



Across locations and initiatives, work continues to move forward. This edition brings together some of those recent efforts and engagements from the field, reflecting the steady momentum of programmes, partnerships, and community-led action.

From strengthening systems and deepening collaborations to supporting children and young people through direct interventions, these updates offer a snapshot of work taking shape across diverse contexts. Together, they highlight the ongoing commitment of teams and partners working alongside communities to create safer, more supportive environments where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

Thank you for your continued support in this shared journey.

Warm regards,
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Creating Safer Futures: Community and Child-Led Child Protection Efforts in Tripura



Miracle Foundation India, together with partner Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) in Tripura, works to strengthen community-based protection systems and promote meaningful child participation. As part of this initiative, community-led engagements were conducted on May 19 and May 22, 2026 across *Paschim Bamulia* village in West Tripura district and *Pravurampur Panchayat*, Sepahijala District, reaching 60 community stakeholders including PRI members, local leaders, religious leaders, and community members. These engagements strengthened collective action to prevent child marriage, abuse, and trafficking by deepening understanding of their root causes, consequences, and the importance of education, health, and child well-being. Participants strengthened their understanding of legal safeguards, child protection mechanisms, risk identification, timely reporting, and community responsibility in ensuring safe environments for children. Inputs from Mr. Subal Das, *Upa Pradhan*, and Mr. Pritam Kar, Multipurpose Health Worker (MPW), further reinforced community ownership by highlighting the social and health impacts of child marriage.

Building on this engagement, Bal Panchayat formation and meetings were conducted on May 20, May 28, and May 29, 2026 at *Kamalinagar Anganwadi Centre*, Nehal Chandra Nagar, and Kalshimura Gram Panchayat, engaging 57 children aged 12–18 years. The sessions strengthened Gram Panchayat, participation, and application of child protection principles, enabling them to identify risks, respond to concerns, and access support when needed. Children took collective responsibility for peer support and safer community practices, including preventing child marriage, ensuring school attendance, and maintaining personal safety. They also demonstrated strengthened life skills and ownership in promoting safer and more responsible community environments.

Together, these engagements continue to strengthen community ownership and child participation, contributing to more responsive and child-centered protection systems at the grassroots level.

Family Strengthening for Better Outcomes for Children



Kamatchi (name changed) from Tamil Nadu is a B.Com student today, living with family, close to her father and elder sister, and building toward a future she can call her own. That is her reality at all. It is the result of years of care, patience, and sustained support that quietly changed the direction of her life.

At 12, she lost her mother. Her elderly father, struggling with age and limited means, could not manage alone, and her schooling stopped. Recognized as a Child in Need of Care and Protection, she was brought before the Child Welfare Committee and admitted to a Child Care Institution in Tamil Nadu in 2018. Re-enrolled in Class 9 after a gap, she found the routine difficult at first, but the caregivers and teachers around her were patient, and steady encouragement did the rest. She went on to pass her Class 10 board examinations and completed her higher secondary examinations without stopping there.

What made Kamatchi's journey remarkable was not only her academic progress but the care taken to tend to the whole of her. Individual counselling helped her rebuild confidence and process losses she had carried since childhood. Family counselling strengthened her bonds with her aunt and other relatives. Life-skills training gave her practical tools for communication, decision-making, and managing her time. She was linked to health insurance and received regular check-ups. Her household was also connected to the *Public Distribution System* for food security, and identity and welfare documents were arranged to enable access to government schemes, quiet but critical steps that determine whether a reintegration actually holds.

In 2025, after careful planning and with consideration for her ageing father's well-being, Kamatchi was reintegrated into kinship care with her uncle and aunt, in an arrangement that kept her close to her father and elder sister. Throughout the process, Kamatchi's views, wishes, and feelings were actively sought and considered. She was consulted about the proposed placement and given the opportunity to express her thoughts and concerns, ensuring that her voice remained central to decisions affecting her future.

Before any move was made, the team visited, spent time with the family, and established that they were not just willing but genuinely equipped to provide stable care. Only then did the placement move forward. Regular follow-up visits continue to ensure her safety, well-being, and progress. Today, she balances her studies with her responsibilities at home and maintains warm relationships within her family and community.

Her story is what sustained, holistic care looks like in practice, not a single intervention, but years of consistent presence. Education, family strengthening, health, counselling, government linkages, and ongoing follow-up, working together to genuinely change the arc of a life. Behind every step was a social workforce that showed up, who tracked her progress, navigated systems on her behalf, and stayed present long after the immediate crisis had passed. Miracle Foundation India continues to invest in strengthening this workforce, professionals who understand that child protection is not a single moment of rescue but a long, relational process.

Youth Ambassadors Drive On-Ground Engagement Across Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Telangana



Our Youth Ambassadors, building on the foundation laid in April 2026, through their orientation, began their first phase of on-ground engagement in May 2026, translating learning into action across Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Telangana. During this period, they undertook a range of initiatives with children and young people in their communities across the three states.

In Tamil Nadu, Evanglin Jenifer connected with the leadership team at Mariaya Child Care Institution (CCI) to explore opportunities to support future activities and strengthen youth engagement within the institution. In Maharashtra, Ritesh Paikrao and Sadhana Ghodke (Birajdar Nagar, Pune) facilitated sessions on child protection and child rights with 27 adolescents. At Yerawada, Pune, Simran Irfan Khan supported two girls and their families through the post-Class 10 transition, including counselling, stream selection, and college admissions. While Uma Bojewar conducted a 'My Body, My Safety' session for children aged 6–12 years on body safety and help-seeking in Grace Girls CCI, Nagpur.

Similarly in Telangana, Somnath connected with 30 youth at New Life Children's Home CCI through a child rights and child abuse awareness session and initiated a WhatsApp group for care leavers to strengthen peer support while Anitha facilitated a Mental Health Awareness session with 25 girls, focusing on emotional well-being and help-seeking at Touch CCI.

Collectively, these efforts reflect how Youth Ambassadors are stepping into their roles with initiative and purpose, raising awareness, supporting important life transitions, strengthening peer connections, and helping children and young people access information, guidance, and support when they need it most.

Celebrating Pallavi Jadhav



Strong child protection systems are built not only through policies and procedures, but also through the people who work every day to ensure that children receive the care, protection, and support they need. For Pallavi Jadhav, Protection Officer (Institutional Care) at the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Thane, Maharashtra, this means strengthening systems of care while working closely with children, families, and stakeholders to ensure decisions are guided by each child's best interests.

Since 2019, Pallavi has worked with Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), government departments, and families across states to support children in need of care and protection. Her role includes facilitating inter-state repatriation, reviewing Social Investigation Reports (SIRs), and helping ensure that children receive appropriate care and support throughout their journey.

Her association with Miracle Foundation India further strengthened her commitment to Family Strengthening and quality case management. Since then, she has championed capacity-building initiatives for CCI staff across the district, conducting trainings on Social Investigation Reports (*detailed assessments of a child's family, care situation, and needs*) and Individual Care Plans (*personalized plans that outline the support and services a child requires*).

Alongside her responsibilities in Institutional Care, Pallavi also handles Non-Institutional Care (NIC) cases involving street-connected children, children engaged in begging, and illegal adoption. One case that left a strong impact on her involved a woman who was selling her newborn children through a middleman network.

Acting on information received from a trusted source, Pallavi coordinated with local NGOs, hospital authorities, and law enforcement agencies to monitor the case closely. Following the child's disappearance shortly after birth, swift action led to the rescue of the baby from another district and placement in a Specialized Adoption Agency. The experience reinforced the importance of vigilance, coordination, and timely intervention in protecting children from exploitation and trafficking.

For Pallavi, effective child protection requires strong collaboration between institutions, communities, and families. Looking ahead, she hopes to further strengthen the capacities of Child Care Institutions and child protection functionaries across the district, helping build a stronger network of support for children and families. She believes that with the right systems and partnerships in place, more children can experience the care, connection, and belonging they deserve.

Miracle Foundation India and Bosch Global Software Technologies (BGSW) Convene Karnataka State Family Summit



Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with Bosch Global Software Technologies (BGSW), convened the Karnataka State Family Summit – Prioritizing Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care for Children in Karnataka under Mission Vatsalya on May 22, 2026, in Bangalore. The summit brought together 92 participants across government, civil society, corporate sector and care experienced youth, a mixed group that shaped each and every conversation throughout the day.

A notable highlight of the Summit was the active participation of government officials from multiple line departments, including the Department of Women & Child Development, Karnataka, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Department of Health and Family Welfare and Industrial Training & Employment. The strong engagement from the Panchayati Raj Department was particularly encouraging, reinforcing the critical role of local self-governance institutions in prevention, convergence, and strengthening family-based care systems at the grassroots level. Through keynote discussions, expert panels, and collaborative sessions, participants explored successful practices, key challenges, and practical pathways for strengthening child protection systems, preventing unnecessary institutionalisation, expanding family-based care options, supporting youth transitions from care, and improving mental health and aftercare services.

The Summit concluded with the presentation of the Karnataka State Family Summit Declaration Charter, capturing collective recommendations, partner commitments, and a roadmap for continued collaboration. The event reinforced a shared commitment among stakeholders to build stronger, more resilient, and family-centred systems that ensure every child can grow up in a safe, nurturing, and supportive family environment.

Resource Links

- [A World Worth Building: Understanding the Promise and the Practice of Child Protection](#)
- [Accessing the Krantiyoti Savitribai Phule Bal Sangopan Yojana: Analysis and Experiences of Social Workers](#)
- [Aadhaar \(Enrolment and Update\) First Amendment Regulations, 2026](#)

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