerment: This program is guided and implemented in collaboration with JSS Prayas. Opportunities of training and work have been created for the SHG women by corporate houses, in stitching, making of chapatti boxes, hanky basket, Coca Cola Bags, paper envelope for enhancing their income and to make them independent.

Outreach/ Mobilization: A long – term change in the lives of the children calls for a change in the lives of the women and community at large. In this regard a task force of field workers has been formed to assess the unique needs/ strengths, identify key people/ leaders, mobilize community resources, help improve conditions and provide opportunities for growth and development. The task force actively works to generate parental involvement and support for education and health. It initiates and facilitates interaction between the community and municipal authorities for provision of clean water, sanitation and other civic amenities.

Awareness Programs

- Regular community awareness programs were held on issues of family planning, sanitation, hygiene and diseases.
- Health talks on nutrition diet with demonstration held in collaboration with the Food and Nutrition Board, Govt. of India.



PRAYAS OBSERVATION HOME FOR BOYS

Located near Delhi Gate this custodial institution was run by the Delhi administration prior to being taken over by Prayas whereafter it was rechristened Prayas Observation Home for Boys. This also turned out to be an experiment and a testing ground for the changes in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000. As mentioned under Care and Protection, the changeover resulted in giving an all round face-lift to the activities of this Fit Institution. These include comprehensive health care with regular check ups, non-formal education and vocational training (Candle making, Cutting and Tailoring, Embroidery and Knitting, Book-binding, Dyeing and tying, Chalk-making, Jute-work etc.), recreation, counseling, picnics, educational tours, participation in painting and sports competitions etc.

In the year 2003 the responsibilities of the home also came to include delinquent children. The transition has placed a new and greater challenge before Prayas, of coping effectively with the needs of juveniles in conflict with the law. Bearing in mind the emotional problems faced by such children, Prayas is paying special attention to counseling of these children with the objective of reducing their emotional stress to facilitate their rehabilitation. The entire routine of the Home is based on a **Sadan** (like a house in boarding school) system. The Sadans help to develop a we feeling among the children for more effective management.

During the course of running this home Prayas noticed several lacunae. A need was strongly felt for certain modifications within the Act, like the composition of the Juvenile Courts and Boards, introducing fundamental changes like privatization of homes etc. The experience gained in running this institution thus enabled Prayas to play a significant role in reformulating the Juvenile Justice Act of 1986. The efforts made by Prayas led to the reenactment of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 into the new Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) of Children's Act, 2000. This act now serves as a blue print of child welfare and development in the country.

HEALTH PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN IN THE PRAYAS OB HOME FOR BOYS

For the first time, a fully equipped medical unit, with a full-time doctor and 2 staff-nurses has been maintained. Under the able guidance of Dr. V.J. Anand, eminent Surgeon, L.N.J.P Hospital, priorities were fixed with the objective to reach the goal of providing 'Health to All'. This goal covers the following objectives:-

- Promotion of positive health
- Prevention of the epidemic diseases
- Early diagnosis, treatment and follow up
- Referral services, as and when required

In order to achieve the objective of promoting good health basic steps like supervision of hygiene such as: A) daily checking of personal hygiene of children, B) proper



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washing of clothes, C) keeping the external surroundings like toilet, bathrooms, dormitories and classrooms clean and tidy, E) daily brushing of teeth and bathing with soap in the morning, F) proper maintenance of pots and pans used in the kitchen, G) cutting of nails and hair, H) wearing of appropriate clothes during summer and winter, J) making drinking water safe by adding chlorine tablets in the water cooler, etc. All these measures, led to the control of diseases like Scabies, Pyoderma etc. Special efforts have gone in the treatment of problem related to lice, which is common amongst the children who are brought to the Home.

A Dental Care Clinic was set up in the Home, which was inaugurated by the Health Minister Dr. A.K. Walia. Three dentists from the dental wing of Maulana Azad Medical College, provide free services twice a week. This clinic is first of its kind to be established in an NGO to provide oral health.

The doctors from Indian Academic of Pediatrician visit the Home periodically and conduct the checkup of the inmates. Recently the Escorts Heart Institution has also entered into collaboration with Prayas to treat heart related problems of the children. They have already conducted one camp in Prayas Observation Home on 31 May, 2000. Besides this, three interns from Maulana Azad Medical College visit six days a week and conduct free OPD for the children. On an average the children gain 3 kg. of weight during the stay of 3 months according to a study conducted by Prof. Kalyani Singh, Lady Irwin College.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN POHB

Recreation, in the context of a particular age group comprises of activity based outdoor sports and some indoor games, which involve physical movements to a great extent. Recreation here also includes excursions, picnics, outings, visits etc., which are elaborated below. Preferences of the children are always taken into consideration during the planning of recreational activities. So much so, for the first time in the children's park, swings were installed, cricket bats and balls were provided, soccer, volleyball, basketball, flying disc, skipping ropes, badminton, ludos, chess, caroms, video-film shows, music sessions and dances were also introduced.

OUTINGS AND EXCURSION

This is a bold initiative that has been widely acknowledged as well as admired by all concerned. In the past, the inmates were never allowed to go out. Outing and excursion have become the routine affair of the Home now. Our experiment affirms that such bold initiative wipeouts the otherwise prison like atmosphere in a Home.

CELEBRATION OF FESTIVALS

The Home celebrates and observes all the National and Regional festivals and functions. New year day, Republic day and I-Day were celebrated with great pomp and show. Many distinguished guests like, Chief Minister, Ministers, Lt.Governor, Chairman NHRC, foreign dignitaries and representatives of several voluntary and Government sectors attended the Home functions. Besides this, Christmas,

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Deepawali, Id, Baisakhi, Holy, Raksha Bandhan, Janamashtami, Lohri, etc., were also celebrated. This intends to install in the young children the spirit of tolerance and respect for the diversity of religious and cultural practices in our country. The observance of such functions gives them the feeling of being at Home and not away from the Home.



CELEBRATION OF JUVENILE RIGHT WEEK IN NOVEMBER 2004

PROBATION UNIT

Probation unit is being managed by four professionally qualified Probation Officers (POs). They study the antecedents of juveniles, comprising of their family background, neighborhood set up, socio-economic status etc., to understand and diagnose the problems of the juveniles.

Probation Unit also conducts home visits and takes in depth interviews of the parents of the juveniles. As soon as a new child is admitted in the Home, the Probation Officer gets in touch with the child in order to know his background and address. On receipt of his address, the information is immediately send to the parents through letter, telegram, telephone or other sources accordingly. In many cases where small children are not able to give any clue about their residential addresses, their photographs are published in the newspapers and telecasted on Doordarshan. For the local children, the PO conducts home visit along with the child who helps in locating the home. The PO carries out a detailed investigation, on the basis of which s/he then prepares suitable recommendations for the rehabilitation of the children. The recommendations are placed before the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), so as to obtain legal orders regarding the disposal of the cases. Children belonging to other states are escorted by the Prayas staff or 3rd battalion, for restoration to their parents or for transfer to the State Homes.

RESTORATION

Until date 60% of the children have been restored to their parents/guardians. In cases, where nobody comes forward to claim the child, they are committed to Juvenile Homes by the Juvenile Welfare Board. See *Table 14* for details of the activities

TABLE 14: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF POHB FROM JULY 2003 – DEC 2004

Total No. of Juveniles admitted	776
No. of boys discharged	656
(i) Bailed	473
(ii) Transferred	42
(iii) Undergone	03
(iv) Acquitted	30
(v) Released	108
(vi) Escaped	Nll





Attending Alternative Education	407
Attending vocational classes	369
Health	776

ASTHA PRAYAS

Astha Prayas signifies a local initiative of the public-spirited citizens of Jwala Nagar in East Delhi. Totally self – dependent to project provides vocational training to poor girls besides giving mid- day meals to 80 children every day. Supported by local philanthropists, Astha Prayas, imparts non- formal education to scores of children and enables sizable number of them to be mainstreamed in the nearby government schools. The dedicated volunteers and staff have brought about a vast change in the lives of children in this neglected area of Delhi.

TABLE 15: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES IN ASTHA PRAYAS

Alternative Education

Children enrolled	130
Mainstreamed in MCD schools	12

Vocational Training

Girls and women imparted vocational training	96
Girls and women self employed	25

Recreation

Children taken for outings and picnics	130
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Health

Children covered under the health program	130
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Library

Total members benefiting from the library	28
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Mid- day Meal: Astha Prayas provides mid- day meals to all NFE Children through out the Year.

HEALTH CARE

- Routine check- up of the children is conducted. Health camps are organized by Prayas Health Service.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Twelve children were mainstreamed in MCD schools.



- Children have been receiving prizes for presenting outstanding performances in painting and dance competitions.
- Children are taken for adventure trips and taught rock climbing and tracking. Talented children of the community are picked and given training in dance by professional choreographers.
- The most distinctive features of this project have been a total self – reliance with the assistance of Prayas expertise to innovatively run the project.



NIGHT SHELTER PROJECTS

HANUMAN MANDIR

This project was started on 19 December 2002. The area initially was full of filth and garbage, which was subsequently cleaned once the area was adopted. The project started in a tent with the provision of food for the children coming to take shelter. Earlier, the children coming in this area had not facility for shelter. Transfer of children to Prayas Children’s Home and restoration of the children were undertaken on a large scale. Girls were send to the different homes.

Achievement - The unruly kids send to Jahangirpuri have now been admitted to the formal schools. For instance Umesh and Guddu who had never been to school earlier are now studying in class V th and VI th respectively.

TABLE 16: HIGHLIGHTS

No. of Children	180
Alternative Education	180
Nutrition	180
Children shifted to PCH, Jahangirpuri	16
Restoration	

ACTIVITIES

Facilities provided to the children - Children were provided with learning materials, blankets toothpaste, brush, and shampoo.

Recreation - Ludo, Carrom were provided to children for playing. T.V. has been provided for recreation of the children.

Children participated in a drawing competition held by Raj Mohan Comics at Nehru Stadium, India Gate.

Republic Day was celebrated. Sweets and toffees were distributed.





Health - Thorough health check up of the children were conducted on regular basis by the doctors of Prayas Health Service. Medicines were distributed as per the need while the serious cases were referred to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

Counseling – Counseling and emotional support forms an important component provided to these children in whom addiction to whitener (solation) is prevalent. Emphasis is laid on de-addicting them from the same.

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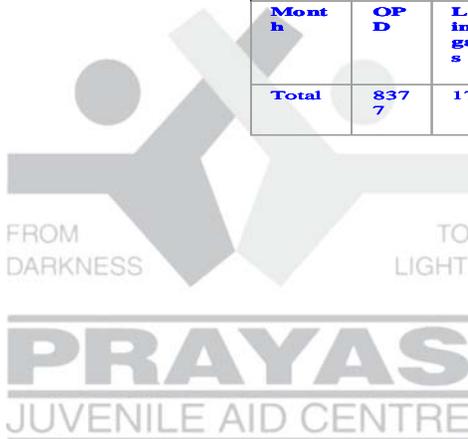
Background - The Prayas drop in Centre (Shelter for Homeless, street and working children was started in January 2003 with the purpose of providing shelter to homeless, street and working children. The reason behind the establishment of this shelter home was its proximity to New Delhi Railway Station and Sadar Bazar Market where there was the largest concentration of street and working, destitute and homeless children who are fighting for their livelihood on the street.

The shelter home was started with the basic aim of providing care and protection to these children. The shelter home provides non – institutional support necessary for the wholesome development of street children particularly those without homes and family ties, and children especially vulnerable to abuse and exploitation and have no access to basic facilities like education, health, shelter etc.

Objective of the project - is to provide shelter, food, clothes, health care, sanitation, education recreational facilities and protection of their rights against abuse. Mainstreaming these children to Prayas Children’s Home, Family Reintegration (restoration) by developing network with children and other organizations concerned. Reducing the incidences of drug abuse, inhalation of whitener etc. amongst these children by treatment and other correctional methods. Advocacy and awareness building on child rights and other moral life skills, education etc.

Program- An average of 30 – 35 children are taking shelter everyday who are provided food, clothes, regular medical check up, nutritious meals and healthy recreation. Individual as well as group counseling is provided to them. A minimum level of learning through alternative education is provided with the ultimate aim to

Month	OP D	Lab investigations	ENT patients	Peer educator's meetings	STD pts	Counseling	Health camps	TB pts	Referral
Total	8377	1793		117	116	434	52	21(3 cured)	211



mainstream them into formal education system. Placement of these children to long stay homes for further, proper care, protection, education and rehabilitation is undertaken on regular basis. Job oriented courses such as *chalk making, paper products and screen printing* have also been introduced to help them attain a meaningful life with self – sufficiency and good economic condition.



ACTIVITIES

Recreation - Antakshari, stage plays and group songs were held. TV has been provided for recreation

Counseling - Counseling provided to both children and the adults taking shelter.

Health - Health check ups are being done on regular basis 9 children were taken to Lady Hardinge for medical check up.

Nutrition - Lunch and dinner are provided to the children.

Mainstreaming - 2 children took the exams of class 10 th through NOS

TABLE 17: HIGHLIGHTS

Short Stay of Children	527
NIOS	2
Formal Schooling	8
Transfer to Children’s Home	52
Working Children on average	12
Restoration	12
Average homeless adults taking night shelter	70 (monthly)

ZAKIR HUSSAIN COLLEGE

This centre was especially started for both adult homeless and children but later on the centre catered only to the needs of the children. This centre became the concentration point for the adult homeless men and children in central Delhi. The children of the centre were transferred to Nabikarim with the closure of the centre in May 2004.

ACTIVITIES

Health - Check up was conducted regularly. Yoga classes were also introduced

Counseling - of children was carried on regular basis.

Adult literacy classes were conducted for the Homeless Adults.

TABLE 18: HIGHLIGHTS

Children taking Shelter	60
Children enrolled in AE	60





Children taken care of	60
No. of Homeless adults taking night shelter	325

MINTO ROAD

This centre was started on 26 Dec 2003 and inaugurated by Dr. Yoga Nand Shastri, Minister of Social Welfare, Government of Delhi. This was a temporary shelter created during winter for adult male and children. The centre lasted till 15 March 2004 till then it had catered to around 475 adults and 30 children. Blankets, durries and health support with the help of PHS and Directorate of Health govt. of Delhi were made available to those taking shelter .

NDMC PALIKA

The centre was started on 7 January 2004 for children and female homeless with the support of Ashray Adhikar Abhiyan. 50 children and 75 women took shelter during chilly winter. Breakfast and dinner were provided to the children and females through Prayas and Ashray Adhikar Abhiyan. The centre closed in the month of October 2004.

NIGHT SHELTER, DELHI GATE

This temporary centre started in Dec 2003 with the joint collaboration of MCD, Govt. of Delhi and Prayas in a tent for the adult homeless. Medical facilities and blankets were made available to those taking shelter. The centre closed on 15 March 2004.

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TABLE NO 19: STATISTICAL DATA

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS ON HIV/AIDS

- Two days training program on HIV/AIDS and related issues organized for staff of Prayas on 2 - 3 September 2003 in Tughlakabad with eminent resource persons from SPYM.
- Regular meetings organized with the peer educators and other influential members of the community like rickshaw pullers, dhabha workers, truckers, police personnel and Mahila Mandal on the issue of HIV/AIDS/STDs and related issues.



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- Rally organized on the occasion of World AIDS Day to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS on 8 December 2003 with participation of the PHS team, Peer Educators and children of the community.
- Both male and female peer educators of Prayas Health Service visited the community daily for HIV/AIDS awareness, STI awareness, and partner notification and to spread anti tobacco messages.
- Six street plays on HIV /AIDS were staged by a professional team, “Jasaiwal cine International” at various places in the adjoining community.
- Treatment for STIs provided regularly from the OPD.
- Counseling of children with problems related to STIs, sex and sexuality etc.
- Support provided to the media efforts in spreading awareness against AIDS in the wider community through active participation in two ‘Talk Shows on TV entitled “**KHAMOSHI KYON**” and “**TALK POSITIVE**”.

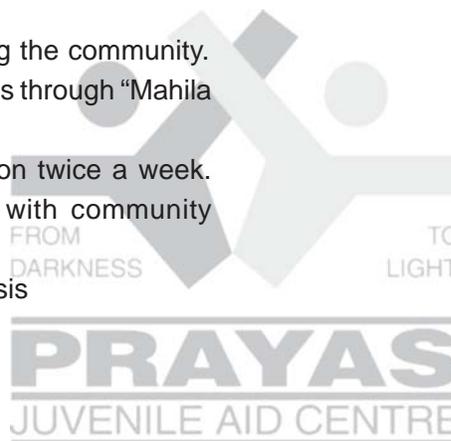


COMMUNITY AWARENESS ON HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- Peer Educators of PHS have prepared two new skits on “Worm Infestation” namely “**AAPKA SWASTHYA AAPKE HATH**”. This skit supported by AIIMS was staged in 24 Govt. schools.
- As part of an environmental awareness and improvement campaign, residents of Shadipur slum were enabled to participate in Cleanliness Drive to remove the heaps of polythene dumped in their area. Prayas views this activity as a starting point to launch more such programs in environment improvement.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Regular community meetings with the kids, women, community pradhans and rickshaw pullers were organized on various health issues including ways of quitting tobacco.
- Male and female peer leaders selected and trained from among the community.
- Health Workers imparted training cum awareness on health issues through “Mahila Mandal” meetings held twice every week.
- Mahila Mandal and Purush Mandal meetings were organized on twice a week. Community Health Workers fortnightly organized meetings with community Pradhans regarding health and hygiene.
- Sessions on “how to quit tobacco” were being held on daily basis





- Meetings of Basti Sevikas organized regarding 'dai training program'. Orientation program for 'Dai training' was organized on 2ndnd February 2004

DOTS (DIRECTLY OBSERVED TREATMENT SHORT COURSE-CHEMOTHERAPY)

Under this program 37 patients have already been cured, 3 left the treatment (LAMBDA), there was one case of relapse of the disease while 30 TB patients are presently undergoing treatment at the DOTS centre.

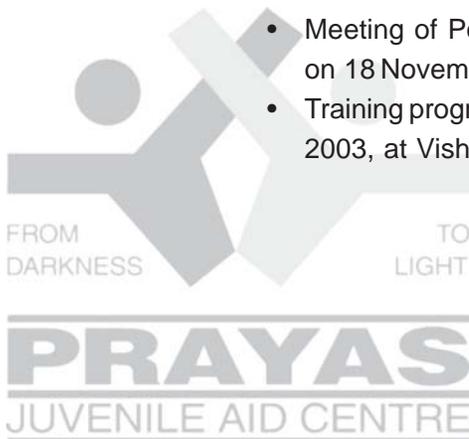
EVENTS

- *World Health Day* observed on 6 April 2003. Peer Educators and staff of Prayas Health Service participated in a rally on HIV/AIDS awareness, organized by Heart Care Foundation of India, which began and ended at Raj Ghat (outer ring road).
- Participation in the 'Annual Day of SARD', whereby the peer educators of PHS staged various skits on health issues like female foeticide, worm infestation and HIV/AIDS.
- Prayas Health Service participated in the *India International Trade Fair*, 14 –27 Nov. 2003, by putting up an RCH stall at Health Pavilion with the support of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Ms. Sushma Swaraj, Union Health Minister visited PHS stall.
- PHS organized few activities like skit, drawing, quiz, extempore, mahendi and fancy dress competitions at Health Pavilion, India International Trade Fair, Pragati Maidan from 16 - 21 November 2003.
- *International Woman's Day*, 8 March 2004 celebrated with large-scale participation of the community women in the Mehendi and a musical chair competition organized for them. They were informed about the significance of women's day and were imparted messages about women liberation, strength and empowerment.

WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

PARTICIPATION IN

- Workshop on "***Law Enforcement Anti Tobacco***" organized by WHO in collaboration with VOICE and MOHFW at Taj Ambassador on 24th September 2003.
- Meeting of Population Council on adolescence sexual and reproductive health on 18 November 2003, India Habitat Centre.
- Training program on HIV/AIDS organized by "*Dristi kon*" from 20th – 22nd November 2003, at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



- Workshop on '**mental health and young people: growing concerns**' organized by SEVAC in collaboration with *Child In Need Institute (CINI)* and *World Federation Mental Health* at the Constitution club, Rafi Marg New Delhi. Presentation and a small role-play was performed by the peer educators focusing on the psychosocial problems faced by the adolescents.
- Workshop on '*Delhi Chapter*' at Maurya Sheraton.
- SARD health Mela organized on the occasion of 'Annual day of SARD' at Tosco Colony, New Kilokri. Peer Educators staged skits on health issues like female feticide (Adhkhili Kali), worm infestation (Apna Swasthya Apne Haath) and discrimination on HIV/AIDS on 29th February 2004.
- Marco International health Mela and put up a stall to spread awareness on HIV/AIDS and RCH related issues on 21st March 2004. PHS participation was acknowledged with memento.



PULSE POLIO ABHIYAN

There was active participation in the government sponsored Pulse Polio Program on 6 April 2003, 14 September 2003 and 22 February 2004 whereby kids of the community were administered polio drops.

DENTAL CHECK UP AT SMILE INDIA

Screening and regular follow up of dental treatment of the slum children and community people conducted in collaboration with Smile India Foundation at South Extension

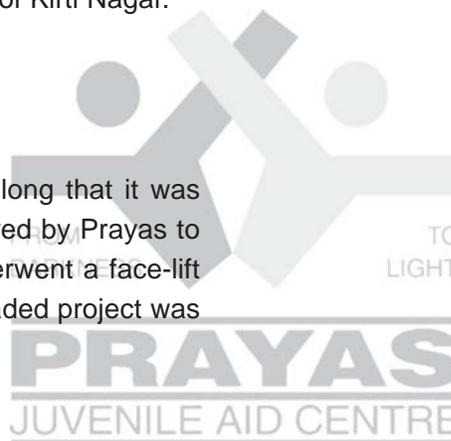
REPRODUCTIVE AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMME

Ante Natal Clinic was started at PHS with the initiation of the following activities

- Ante Natal forms are filled up for pregnant women and the required counseling is simultaneously provided.
- Staff training on RCH component.
- Regular sessions held for training the staff members on nutrition and family planning.
- A two days training program with experts from Parivar Sewa Sanastha on RCH was organized on 22 –23 April 2003 for the community women of Kirti Nagar.
- 7 New Ante-natal cases were registered

UPGRADATION OF PRAYAS HEALTH SERVICE

Seeing the health requirements of the community it was felt for long that it was necessary to extend and upgrade the existing facilities being offered by Prayas to the community people. In this regard Prayas Health Service underwent a face-lift and facilities like dental chair, ENT etc were introduced. The upgraded project was





formally inaugurated on 16 March 2004, by Dr. Yoganand Shastri, honorable Minister for Health and family Welfare. Dr. Naresh Trehan, a leading cardiac surgeon from Escorts and other dignitaries and imminent personalities from different fields of medicine were also present on the occasion.

On this occasion the Minister released *Swasthya Darshan*, 2004, the annual health newsletter of PHS.

A WHO Project on Tobacco use among the Street Children

An action based research project to study the use of Tobacco among the street children spanning a period of 20 months from October 1st, 2002 – 30th June 2003 was given by WHO.

CAMPS

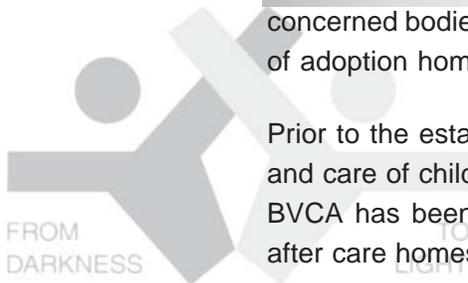
Besides the medical camps in the slums of community based projects, Medicare camps were also organized for the beneficiaries of night shelters located in Ravidas Marg, Hanuman Mandir, Zakir Hussain College, Palika House NDMC, Minto road and Nasha Mukti Kendra. In all 357 patients were examined and necessary medicines were dispensed.

Besides, organizing the above camps Prayas also participated actively in a number of fairs/ events organized by other bodies. These include regular participation in the India International Trade Fair (IITF) organized by MOHFW focusing RCH issues; 'Perfect Health Parade' organized by the Heart Care Foundation of India on the occasion World Health Day i.e. 7 th April for spreading awareness about the preventive aspects of various health hazards; annual 'Perfect Health Mela' organized by the Heart Care Foundation of India and Stree Shakti Melas by putting up HIV/ AIDS awareness stalls in the government schools of Delhi.

BIHAR VOLUNTARY CO-ORDINATING AGENCY (BVCA)

Registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, BVCA has been set-up by Prayas in collaboration with East & West Education Society in Patna, with the express objective of promoting and regulating child adoption activities for the destitute, neglected and abandoned children in Bihar. Along with the various NGOs and concerned bodies, BVCA has been actively engaged in streamlining the functioning of adoption homes/juvenile homes.

Prior to the establishment of the BVCA no system was followed for the reception and care of children by the Government run homes and the NGOs. In this context BVCA has been playing pivotal role in improving the functioning of juvenile and after care homes and enhancing public participation in accordance to the Juvenile



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Justice Act. It is worth noting that BVCA has got recognition from CARA, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India for promoting adoption and coordinate the activities regarding awareness on adoption.

Highlights of the BVCA activities:

- Organized two workshops on Juvenile Justice Act, in collaboration with Prayas.
- Conducted evaluation study on Juvenile Homes in Bihar.



PRAYAS SNEH SAMUDAYA PROJECT- GUJARAT

BACKGROUND

Prayas started its intervention in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat, after a massive earthquake hit the region on 26 January 2001, primarily in response to the needs of the earthquake victims and specifically to the needs of the children. The objective was rehabilitation of the earthquake-affected people in Kutch through self – help and focus on child survival, health of the women, rights and water issues.

This intervention covers the worst affected families in thirty-six villages from the Bhachau talukas of Kutch area. In keeping with the Prayas ethos of social intervention the activities of this project focused on alternative education & vocational education, day care, mid day meals and recreational services for children. Primary health care, counseling services, community mobilization and Self-Help Group activities for women for speedier economic rehabilitation was taken up.

The project also created shelters for needy children and women with voluntary contribution of land by the villages. Besides, houses were constructed to help the disabled and most vulnerable section of the population affected by the earthquake.

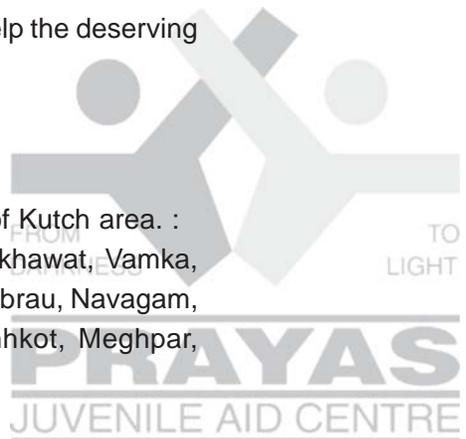
By way of promoting the rights of the disabled and providing legal support the project fostered closer links between the earthquake victims and various government agencies meant to help the former. As a result, many of the needy/

disabled have already started getting assistance the state. The Sneh project also encompasses a short-term nutritive support program for uncared senior citizens and widows wherein they provided with monthly ration-kits for period of six months.

Additionally, a special livelihood support program was initiated to help the deserving whereby they were enabled to promote their self – sustenance.

PROJECT AREA

Sneh-Prayas' is covering 36 worst hit villages of Bhachau taluka of Kutch area. : Kharoi, Chobari, Bharudia, Mai(Badergarh), Kakerwa, Kandel, Lakhawat, Vamka, Vondhada, Torania, Halra, Rampar, Kadol, Bandhadi, Kumhardi, Kabrau, Navagam, Amarsar, Manfara, Kankhoi, Ekal Vandh, Kakerwa, Nilpar, Kanhkot, Meghpar,





Kunjisar, Karmaria, Jadsa, Vijpasar, Lakhpatt, Ner, Sikra, Sukhpar, Amardi, Morgar, Lodeshwar

SNEH PRAYAS PROGRAMME ON WATER AND SANITATION

Based on the strong presence in the most of the villages of Bhachau FICCI –CARE entered into a partnership for the sanitation project through an agreement signed in October 2002.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Create awareness in community about proper handling of drinking water
- To make the community aware of the importance of personal hygiene and hand washing before meal
- To implement a community based monitoring system to maintain overall cleanliness in the villages.
- To maker people aware of technique/options within local resources for solid waste management.
- To strengthen institutional links with government and non- governmental agencies to sustain the activities beyond the span of the program.

ISSUES ADDRESSED

- Promoting consumption of safe drinking water
- Educating community regarding hazards of open defecation
- Sensitizing community regarding solid waste management
- Educating community about importance of personal hygiene including hand washing.

TARGET

The target of the project was to cover 36 villages of Bhachau Taluka for better child development through community based sanitation initiative and behavioral change. The project covers children upto 14 years and women in reproductive age of 15 to 45 years.

Achieving the set target

1. Formation of Safai Samiti and its sustainability- The Safai Samiti maintains a clean environment in the village periphery including disposal of solid waste.
2. Development of two model villages – Villages Bhuragarah and Ekalvandh has come up as a model village. Villagers have adopted the importance of hygiene in their habits. People are using community/ private toilets to avoid hazard of open defecation. Dust bins/ pits are being used to collect solid waste.

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Activities undertaken by the SAFAI SAMITI

SAFAI SAMITI of Ekalvandh took up a cleanliness drive to clean the main through fare of the village with the help of co – villagers including women and children.



SAFAI SAMITI of Kungisar cleaned the water tank of the village every. They have understood the need of pure potable drinking water. Villagers take due participation in the cleaning of the water tanks and store water from beforehand before taking up the activity.

School Activities

- Children were educated about water borne diseases, importance of personal hygiene and community health through flash card shows, video shows, drawing competition, qiz competition etc.
- In few villages school children have formed their own Panchayat to maintain cleanliness in the premises of their school.
- Drinking water at school is handled with utmost care.
- Nail cutting drive are conducted every weekend.
- Plantation drive have been initiated.
- Dustbins are increasingly used in the primary schools.

Table 20: Highlights Of The Activities till Dec 2003

Activity	Quantitative data
Villages covered for school activities	
• Painting Competition	36
• Quiz Competition	36
• Rally	36
IEC	
• Magic Show	36
• Video Show	108
• Flash Cards	179
Community Meetings	
Meeting of Mahila Mandal/ Women group	191
Village meetings	198
SAFAI SAMITI	
Villages in which SAFAI SAMITI was formed and activated	32
Capacity building workshop for SAFAI SAMITIS	02
Demonstration and training on construction and maintenance of soak and compost pits	12
Networking	
Coordination meetings conducted	72





Government Linkages

• Schools		74
• PHC	44	
• Panchayat		54

Trainings

Training and Orientation of staff		02
Capacity building workshops for the teachers	02	
Exposure visits	02	

The intervention of Sneh Prayas in different villages has given a very positive impact on the thinking and behavior of the village in general and SAFAI SAMITI in particular. School level activities for example painting competition, drawing competition and rally are attracting villagers to a great extent. In fact, children of the villages carrying the message of health and hygiene issues to their family. Elders of the villagers are able to understand the need of cleanliness drive through such activities implemented in the schools and undoubtedly the community is sensitized in a positive way.

ANMOL PRAYAS

A joint initiative of the local community including housewives and public-spirited citizens, this project is a self-supported project located in the slums of Hauz Khas, South Delhi. The project activities constituting programs for the marginalized out - of - school children of the area started with the active support and guidance of Prayas. The Self-sustaining programs through the contributions, donations and participation of the local community is also supported by the technical know-how and organizational backing of Prayas.

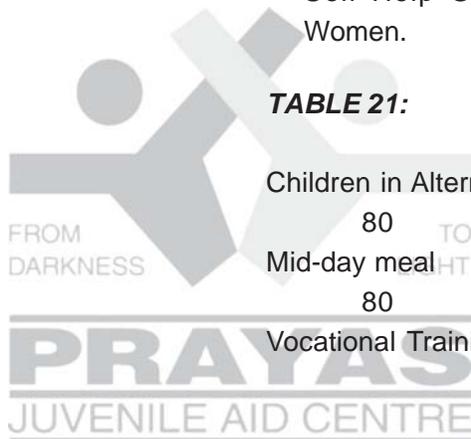
ACTIVITIES

- Provision of welfare services to underprivileged children through a whole set of programs comprising alternative education, nutrition, vocational training, health support services, recreation, counseling, etc. including Mid Day Meals.
- Vocational Training Programs for needy and poor girls in Stitching & Cutting, Beautician, Art & Craft and Mehendi courses etc.
- Self Help Groups Programs for Women.



TABLE 21:

Children in Alternative Education	80
Mid-day meal	80
Vocational Training	75



Recreation - Holi Milan cum painting competition was held for the children



Vocational Courses - Cutting & Tailoring and beauty and art & craft have been started. Girls trained in cutting and tailoring were placed in the boutiques of Hauz Khas villages and nearby showrooms.

SHGs – Number of members 10

AKSHAR PRAYAS

A community owned initiative for Child Protection at Yamuna Pushta, Akshar Prayas is a joint program of Delhi Police, Prayas and Jan Shikshan Sansthan Prayas.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Yamuna Pushta is a vast slum on the banks of river Yamuna. It is inhabited by low-income group people, most of whom are migrants to the capital city. The inhabitants are engaged in a wide range of occupations from manual labour, skilled and semi-skilled artisanship, to regular employment. They form an important segment of the socio-economic life of the city. It is a heterogeneous community and is divided into 'bastis' each to them comprises of people from various states, castes and religions. However, like any other urban slum, there is unemployment, poverty, disease, illiteracy and an acute lack of basic amenities in this area.

Total No. of programs	Vocational Courses	Activities	Other Activities	Total
	14	22	01	37
Percentage	38%	60%	2%	100%

VISION

The objective of the project is to create a collaborative initiative for the children in need of care and protection and to integrate them into mainstream life through the adoption of the following strategy.





- Ensure that children and adolescents in age group of 06-18 are in school and secured child friendly environment and are provided with child protection services;
- Focus on rehabilitation with emphasis on vocational and life skills education, self-help groups to mainstream them into the society;
- Promote self-supportive environment and encourage ownership of children, women and the community for self-management of the project;
- Create a collaborative model for juvenile justice and child protection in terms of basic needs and rights of children.

TABLE 22:

Children in Alternative Education	103
Nutrition	103
Mainstreaming	64

ACTIVITIES

Health - Regular health camp were organized for children

Recreation - Children were taken on recreation trips to Lal Quila and Mother Dairy

Vocational Training: 15 students were attending Cutting and tailoring class with two sewing machines received in donation

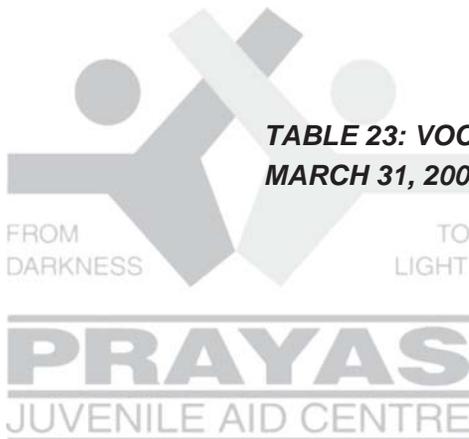
Training - Teacher's training for making innovative teaching aids was organized

JAN SHIKSAN SANSTHAN PRAYAS

The Jan Shikshan Sansthan represents a convergence of services aimed at the economic upliftment of the marginalized slum children. Launched in the year 2000 Prayas JSS aims at enhancing opportunities for economic rehabilitation of neglected street and working children through customized vocational training. The project mainly serves various categories of marginalized children and women with a variety of training programs. The vocational training in the project covers trades identified on the basis of market surveys in various slum localities.

Children in the age group of 12-16 years are given training in vocations suited to their interest. Adolescent girls and women are also encouraged to join vocational education and form self-help income generating groups (A glance at the table below shows the diversity of the program and the beneficiaries covered thereby).

TABLE 23: VOCATIONAL COURSES COMPLETED (DURING APRIL 1, 2003 TO MARCH 31, 2004)



Sl. No.	Type of Vocational Courses	completed	Duration	No. of Batches
1.	Garment making		6 months	12
2.	Dress Designing		6 months	01
3.	Beauty-culture		6 months	15
4.	Computer		12 months	13
5.	Stenography		12 months	03
6.	Typing		12 months	01
7.	Electrical Technician		12 months	01
8.	Screen Printing		3 months	01
9.	Embroidery		6 months	02
10.	Knitting	6 months		01
11.	Candle making	2 months		01
12.	Detergent Soap making		15 days	02
13.	Aggarbatti		1 months	01
14.	Soft Toys		3 months	02
	Total			56



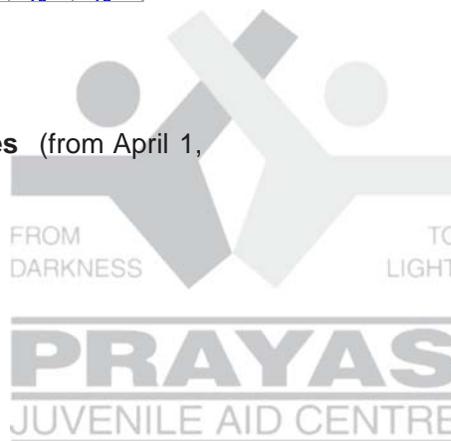
2. **Details of the programs organized** (during April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004)
3. **Coverage of beneficiaries in the programs organized** (from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004)

Total No. of programmes	Vocational Courses	Activities	Other Activities	Total
	1045	2234	800	4079
Percentage	26%	55%	19%	100%

4. **Sex-wise Coverage of beneficiaries in the programs organized** (from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004)

Total No. of programmes	Vocation Courses			Activities			Other Activities			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
	2	7	10	6	1	22	2	6	80	1	2	40
6	7	45	5	5	34	0	0	0	1	9	79	
6	9	5	7			0	0		2	5		
Percentage	2	7	10	2	7	10	2	7	10	2	7	10
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

5. **Data relating to vocational courses only**
 - (a) **Social Status of the beneficiaries in vocational courses** (from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004)





Total No. of Beneficiaries	SC	ST	OBC	Others	Total
	108	18	118	801	1045
Percentage	10.5%	1.8%	11%	76.7%	100%

(b) Age group of the beneficiaries in vocational courses (from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004)

Total No. of Beneficiaries	Below 15 years	15-35 years	Above 35 years	Total
	03	1012	31	1045
Percentage	0.4%	96.88%	3.1%	100%

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s imparts vocational training in more than 30 trades through its 14 centres, including computers, screen- printing, candle making, hand and machine embroidery, auto repair, beauty culture, cutting and tailoring, doll making, etc.

PLACEMENT

Besides vocational training Prayas also offers placement services to the trainees who successfully complete different courses. Referrals for placement are made to corporate houses as well as small and medium sized business establishments. Prayas also arranges funds for those starting their own ventures. The details of the placements done by the Placement Cell has been provided in the table underneath.

TABLE 24: DETAILS OF THE PLACEMENT DONE

S.No	Trade	No. of Rejected	Beneficiaries		
			Bio-Data's placed	Referred	Placed
1.	Computer (Basic & DTP)	267	209	176	33
2.	Beauty Culture	92	86	69	17
3.	Electrical & House Wiring	39	35	27	08
4.	Cutting & Tailoring	23	17	09	08
5.	Typing & Steno	25	18	10	08
6.	Auto Repairing	11	3	02	01
7.	Screen Printing	02	2	02	-
8.	Others :-				
	Office Assistants	12	12	07	05
	Drivers	08	07	06	01
	Teachers	10	07	07	-

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	Peons	06	06	06	–
	Store Keeper	12	10	07	03
	Sales Man /	20	18	16	02
	Marketing Jobs				
	Helpers / House	04	4	04	–
	Keeping				
	Receptionist Comp. Opt.	02	02	02	–
	Team Member	02	02	02	–
9.	Service Sector Placement	535	438	352	-
10.	Self Employed	1500	1500	1204	NA
	TOTAL	2035	1938	1556	86



NEW INITIATIVES

EXPANSION OF THE PRAYAS PROJECTS IN BIHAR AND GUJARAT

Prayas projects have been expanded in the districts of Nalanda, Samastipur, Motihari, Darbhanga and Bagaha in Bihar. Alternative Education centres and SHG are the primary activities being followed at present. The children's home in Motihari caters to the needs of 25 children.

Gujarat Project and its activities have been on the rise. Expansion of PHS covering nearly 10 lakh people. FICCI is providing all assistance of Doctors, nurses and mobile vans. Acquisition of 16 acre land in Gujarat at subsidized rate. Funding by Punj and Lloyd and the business community ladies of Kota. Plans of establishing an IJJ in Gujarat. US Aid and care India to sign MoU for 5 years to improve education in Bhachau. Partnership initiated with Rashtriya Swabhiman. An agreement for funding of vocational training has been signed with the Times Foundation.

STAFF WELFARE MEASURES

- Initiation of Credit and Thrift Society for the staff
- LIC for all staff of Prayas

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Founding Partners

- Delhi Police
- Shramik Vidyapeeth, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government
- Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi University

Project Partners

- NORAD, Royal Norwegian Embassy





- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
- UNIFEM
- Children's Hope, USA
- Japanese Embassy- Japan International Coordination Agency (JICA)
- Rotary International, New Delhi
- South Yorkshire Police, UK
- Tata Trust
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Government of India

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- National Aids Control Organization (NACO)

State Governments

- Directorate of Social Welfare, NCT of Delhi
- Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi
- Delhi State AIDS Control Society, NCT of Delhi

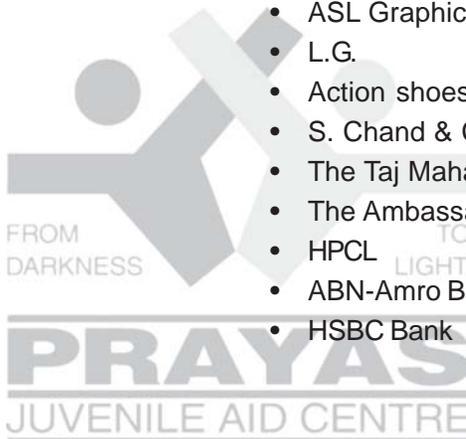
Foundations / Institutes

- Krishna Bihari Vajpayee Trust, New Delhi
- Childline India Foundation
- Delhi College of Art, New Delhi
- National Institute of Public Cooperation & Child Development (NIPCCD), New Delhi
- East & West Educational Society, Patna

- Delhi NGO Forum for Street & Working Children
- Indian Academy of Paediatrics
- DCCW
- CHARITY AID FOUNDATION

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- Coca- Cola India
- Indian Oil Corporation
- Daksh e-Services (P) Ltd
- Churchill (I) Pvt. Ltd
- ICICI Bank
- Crowne Plaza – Surya
- International Times Card
- Times Foundation
- Delhi Tourism (DTTDC)
- NC Gupta and Co.
- Navneel Elastomers
- V – Customer

- Keane Wondzen
- Anil Agencies (P) Ltd.
- NTPC
- IOM
- KRBL Limited
- Robin Raina Foundation
- Batra Hospital
- Newgen Technologies
- KLJ Compoundings
- Aerostar Helmet
- INAIR Holidays Pvt. Ltd

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- Mr. Alok Chatterji
- Dr. Anjani Kr. Sinha & Mrs. Shakuntala Sinha
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- Mr. Naveen Kohli
- Mr. N.C. Gupta
- Mr. K.K. Sharma, CMD, Aamil Pharmaceuticals Limited
- Mr. Jagrit Khaitan
- Closet Fashions
- Oriental Bank of Commerce
- Cheap Silk Store
- Ganga Ram & Sons
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- K.K. Jewelers
- Mahalaxmi Amba Jewelers
- Raja Ram Mohan Roy School

Sponsors

Mr. Navin Sarodna, Mr. D.P. Gupta, Mr. Amit Jain, Mr. Vijay Jaggi , Mr. Puesh Gupta, Mr. Ajay Das, Ms. Geeta Singh, Ms. Valarie, Mr. Sumeet Jindal, Mr. K.S.Srikand, Mr. Michael, Mr. K.K. Soni, Soroptimist club, Ms. Manju Sundara, Ms. Pushp Jain , Mr. Hemant Jain , Mr. Hersh Chadha, Ms. Shreya Jain, Mr. R.N. Gupta, Ms. Mekhla Harison, Mr. Vinay Kothari, Mr. Sameer Arora, Mr. Ranjit Walia, Mr. Terry Nathan, Mr. Kaushal Mathur, Ms. Ramnika Jain, Mr. Pramod Kumar, Mr. Adarsh Mishra, Ms. Firoza Fitts, Mr. Madhu Sudan , Ms. Preeti Pant, Mr. Pradeep Jolly, Ms. Lakshmi, Ms. Mamta ;Narain, Ms. Rohini Chopra, Mr. Ashok Topa, Ms. Madhu Pawar, Mr. Hemant Jain , Mr. Chirag Tak, Mr. Deepak Golani, Ms. Meeta Kalra, Mr. Sameer Arora, Mr. Pramjet Singh, Mr. N.D. Gurnani, Mr. Sunil Chadha, Mr. Prem, Mr .Navin Sarodna, Ms. Asha, Ms. Madhu Sharma, Ms. Neelam Bhatnagar, Mr. Agni Vijay Singh, Ms. Pooja Sinha, Mr. O.P.Puri, Mr. Vishal

Srivastava, Mr. Himanshu Bhattarcharjee, Mr. Deepak Chopra, Mr. R. Krishnapuram, Mr. Shanker Prakriya, Ms. Neelam Anand Raksha, Ms. Smita Verma, Ms. Nutan Verma, Ms. Reshma, Mr. Semoun Jolly, Mr. Lokesh Aggarwal, Mr. Hemant Jain, Mr. Puesh Gupta, Mr. Sameer Arora, Ms. Hema Keshav, Mr. Shalinder Kumar, Ms. Jyotsana Dwivedi, Ms. Minal, Ms. Madhu Sharan, Ms. Firoza Fitts, Ms. Sandhya Narang, Mr. Pran Mehta, M/s Gian Chand Trust, Ms.Poonam Chopra, Mr. Puneet Kumari Sinha, Mr. Preet Kumar, Daksh e-Services (P) Ltd., Ms. Papiya Jacob

Bankers

State Bank of India (Jahangirpuri), UCO Bank (Shri Aurobindo Ashram), State Bank of India (Darya Ganj), Oriental Bank of Commerce (Tughlakabad) and State Bank of India (Shadipur Depot) have maintained the spirit of voluntary support

Doctors



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PHS medical team: Dr. M. R. Somwal, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Pranaya Chandra Bhanu, Dr. Md. Shahid Dr. Kaushik Kayal, Dr. Amitava Sengupta from Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science Research, Anil Chaturvedi from APOLLO Hospital, Dr. D. K. Gupta from Deptt. of Pediatric Surgery AIIMS, Dr. Gurdip Singh from Holy Family Hospital, Dr. Indira Dhall from Batra Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Dr. Jagdish Prasad from Safdarjang Hospital & Medical Superintendent, Dr. Naresh Trehan from Escort Heart. Institute & Reseach Centre,Dr. P.K. Bhardwaj from Saroj Hospital,Dr. Ravindar K. Tuli from APOLLO Hospital, Dr. Veena Kalra from AIIMS,Dr. Amod Kumar, Dr. Arun Nigam, Dr. Azad Rajavardhan, Dr. Devender Kumar Singh,Dr.(Mrs.) Gunita Singh, Dr. Hans U. Nagar,Dr. Harish Bhalla& Dr. Kusum Bhalla, Dr. J.P. Gupta,Dr. Ajai Gupta and Dr.(Mrs.) Malvika Gupta, Dr. Jagdish C. Sobti from Indian Medical Association,Dr. Kiran Agarwal from IAP Committee on child Abuse Neglect & Child Labour, Dr.Kuldeep Singh,Dr. Kusum Sehgal, Dr. R. C. Mangla, Dr. R.P. Wadhwa, Dr. Monica Wadhwa, Dr. Rakesh Varma, Dr. Sarvesh Kumar, Dr. Tanvir Singh, Dr. Usha K. Baveja.



PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND STEERING COMMITTEE

1. Dr Hira Singh, Chairperson
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5. Prof. Aruna Bhardwaj, Member
6. Ms. Sudesh Kumari, Member
7. Prof. R. M. Varma
8. Mr. Ajay Singh, Senior Manager, JJU
9. Kiran Jyoti, Project Manager, POHB
10. Mr. Rajib K. Halder, Acting executive director, Prayas,

OUR PUBLICATIONS

1. "Children of a lesser God", Kanth. Amod , Pioneer
2. "Indian Diaspora and the Social Sector in India, An Analysis." Kanth. Amod
3. "Voluntary Sector and Social Development, Role of Indian Diaspora", Kanth Amod
4. "Cradle of Hope", a booklet about Prayas Children's Home For Boys, Delhi Gate.
5. "Swasthya Darshan" Newsletter of Prayas Health Service
6. "Prayas Sneh Samudaya Project- Gujarat" a report on Prayas Project in Gujarat
7. "Draft Media Policy for children in India," a comprehensive draft about the need to have Child-centered Media Policy in India.
8. "Parivartan," quarterly newsletter carrying major events and activities of Prayas.
9. " Prayas Reflections" Prayas' annual publication, which enables one to get a feel of its various projects activities and the events taking place throughout the year.





10. "A Report on Regional Consultation on NGO partnership in Rescue & Rehabilitation of the Persons affected by Human Trafficking in South Asia," organized by Prayas in collaboration with UNIFEM, WOREC & ABC, Nepal.
11. From Darkness To Light (Report on Trafficking of Women and Children and Law Enforcement)
12. "Child Watch India" an assortment of news clippings, events, issues, and activities pertaining to children and related segments of Indian Society, a biannual Journal since 1999, an attempt to study the magnitude of the problems of neglected children from different perspectives.
13. "Bacchon Ke Adhikar"- a booklet on Child Rights.
14. "Giving Children the Gift of Wings" Prayas Brochure
15. "We are Prayas" (Pamphlet)
16. "Begin A Life Changing Relationship" Sponsorship Brochure

PERSONNEL PROFILE

PRAYAS GOVERNING BODY

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| 1. Mr. Jagjit Singh | President |
| 2. Mr. D. N. Mathur | Vice- President |
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| 4. Mr. Subhash Narang | Treasurer |
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| 6. Mr. Hira Lal | Member |
| 7. Dr. C.J. Daswani | Member |
| 8. Mr. N. K. Singhal | Member |
| 9. Prof. R.R. Singh | Member |
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| 12. Mr. Jasbir Singh Malik | Member |
| 13. Dr. K.S. Sachdev | Member |
| 14. Mr. Rajesh Malik | Member |
| 15. Dr. V.J. Anand | Member |
| 16. Ms. Asha Thakur | Member |
| 17. Mr. Sanjeev Gupta | Member |
| 18. Mr. Kanwar Pawar | Member |
| 19. Mrs. Harveen Kapoor | Member |
| 20. Dr. Hira Singh | Member |
| 21. Mr. Vivek Gogia | Associate Member |
| 22. Mr. Vinod Chopra | Associate Member |
| 23. Mr. Vinay Mehta | Associate Member |
| 24. Dr. Atul K. Pandey | Ex- Officio Member |
| 25. Mr. Rajib K. Haldar | Ex-Officio Member |



FINANCIAL PROFILE (ANNEXURE)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2004



	SCHEDULE	2004	2003
		Rs.	Rs.
LIABILITIES			
CORPUS FUND	1	37,226,472	26,564,124
CAPITAL FUND	2	44,708,314	43,789,957
GENERAL FUND	3	3,473,670	5,484,811
CURRENT LIABILITIES	4	6,978,732	3,776,590
		92,387,188	79,615,482
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS	5	49,705,805	47,624,487
INVESTMENTS	6	28,470,500	18,818,889
CURRENT ASSETS,			
LOANS & ADVANCES	7	14,210,883	13,174,148
		92,387,188	79,815,482
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS	13		
As per our report of even date			
For NIWAS GUPTA & ASSOCIATES			
Chartered Accountants			
R. N. GUPTA	D N MATHUR	S NARANG	RAJIB K HALDAR
Proprietor	Vice-President	Treasurer	Executive Director
Delhi: September 18, 2004			



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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

SCHEDULE		2004	2003
		Rs.	Rs.
INCOME			
SCHEME	8	30,966,919	25,346,610
NON-SCHEME	9	11,786,766	9,625,732
		1,980,832	426,460
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<<,734,617	35,398,802
EXPENDITURE			
SCHEME	10	28,460,307	25,876,370
NON-SCHEME	11	11,130,268	8,106,032
UNUTILISED GRANT/FUND	12	5,143,942	1,416,400
		44,734,517	35,398,802

As per our report of even date
For NIWAS GUPTA & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants

R N GUPTA
Proprietor

D N MATHUR
Vice-President

S. NARANG
Treasurer

RAJIB K. HALDAR
Executive Director

Delhi: September 18, 2004



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HUMAN RESOURCE STRENGTHS

1. Mr. Rajib K.Haldar
 2. Prof. M. Z. Khan
 3. Dr. Hira Singh
 4. Mr. Ajay Singh
 5. Mr.N. Krishnan
 6. Col. O. N. Mathur
 7. Mr. Jyoti Prakash
 8. Ms. Sangita Bhatia
 9. Ms. Gudiya Ale
 10. Ms. Vasundhra
 11. Ms. Anupama Sahay
 12. Ms. Lakshmi Kaul
 13. Ms. Priyanka Pandey
 14. Ms Gargi Saha
 15. Ms. Saumya Shankar
 16. Mr. Kusumadhar Pandey
 17. Ms. Janaki
 18. Ms. Geeta Bhatt
 19. Ms. Deeba Habib
 20. Mr. Rajeev Sharma
 21. Mr. Vishnu Pillai
 22. Mr. Shouvik Narayan
 23. Mr. Rakesh Sharma
 24. Mr. Jitender Kumar
Charge
 25. Mr. Raman Singh
 26. Ms. Sheiby Jose
- Executive Director
Advisor
Advisor Training
Sr. Manager, Juvenile Justice Unit
Sr. Manager, Finance
Sr. Manager Administration
Sr. Manager Resource Unit
Sr. Manager, Education
Manager, IEC.
Manager, CIC
Manager, R& D
Manager, Development Initiatives
Manager, Training
City Coordinator, Childline
Coordinator, Juvenile Justice
Placement Officer
Librarian
Social Worker
Sponsorship Officer
Event Manager
Marketing Manager
Manager, Donation Box
Accountant
PS, General Secretary & System-in-
Charge
Personal Secretary, Executive Director
Front Office Incharge

PRAYAS PROJECTS

1. Dr. Sanjeev Bhardwaj
 2. Mr. Himanshu Pratap Singh
 3. Ms. Kiran Jyoti
 4. Ms. Pratibha Miglani
 5. Ms. Sunny Sinha
 6. Ms. Akhilesh Sharma
 7. Ms. Mamta Goel
 8. Ms. Madhu Agarwal
 9. Ms. Ekta Rajvanshi
 10. Ms. Arshe Alam
- Director, Prayas Jan Shikshan Sansthan
Project Manager, PCH, Jahangirpuri
Project Manager, PCH, Delhi Gate
Project Manager, PHS
Project Manager, Naya Prayas
Project Manager, Anupam Prayas
Project Coordinator, Astha Prayas
Project Manager, Akshar Prayas
Project Manager, Anmol Prayas
Project Coordinator, Childline



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APPENDIX I: What they say about Prayas

"I am grateful to the members of Prayas for giving me the responsibility of President. I will try to justify that".

Ghazal Maestro Jagjit Singh, President of Prayas

"Prayas is indeed a beacon of hope for the destitute and future of the country. I commend you on your contribution towards building the human capital of the next generation for the country"

Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia (Member of Parliament)

"I enjoyed coming here and witnessing first hand the work done by Prayas. Keep it up!"

Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister I&B

"Prayas is a miracle and more than a miracle. We look forward to working with you for a bright future for children"

Ms. Laura Livingston, US Embassy

"I have enjoyed a wonderful visit of the school, the vocational centre and the Shelter Home. Everywhere the smiles showed what splendid work is done here. Thank you very much for your welcome as well as for the pretty dance performed by the children."

Lady Catherine Young, wife of His Excellency Sir Rob Young, the British High Commissioner of U.K.

"We have been very impressed to see the 'change' you all are bringing in the lives of each and every child we met today. Congratulations, please keep up the wonderful work, UNIFEM will be honoured to partner Prayas"

Ms. Chandni Joshi & Ms. Nandita Baruah, UNIFEM

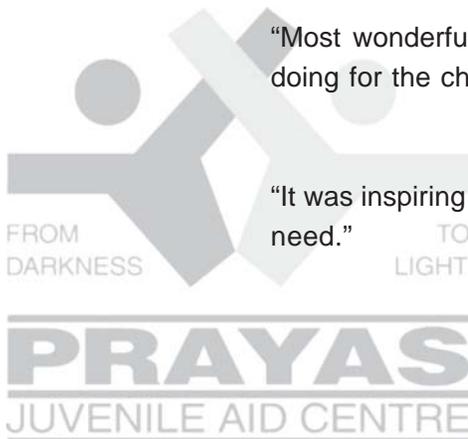
"I was extremely moved to see the efforts of this wonderful organization and how they have contributed to society. It was indeed a great, great inspiration for me and I do hope it will spur me on to do better things in life! Thank you!"

Ms. Ashima Singh, Fashion Designer

"Most wonderful experience to visit this place. Nice to know how much you are doing for the children of 'God'".

Ms. Leena Singh, Fashion Designer

"It was inspiring to see the work being done by your organization for the children in need."



Jetsun Pema , President , Tibetan children's Villages

"I am delighted and impressed by my brief visit to Prayas and the information I received on the work of Prayas. I wish each and everyone the courage and the very best to persevere in your advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable children".

Maria Calivis, UNICEF Country Representative



"It was a great learning experience".

Ms. Sheila Dikshit, C.M. Delhi

"I found the work of Prayas very exemplary and most praiseworthy."

Mr. Teerath Man Sakia, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Nepal

"I have been inspired by the activities done so far and the mission of the institution which is more proactive in pursuit of child development"

**Mr. Pratap Kumar Pathak, Joint. Secretary,
Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Nepal**

"I praise the effort of Prayas to lead the underprivileged children from despair to hope".

Ms. Renuka Chowdhury, Member of Parliament

"I am extremely happy to see the work of Prayas. We need more such voluntary efforts. I congratulate Prayas on its exemplary work"

Mr. Madan Lal Khurana , Member of Parliament

"Thank you for such good work and for your warm welcome. I look forward to working together"

Ms. Lois Barber, Director, Earth Action, USA

"Prayas is the reflection of a pure social service"

Dr. Yoganand Shastri

"I am very impressed and would like to be a part of Prayas"

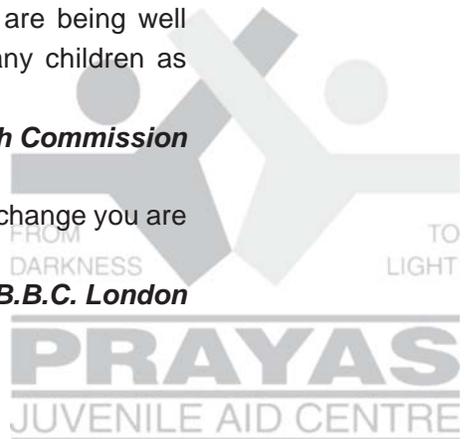
Mr. Rajat Sharma, T.V. Personality

"Very impressed and extremely happy that the children's needs are being well taken care of. We hope you continue to grow and reach as many children as possible"

Wayne & Lesley Meake , Australian High Commission

"I have seen Prayas grow and blossom. Its heartening to see what change you are bringing in children's lives"

Ms. Charu Lata Joshi, B.B.C. London





"I'm happy to be here. I am highly impressed with the programmes and work culture here. The informal and affectionate atmosphere is very congenial for children's development. My best wishes for Prayas' efforts."

Mr. Ramesh Awasthi, ICCO, CIDA

"A good beginning in the cause of children-ours nation's future"

Mr. L. C. Amarnathan, I.P.S., DG, BPR&D

"An excellent center to visit. It motivates people to do better for the cause of common man who is economically and socially at disadvantage"

Mr. P. Kamaraj, DCP, South District

"It's really heartening to see your efforts bearing so much success. On behalf of all of us at the ILO, I would like to wish Prayas and all others working with you the very best in your future work. Wherever possible, the ILO would like to be contributing to this wonderful achievement."

Mr. Herman Vander Laan, ILO, New Delhi

"Thank you for such good work & "Being a part of 'Prayas' prayas is a great feeling. Thanks"

Ms. Anuradha Prasad, Film-Maker, BAG Films

"Gratified to see the sustained growth of Prayas. All praise for its team members"

Prof Shridhar Sharma, President WASP, New Delhi

"I am very impressed by the work done by Prayas for the children. Congratulations for good work. Your work deserves appreciation. Excellent service for the upliftment of destitute children. Such organization are needed,"

Mr. R. K. Goyal, Spl. Correspondent, Pioneer

"Commendable job that deserves international appreciation and recognition"

Prof. V.J.Anand, Prof. Deptt. of Surgery,

Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi

"Excellent job is being done by very committed people. We would appreciate your visit to our organization for our learning"

Ms. Aditi Deb, CINI ASHA, Kolkata





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