

A Family for Every Child in our Lifetime

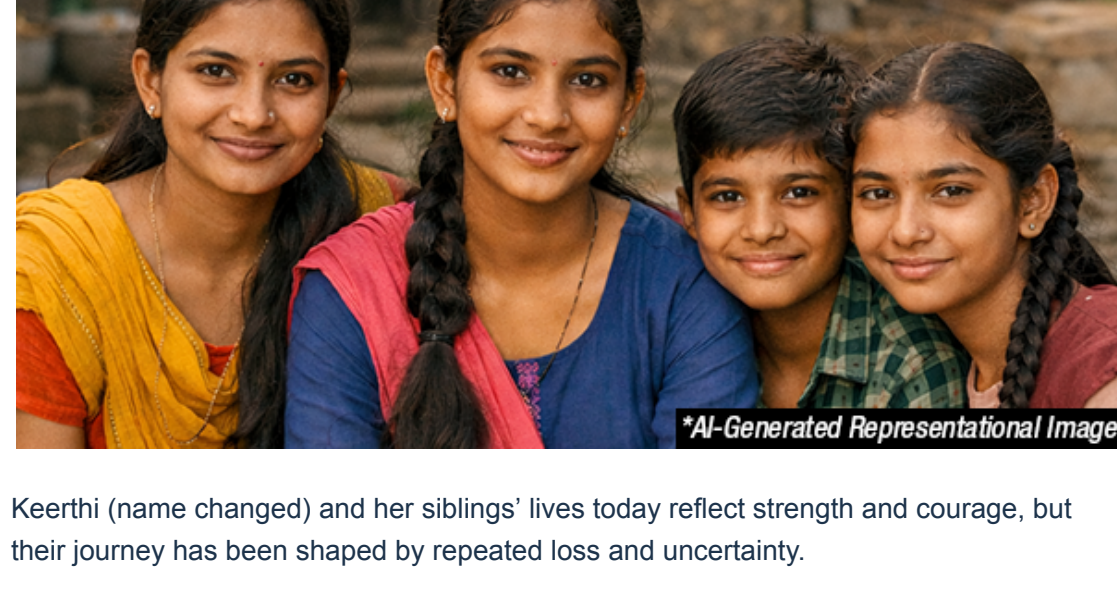
As we continue our mission to ensure that every child grows up in a safe and loving family, your partnership remains crucial. It enables us to strengthen families, prevent separation, and create sustainable, family-based care solutions that protect children and keep them where they belong, at home.

With the financial year-end approaching, this is a meaningful opportunity to make a difference. When you give, you help provide children with stability, care, and the chance to thrive while also benefiting from tax savings under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Your support today can ensure that more children remain with their families and receive the protection and opportunities they deserve. Together, we can ensure that every child grows up loved, protected, and supported.

Warm regards,
Team Miracle Foundation India

Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



Keerthi (name changed) and her siblings' lives today reflect strength and courage, but their journey has been shaped by repeated loss and uncertainty.

In 2014, when Keerthi was just 7 years old, her family was pushed into crisis after her father's death. Her mother, a daily wage construction worker, struggled to provide for her 4 children alone. With no stable income and mounting responsibilities, she made the painful decision to place Keerthi and one of her siblings in institutional care in Tamil Nadu, hoping they would at least have access to food and education.

For Keerthi, institutional life was emotionally overwhelming. She missed her family deeply and struggled with feelings of separation and insecurity. Meanwhile, her mother faced financial instability and limited access to social protection schemes. Recognizing that poverty and not lack of love had led to the separation, the Child Care Institution, with support from Miracle Foundation India, began working closely with the mother. Through counselling, livelihood assistance, and linkages to government welfare schemes, she was gradually supported to rebuild stability. With sustained preparation and careful planning, Keerthi and her sister were reunited with their mother and younger siblings in August 2022, giving them a fresh start.

But just as the family began rebuilding, tragedy struck again. Their mother passed away in an accident, leaving the children grieving. This time, however, they were not alone. Efforts are underway to ensure the family remains supported and stable. The siblings live together under the close supervision and care of their maternal uncle, who has stepped in as a steady source of emotional support and guidance.

Continued educational and counselling support ensures that their mother's loss does not derail their future. Keerthi, now in Grade 11, receives academic and emotional support; her elder sister, in her final year of B.Com, is supported with career guidance and employment assistance; and the younger siblings continue their school education with scholarship linkages.

Every child's situation carries its own set of challenges, grief, financial strain, disrupted education, and changing family responsibilities. Supporting families through such transitions requires consistent follow-up, coordination, and trust. While progress is often gradual, sustained support can help families maintain stability during uncertain times. For Keerthi and her siblings, this steady engagement is helping ensure they stay connected to education, to each other, and to the possibilities ahead.

Celebrating Sumita Dey



At Miracle Foundation India, as we work to ensure children grow up in safe, nurturing families and reach their full potential, we honor the dedicated social workers who make this mission possible. This month, we celebrate the remarkable efforts of Sumita Dey, Program Manager, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), whose journey in child protection began in 2016.

Her work took a defining turn when she began engaging closely with children in institutional care and saw that while institutions provide protection, families offered something deeper, a sense of belonging, stability, and the foundation for a child's holistic development. Determined to help children return to family environments, Sumita became deeply involved in Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care. As an empanelled Adoption Social Worker under the Department of Social Welfare, she has worked closely with Child Care Institutions, district authorities, and child protection stakeholders to ensure safe and sustainable transitions into family care. Her efforts have led to 6 successful adoptions and 10 foster care placements, including helping 2 siblings found alone on a railway platform find a permanent, loving family, restoring not just their safety, but their sense of home.

Beyond placements, Sumita has focused on strengthening families themselves. Over the past decade, she has supported the reintegration of more than 200 children with their biological families, extended families, or alternative care arrangements. Through counselling, family preparation, and follow-up, she has helped ensure reintegrations are stable and centred on the child's best interests. She continues to champion adoption and foster care, including for older children, challenging assumptions and expanding possibilities for those often overlooked. Sumita's journey reflects the transformative impact of a committed social worker, helping children move beyond institutional care into environments filled with love, dignity, and lasting belonging.

Building on this shared commitment to family-based care, Miracle Foundation India, in partnership with VHAT, organised a two-day orientation on Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care on January 6, 2026, in Agartala, Tripura. The programme brought together 65 participants, including key child protection stakeholders, to strengthen systems and promote family-based care. It was inaugurated by Shri Tinku Roy, Honourable Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Tripura, in the presence of Shri Achintam Kiliikdar, Member Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura; Smt. Jayanti Debbarma, Chairperson, Tripura Commission for Protection of Child Rights; Smt. Asmita Banik, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, West Tripura; and Mr. Sujit Ghosh, Executive Director, VHAT.

Shri Tinku Roy emphasized every child's right to grow up in a safe and nurturing family and called for prioritizing family-based care over institutionalization. Other dignitaries reinforced the importance of strengthening families as the foundation of children's well-being. The workshop marked a significant step toward strengthening Tripura's child protection system, ensuring that more children, like those Sumita has supported, have the opportunity to grow up in secure, supportive, and loving families.

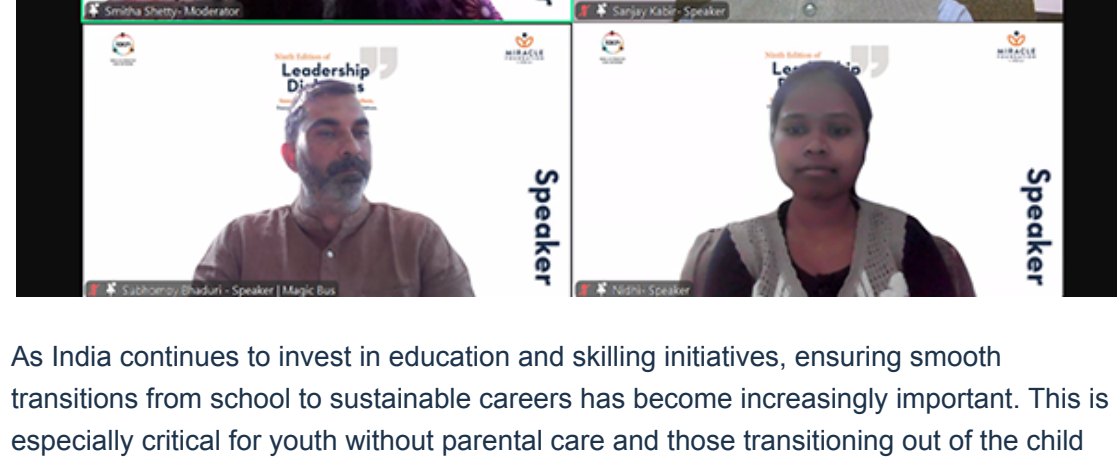
From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact



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 Sonali Arjun Ghodke from Ramnagar Warje, Pune, Maharashtra, who has been our Youth Ambassador since 2025.

Sonali, a final-year Economics student, began her journey during the COVID-19 pandemic by starting a small study group for children in her community, where she witnessed their everyday challenges. What began as a small act of support soon became her purpose. Inspired to create change, she became a Bal Panchayat member in 2021 and was later selected as a Youth Ambassador. Since then, she has led awareness sessions on child rights, child protection, health, education, and child marriage, while actively addressing community issues. Today, Sonali offers free coaching to 80 children alongside fellow youth in her community and mentors the Ramnagar Bal Panchayat committee. She remains driven by her dream to help children and youth from vulnerable communities build safer, brighter futures.

Ninth Leadership Dialogue: Education and Employability



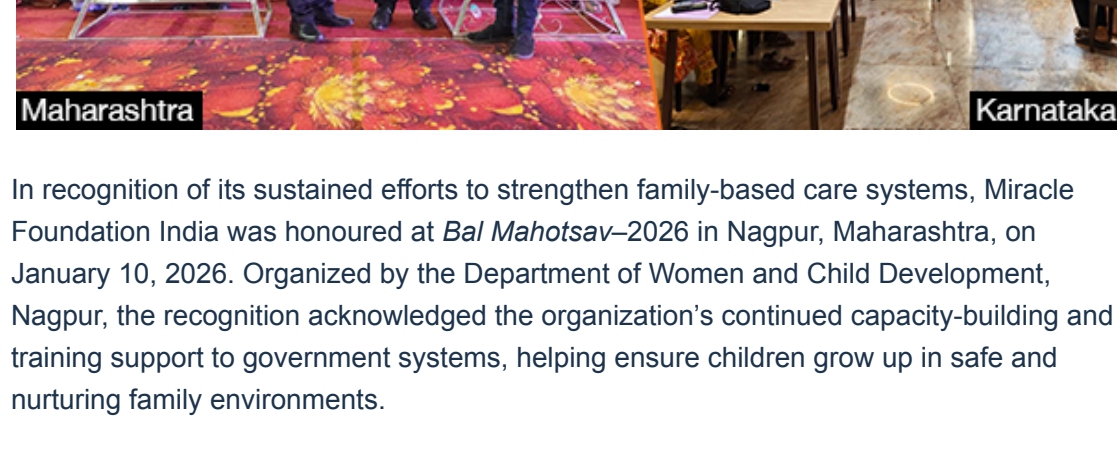
As India continues to invest in education and skilling initiatives, ensuring smooth transitions from school to sustainable careers has become increasingly important. This is especially critical for youth without parental care and those transitioning out of the child care system, who often require timely guidance, equal opportunities, and sustained mentoring to build stable, independent futures.

In this context, the ninth edition of the Leadership Dialogues, held on January 29, 2026, in collaboration with the India Alternative Care Network, focused on the theme, 'Education and Employability.' The dialogue explored how education and skills together shape career outcomes, especially for youth from vulnerable contexts.

The dialogue brought together government leaders, civil society, community representatives, and youth. The panel, moderated by Ms. Smitha Shetty, CEO, Catalysts for Social Action, featured esteemed speakers- Dr. Subhomoy Bhaduri, Associate Director, Capacity Building & Collaborations, Magic Bus India Foundation, Mr. Sanjay Kabir, State Project Manager-Pedagogy & Learning Management, JEEVIKA (BRLPS), Government of Bihar and Ms. Nidhi Kumari, Youth Ambassador, Bihar.

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

Strengthening Family-Based Care and Youth Pathways Across Maharashtra and Karnataka



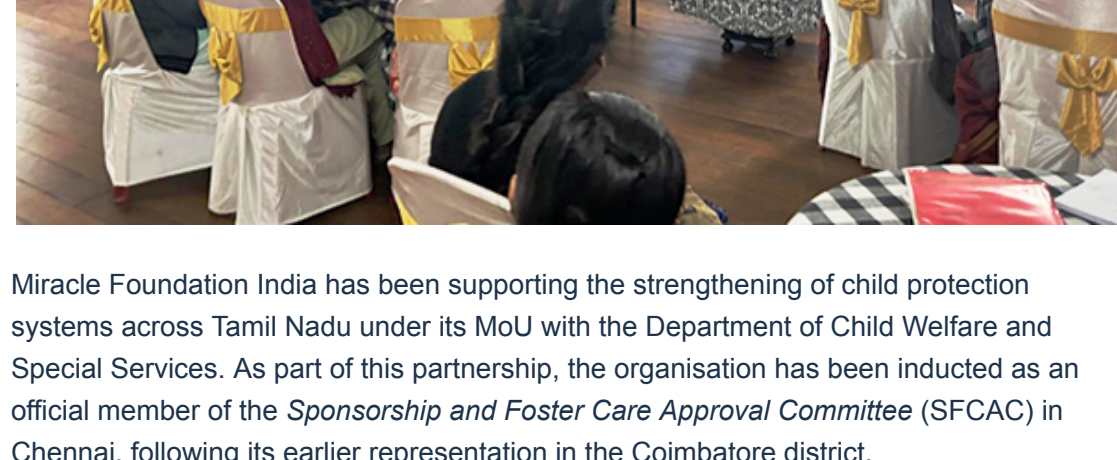
In recognition of its sustained efforts to strengthen family-based care systems, Miracle Foundation India was honoured at Bal Mahotsav-2026 in Nagpur, Maharashtra, on January 10, 2026. Organized by the Department of Women and Child Development, Nagpur, the recognition acknowledged the organization's continued capacity-building and training support to government systems, helping ensure children grow up in safe and nurturing family environments.

Building on this strong government partnership, on Youth Day, January 12, 2026, the Department of Women and Child Development, Akola, Maharashtra, in collaboration with Miracle Foundation India and supported by Vipla Foundation, organized a Career Guidance Program for 91 youth, which included care-experienced young people and those transitioning from Child Care Institutions. The program provided career counselling, exposure to self-employment opportunities, and guidance on financial systems and skill-building programs. Experts from the District Industries Centre and the banking sector shared insights on entrepreneurship, loans, interview skills, and job preparedness, empowering youth, especially those without strong family support, to build sustainable careers and transition into adulthood with dignity and self-reliance.

Continuing this momentum, on January 21, 2026, Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit and local departments in Belagavi, Karnataka, organized a Youth Enablement consultation for 35 youth from vulnerable communities, including care-experienced youth. The sessions focused on career pathways, government schemes, and essential life skills, while connecting youth to resume support and mentorship, ensuring they are supported in their journey toward independent futures.

Together, these initiatives reflect a coordinated approach to strengthening government systems while enabling care-experienced youth with the guidance and resources needed for long-term independence.

Strengthening Child Protection Systems through Government Partnership in Tamil Nadu



Miracle Foundation India has been supporting the strengthening of child protection systems across Tamil Nadu under its MoU with the Department of Child Welfare and Special Services. As part of this partnership, the organisation has been inducted as an official member of the Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC) in Chennai, following its earlier representation in the Coimbatore district.

As an active SFCAC member, Miracle Foundation India works closely with the District Child Protection Unit, Child Care Institutions, and Child Welfare Committees to reinforce the district child protection system through regular coordination and hands-on technical support. This has enabled more structured family preparation processes, strengthened evidence-based decision-making, and enhanced rehabilitative and preventive sponsorship pathways. These efforts have encouraged greater district ownership and integration of Family-Based Alternative Care systems to improve long-term outcomes for children.

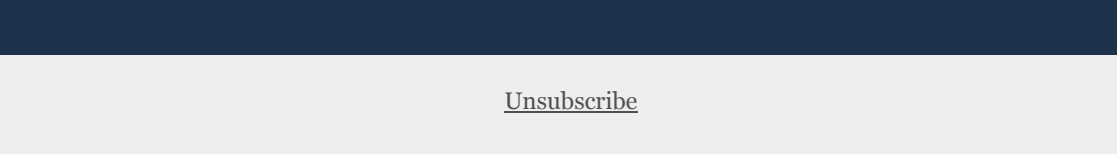
Resource Links

- [Ministry of Women and Child Development's year-end review of its flagship missions](#)
- [Union Minister Annpurna Devi Launches PANKHUDI Portal To Enhance Ease Of Living For Women & Children](#)
- [Guidelines for the Formation of Bal Panchayat at the Gram Panchayat Level and the Regular Conduct of Bal Sabha](#)
- [Number of Children under Non-Institutional Care \(Sponsorship, Foster Care and After-Care\) of Mission Vatsalya Scheme for the year 2025-2026-Reg.](#)

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