

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Haryana



CHILDLINE teams in Haryana have undertaken unique initiatives in collaboration with the local district administration. In Yamuna Nagar, CHILDLINE coordinated with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), DCPU (District Child Protection Unit), police and health department to initiate a rescue operation against the child beggary in the city. During this operation, all child beggars and women were screened for the Coronavirus. CHILDLINE 1098 spread awareness about COVID-19 through messages in the newspapers and other print media across all the districts.

- The district administration in Jind nominated CHILDLINE as one of the members of its task force for emotional support, guidance, care and protection of migrant labourers and their families. The CHILDLINE member must counsel migrant labourers and their families who are inhabited across established shelters in Government colleges, schools and other Governmental places and address their concerns.
- CHILDLINE Mewat trained its team members to contact people on their mobile phones to check their wellbeing and sensitize them about the Coronavirus preventive measures.
- Child-friendly activities were organized covering more than 5500 children and their families. During these activities, awareness sessions on COVID-19 were also conducted.
- With the support of stakeholders, CHILDLINE organized an online awareness session to keep children motivated. Children were also encouraged to sing during this activity.
- CHILDLINE tracked 1421 children and their families to register them with the Government relief centers.
- Child Help Desks (CHD) at Ambala Cantt Railway station are conducting COVID-19 awareness sessions for migrant families, children and passengers arriving and departing via Shramik trains. With support of the administration, CHDs are also providing them with cooked meals.
- CHILDLINE teams are working with resource organizations to provide relief materials and personal safety resources to families and children in need across the state.



Justice for the victim of child sexual abuse

In May 2020, the police department from Faridabad, Haryana, informed CHILDLINE about a new-born baby in a critical condition abandoned in a bag near a peepul tree. Upon receiving information, the CHILDLINE team discussed the case with the police department and visited the BK hospital with the police official. The infant was admitted in the Nikko ward and the team met the doctor attending to the child. Then, an FIR was registered under IPC Section 188 and 317. After visiting the spot and verification of the case, CHILDLINE received information about a 16-years old adolescent girl who gave birth to the baby. CHILDLINE and a female police official went to meet the girl and recorded her statement. The girl revealed that her biological elder brother sexually abused her. Due to this, she got pregnant and delivered the baby. On the basis of the girl's statement a case was registered under the POCSO Act. After following up with police department and the doctor, CHILDLINE was informed that the accused was arrested. CHILDLINE has been regularly providing emotional support and guidance to the girl and the family. As per the directions of the CWC, the new-born baby will be registered for adoption. In this case, the DCPU provided strong administrative support to CHILDLINE by linking them to various departments.



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