

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Jammu & Kashmir

The ongoing lockdown has not stopped the CHILDLINE Jammu & Kashmir from providing emergency relief to the families/individuals in need. They are working continuously to spread awareness about the highly contagious COVID-19 and its preventive measures. CHILDLINE has left no stone unturned to rescue children in distress and rehabilitate them safely during these difficult times.

- In the Budgam district, CHILDLINE supported 200 families with food kits, 30 families with sanitizers, 18 families with medical support and over 6000 individuals with face masks. The team also provided free vehicle support for critical patients, awareness sessions on COVID-19 preventive measures with full co-operation from the local police and administration.
- CHILDLINE Srinagar provided cooked meals to nearly 400 children. Around 2500 individuals were provided with masks, gloves and sanitizers. They conducted COVID-19 awareness sessions in 10 areas of the district. Besides, CHILDLINE also, provided telephonic counseling to adults as well as children and distributed indoor games among children.
- In Anantnag, CHILDLINE conducted COVID-19 awareness sessions in slum areas and supported three disabled children with medicines.



- CHILDLINE Reasi provided free counseling to children and relief materials to 18 children and 17 families. They also distributed masks to 35 individuals. To celebrate Labour Day, CHILDLINE co-ordinated with the Sarpanchs and the Panchs of the Bidda village and distributed dry ration to families below the poverty line.

- In Udhampur, Railway CHILDLINE coordinated with the RPF and GRP to engage children with games like carrom, Kho Kho, dance competitions, football, cricket, etc. They also held a session on COVID-19 preventive

measures for the children.

- CHILDLINE Jammu provided dry ration to nearly 115 children and 52 families. They also distributed masks among 86 individuals.

CHILDLINE rescues a teenager from a forced marriage

CHILDLINE Reasi, Jammu & Kashmir received a call from a 14 year old Ruhi, (*name changed to protect identity*) to help stop her marriage. She learnt about CHILDLINE from an awareness program and approached for assistance. Ruhi informed CHILDLINE that her father was threatening to marry her off to a much older man. On the same day, CHILDLINE rushed to her rescue and counseled her as well as sensitized her relatives about the evils of child marriage. Ruhi was staying with her relatives at that time. The team approached the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for further course of action. Next day, CHILDLINE counseled the girl once again and CHILDLINE took her father's number to sensitize him about the consequences of child marriage. Overall, 3 counseling sessions were done, and relief was provided to the family and to Ruhi. She was genuinely happy to receive support from CHILDLINE.



Resources and information on COVID-19

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