



As we move through this year, we are deeply encouraged by the extraordinary stories of courage and transformation unfolding around us. Whether it is Kavita and Sneha finding their way back home after years of separation, Navneet Joshi strengthening systems in Gujarat with compassion and resolve, or young voices like Anitha stepping up as leaders for child rights, each journey reminds us what is possible when hope is matched with action.

At Miracle Foundation India, we believe every child deserves not just care but the love, safety, and belonging that only a family can provide. Transformation is never about one single act. It comes through persistence, collaboration, and our shared belief in the power of family.

We celebrate that spirit: families being strengthened, communities rising together, and champions like you standing with us. It is your support and partnership that turn possibilities into reality, creating brighter futures for children across India. Thank you for walking this path with us.

Together, we are building a world where every child truly thrives.

Warm regards,  
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## Transforming Children’s Lives through Family Strengthening



Seven years! That’s how long Kavita (*name changed*) and Sneha (*name changed*) spent away from their parents and their home in Latur, Maharashtra. They were just little girls when financial hardship tore their family apart. The crisis not only separated Kavita and Sneha from their parents, but also created distance between the mother and father themselves. With a heavy heart, their mother admitted the two eldest daughters into a Child Care Institution (CCI), hoping that at least her children would be safe.

Inside the CCI, the sisters clung to each other. While they received food, schooling, and care, there was always something missing: the warmth of a home. Meanwhile, their youngest sister stayed with their mother. For years, it seemed like this would be their life: a family divided by circumstance.

But what if things could change? With the training and guidance of Miracle Foundation India, the CCI Superintendent began to envision a different future, one where children don’t grow up in institutions, but in families. For Kavita and Sneha, the ground was slowly prepared: counselling sessions not only rebuilt trust but also helped reconcile their parents. Parenting support further strengthened their confidence, and gradually, hope began to return.

At the same time, the family’s economic struggles were addressed. With guidance from the CCI team and local authorities, they started a small vegetable shop that eventually expanded into two shops near their home. Along with this, they were trained in financial literacy and business management, enabling them to sustain their livelihood and provide for their children.

Then came the day none of them thought possible: the sisters walked back through the doorway of their home. After 7 long years, the hugs felt tighter and the smiles brighter. Today, Kavita works as a nurse in a private hospital, Sneha is studying nursing, and their youngest sister is pursuing her B.Sc. degree. What was once a broken household has been stitched back into a family—stronger, steadier, and full of hope for the future.

The wait may be long, the journey slow, but the moment a child returns to their family shows us why every effort is worth it.

## Celebrating Navneet Joshi



At Miracle Foundation India, as we strive towards enabling children to stay with their families and reach their full potential, we honor the incredible social workforce that makes it all possible. This month, we are pleased to celebrate the commitment and impact of Navneet Joshi, Protection Officer, Institutional Care, in Bhavnagar, Gujarat.

Navneet Joshi Ji once believed that children from vulnerable communities were best supported through systems, schemes, and institutions rather than their own families. However, engaging with family strengthening and family-based alternative care approaches, over time, transformed the way he envisioned their futures, and he subsequently started supporting the reintegration of children with their families.

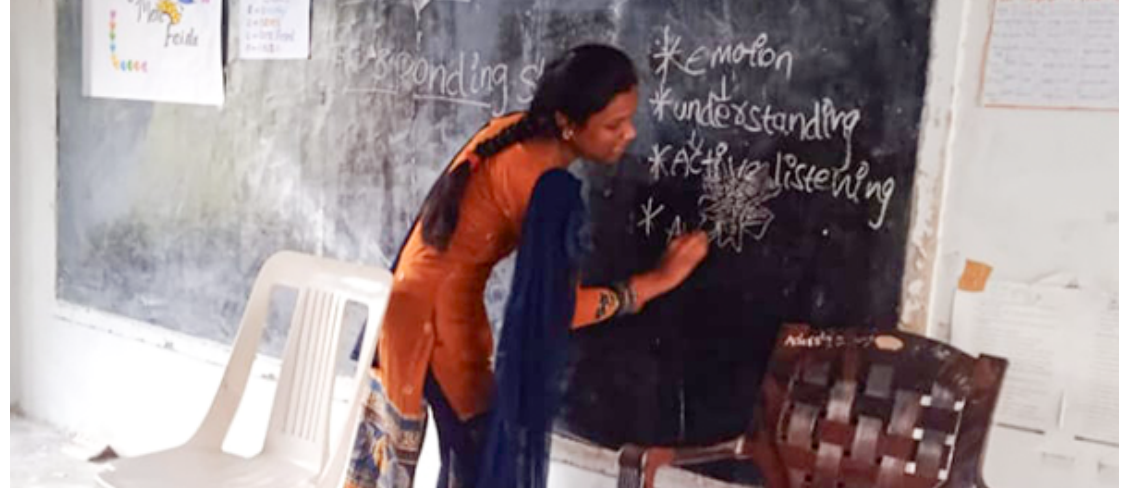
Navneet Ji has helped reunite 629 children from Bhavnagar with their families. This includes 28 children from other states and 19 from districts within Gujarat. In yet another case, 5 children aged 14–16 from Bhavnagar city, who had been involved in child labour, were rescued by the District Child Protection Unit. Navneet Ji brought them to a CCI, counseled the children and their parents, and successfully reintegrated them with their families. These children are now attending school regularly and performing well under his close monitoring.

In another noteworthy case, Navneet Ji came across a child from Chhotaudepur who was deaf, mute, and had an intellectual disability, making it difficult for him to understand even sign language. Using tools such as social media, Navneet Ji circulated the child’s details and, after 4 months, successfully reunited him with his family, a reunion that had once seemed nearly impossible.

Additionally, Navneet Ji has facilitated the re-enrolment of 48 children who had dropped out of school and has placed 25 children in Anganwadis. He has also helped 112 Children in Street Situations from Bhavnagar obtain birth certificates, ration cards, and Aadhaar cards, and ensured their enrollment in classes under the *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*. With support from the District Child Protection Officer, Navneet Ji has helped 9 care-experienced girls prepare for marriage with dignity, while also ensuring they received the support needed to begin their new journey with security and confidence. He has also provided aftercare support to 7 young people towards skill-training; they are now employed and are earning well.

Looking ahead, Navneet Ji plans to identify children of single parents from the CCIs and reunite them with their families while linking them with sponsorship schemes. He also aims to support children from at-risk families who have passed the 10th grade by enrolling them in Industrial Training Institutes and other suitable educational programs, and to strengthen his work further by collaborating closely with Village Child Protection Committees and Bal Panchayats to focus on family strengthening efforts.

## From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact



*Youth Are Not the Future. They Are the Now.*

At Miracle Foundation India, we believe youth are rewriting their own futures and, in doing so, opening doors for many others like them. Their voices are not just important; they are essential to shaping our mission.

This month, we celebrate T. Anitha from Telangana, who joined our Youth Ambassadors Program in 2024. Growing up in a family that struggled to make ends meet, Anitha was placed in a CCI at 13. It was there she found guidance and opportunities to grow. Today, she is pursuing her Master’s in Social Work and stepping forward as a Youth Ambassador, determined to champion education, empowerment, and the right of every child to grow up in a family. Her journey from vulnerability to leadership is a reminder that when youth are given space, care, and belief, they become powerful advocates for change.

On July 3 and 4, 2025, 8 Youth Ambassadors came together for a dynamic, youth-led strategy session. Care-experienced young people from different organizations and communities collaborated, reflected, and envisioned what it takes to keep children safe in families. Their insights will directly shape Miracle Foundation India’s youth program and future strategy.

As we marked *International Youth Day* on August 12, 2025, we celebrated [these young leaders](#) whose resilience and determination inspire us all. [Their leadership](#) reminds us that transformation is never top-down. It is driven by those who have lived it and who now stand ready to lead the way.



## From Learners to Leaders: Youth Leading the Realization of Child Rights in Jharkhand

Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with *Bal Kalyan Sangh*, organized a youth counselling and leadership workshop in Jharkhand’s East Singhbhum district on July 20, 2025, bringing together 35 young people from Patamda, Boram, and Ghatshila blocks of the district. For many, it was the first time their voices were truly heard and their leadership nurtured. In communities where poverty, migration, child marriage, and child labour still put children at risk, these youth came together with one shared purpose: to learn how they could become protectors of children and supporters of families.

Through interactive sessions on child rights, the youth discovered their potential to act as ‘Barefoot Negotiators’ within their communities, listening with empathy, guiding families, and standing against social issues threatening the realization of children’s rights. The workshop transformed hesitation into hope, with participants leaving now as change agents, committed to protecting children, and building stronger, safer villages.

This marks only the first step; going forward, these youth will actively engage in their communities to prevent child labour and child marriage, promote education, and ensure every child’s rights are upheld.

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**Family Strengthening at the Last Mile**

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**Sixth Leadership Dialogue: Family Strengthening at the Last Mile**

The sixth edition of the Leadership Dialogues, held on July 31, 2025, in collaboration with *India Alternative Care Network*, was centered on the theme, ‘Family Strengthening at the Last Mile.’ The session highlighted the need for collaboration across government, civil society, and local self-governance, with special focus on Gram Panchayat and communities, to ensure families are strengthened and supported, enabling services to reach those who need them most.

The panel featured Mr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, District Panchayat Officer, Bolangir, Odisha; Mr. Lokanath Mishra, Member Secretary, ARUNA, Odisha; and Mr. Puneet Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Uttar Pradesh. The full recording of this engaging dialogue can be viewed [here](#).

## Donor Testimonial



“Supporting Miracle Foundation [India] has been one of the most meaningful parts of my philanthropic journey. Their dedication to family-based care and sustainable solutions for children from vulnerable communities truly aligns with my values. What I admire most is their focus on long-term impact—ensuring that children grow up in safe, nurturing families rather than institutions. Their work is thoughtful, transparent, and grounded in dignity. I am honoured to support a cause that is driving real and lasting change.”

- Farhan Hasnain

## Resource Links

- [NIPCCD renamed as Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development](#)
- [Karnataka State Juvenile Justice \(Care and Protection of Children\) Rules, 2025](#)
- [A Brief Mapping of Policy, Discourse, Law & Practices on Aftercare for Neo-Adults in India](#)

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