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Dear Readers,

Children are considered the future of any society, but they are also the most vulnerable members of a community. Most prone to abuse, both mental and physical. Therefore protecting this section of society, the child, is of utmost importance. Unfortunately the insidious nature of crimes committed against children makes it very hard to identify situations where a child is being abused. In fact, as you will read in this edition, there might be cases of children running away from home, lured by an outsider promising money and comfort. But, sometimes, it's a family member or someone the child trusts who can hurt the child. With this newsletter we hope to spread awareness about this very issue.

The CHILDLINE newsletter is back after a 6 month hiatus this issue covers the period from September 2009 to March 2010. At its core it remains the same. It takes a look at what CHILDLINE has been doing nationally. Be it interventions, CAB meetings or various activities to spread awareness about child related issues.

Some of the highlights of this newsletter are innovative ways in which CHILDLINE celebrated important days, going beyond just bringing a smile to a child's face. CHILDLINE Gorakhpur celebrated Republic Day by spreading awareness among Taxi drivers to make sure they become important allies who will let CHILDLINE know of any suspicious activities happening in the areas they drive in.

CHILDLINE Rourkela conducted a consultation with Tribal people on the Forest Right Act, Panchayat

Extended to Scheduled Areas Act (PESA) and Trafficking, Gwalior CHILDLINE acquired a vehicle and Baroda CHILDLINE managed to print the CHILDLINE logo on to the BSNL bills, CHILDLINE Behrampur started a yellow ribbon campaign to prevent violence against children.

The aim of this newsletter is to spread awareness and to share as much information about Child Protection and CHILDLINE as possible.

We would love to have you read, empathise, learn and contribute to our cause. In addition we invite inputs, comments and suggestions to make sure this newsletter becomes a platform for people who hold child welfare close to their heart.

What is CHILDLINE?

CHILDLINE is a national, 24-hour, free, emergency telephone helpline service for children in need of care and protection. The CHILDLINE number 1098 is a toll free number that is common in all the cities of India. Initially started in Mumbai in June 1996, CHILDLINE is currently operational in 82 cities. CHILDLINE aims to reach out to the most marginalised children and provides interventions of shelter, medical, repatriation, rescue, death related, sponsorships, emotional support and guidance.

So if YOU see a child in distress, call 1098!









CHILDLINE Jammu & Jalpairguri join hands for rescue

Deb Mandal ran away from home after being scolded for not attending school. Deb's father, Pallav Mandal, a poor carpenter, tried very hard to find him. He and his relatives went looking for Deb in every nook and corner of Jalpaiguri. But to no avail. They then lodged a complaint in the Jalpaiguri Kotwali Police Station and his photo was flashed across local news channels. He then heard about CHILDLINE and contacted the Jalpaiguri CHIDLINE for help.

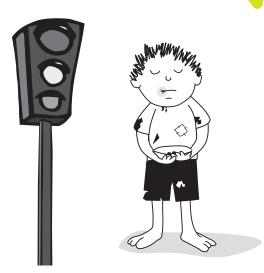
In the meanwhile, Pallav Mandal got a call from his son and was informed that he had been working in a coffee shop in Srinagar, Kashmir. After taking all the details of his whereabouts, CHILDLINE immediately established contact with Ghulam Rasul, who ran the coffee shop. He informed Jalpaiguri CHILDLINE that the child was in his custody and had made many attempts to contact his parents, but wasn't able to do so.

Then Jalpaiguri CHILDLINE contacted Jammu CHILDLINE to help with the case, a volunteer was appointed to the case and arrangements were made to send the child's relatives to Jammu. After 19 days, Deb and his father were reunited due to the joint effort of Jalpaiguri and Jammu CHILDLINE finally putting an end to the 19 day ordeal suffered by both father and son.

The vernaculars of Jammu and Bengal covered the news with due gravity. This rescue operation also got a space in the local news telecast of Jalpaiguri Cable Communication network. CHILDLINE Jalpaiguri & Jammu were applauded by the people for their efforts.

13 year old disabled boy forced to bea

After his mother's death, 13 year old Kalyan was not given the necessary care and attention that most children his age would expect. Instead a person who claimed to be his father pushed him into begging. A wheelchair bound mentally disabled Kalyan was helpless.



Within no time Kalyan was miles away from home. His only companion a man who made sure he begged at all the important religious places across the country. His earnings were taken away by the man and he was not even given proper food to eat.

During the season of Uroos Kalyan and his caretaker were begging at the Thalankara Malik Deenar Masjid, people noticed the way the caretaker misbehaved with Kalyan and physically abused him. They confronted the caretaker about his actions. In response the caretaker behaved violently and attacked the crowd with Kalyan's wheelchair.

The locals then headed to the police station to lodge a complaint. The police brought the child to the police station and then called CHILDLINE for assistance.

What CHILDLINE saw was a boy who was malnourished and sick. He could not walk or sit or even visit the toilet by himself. The biggest challenge for CHILDLINE was finding a suitable shelter for the boy, since shelters for children with disabilities were scarce.

The Child Welfare Committee (CWC)also faced the same problem while trying to help the boy.

Finally a shelter in Cochin was identified, the team took the child in the taxi vehicle to Capernaum, Donbosco, Vaduthala, Cochin, a rehabilitation center for the mentally and physically disabled situated 400 KM away and

Girl rescued from begging

While conducting an outreach, CHILDLINE team members visited the Jogeshwar Mahadev Chakiya. They were distributing pamphlets and putting up stickers to create awareness among the people there. While doing so, they noticed a girl and her brother beg near the Jogeshwar Mahadev temple. The girl's name was Minu, and she was 12 years old, her brother Satya was 5 years old. Seeing the two children begging all by themselves, CHILDLINE team members asked Minu to call the CHILDLINE helpline number in case she needs anything.

After 15 days CHILDLINE received a call from Minu. Her brother had fallen





Girl rescued from begging

ill. CHILDLINE team members went to meet her and she told them that Satyam, had been vomiting, he could not retain any food. His ears were bleeding too.CHILDLINE team members then took Satya to the doctor for a check up.

When asked about her family, Minu kept quiet. Its only later, when she was comfortable with the team members she told them her story. Minu's parents had been very sick and had passed away, she had another brother who had died too. Her only surviving family members were her uncle and aunt, who, instead of taking care of their orphaned niece and nephew threw them out so that they could claim their share of the land. After being thrown out, Minu began begging to support herself and her brother.

In order to verify what they had heard, the CHILDLINE team went to Minu's village. After speaking to a few villagers they realized that Minu's story was true. The team members then took her to the DM. Minu and Satya were presented in front of the CHILDLINE Advisory Board. Their story brought a tear to the eyes of the board members too. They decided to send the children to the Kasturba Gandhi Children's Residential school, where they would study and live.

The chief medical officer was asked to take special care of Satya. A letter was sent to the tehsildar, stating that Minu's share of the land would be taken care of by him. Now both the kids are quite happy and healthy.

CHILDLINE Rourkela helps a boy see again

4 year old Tanty's father Gokul Das was a daily wage labourer and his mother was a housewife. The family lived in Badamunda, Rourkela and were struggling to make both ends meet. But their biggest worry was Tanty's blocked vision. There was a thick whitish layer on the retinae of both his eyes which had completely blocked his vision. Due



to their poor economic condition the family could not afford primary treatment for the boy.

As a result Tanty was in constant pain and there was a continuous liquid discharge from both his eyes. His father was very concerned about him and asked his neighbours for help, who advised him to call up CHILDLINE

Once contacted, CHILDLINE Rourkela went to meet the child and then took him to Rourkela General Hospital. The doctors at the general hospital were not properly equipped to diagnose and treat Tanty and suggested he be taken to SCB medical college in Cuttack

Doctors realized that both of Tanty's eyes were in a terrible condition and his retina had been destroyed by an infection. However, SCB medical college assured CHILDLINE that the condition was curable and began Tanty's treatment. In a few days Tanty's condition improved. The child started experiencing less pain and as the infection decreased, fluid emissions from the eye also stopped.

The boy's positive response to the treatment inspired CHILDLINE Rourkela to take the boy to Bidnanasi Eye Hospital as adviced by doctors at SCB medical college for further treatment. Now the child is completely cured and has even started going to school. Thanks to CHILDLINE's efforts his vision and life are back to normal.

However, the boy's treatment is not where CHILDLINE stopped; CHILDLINE Rourkela took the issue of non-availability of any advanced treatment facilities to the district administration and will raise the issue in their next CAB meeting too.





CHILDLINE Ranchi helps boy continue his education

On one of CHILDLINE's outreach program 14 yr old Sunil, a resident of Bajra asked CHILDLINE for help. His father was a daily wage labourer and had to look after a big family on a meager income. He was also in the habit of drinking alcohol on a regular basis.

For Sunil life became complicated when his father's mental situation degraded. He started beating his child and his wife. Frustrated, Sunil's mother left the residence and started staying separately with her second son.

Sunil also started searching for jobs so that he could meet the expenses of his studies. He struggled and managed to continue his education up to class Six. He also realized that if he would not get the facility of a government residential School he would have to leave his education mid way.

On listening to his problems and seeing his eagerness to study, the CHIDLINE team members set out to help Sunil. They met his mother and took her view on whether she would agree to send him to hostel or not. After taking her conformation they approached different institutions. But it was mid session and there were no schools with residential facilities in the city. So they tied up with Mahila Janswasth & Sishu Kalyan Kendra to help provide shelter and the government school of Bari Cooperative colony Bokaro for education. The boy was then placed in the shelter.

CHILDLINE is in regular touch with the Secretary of the NGO and the principal of the school about his performance. His mother and brothers have thanked Ranchi CHILDLINE for the initiatives.



CHILDLINE Gwalior restores child to mother

A boy was noticed by a CHILDLINE Coordinator while he was going out of the station for some official work. The child Ramu was on the platform with two older children. All three were sniffing whitener. The coordinator spoke to him and convinced him to come and visit Childline. He agreed to do so as he could not bear the cold in Gwalior. He was then taken to the CHILDLINE call centre by a team member. After two days of counseling, he said that he was an orphan. His parents had died in a train accident. He was produced before the CWC who shifted him to a temporary shelter home. After a month of counseling he gave his address and shared that his mother was alive and lived in Dabra. With the help of the Dabra police his house was traced and he was restored to his family.

Girl brutally tortured by employers

15 year old Mala was born in Goragacha. She was an orphan and was living in Kolkata with her grandfather and siblings. Mala and her sister would work as maids in houses for shelter and money. Mala had been working for 4 months in a household in Kolkata, the house owner had a daughter who had settled in Bangalore with her husband. The daughter wanted to take Mala to Bangalore to work as a domestic maid for her.

The couple also had a 3 year old daughter who Mala was suppose to take care of. Initially Mala was sent alone to live with the husband for a few months. At this time Mala did not face any problems. However, when the wife came back, she began tormenting Mala. She used to give her a lot of work and Mala could sleep for only 4 hrs a day, the rest of the time she would have to work, she had to bathe in cold water when she woke up at 4 in the morning. Her mistress would regularly torture her. She also took away all of Mala's clothes, bedsheet and blanket as punishment when Mala broke a glass tumbler. Mala could only wear short pants in the house and Sanchi and Pal, her owners would sexually abuse her too.

Sanchi's family was absolutely ignorant about all the atrocities that Mala had to face in the house. Mala was not given to eat properly. Sanchi and Pal used to beat her with a rolling pin. They used to laugh at her when she bled. Once Sanchi also poured hot oil on Mala's back.

Mala was asked to take bath four to five times a day. She used to sweep, mop, clean vessels etc. Every time she did such work, she had to take bath.





She was also instructed to leave the door open while taking bath. The reason for this instruction was to check whether the girl was truly taking bath. Mala was sick and underweight. There were a lot of bruises, cuts and burn wounds on her body.

An anonymous caller called CHILDLINE and informed them about the state of the girl. CHILDLINE team members then rushed to the spot with members from CHILDLINE partner, Association for Promoting Social Action (APSA) and the Police to rescue this girl after getting the call. They found the girl wearing wet clothes and her body stank. Her face had marks of bruises and cuts and she looked frightened. On her back, there were hot oil marks. Her lips were swollen and she had bruises all over herself. The whole body had blood patches, dark patches. Her skin was burnt badly and her dress was stuck to her wounds. It was very difficult to remove the dress from her body.

Mala's employees were imprisoned by the police. For the first time in twenty years CHILDLINE Bangalore run by APSA with the support of other NGO partners filed a case under section 342, 323, 326, 504, 506 of IPC, and 23, 34, 26 of the JJ act. The wife was imprisoned for two days and the husband was in prison for 16 days. The employers applied for bail twice, but due to dharnas and a lot of media attention, the sessions court delayed the bail. The husband was granted bail only on the condition that his passport, Rs 50,000 cash, Rs 5, lakhs property surety and bond for one lakh rupees be taken by the court. He was also asked to visit the court once in 15 days.

Additionally APSA has taken the support of the Human Rights law network's executive director. An advocate will work with the case to support the Public Prosecutor and strengthen the case.

Mala has been housed in APSA and is studying in Chetana Class. For her the dark days are over.





Baby abandoned in forest, rescued by childline!

A new born baby, barely 5 days old was left abandoned in a forest in Paschim Midnapore. Two locals came across the baby and rescued the child from the forest. They then took her to the rural primary health centre. The child's left eye was partially eaten up by ants in the forests. The child was in a critical state and was severely malnourished. His chances of survival were almost minimal.

The Block Medical Officer Of Health, immediately called up CHILDLINE who then took the child to Midnapore Medical College and Hospital.

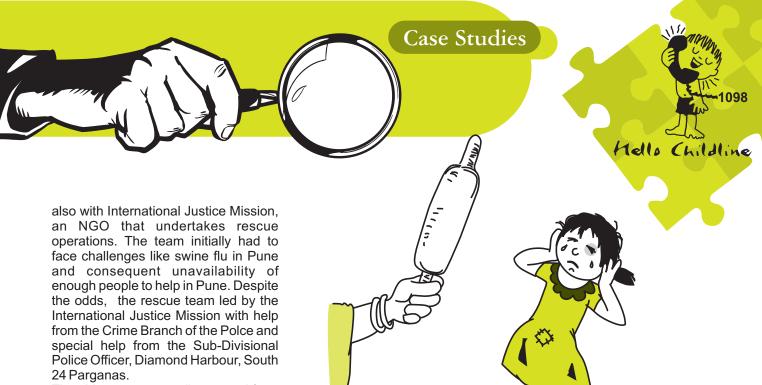
After intensive treatment and a follow up of the child for more than a month, the child recovered and was eventually produced before the Child Welfare Committee. At present, the child has been adopted by a well to do couple after being placed in the Licensed Adoption Placement Agency of the district.

Run away girl helps rescue others.

CHILDLINE South 24 Parganas received a call from a father requesting support in rescuing is daughter from a brothel in Pune. He said that a girl from the neighbouring village named Sunita had informed the caller about his daughter Zulfia being trapped in a brothel in Pune. The CHILDLINE team visited the homes of both the children and met and spoke in detail with Sunita.

Sunita narrated that several children from her village and neighbouring villages were in the brothels of Pune and wished to return home as early as possible. The girls who were kept confined to the brothel and compelled to do sex work planned amongst themselves that they would all try and escape and whoever reaches home first would inform her parents of the others. Sunita narrated that following a squabble with her mother she had left home. On the way she met a woman from her village who invited Sunita to stay with her at her native place. Sunita accepted the offer and boarded the train with the woman ,subsequently she fell unconscious. When she woke up, she realized she was in Pune and that she has been sold. After about a month, Sunita made friends with a local book binder in Pune ,who eventually helped her escape the brothel..

The CHILDINE team subsequently got in touch with CHILDLINE Pune and



The girls were eventually rescued from the brothel.. All the girls were restored back to their families after completing the necessary formalities. One day after returning frm Pune, Zulfia saw the woman who took her to Pune in a market place. She immediately informed her father and her father informed the local police station. The woman was arrested and booked under relevant laws.

Bad marriage makes teen run away

19 year old Bindiva was found at a railway station. A CHILDLINE team member tried talking to her but as she refused to give any details about herself, the team member took her to the Mahipatram ashram. At the ashram a CHILDLINE team member and coordinator counselled ashram Brinda. After a while, Bindiya told them her story, Bindiya was married, but she had suffered a great deal of discomfort at her husbands house. Her husband used to beat her up very badly, that made her leave her home. As a result she came to Ahmedabad and now she wanted to go back home to Jamngar., The Ashram's coordinator arranged a telephonic conversation between Bindiya and her parents, her parents said they would take her back only if she divorced her husband. Bindiya was willing to divorce her husband and return to her parents. Arrangements were made for her divorce and her husband and his father came to the Ashram. She divorced her husband in front of the Ashram members and went home with her parents.

CHILDLINE prevents trafficking of children

On 9th December, 09, CHILDLINE KISHANGANJ rescued six children who were being trafficked to Goa to be employed in a hazardous spark factory. They found out about the children when a concerned citizen called the 1098 number from Kishangani Railway Station and informed Kishangani CHILDLINE that some children were waiting at the station to board a train to Goa. He noticed something suspicious about their behaviour and that's what made him call CHILDLINE for help. The CHILDLINE team-members reached the station and interacted with the children. They were being accompanied by two adults. While interrogating them, the CHILDLINE members found out that the children were going out of town to work as labourers in a factory. The CHILDLINE members immediately informed the RPF who took the traffickers in their custody and rescued the children. These children were being taken to Goa to work in the Goa Ispat Factory; ahazardous factory where fire, heavy machinery and dangerous equipment was used. They then proceeded to lodge an FIR. Meanwhile the parents of the children were summoned by the GRP- and after initial interrogation the children were restored back to their parents

CHILDLINE helps children from across the border

A doctor in a Chandigarh hospital called up CHILDLINE Chandigarh to help a boy who had come to the hospital to donate blood in lieu of money. The boy was 13 year old Bahadur. A Nepali national who had been abandoned by his family in India. When CHILDLINE found him Bahadur was living near a Gurudwara and had been suffering from a leg injury.

The Childline team met the boy and counseled him. CHILDLINE even tried to get in touch with his relatives but in vain. His details were then mailed to higher authorities so that they could find his family in Nepal.

In the meanwhile the CWC was contacted to provide Bahadur shelter. At first the CWC denied the request as he was not an Indian national but after CHILDLINE spoke to the CWC chairperson the boy was given shelter and proper treatment.

After a month, his family contacted CHILDLINE and Bahadur was reunited with his family.





Children Across the Fence: Immigrant Children: A CHILDLINE Film



The Indo
Bangladesh border is
one of the most
porous borders
across India.
Thousands of
Bangladeshi's cross
over into India
seeking a better

livelihood. But, with no rights, no land and no money, often their lives are miserable. They suffer from myriad diseases due to poor hygiene and malnutrition. It is a tough life, and a lot tougher, for a child. They usually don't have access to education, they try to work and earn a little money to support themselves and then there are times when they are made to work for smugglers, who operate on the border. Children Across the Fence: Immigrant Children, a film by Subha Das Mollick, takes you through the various problems that immigrant children face. The film examines their state, the social and economic conditions they live in and the trials they face. One thing you take away from the movie is the fact that despite the odds, these children dare to dream.

You can catch the movie on http://childlineindia.org.in/1098/movies-download.htm

Sexually abused by grandfather, girl runs away from home

14 year old Neha was found by a lady on the New Delhi Railway Station. She took Neha to an NGO, Mahila Ayog who then decided to ask CHILDLINE for help. The girl was taken to the Snehalaya Home and counseled by CHILDLINE. While in counseling the girl narrated her story. She lived in Bihar but had run away from home. She and her mother were physically and sexually harassed by her grandfather. After the counseling session, a CHILDLINE volunteer took her to the Police Station to lodge a police report. Then she was taken to a hospital for a medical check up. She was then taken to the CWC who ordered that she stay at Nirmal Chhaya, a shelter and a case

is currently on against her grandfather.

Sexually abused and beaten by husband, girl attempts suicide.

When CHILDLINE learnt about 16 yr old Mina it was due to the fact that she had attempted suicide. The reason, an unhappy marriage. Mina had lost her father when she was young and her mother suffered from cardiac problems. Due to the sickness her mother wanted to see her settle down and forced her into a marriage with Shankar who was in his late twenties and physically handicapped. Shankar ill treated Mina and abused her physically and sexually. Even his family harrassed her. She was pinched and there were blade marks on her legs.

Mina was quite distressed when she came to Chennai to visit her ailing mother. Traumatized and frightened she did not want to go back to her husband. With very few options in front of her Mina attempted suicide by trying to jump into a lake. An old lady noticed her and stopped her from doing so and then called CHILDLINE for assistance.

Representatives from CHILDLINE brought Mina to the CHILDLINE office. She was then comforted and counseled and her mother was informed. The girl was produced to the CWC on 11.03.10. Mina was then taken to Villipuram by Childline on 22nd March to file a complain with the Protection Officer by the order of CWC. Her mother filed an FIR against Mr. Shankar and his family. Now, Mina is in temporary custody in an NGO shelter home and is undergoing rehabilitation.

Boy ill treated by employers

Anandha Thirtha was five years old when his father passed away. His mother worked as a maid in Bangalore. She was also in debt to her owner as he had loaned her some money which she couldn't return. As a result the house owner was not letting her leave. The owner did not like Anandha and treated him in an inhuman manner. Anandha was confined to a room, he was not given proper food and not allowed to go to school. Worst of all he had to urinate and shit in that very room. As a result he was suffering from gastric problems too.

A member of the Fedina Mahila Samaj Group contacted CHILDLINE to help rescue the boy after finding out about his situation. After receiving the call the CHILDLINE team went to the local Police Station and discussed the case with the police, then alongwith the police and Fedina, CHILDINE went to rescue the child.

However, the child's mother did not want to leave the owner. With the help of the community, both the child and the mother were rescued. However when taken to the Fedina shelter Ananda said he did not want to stay with his mother because she didn't let him play. CHILDLINE counseled the mother and offered to train her and provide her with a suitable job, but she was not ready to do so. Ananda was put into a Sishu Mandir , while the mother went back to the owner. A few days later she came back and has now agreed to be trained by Fedina





CASE IN POINT

A study by the Ministry of Women and Child's development found that 53.22% children in India were reported to be sexually abused, out of these 50% had been abused by people who they knew or were held in a position of trust and responsibility. According to UNICEF, across the world, more than 150 million girls and 70 million boys have witnessed forced sexual intercourse or other forms of violence involving physical contact. About 19% of the world's children live in India constituting 42% of India's population.

The figures say it all, Child Sexual Abuse, is definitely a grave problem in India.

Yet India has no national law on Child Sexual Abuse where the abuse does not include penetration.

Children are considered a "national asset" by India, but the lack of a proper law against Child Sexual Abuse is a major problem for child protection in India. There are too many gaps in the existing laws; they aren't specific to children's needs and not half as extensive as would be expected. For instance existing laws have no provisions for repeat offenders, teens who choose to have sex with each other, no provisions for bailable and non bailable offences and lots more. The solution? A law that is comprehensive, that makes sure that loopholes in existing laws are closed, be gender neutral, specifically address circumstances of child sexual abuse and the special needs of children, establish guidelines to protect child victims and guide them through the legal process and address their needs, increase reporting and disseminate knowledge of children's rights, impose mandatory reporting, protect children and reporters from harmful exposure through confidentiality guidelines, toll the statute of limitations to encourage reporting of abuse, compensate victims.

Therefore it is clear that India needs a new law on Child Sexual Abuse to combat sexual violence on children. CHILDLINE India foundation has fought many court battles with child sex offenders, with one case in the Supreme Court too. We approached the Maharashtra State Govt in 2009 on the inadequacies of the law and a meeting with deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, Shri RR Patil to introduce a new law. To that end CHILDLINE India Foundation and Michelle Mendonca from the International Justice Mission worked together to research the gaps in the existing Indian Laws on Child Sexual Abuse and with Valerie Gaimon, an International American Lawyer who volunteered with CHILDLINE India Foundation, steps were taken to form a new draft law on Child Sexual Abuse. The draft bill has been which will be presented to the The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and the State Government of Maharashtra. The new law will not only cover the substantive aspects but also the procedural aspects of cases related to Child Sexual Abuse. Thereby ensuring that Indian Law provides justice to all those children who have been victims of child sexual abuse.







CAN DO, WILL DO! CAB Imphal:

A CHILDLINE Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was organized in the month of October 09 and the following decisions were taken in the CAB meeting:

Sponsorship of CHILDLINE hoardings

The Chairman CAB assured that a letter would be issued to the Principal, Manipur Police Training Centre (MPTC) regarding the training on child rights and child protection conducted by CHILDLINE for the newly recruited police personnel.

CHILDLINE hoarding sponsored by Deputy Commissioner Imphal East Jalpaiguri CAB:

In Jalpaiguri the CAB meeting was conducted in the month of February2010 and the following decisions were taken in the CAB meeting-

An Audio-visual presentation about Child rights, CHILDLINE will be supplied to every departments present at the meeting to aware their workers about the mentioned matter.

Licensed Adoption Placement Agency (LAPA) will be informed to appraise their working procedure to the concerned authorities.

Government Departments and NGOs directly involved in handling child related matters, will exchange data about the children from time to time to know the current status of the children.

Detailed updates of the inmates of Korok Home will be furnished before the additional



district magistrate by the Home Super.

CAB meeting in Ranchi

A CAB meeting was organized on 17th February 2010. The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

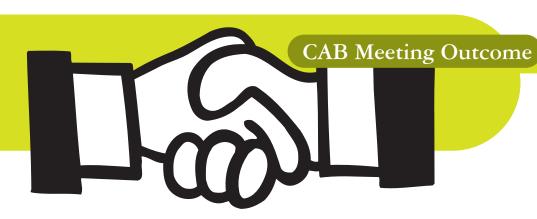
Three to four hoardings will be placed in the important *chauraha*'s of Ranchi City which includes main road. The location has to be selected by the municipal corporation authorities. The hoarding will be sponsored by the DC Ranchi office. The content for the same will be provided by CHILDLINE.

- 1. Broadcasting –The local cable networks, Ranchi based TV Channels and cinema halls will be asked to broadcast the message of CHILDLINE on a regular basis. The content for the same will be provided by CHILDLINE.
- 2. Assistance Booth for children's will be functioning in Ranchi and Hatia Railway Station from within the platform and the day to day affair will be looked after by CHILDLINE Ranchi's organization. It will be provided free of cost to CHILDLINE Ranchi. The set of proposal has to be to be given to the DRM Office Hatia. This can be done on the basis of as it is done in Howrah Junction.
- 3. CHILDLINE Ranchi can avail the facility of short stay homes for both boys and girls as per their needs. The arrangement for it has to be made by the DSE Ranchi. And the concerned institution has to be notified by the office of the DSE.
- 4. Linkages with Labour department to rescue child
- 5. If the age of children is below five years and if there is any Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)center in the respective area then the nearest center will be called for linkages of CHILDLINE cases.
- 6. The identity cards for CHILDLINE Ranchi staff will be issued with the signature of the Deputy Commissioner Ranchi.

CHILDLINE Kishanganj organizes first cab meeting:

The first CAB meeting of CHILDLINE Kishanganj was organized at the conference hall of the collectorate on 3rd February. The meeting was attended by leading District officials and chaired by the DDC on behalf of the DM. Here are some of the key agenda that were discussed and deliberated upon:

- 1. The District NIC was instructed to include CHILDLINE information on posters, handbills, newsletters and other IEC materials issued by the NIC department from time to time.
- 2. All CHILDLINE cases would be provided with proper co-operation at each Police-station through instant filing of GD and FIRs.
- 3. All CHILDLINE cases to be provided with free medical treatment including medicines at relevant hospitals, primary and community health centres.



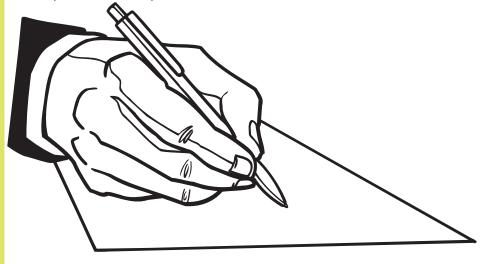


Decisions Taken At The CHILDLINE Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting of CHILDLINE Murshidabad

- 1. Mr. Vijay Bharti, IAS, Additional District Magistrate, Murshidabad requested Dr. S. Siraj, CMOH, Murshidabad to assign a Medical Officer at each hospital who will be the nodal person of take responsibility of treatment for CHILDLINE rescued children. Dr. Siraj informed the house that there is a process for residential treatment.
- 2. CHILDLINE Mr. S.K. Mondal, Station Manager, Berhampore Court was requested to make announcements for the missing children and abandoned children from their announcement box with their scheduled announcements.
- 3. Missing Children's information to be disseminated through 'Pradeshik Samachar' at free of cost.
- 4. DGM, Telecom has assured that 1098 messages will be displayed on ATM and Telephone bills.
- 5. Regarding the connectivity of 1098 from Private Tele connections, Anindam Ghatak, Asst. Manager, Bharti Airtel Ltd said he would discuss the matter with the concerned authority of Airtel Itd. ADM(G) said that under the 'Corporate Social Responsibility' the companies can undertake such type of Private-Public partnership.
- 6. CWC requested to inform each Police Station about the contact details of CWC, Murshidabad.

Outcome of CAB meeting held at Behrampur

- Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO), Ganjam was requested to intimate suitable Primary Health Care, Community Health Centre and District Medicals to give priority to CHILDLINE referred cases and to provide medicines free of cost. In serious cases having financial implications, Red Cross will provide financial assistance for the treatment of the children.
- 2. Deputy General Manager Telecom, was requested to take necessary steps for activation of 1098 in mobile phones in the entire district and to print the CHILDLINE message in the general telephone bills
- 3. District Social Welfare Officers (DSWO) and CHILDLINE to take steps for formation of District and Block Level Child Rights Protection Committees
- 4. DSWO to recommend the name of one social activist in Special Juvenile Police Unit.
- 5. DSWO was requested to instruct all Head Masters of Ashram Schools, Kanyaashramas and Tribal Girls Hostels under his control for temporary shelter to CHILDLINE referred cases.
- 6. Superintendent of Police of both Ganjam and Berhampur to provide resource for putting flex boards/wall writing on CHILDLINE in all police stations under their control.
- 7. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan. to take steps for wall writings on CHILDLINE in all primary and Upper Primary schools from their financial resource meant for beautification.
- 8. Sub Collectors of the districts are requested to take steps for formation of committees to rescue child labourers, involving the labour department, Police personnel and CHILDLINE.





Child Protection And More



CHILDLINE organizes state level consultation on "CHILDLINE integrated child protection scheme"

A state level consultation on 'CHILDLINE and the Integrated Child Protection Scheme' in West Bengal was organized on 20th March, 2010 at ICMAD, Kolkata. Mr. Soumendranath Pathak, Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal inaugurated the consultation. Other participants include, Mr. Rajib Haldar, Additional Director, Child In Need Institute, Mr. Manab Roy (State Representation, Save the Children), representative from national, international organizations and networking agency, CWC and JJB members of various districts, superintendent of Govt and NGO run shelter homes and CHILDLINE partners of 6 districts of West Bengal.

CIF oriented participants about the basic CHILDLINE activities and the planning of CHILDLINE expansion in the West Bengal in the coming two (2010-11 and 2011 – 12) financial years.

Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department elucidated the Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS) scheme and updated everyone about the State Government's role so far in the implementation of this scheme.

This was followed with two plenary discussions focused on Networking, Convergence CHILDLINE in ICPS and CHILDLINE and the Juvenile Justice system in West Bengal. Participants took part in this discussion and the following points were given due importance for successful implementation of ICPS.

Need to work as a unified structure when addressing Child Protection issues.

Overcoming the limitations of linking services in terms of ICPS. The ICPS can open up a window of opportunities for CHILDLINE as an umbrella programme.

There is a need to have a forum in the form of a website where people can post queries and network among themselves through constant sharing of information.

The need to increase state ownership on CHILDLINE in the district Child Protection Committee as well as at the State Executive Committee.

Need to work by embracing the ICPS mode so that we can bring the scheme closer to children.

The Code of Criminal Procedure has been amended and enforced on December 31, 2009 whereby a victim can argue or appeal before the court. A minor or a juvenile too can have a legal representation and thus age is no longer a bar.

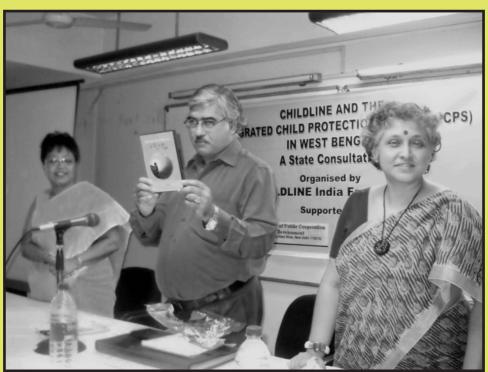
A medical examination is mandatory when dealing with rape cases. In case a girl cannot be produced in CWC she can be kept in a shelter home.

A court order is not an imperative and the court should not decide who will take the custody of the child rather refer the case to the local Child Welfare Committee.

A Bengali documentary film created by Ms. Subha Das Mallik was formally inaugurated by Mr. Soumendranath Pathak, Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal.







Formal inauguration of a Bengali documentary film AcrossThe Fence: Immigrant Children for CHILDLINE by Mr. Soumendranath Pathak, Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal during the West Bengal State Consultation with Linda Mazumdar and Subha Das Mallik.



Panel Discussion during the West Bengal State Consultation





CHILDLINE organizes 'awakening programme on juvenile justice – care and protection'

The Awakening programme on Juvenile Justice- Care and Protection was organised on 2nd March 2010 at the Central College, Bangalore. The programme was organised by Bangalore University and the co organisers were Karnataka state commission protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Emporwerment of Children and human rights organisation (ECHO), National Law college, Bangalore, Child Rights Trust and CHILDLINE, Bangalore. There were about 800 MSW students and lecturers from thirteen colleges who had assembled in the hall. The primary goal of the programme was to acknowledge and enlighten the audience about JJ Act and protection of Juvenile Justice to the students so that they would have a deeper understanding of the legalities involved in children's issues and how CHILDLINE services can be used to help the victims.

The CHILDLINE team spoke about the various rescue missions conducted by them and the consequent rehabilitation measures taken. They also spoke about the challenges faced by CHILDLINE. A stall was also put up in the premises which was visited by students and lecturers who expressed their gratification and also referred many cases.

CHILDLINE Kolkata, Institute of Psychological and Educational Research & Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor create awareness on child marriage and trafficking

On 10th January 2010 Institute of Psychological and Educational Research (IPER), Kolkata CHILDLINE, Support Organization along with the Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor (KUSP) team conducted an awareness programme on child marriage and child trafficking. The IPER and KUSP team explained the need for education among the local children with the community people and mothers. Representative of KUSP, children, parents, Councilor, club secretary & club members and shop owners of this area were present. Banners on child labour and child trafficking were displayed in the meeting. Pictures of child trafficking and child marriage were shown to the participants and mothers and different types of question were asked on these issues. Coordinator discussed their role as concerned guardians and community people. Their response was very good.

A group of children from CHILDLINE performed a drama on Child Labour displaying posters. This drama had a positive impact on the community people and children. Leaflets, stickers, News letters were distributed among the children, mothers and community people. CHILDLINE stickers

CHILDLINE Vijayawada Organises Workshop For Govt Railway Police

CHILDLINE Vijayawada organized a workshop for the officials of Govt Railway Police (GRP) on 17 February 2010, which was attended by nearly 60 participants. The Circle Inspectors, Sub Inspectors and constables were among the participants.

As part of the workshop participants were told about the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act 2000 and its implementation by those who are working with and for children. They were told about the Do's and Don'ts of the Act, the role of CWC and JJB and how even they can refer the children to the committee. What are the precautions to be taken while dealing with children and more. They were also briefed about the Child Rights under UNCRC. How & when the convention started, when India signed on the convention, basic rights of the children like Survival, Protection, Development & Participation After the session participants were briefed about CHILDLINE activities and functioning and also how CHILDLINE gets support from various allied systems and NGO's. They were taken to Shelter homes various NGO's where CHILDLINE refers the children for shelter. They interacted with the inmates in the homes and the children shared their experiences. At the end the participants promised to extent maximum support to CHILDLINE in helping children in need of Care and Protection.





CHILDLINE Gorakhpur Spreads Awareness Among Taxi Drivers

Hoisting a flag, singing the national anthem and putting a smile on the faces of underprivileged children. All in a days work for CHILDLINE Gorakhpur. This year, CHILDLINE Gorakhpur brought together deprived children and Taxi drivers for the common cause of child protection.

Why Taxi Drivers? Well mainly because they operate in areas where child trafficking and other illegal activities related to children are carried out, thereby forming an important resource for CHILDLINE regarding illegal or suspicious activities involving children. In addition they also ferry school children who can give information regarding any domestic help who is underage and treated badly. Due to the constant traveling they undertake they would have a wider reach and could pass on the CHILDLINE message easily.

So three posts were created and three members of the taxi drivers' Caring Group were appointed to these posts. Likewise 3 children were appointed as leaders of the Childrens' Caring Group.

The Caring Group was then informed about the steps that they had to take in case they found a child in problem. They were told to contact CHILDLINE by the Toll free no 1098.

The objectives discussed included sharing of information related to child related issues. Saving children from child labor and trafficking issues. Contribution of the Caring Group in restoration of a child. Distribution of New I.D. cards for taxi drivers called "CHILDLINE MITRA". Organizing weekly meetings, monthly meetings and meetings related to other issues.

The children were informed about CHILDLINE and pamphlets were distributed among them. Then they were told about the Interstate Gangs involved in Child Trafficking.

Three children were chosen to be the leaders of the children Caring Group. All the children of the group were asked to contact Childline or their child leaders in case they find any new child at the station who is in need of help.

The children were then made aware about the various ill effects of drug abuse and were advised to leave the habit of eating Pan Masalas and smelling Whitener Fluids. They were motivated to maintain hygiene and keep themselves neat and clean. A special bank was proposed where the children could deposit their earnings since most of their earnings are usually taken away by people at the stations. Thereby ensuring their money is safe.



Childline Team Members and Cente Coordinator along with the Caring Group of Taxi Drivers







CHILDLINE kochi conducts workshop for children

CHILDLINE Kochi, Rajagiri Outreach and Cochin Corporation organized a series of workshops which created awareness on Child Rights, Personality Development and Exam Preparations. The workshop was attended by 3000 students. Who were taught methods and techniques for reducing and eradicating exam tension.

Kudumbashree representatives ,CDS chairpersons, members, Ward councillors, Anganwadi teachers, local representatives and parents also participated in these programs.

CHILDREN take a better look at the eclipse

CHILDLINE Gorakhpur's attempts to educate and entertain children were realized on 15 January 2010 thanks to the solar eclipse. CHILDLINE Gorakhpur, Chief Guest Dr. Radha Mohan Das Aggrawal. His coordinators Mr. Viresh Pandey and Amit Singh were also involved in all the arrangements for the occasion.

Slum children and children from the railway station were taken to the planetarium to watch the spectacle. Not only were they enthusiastic about visiting the planetarium they were overjoyed when they watched the eclipse with the help of special glasses. The children were also taken into the Planetarium with the help of free passes provided on the request of the Chief Guest.

For the children, by the children

From institutional experience and learning, it has been observed that children can be an active partner in development. If they are allowed, encouraged, empowered and supported their opinion can be very crucial to policy, programme and plan making. With this view in mind The

Children's Parliament was introduced in Kashimnagar Gram Panchayat of Suti-II Block of Murshidaba. The following measures were taken. Mainstreaming the children's need in Gram Panchayat's plan, Child friendly Gram Panchayat, Mainstreaming of working children from most economically backward families at National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Schools, Logistical supports to Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) centers and Educational support to children from most economically backward families.

The body of Children's Parliament represents higher representation from marginalized community and a balanced representation from both sexes.

The Gram Panchayat promised the children the following:

Well performing students will be provided scholarship Kitchen room will be made at all Primary schools for safe preparation of mid-day meal. The fund will be directly handed over to schools to maintain quality.

If the families submit rupees 300/- for sanitary latrine, Panchayat will provide Rs. 2200/- as subsidy and the family will have a permanent latrine for rupees 2520/-.

REPLICATED ACROSS

Joypur Gram Panchayat of Khargram Block, Jagtai II, Aurangabad – I of Suti II Block, Kanchantala & Dogachhi-Nowpara of Samsherganj Block.







Dealing with exam stress

With a special focus on preventing stress and consequent suicidal tendencies among adolescent children, CHILDLINE Kannur in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Departmen arranged an Exam related Stress management, telephone counseling programme for SSLC and Plus Two students. The children expressed their anxiety about Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry in the examination.

The District Social Welfare Officer with the support of the Education Department arranged 3 experienced teachers who taught Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. The teachers offered their voluntary service for 3 hours a day. The Dist. Information Officer took initiative to publicise this information in leading newspapers. Local media was contacted in order to make sure children knew about the programme.

The programme was held on March 12th and 18th. More that 60 students made use of this service and after the exams they again contacted CHILDLINE to express their gratitude. We hope that the confidence and care they received from CHILDLINE will make them contact CHILDLINE during any distress situation in their childhood.

Child rights and CHILDLINE awareness and half day training for KSRTC bus conductors.

CHILDLINE Kannur in collaboration with KSRTC Kannur arranged a half day training for newly appointed bus Conductors. Mr. Abdul Kareem, the Depot Engineer, expressed his interest in District level Consultation, to train the newly selected bus Conductors about child rights and the areas of collaboration with CHILDLINE activities.

As a result CHILDLINE and Child Rights were included in their training module. On 15th March 2010, District Coordinator of CHILDLINE and team took a session on Child Rights and the Role of CHILDLINE in child protection. 60 conductors participated in the programme. It was helpful to identify the areas where they can work with CHILDLINE. After the session the group discussion was held.

Decisions Taken

- 1. Inform CHILDLINE when they find an abandoned child
- 2. Discourage child beggary and lottery selling on KSRTC buses.
- 3. Communicate the information about CHILDLINE to others.
- Make calls to CHILDLINE when they see a child in need of care and protection.









Patna CHILDLINE organizes consultation with Government Railway Police (GRP) and Railways Protection Force (RPF)

PATNA CHILDLINE organized a consultation with the GRP and RPF at Patna Sahib Railway station on 22 September 2009, It was attended by a total of 38 participants including GRP and RPF officials, and PATNA CHILDLINE members. The consultation was organized at the Patna Sahib Railway station and was a two hour meet.

The consultation included a sharing of the case-interventions done by PATNA CHILDLINE and particularly those done with the assistance of the GRP. There were discussions on the challenges faced while intervening on cases received through the railway stations. The GRP present were oriented on the various sections of the JJ Act and important relevant chapters of child protection and child-friendly legislations. The discussions concluded with a request from Patna Shahib GRP officer R.K Singh suggesting that CHILDLINE should arrange an awareness programme for the street children & those children who live on the railway platforms so that these children may study in the school and not runaway from their homes.

Consultation with Tribals on Forest Right Act, PESA and Trafficking

On 10th and 11th November 2009, CHILDLINE Rourkela organized a workshop at the Gurudwara Hall, Rourkela with 320 tribal people of Jharkhand, Orissa and Chattisgarh on CHILDLINE, Human Trafficking and the forest right act.

The main objective of conducting this meeting was to spread awareness among tribal girls and women on trafficking and the forest right act and the role of CHILDLINE concerning

these issues. Apart from this the rehabilitation of victims was also a major part of this sensitization programme. The participants were mainly from the tribal communities of Orissa, Jharkhand and Chattisgarh areas which are considered major source points of trafficking. The participants were mainly community leaders or elected PRI(Panchayati Raj Institution) members of the area.

It was discussed in the meeting that trafficking of children and women for various purposes including sexual exploitation is undoubtedly one of the most reprehensible and heinous crimes perpetrated against humanity. Because of a variety of reasons including non-reporting and secrecy there is no clear estimate about the magnitude of the problem yet. By all accounts in recent years the problem has worsened. Trafficking has emerged as a low risk high return well organized criminal activity. Hence combating this menace is going to be a tough job for everyone concerned.

What is very disturbing is that the available evidence indicates that one third of people exploited in the flesh trade are children/minors. Besides, over 60% of the victims belong to the backward classes including scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. Most of them hail from poverty struck areas and are illiterate.

The meeting had a deep impact on the participants. The participants ensured that they will form village level committees for the prevention of trafficking children after this meeting. The committee will keep a close vigil on the children living in that particular village and report to CHILDLINE wherever it is operational or other NGOs working on trafficking if any missing cases are reported.







City Happenings : CHILDLINE Berhampur

A unique campaign was started by CHILDLINE Berhampur on14th November, 2009. The initiative was taken by Indian Society for Rural Development (ISRD), the collaborating agency of CHILDLINE Berhampur. This was a Yellow Ribbon Campaign to prevent violence against children. The campaign was flagged off by Sri V.Karthikeya Pandian, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate of Ganjam District with a vision to combat abuse and violence against children. "Making the world free of violence and abuse of children is the signal of a civilized, cultured & developed nation," said the district Collector in his inaugural speech. He also put optimum emphasis on the role of parents in preventing child abuse and violence

The Yellow Ribbon Campaign symbolizes the will to never commit. condone or remain silent about abuse and violence against children. Child issues in Ganjam district supersede the ratio of other districts in Orissa. Child labour, migrant children, Child marriage, Child Trafficking, Female foeticide and physical and emotional abuse of children both inside and outside their homes are some of the major concerns society today.. It is high time to rise to the occasion. "To strengthen national and local commitment and action and to Prioritize Prevention the ISRD-CHILDLINE, Berhampur has planned and will be implementing extensive programs," stated Director, Sudhir Sabat. Those include media sensitization, PRI Sensitization, Association for Social and Health Advancement (ASHA), Anganwadi Worker, Karmee Sensitization, Sensitization amongst Nursing Home Staff ,Parents of School & College going students, Village leaders/Self Help Groups (SHG), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Child Development Project Office(CDPO) & Supervisors, Police Personnel, Teachers, Employers

and Intellectuals.

Imminent Social Activists, Intellectuals, Govt. officers, Media person were present at the launch of the Yellow Ribbon Campaign in the district. Dr. Sashibhusan Padhy, Additional District Magistrate (ADM) and Sri Ramasankar Behera, District information and Public Relations officer were among the guests of honour. ADM,Dr. Padhy presided over the Oath Taking Ceremony entitled "YES to prevention of child abuse".



Second from the left: Mr. Sudhir Sabat, CHILDLINE Director, Sri

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Photographs of CHILDINE Open House held on 16th October 2010 organized by IPER, CHILDLINE Kolkata Support Organization.



CHILDLINE Awareness in Sports programme for street CHILDLREN organized in the month of December by IPER, CHILDLINE Kolkata Support Organization





CHILDLINE Sitamarhi Celebrates A Jhaanki Republic Day

On 26th January, 2010 CHILDLINE Sitamarhi took out a Jhaanki to celebrate Republic Day. The Jhaanki reflected the working pattern of CHILDLINE,how 1098 is connected and received at the Call-centres. The Jhaanki was decorated with CHILDLINE banners, posters and handbills. It was a great awareness drive as CHILDLINE was able to spread its message to more than 5000 people who gathered to witness republic day celebrations.





Sensitization on "Anti-Child Beggary" Programme

More than 60% of the children who have been rescued from beggary in Trichy belong to Gandhinagar, Nagamangalam, a startling discovery made by the CHILDLINE team.

In Gandhinagar, Nagamangalam village nearly 200 families reside in colonies. The government has met all their basic amenities, like house, water tank, primary school, ICDS scheme center, good transport facilities etc. In this village 150 families are from the Uralian community and the other 50 families suffer from blindness.

There are 140 children in this village, 35 children are under The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme I, 70 children are studying in primary schools, 35 children are studying in a high school at Nagamangalam village. Despite the help from the government and access to education, the villagers force their children to beg to earn money.

In order to address the issue as well as to prevent further occurrence of child beggary CHILDLINE Nodal organization, Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber college, SOCSEAD, a CHILDLINE collaborating agency organized a joint venture awareness programme on 16-02-2010 with the allied dept namely CWC, the Ministry of Social Defence Probation Officer and the village president.

They organized a sensitization programme on "Anti-Child Beggary" at Gandhinagar, Nagamanglam village.

The presidential address was given by Thiru. Madavi Vellaisamy, President, Nagamangalam Village. He discouraged the villagers from forcing their children into beggary and also told the village people that he would extend any kind of help necessary to address the situation..

Smt.Advt. Jayanthiranee, Member, CWC, Trichy also gave a speech. During her speech she strictly told the children that if any one is forced to beg they can be rescued by calling the toll free number 1098.

Next it was Thiru. Saravanakumar, Probation officer, Ministry of social defense, he spoke about the punishment and consequences a person who encouraged child beggary would face and he also added that adequate help would be given to those who wanted to educate their children but didn't have the resources.





RUNNING FOR THE CAUSE

On 31st January 2010 CHILDLINE Nagpur participated in the NAGPUR INTERNATIONAL MARATHON for the Culture of peace & Non-Violence. It is organised on the International Day for Non-Violence by the Maratha Lancers, Nagpur. CHILDLINE Nagpur & 25 Students volunteers from Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work took part in the 3 km Non-Violence Run.

"Nagpur International Marathon" Student volunteers from MSSISW & CHILDLINE Nagpur





Outreach with Asia –Pacific CHILD helpline International (CHI)

The Asia –Pacific CHILD helpline International (CHI) regional meet was held from 14th -16th of January, 2010 at Mumbai. The theme of the Regional Meet was 'Innovative and Effective Outreach Strategies'. CHILDLINE Mumbai lent their expertise and conducted a day long demonstration of outreach strategies in Bandra and Dahisar, Mumbai for the delegates of the conference. During Outreach Mumbai CHILDLINE put up a kiosk. A street play/Puppet show was performed addressing the issue of Domestic Child labour and Child Sexual abuse .





CHILDLINE Alwar hosted the second Kacchi Basti Cricket Tournament for aspiring cricketers from 20 Kacchi Bastis. 16 teams were formed out of these 20 bastis. All the matches in the tournament were played across 8 venues. In addition to spreading awareness about the 1098 CHILDLINE helpline, 300 volunteers registered with CHIDLINE after the tournament.





CHILDLINE CELEBRATES

CHILDLINE made its presence felt at the Celebrate Bandra Festival in Mumbai.CHILDLINE Kiosks were set up and puppet shows were performed across the venue in order to spread awareness about "CHILDLINE 1098" Celebrate Bandra Festival happens once every two years in Bandra, Mumbai. Celebrate Bandra is initiated by the Celebrate Bandra Trust and Fountainhead Promotions & Events Pvt. Ltd. It is a two-week long festival and people from in and around Bandra get together to Celebrate Bandra. It is a unique celebration of culture, dance, music and overall entertainment



Health Check up Camp for Children

On 7th March 2010, A health check up camp was organsed for slum children from Kagadi Vad, slum Ahmedabad. This camp was a joint venture of CHILDLINE, Lodge Fellowship 140 and Unnat. CHILDLINE is working for slum children and street children in about 50 slums of Ahmedabad.

Doctors from the Department of Paediatrics, VS Hospital and Department of Anesthesiology, Cancer Hospital attended the camp. They were Dr. Abhay Kude, Dr. Ankit Mehta, Dr. Chetan Dave, Dr. Tarkik Amin, Dr. Rashmi Anand and Dr. Geeta Joshi.

The Anganwadi staff of Unnat provided services of registration, distribution of medicine and other arrangements during the camp. CHILDLINE arranged for infrastructure and an information campaign in the locality. Medicines for the camp were provided by Lodge Fellowship 140.

In total **96 children** were examined during the camp. 31 children were less than 5 yrs old. The maximum, around 54 children were between 5 to 12 old and 11 children were of more than 12 yrs old. During registration, details of their education status, weight, height, Mid Arm Circumference were noted. They were examined by pediatricians and were prescribed medicines. Their parents were advised about the nutrition and hygiene of the children.

Most of the children suffered from poor hygience. They were suffering from common ailments like cough and cold, diarrhea, skin infections and ear infections. 12 children suffered from malnourishment. None of them had any acute illness.





Workshop for the police

Under the National Institute of Crime Prevention (NICP)training programme CHILDLINE Mumbai conducted 3 workshops for Police personnel in 5 divisions of Mumbai. Around 200 police personnel attended the NICP workshops. The topics covered under the training were ;Child Rights and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000.

Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956. CHILDLINE conducted the fourth NICP training with Multi Allied System (Police, Doctors, Child welfare Committee, Probation officers from Government Homes, Lawyer, social workers and Probation Officer from Department of Women & Child Development, Sub – Urban District, Mumbai.) at World Children Welfare Trust (Bal Anand), Chembur. The topics discussed were Understanding of Child Sexual Abuse and Legal Intervention in Child Sexual Abuse Cases.







Vodafone reaches out with CHILDLINE

On March 18th 2010, at the Vodafone Corporate Office Terrace in Mumbai, a shamiana was ready to shelter employee-volunteers, CHILDLINE Team members and children. It was mid morning, and the summer sun had set ablaze Mumbai City, but the sun was no match for the enthusiasm of the people there.

The Vodafone employees (about 100 of them) were briefed about CHILDLINE and the task at hand, i.e. the outreach and its objective, conduct & methods. Instantly the group split into three, inclusive of CHILDLINE teammembers and spread out to three different locations: Lower Parel Station, J. K. Marg and Mahalaxmi Signal – to begin what they had set out to do.

They set about distributing fliers, sticking stickers and posters in small shops as they spoke to the owners, dialing in to 1098 from phone booths to make sure the numbers connected, urging people to save the number 1098 into their phones and to call whenever they saw a child in distress.

The effect was such that the whole area was buzzing with questions about 1098. Some volunteer's enthusiasm also took them to a nearby Radio: Red FM's office and do a spontaneous awareness live on air. It also resulted in 2-3 cases of children in distress being reported while on outreach.

Back to base, around lunchtime, the volunteers were greeted by CHILDLINE children from Yuva, Hamara and CHILDLINE Intervention Units (CIU) shelters. The employees and children had an impromptu dance session which set the ball rolling for the games, in which each employee participated with a child buddy for the day. There was also a sessions with colours, wherein they painted Mugs, bags, bookmarks, greeting cards with their buddies an activity that required concentration and creativity. These

items were auctioned off within Vodafone to contribute to the CHILDLINE

Gwalior inaugurates a CHILDLINE vehicle service



The Mayor of Gwalior, Inspector General of Police and Superintendent of Police, Gwalior inaugurated the CHILDLINE vehicle with a flagging off.

Formation of Childrens group

In the month of September Childline Gwalior formed a children's group in a slum area to create awareness about CHILDLINE services and have children's voice the problems they face while living in the slums. CHILDLINE named the group "Child Right Protective" CHILDLINE gave the children the responsibility to protect their own rights.

CHILDLINE has formed 10 children's groups with 95 child volunteers. To run this group CHILDLINE conducts monthly meetings and awareness programmes with them, they also hold rallies and open houses in Gwalior.









It's a CHILDLINE birthday!

15 January 2010 was celebrated as the **Mumbai CHILDLINE Street Children's Party** at BMC Krida Bhavan, Near Shivaji Park, Dadar. Street kids from across Mumbai, Thane and Kalyan including our partners' shelter kids and CHILDLINE team members of Mumbai came together to party hard. There was food, drinks, music and unlimited masti.

Since most of the children have no memories of a family and don't even know their birth dates, to them, this day is their birthday. They look forward to it with much cheer and anticipation. In fact somewhere roughly around the time of the party, the Didis and Bhaiyas start getting calls, asking them 'Apun ka party kab hoenga?'.

This was the 13th CHILDLINE Birthday party and 1000 children came to have a ball of a time. For those who wanted to chill a bit and take a break from dancing to Bollywood music there were stalls for games, mehendi, face painting and tattoo.

Amidst balloons and streamers and other festivities, the kids also came up with some performances of their own .Volunteers from colleges, organisations helped with decoration, registration and logistics work for the day. There were also yummy treats and drinks and Biryani for the children to gorge on.









Silent show to save girls

CHILDLINE Gwalior conducted two Silent shows at different venues to spread the message of safety for the girl child with a focus on female infanticide. As part of the show Childline team members and other volunteers made a human chain and covered their mouths with white cloth on which they wrote the message "save girl". Information on the Pre conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex selection) Act and sex ratio of boys and girls was given out through ICE material like banners and poster on which details of the PCPNDT act were mentioned. Slogans like "Beta -Mat kar beti ka apman Beti Ek saman, Beti Marte Jaoge to Bahu Kaha se laaoge" also made sure people knew what was going on.





CHILDLINE Chennai

Human chain

On 29TH March 2010, a HUMAN CHAIN was formed by the Dept. of Child Labour at Anna Nagar Round Tana against Child Labor.

Around 20 CHILDLINE Chennai partner members participated in the Human Chain along with college students. The aim was to creat mass awareness for CHILDLINE.

Pamphlets, Banners, hoardings were put up against child labour.

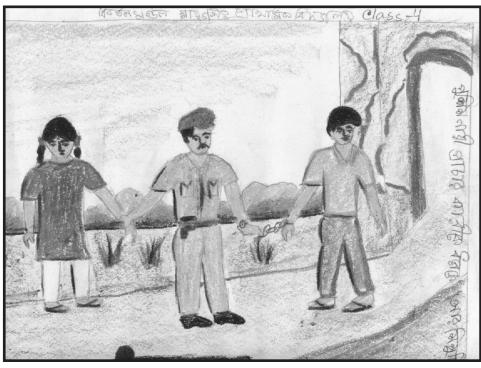
CHILDLINE gives educational support to 65 children by distributing books to them

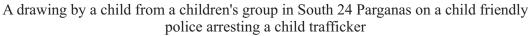










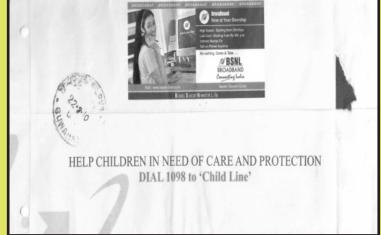




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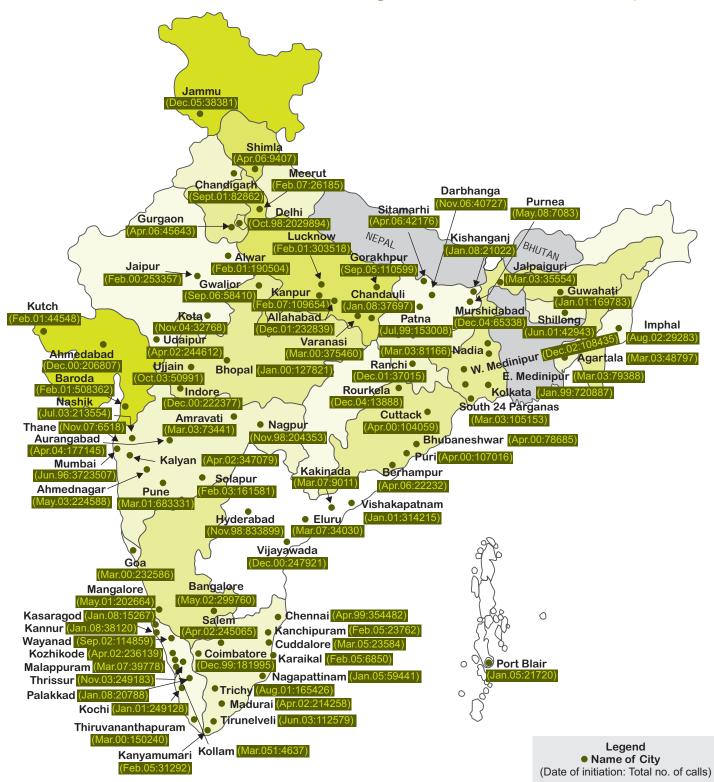


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CHILDLINE has recorded a total number of 180,06,925 calls from inception till March 2010



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