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A Family for Every Child in our Lifetime

As the year comes to a close, December offers a moment to pause and reflect on what truly matters: family, belonging and hope. It reinforces why our work at Miracle Foundation India is so important: every child deserves to grow up safe, loved, and surrounded by care.

Throughout this year, we have seen how strengthening families and communities can transform a child's future. This progress is only possible because of committed supporters like you, who believe that no child should be separated from their family simply because of hardship.

As we look ahead to the new year, I invite you to continue this journey with us. Your year-end support can help ensure that more children grow up in nurturing families where they feel protected and valued.

Thank you for standing with us.

Warm regards,
Kusum Mohapatra
CEO & Regional Director
Miracle Foundation India

Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



**AI-Generated Representational Image*

Every morning, 14-year-old Niyati (*name changed*) walks to school, something that once felt out of reach.

In a village in East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, Niyati and her mother are rebuilding their lives with quiet determination. Niyati lost her father when she was very young, and since then, her mother, like many women heading households alone, has worked as a daily wage labourer, earning just enough to get through each day, but never enough to feel secure.

When work became irregular, stability began to slip away. Niyati's schooling was interrupted, and without a steady income or essential documents, the family fell deeper into distress. As options narrowed, the possibility of institutional care began to loom, not because her mother lacked care, but because poverty left the family with few choices.

That is when timely, family-centred support made the difference. In Jharkhand, Miracle Foundation India, along with its partner organisation, *Bal Kalyan Sangh*, works to identify and support families long before separation becomes a reality, strengthening them so they do not slip further into crisis. The team visited the family, listened carefully to their needs, and tailored support to build a sustainable, long-term livelihood. With this guidance, the *Panchayat Mukhya* and the *Gram Rojgar Sewak* facilitated the construction of an animal shed, while the Agriculture Department provided 5 goats, together establishing a sustainable source of income. Niyati's mother was also linked to the *Didi Badi Yojana* through which she received seeds to begin small-scale farming.

At the same time, the family was supported in securing essential documents, opening doors to government schemes and social protection. Niyati was linked to the *Sponsorship Scheme*, ensuring her education would not be interrupted again. And then came the moment that mattered most: Niyati's return to school. She now attends school regularly and aspires to become a teacher, while her mother earns a steady income without the fear of separation.

This is what prevention looks like. When families are supported early with livelihoods, education, and social security, combined with robust community protection systems, children don't need to be separated to be protected. They can grow, learn, and dream right where they belong: with their families.

Celebrating Kanu Patel



At Miracle Foundation India, as we work to help children stay with their families and reach their full potential, we honor the remarkable social workforce that makes this mission possible. This month, we are pleased to celebrate the efforts, achievements and dedication of Kanu Patel, a Social Worker associated with the District Child Protection Unit, Sabarkantha, Gujarat.

Since joining the Family-Based Care program in 2019, Kanu has been strengthening the child protection system from the ground up. His focus is clear, and he has developed expertise in supporting vulnerable families, particularly in remote villages, in preparing them for reintegration, and in ensuring that children enter institutional care only when necessary.

Across 8 talukas in Sabarkantha, he has reached nearly 450 children living in street situations, many of whom were without basic documents. Kanu helped them obtain Aadhaar cards, birth and caste certificates, ration cards, and access to government schemes, like *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*, *Sponsorship*, *Palak Mata Pita Yojana*, *Manav Garima Yojana*, and the *Sero-positive* scheme. These simple yet transformative steps open doors to education and social protection.

Through consistent follow-ups and careful planning, he has reintegrated 750 children with their families in his district. Each success reflects careful preparation, strong family engagement, and a long-term commitment to child well-being. In the remote tribal block of Poshina town, 7 siblings under ten lost both parents during COVID-19. With no identity documents, and no other family members to care for them, Kanu helped secure their paperwork, facilitated their admission to a Child Care Institution, and linked them to the *Bal Suraksha* portal and the *Mukhya Mantri Bal Seva Yojana*, ensuring ₹4,000 per month for each child.

His work also focuses on identifying high-risk talukas and engaging consistently with communities and Village-Level Child Protection Committees to prevent child marriages in his district, the efforts of which have earned him a recognition letter from *Bal Ayog*. Kanu Patel's approach is steady, practical, and deeply impactful: one child and one family at a time, while continuing to build a stronger child-friendly system.

From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact



Miracle Foundation India's Youth Ambassadors, drawn from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and local communities, play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of a family for every child and driving meaningful impact. This month, we celebrate Somnath from Telangana and Roshni from Maharashtra.

Somnath brought his role to action during the life journey session he facilitated on November 16, 2025, at New Life Foundation, a CCI in Mahbubnagar, Telangana, showing how peers can inspire, guide, and support one another. Engaging with 22 children, he shared about his journey after reintegration, navigating family challenges, uncertainty, and the pursuit of higher education, while reflecting on how timely guidance, mentorship, and consistent encouragement helped him move forward. Through open conversations on mental well-being, self-care, and resilience, the session sparked enthusiasm among children, leaving them more confident and better prepared to face future challenges.

Echoing this same spirit, Roshni has transformed her personal journey into purposeful action. She spent 7 years in a CCI alongside her two brothers. Currently pursuing her second year of the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife course, she became a Youth Ambassador in 2024, driven by her lived understanding of how isolating life can feel for children transitioning out of institutional care. Today, she channels her experiences into supporting younger children in the CCI she grew up in, celebrating milestones, creating safe spaces for joy and learning, and offering the emotional reassurance she once needed.

With support, youth like Somnath and Roshni further strengthen our efforts to ensure every child feels supported, empowered, and part of a caring community.

Eighth Leadership Dialogue: Economic Resilience for Families



The eighth edition of the Leadership Dialogues, held on November 27, 2025, in collaboration with the India Alternative Care Network, focused on the theme, '*Economic Resilience for Families*'. The dialogue explored how livelihoods, financial inclusion, and social protection can strengthen families and prevent child separation driven by poverty.

The discussion highlighted practical pathways by showcasing policies, programmes, and innovations that strengthen household economic resilience. It also emphasised collaboration among government, civil society, communities, and youth to co-create scalable solutions that empower caregivers and strengthen families sustainably.

The panel, moderated by Ms. Pooja Kandula, Senior Manager, British Asian Trust, featured esteemed speakers - Ms. Shahida, Craft Women Producer Company Limited, Mr. Bishnu Charan Parida, Chief Operating Officer, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society and Mr. Siddharth Kumar, Secretary and Head of Programmes, Samagra Shikshan Evam Vikash Sansthan.

The full recording of this engaging dialogue can be viewed [here](#).

Bal Panchayats in Action: Learning across Communities



Children's voices and leadership drive inclusive, community-led child protection. Bal Panchayats (Children's Parliaments) give children a platform to raise concerns, take action, and lead on issues affecting their lives. Miracle Foundation India, together with *Parivartan Mahila Sanstha*, facilitated a peer learning visit for Bal Panchayat children from Ramnagar in Pune, Maharashtra, on November 8-9, 2025. These children engaged in meaningful dialogue with peers from three localities in the tribal belt of Aase Gram Panchayat in Mokhada, Palghar, fostering collaboration and shared learning across diverse contexts. They explored local communities, visited families, and participated in a meeting with the Sarpanch of Aase Gram Panchayat, raising questions and discussing challenges such as school dropouts, child labour, migration, and gaps in healthcare and other basic amenities.

Through home visits, exploration of community play spaces, and engagement with the community, the children gained first-hand insight into how local systems respond to vulnerabilities while also sharing about creative child rights awareness initiatives. With the participation of the District Child Protection Officer, Palghar, and the Child Helpline Coordinator, Mokhada, gaps in accessing welfare schemes were addressed, ensuring identified children and families were connected to essential support.

This exercise strengthened children's confidence, leadership, and collective action, demonstrating how peer learning can deepen participation and build more responsive child protection systems. The visit became a vibrant exchange of ideas, experiences, and inspiration, a true convergence of urban and rural voices for child participation and protection.

Donor Testimonial



"Becoming a donor to Miracle Foundation India has been a truly eye-opening experience. I had always wanted to support a cause with real, measurable impact, and this organization delivers exactly that. Their thoughtful, sustainable approach to Family-Based Care is deeply inspiring. The transparency in their updates shows the dedication of their team and the tangible progress being made in children's and families' lives. It's incredible to see how even a small contribution can help reunite families, strengthen communities, and build brighter futures."

- Charumati Patel

Resource Links

- [IACN Quarterly: Issue 20](#)
- [Juvenile Justice and Children in Conflict with the Law | A Study of Capacity at the Frontlines](#)
- [The State of the World's Children 2025 | Ending Child Poverty: Our shared imperative](#)

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