

Dear Miracle Maker,

Welcome to the April newsletter of Miracle Foundation India, where we bring you the latest updates about our programs and initiatives. This month's newsletter includes a success story that we are proud of, and an initiative to raise awareness about addiction and trafficking.

Navin goes back to his family

Navin's father passed away when the boy was still very young. Stricken with grief, his mother's mental health slowly deteriorated, till there came a day when she was unable to care for her sons at all. Worried about the boys' well-being, their uncle stepped in and admitted them to the local Child Care Institution (CCI). At the time, Navin was 8 and had never been to school.

At the CCI, Navin gradually started to learn basic literacy and numeracy and was eventually admitted to a nearby school. He started to develop interests, a primary one being in cooking.

Eight long years passed, and Navin was now in Class 10. He was receiving both psycho-social care as well as career counselling, and in this manner, the matter of returning back to his family was slowly broached. Initially apprehensive about this seemingly new idea, Navin quickly warmed to the thought of going back home. His social workers continued to engage with him, using various conversations, counselling and tools such as the Life Book, which is used to set goals and plan around them. Navin was sent to spend time with his family and was soon able to reignite his relationship with everyone at home, particularly his mother.

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A story in a picture

In Gujarat, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) jointly planned a campaign called "A war against drug addiction" in every District to prevent drug and substance abuse and illicit trafficking among children.

The District Child Protection Unit from Chhotaudepur coordinated with the local Village Child Protection Committee members and the Bal Panchayat from Jaloda village to organize a children's rally on 10th February 2023. Children took the initiative to spread awareness in the village through slogans and appealed to the community and parents for de-addiction. They also decided to strengthen a child safety net to take care of each other.

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