



We are into a new financial year with one clear belief: children thrive in families, and systems must work to make that possible for every child.

Over the past year, we have seen this belief take shape in practice through stronger coordination, impactful interventions, and growing community participation across the states we work in. The progress has been meaningful, but it also reinforces how much more can be done when efforts are aligned and sustained. This year, our focus is not just continuation, it is acceleration, through strengthening family-based care, deepening partnerships, and improving how quickly and effectively we respond to children in need.

Because the goal remains unchanged: a family for every child in our lifetime.

Thank you for being part of this shared commitment.

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

Our Impact (April 2025-March 2026)

Families Reached 12,164	Children Reached 19,999	Social Workers Trained 3,254	Youth Reached 1,484

Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



Separation from family can take many forms, but for a child, it often feels the same: confusing, overwhelming, and deeply unsettling.

At 17, Samaira (name changed) from Tamil Nadu faced a situation far beyond her years. What began as a stable childhood gradually turned into a home marked by conflict, violence, and repeated displacement between relatives. As her father's alcohol use worsened and her mother left, the environment became unsafe. Recognizing the growing risk to her younger brother, Samaira took a brave step and reached out to the All-Women Police Station. With the intervention of the Child Welfare Committee, she was placed in a Child Care Institution (CCI) in April 2023, while her brother was moved into kinship care.

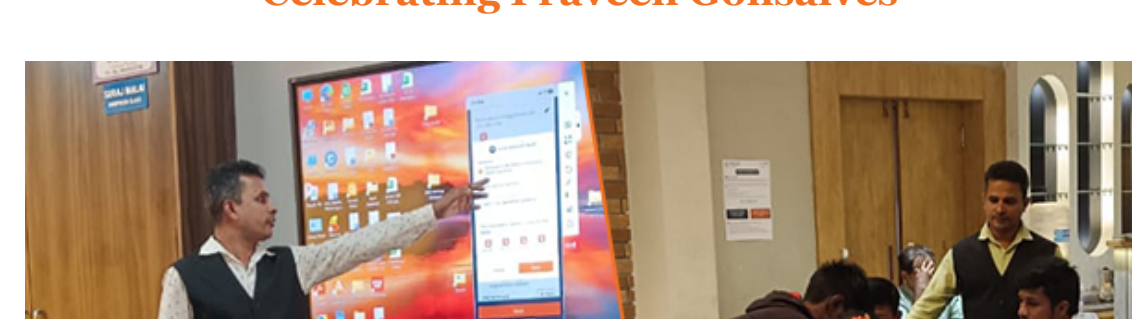
Samaira held on to the hope of reintegration with her family, especially her father and brother. However, in December 2023, her father passed away, which marked a deep emotional turning point, requiring continuous counselling, psychosocial support, and careful emotional stabilization within the CCI setting. At the institution, a structured care plan was put in place focusing on her safety, well-being, and development. Alongside counselling support, Samaira engaged in skill-building programmes, completing training in tailoring and Aari work. Over time, she began to rebuild her confidence and reimagine her future, developing a strong interest in pursuing fashion and garment technology.

As part of the reintegration process, child protection stakeholders, along with the team, undertook a gradual and carefully planned transition. After assessing her situation and family environment, it was decided that kinship care with her extended family would provide the most stable pathway forward. This transition was supported through structured preparation, counselling, and regular follow-up to ensure emotional adjustment and continuity of care. In 2024, Samaira was successfully reunited with her aunt and uncle under kinship care.

Today, with continued family and system support, Samaira is pursuing a diploma in Garment Technology at a Polytechnic College in Tamil Nadu and is currently a class topper. Her younger brother is also continuing his education under family care, gradually returning to stability.

Samaira's journey reflects the full arc of child protection—from crisis intervention, alternative care placement, psychosocial support, skill-building, and planned reintegration to sustained follow-up. It highlights how coordinated systems of care, when applied with consistency and sensitivity, can help a child move from crisis to stability and begin rebuilding a future with dignity and hope.

Celebrating Praveen Gonsalves



For every child to grow up in a safe and nurturing family, it takes more than intent; it takes consistent, on-the-ground effort. At Miracle Foundation India, this work is carried forward every day by dedicated social workers who walk alongside children and families, helping turn this vision into reality.

This month, we recognize the commitment of Praveen Gonsalves, Programme Officer – Family-Based Care (FBC) at Anmol Tangudhama (Child Care Institution), who has been strengthening families and safeguarding children's rights across Belagavi district, Karnataka.

Praveen has been associated with Miracle Foundation India for the past three years. He began his journey as an Outreach Worker and, over the last year, has taken on the role of Programme Officer, FBC. With over 15 years of experience in child protection, child development, and child welfare, particularly in slum communities, Praveen has built strong, trusted relationships with children, parents, community leaders, and government officials, enabling meaningful collaboration to support vulnerable families. His work focuses on strengthening families through regular home visits, counselling, and linking them to social protection schemes and essential services, ensuring children can access education, healthcare, and other critical support.

Currently, Praveen and his team are supporting 116 families across different stages of care. This includes 43 families where children have already been reintegrated, 47 families under prevention and gatekeeping support to reduce the risk of institutionalisation, and 26 families of children currently living in CCIs, with efforts focused on enabling their safe reintegration.

Improving access to social protection remains a key priority. So far, 37 families have been linked to essential schemes—32 scholarships through the State Scholarship Portal (SSP), 2 housing benefits through the Karnataka Slum Development Board, 2 Uparaj scheme (under which selected care-experienced youth and youth from vulnerable communities receive ₹5,000 to pursue their higher education for up to three years), and 1 sponsorship facilitated through the District Child Protection Unit. These linkages are helping reduce financial stress and create more stable environments for children and their families.

Trained in Life Skills Education, Praveen also contributes to strengthening the social service workforce. He has played an active role as an anchor during social workforce trainings and cultural events organized through Anmol and Miracle Foundation initiatives, helping engage communities and promote awareness on child protection.

Through his sustained commitment and collaboration with families and systems, Praveen is helping move children away from institutional care and toward family-based care—where they can grow up with love, stability, and belonging.

Equipping Young People for Life Beyond Care



For many young people transitioning out of institutional care, stepping into adulthood brings uncertainty, especially around finances, identity, and independence. In this context, Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development and the Child Welfare Committee, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, along with New Vision Organization, conducted a one-day Youth Workshop on Goal Setting and Financial Literacy on March 21, 2026. The workshop brought together 40 youth aged 18–25, creating a safe space to openly discuss challenges such as financial needs, documentation, mental health, and social acceptance.

Through interactive sessions on SMART goal setting and financial literacy, along with inputs on entrepreneurship and self-reliance, participants engaged deeply with tools that could support their transition to independent living. The sessions were further strengthened by guidance from Advocate Mrs. Shipra Sutar, Mrs. Gare, and lead trainer Mrs. Sumitra Ashtikar, who shared grounded, real-world insights. More than just a workshop, the day built confidence and brought greater clarity to what lies ahead, enabling young people to make more informed decisions as they navigate the realities of independent living, with continued support remaining an important part of this journey.

International Women's Day: Driving Awareness, Dialogue, and Empowerment



Miracle Foundation India, along with its partner, Mahesh Foundation, and local community members, marked International Women's Day 2026 with a community celebration on March 24, 2026, in Karnataka. The celebration and sports meet, held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mini Football Stadium, brought together nearly 200 women, children, and community stakeholders from the Devara Jeevanahalli (D.J. Halli) locality in Bengaluru, Karnataka, in a space filled with energy, connection, and shared purpose.

The presence of dignitaries—including Dr. Subbalakshmi from the Urban Primary Health Centre, D.J. Halli; Ms. Veena, Social Worker, District Child Protection Unit (East Division), Bengaluru; Mr. Prakash, Assistant Sub-Inspector, D.J. Halli Police Station; and Mr. Narasimhappa, Advocate, Karnataka High Court—added valuable perspectives to the discussions.

Going beyond celebration, the event created a platform for meaningful reflection on critical issues such as women's health, child protection, education, and access to government welfare schemes, while also highlighting persistent challenges like gender inequality. The discussions helped deepen community awareness and collective responsibility around these issues. The day concluded with games and interactive activities that strengthened community bonds and reinforced a shared commitment to empowerment and social change.

10th Leadership Dialogue: Family Strengthening: Measuring What Matters



Over the past year, the Leadership Dialogue Series hosted by Miracle Foundation India and the India Alternative Care Network has brought together leaders across the development sector to explore how systems can better strengthen families and prevent unnecessary child separation.

As the 2025–26 series concluded, the 10th Leadership Dialogue, held on March 24, 2026, focused on the theme, *Family Strengthening: Measuring What Matters*. The discussion explored how to assess the effectiveness of family strengthening efforts by identifying key indicators that reflect real outcomes for children and families, while also examining practical ways to measure progress at individual, family, community, and system levels, including the role of data-driven technology in strengthening monitoring and decision-making.

Moderated by Prabhat Kumar, Independent Child Protection Specialist, the panel featured Lokanath Misra, Member Secretary, ARUNA, Odisha; Hemalatha CK, Deputy Secretary under Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC), Government of Kerala; and Pritam Prasun, Director – MEL, Miracle Foundation India. The full recording of this engaging dialogue can be viewed [here](#).

Towards Safer Childhoods and Stronger Families



As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen community-based child protection and support the well-being of children and families, Miracle Foundation India, along with an external resource person, facilitated a set of engagements with children and parents across Dumali, Sakari, Shinhada, and Desar villages in Mehsana, Vadodara, and Chhota Udepur districts of Gujarat between March 9 and March 30, 2026.

Through Life Skills Education and Psychosocial Support interventions, 284 children across these villages were reached with structured space to learn, reflect, and grow. The sessions strengthened children's self-awareness, emotional regulation, stress management, and empathy; core life skills such as communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and study skills; and awareness on safety, rights, and gender, including responsible sexual behaviour, sexual abuse prevention, and gender sensitization. Along with discussions on mental health, the engagements created safe spaces for reflection and strengthened their confidence in navigating emotional and social challenges.

At the same time, parent sessions across the four villages and the Chhota Udepur Child Care Institution engaged 278 parents, focusing on strengthening their capacity to provide nurturing and protective care. The sessions centred around key themes such as child rights and development, communication, nurturing and attachment, gender equality in parenting, child protection, and stress management, supporting a shift toward more informed and responsive parenting practices. Parents were encouraged to better understand their children's needs, reduce risks, and actively seek support, contributing to safer and more supportive family environments.

Resource Links

- [NITI Aayog, UNICEF India Sign Pact To Boost Nutrition Efforts In Aspirational Areas](#)
- [Various schemes implemented by the Ministry of Women & Child Development for nutrition, safety and welfare of women and children all over the country](#)
- [India Philanthropy Report 2026](#)
- [Residential Care 2026, Research Commissioned by Faith to Action and Martin James Foundation, Conducted by Barna Group](#)
- [PRESS RELEASE ON THE 37TH REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SPORTS](#)

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