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JEEVODAYA SOCIETY

ENSURING HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Dear Friends, Benefactors, and Fellow Travelers in Mission,

As we joyfully celebrate 25 years of this life-giving journey, I am filled with gratitude to God, and to all of you who have been a part of this extraordinary path that began in the most unexpected of places, 'a railway station'.

It was there, amidst the cries of the forgotten and the footsteps of strangers, that I first encountered the pain of children left with no one to care. Their eyes told stories of abandonment, but also of resilience. I had no institution, no staff, no resources, only a heart moved by compassion, and a simple determination to walk with them. From those humble beginnings, something miraculous unfolded.

The **Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery**, whose deep sense of mission, charism of communion and solidarity embraced this cause as their own, became an integral part of our journey with our beloved founder Fr. John Peter Medaille 375 years ago. This presence brought not only spiritual strength but also structure, community, and long-term vision.

We were further blessed by the collaboration of the **district and local administrations**, who saw the visible transformation in the lives of these children and offered their full support to our growing efforts. And in a beautiful twist of destiny, **Mr. Ashley & Mrs. Jane Butterfield**, a British couple concluding their 25 years of tourism in India, stumbled upon our mission at Itarsi. Strangers became collaborators, and collaborators became lifelong friends. Their hearts forever tied to the children they chose to serve from afar and near.

Today, we look back not just on the journey, but on the lives touched : **over 55,000 children** have passed through our care, many of whom are now living dignified, independent lives as responsible citizens, professionals, and even parents.

What fills me with greatest joy is that they have not forgotten where they came from. Our **Alumni network**, alive and active on WhatsApp and beyond, is a family in the truest sense. Their commitment to this Jubilee, their time, ideas, and enthusiastic planning, is proof that the seeds planted long ago have truly borne fruit.

This Silver Jubilee is not a celebration of one person or one institution. It is a celebration of **shared compassion**, of faith put into action, and of love that multiplies across generations.

As we look ahead, may this mission continue to be guided by the same spirit that began it, simple, sincere, and strong enough to change the world-one child at a time-with committed Staff.

With deep gratitude and hope,

Sr. Clara
Founder Director





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MESSAGE

I am happy to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Sr. Clara CSJ, the founder of Jeevodaya and to all the staff as Jeevodaya celebrates its 25 years of service to street children. The dedication and commitment demonstrated by Sr. Clara and her team working for the welfare of poor children especially for the girls are truly commendable.

Throughout these 25 years, Jeevodaya has made a profound impact on the lives of children at the railway station, bus stand, and working under stressful situations. Jeevodaya has been providing a safe and sound atmosphere to the street children to stay, study and learn to live a dignified life. I have personally visited Jeevodaya centre on few occasions and have seen the children so cheerful and hopeful of their future. The works of Jeevodaya exemplifies the essence of the verse, **'Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me'** (Mathew - 25: 40)

The efforts of Jeevodaya have empowered the children to develop their skills and abilities for their bright future. On this momentous occasion, I appreciate the wonderful work of Sr. Clara and her staff and the congregation of St. Joseph of Chambery who are committed to serve these underprivileged children. May Jeevodaya continue to be a beacon of hope and great support to the poor children!

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Founded in 1650 by Father Jean-Pierre Médaille, SJ,

celebrated our 375th anniversary this year. From the very first days, our sisters were encouraged to serve those in greatest need and empower them. We have opened schools, orphanages, hospitals and clinics, and worked in parishes and social outreach. As times and the needs of the day changed, so did the outreach of our sisters.



In 1999, Sister Clara saw a new need, a need that was not being met. In the spirit of our founder, and in the footsteps of our pioneer sisters, she set out to respond to this new and unmet need. Observing an unorganized group of children at the Itarsi Railway Station, surviving by illegal means, lacking any support, Sister Clara went into action. She left her ministry of education and began to work with these children. Thus, the journey of Jeevodaya began. Twenty-five years later, more than 55,000 children have received benefits and are living independently. In addition, this outreach has brought in wonderful collaborators and benefactors, who participate in, and support this life-changing mission.

All children are our future, not only those who have families and homes and security. Care for children, the welfare of our children, is a need in all parts of our world. It may be difficult to imagine a day care centre, or a children's home for both girls and boys, separately. But we must remember, with God, all things are possible.

We are proud of Sister Clara, the many collaborators and benefactors, and of all the children who have benefited from this ministry, whose lives have been changed forever. Certainly, our good and gracious God has blessed this ministry, and we pray that He will continue to grant many blessings on all involved.

On behalf of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambéry, I offer you my sincerest congratulations. I pray that our God will continue to shower you with many blessings.

With love and prayers,

Sister Dolores Lahr, CSJ
Superior General

AJAY TIRKEY, I.A.S. (Retd.)
Former District Collector,
Hoshangabad

New Delhi

6th November, 2025



Message

On the Silver Jubilee of Jeevodaya

I recall my days as District Collector, Hoshangabad (1997-2000) when I witnessed a silent yet relentless effort initiated by Sr. Clara and her team at **Jeevodaya**, reaching out to homeless children in Itarsi Railway Station. The children were taken up within its fold, counselled, imparted basic learning and livelihood skills. And many thereafter were gainfully employed. A life of despair and hopelessness was just a dark patch of past memory; many such children moved on in life with renewed promise. It is heartening to note that the successive District Collectors pitched in with support and guidance. I am not aware of the developments thereafter; but am sure that many lives must have been saved in the process.

I take this opportunity to wish Sr. Clara and the **Jeevodaya** Team the very best in their future endeavours as they celebrate their 25 years of service and hope to see "**Jeevodaya Itarsi**" become an exemplary centre for care and promise for the homeless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ajay Tirkey'.

(Ajay Tirkey)

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Message shared by her shortly before her passing to eternal. May her soul rest in peace.

Heartfelt congratulations to the Director, Staff, Students of JEEVODAYA home, on completing 25 remarkable years of dedicated service to the protection and welfare of children!

Your yeoman service has been a beacon of hope, providing a safe haven for countless young lives. Through your unwavering commitment, you've empowered generations of children to overcome challenges, grow, and thrive, and eventually, to find a place under the Sun.

Your organization's tireless efforts have made a profound impact on the lives of children, families, and communities. You've set a shining example of compassion, kindness, and selflessness, inspiring others to join the noble cause.

As you celebrate this significant milestone, we honour your dedication, perseverance, and passion. May your next chapter be filled with continued success, growth, and impact.

Here's to many more years of nurturing the next generation and shaping a brighter future for all!"
Congratulations for all that has been achieved.

Blessings on all your efforts, on all the children and very especially on the Director and Staff.

Sr.Lorraine Marie Delaney csj
Former Superior General
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Celebrating 25 Years of Compassion, Lighting Paths and Changing Lives!

As we mark the Silver Jubilee of our Social Work Centre 'Jeevodaya', Itarsi dedicated to supporting street children, we reflect with gratitude on a journey built on hope, resilience, and unwavering commitment. Over the past 25 years, our collective efforts have transformed countless lives, offering them a chance for a brighter future. Twenty-five years ago, a seed was planted – a vision of hope for children navigating the harsh realities of the streets.

Today, as we mark our Silver Jubilee, that seed has blossomed into a resilient tree, its branches offering shelter, support, and a pathway to a brighter future for hundreds of vulnerable children. This milestone is not just a celebration of years, but a testament to the power of compassion, community, and dedicated service. We extend our deepest appreciation to all our partners, volunteers, and supporters whose unwavering dedication continues to inspire change. It belongs to the compassionate counselors, educators, and healthcare providers who heal wounds seen and unseen. It belongs to the generous donors and volunteers whose belief fuels our mission. And most profoundly, it belongs to the children themselves – their courage, their resilience, and their inspiring journeys from survival to thriving.

We reflect on the lives transformed: the child who found safety and now mentors others, the youth who gained skills and now stands tall, the family reunited against the odds. Each story is a victory, a beacon proving that with consistent care and opportunity, the potential within every child can shine.

May this magazine serve as a beacon of our shared vision—to uplift, empower, and give every street child a chance to dream and achieve. Together, we forge ahead with renewed resolve to create a world where every child is valued and nurtured. Thank you for being part of these 25 remarkable years. Together, we are not just changing lives; we are shaping futures.

Happy Silver Jubilee! The journey continues, stronger together. With heartfelt gratitude I extend my hearty Congratulations to Sr. Clara and her Staff Members, past and present, and to our Team of supporters and Collaborators.

Sr. Maurice

Sr. Maurice
Sister Provincial

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Message

On the Silver Jubilee of Jeevodaya

It gives me great joy to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Jeevodaya on completing 25 years of dedicated service to humanity.

What began twenty-five years ago at the Itarsi railway station as a humble act of compassion by Sr. Clara has today grown into a beacon of hope and care for the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. Her decision to stay, listen, and serve the most vulnerable gave birth to Jeevodaya — truly "the dawn of life."

The partnership of Jane and Ashley, who joined hands with Sr. Clara in this noble mission, reflects how compassion and humanity can unite people beyond boundaries. Their selfless efforts helped shape Jeevodaya into a home filled with dignity, love, and service.

As we celebrate this Silver Jubilee, we honour the vision, sacrifice, and dedication of Sr. Clara, Jane, Ashley, and all who have contributed to this inspiring journey. Jeevodaya stands today as a reminder that true service lies in love and empathy.

May Jeevodaya continue to grow in its mission — bringing light to those in darkness and hope to those in despair.


(Shivraj Singh Chouhan)

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Twenty-five years ago, at the heart of a crowded railway station in Itarsi, an extraordinary journey began - not with fanfare, but with quiet compassion. It was there that Sr. Clara, moved by the suffering of those abandoned by society, especially the most vulnerable, sick and poor, made a simple but radical choice: to stay. To listen. To serve.

Jeevoday — "the dawn of life" — was born in those moments of deep human connection, far removed from institutions or expectations. From those modest beginnings, a movement grew. A sanctuary was created, not just of care and service, but of dignity, presence, and unconditional love.

Among the early turning points in this mission was a providential encounter: Jane and Ashley, a British couple, were passing through Itarsi on the closing reunion of their Indian soulful experience — strangers to the land, and to each other — but they stayed. Not because of a plan, but because of the children. Their hearts were stirred by the same suffering that Sr. Clara could not ignore.

What began as curiosity soon turned to commitment. Jane and Ashley brought not only their time and presence, but a deep sense of solidarity and partnership. They helped shape the execution of Sr. Clara's vision — blending love with action, and generosity with strategy. Together, they formed an unlikely but enduring team: A Catholic nun and two travelers-turned-friends, bound by a shared humanity.

Today, 25 years later, Jeevoday stands not only as a home for the destitute and vulnerable, but as a testimony to what is possible when compassion crosses borders and love speaks louder than language.

As we celebrate this silver jubilee, we give thanks for Sr. Clara's unwavering faith, for Jane and Ashley's unexpected yet vital collaboration, and for every person — near or far — who has contributed to this journey.

May Jeevoday continue to be a shelter in the storm, a light in the darkness, and a living witness that love is the greatest healer of all.

With deep Gratitude,

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Dear Sister Clara

Congratulations to you, past and present staff, and all the individuals and organizations which have supported you for the last 25 years in caring for vulnerable homeless children living on and around the railway station at Itarsi.

Congratulations also to the many alumni of Jeevodaya who are now successfully managing their lives as responsible citizens in mainstream society, for their success has also depended in part on their own efforts.

We first met you at a small daycare centre at the station, where, together with volunteer Philip, you provided food, games, counselling and literacy classes to those children, making them feel that somebody cared about their fate.

From that small start we watched Jeevodaya grow, as you opened two hostels, first for boys, then for girls, providing children with places of safety, where those who wanted to settle down could get regular meals, attend school, participate in sport and cultural activities, and learn to live as part of a community. You also opened an enlarged daycare centre, from where children were repatriated or sent to one of the hostels, and those unwilling to leave the station life could wash, relax, get counselling, and sleep safely overnight.

We have seen many more changes over the years, with the involvement of more social work organizations, but have always been impressed by the hard work and dedication of you and your staff, who have set so many children on the path to a secure future.

We wish you all the very best for whatever the future holds,

Jane and Ashley Butterfield



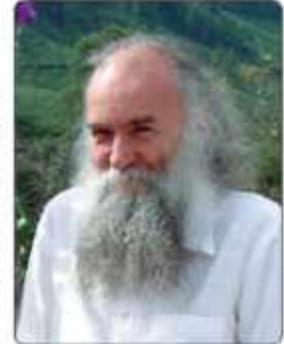
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Dear Sister Clara,

Congratulations to you and all the staff, past and present, who have over the last 25 years provided shelter, support, education, and love to a multitude of vulnerable children many of whom were runaways eking out some sort of existence on or around the platforms of Itarsi Junction railway station.

The success can be seen in the many children who have taken what you offered and turned themselves into successful, responsible, contributing citizens, some now with families of their own, an outcome that would have been nearly impossible without Jeevodaya.



I clearly remember our first meeting in a small room with half a dozen or so children and Philip, who is sadly no longer with us. 6 November 2000, we were in Itarsi for a reunion of passengers from Jane & Ashley Butterfield's Indian railway tour. The idea of which arose from one of Ashley's many jokes. We thought that the influx of so many foreigners into a non-touristy town such as Itarsi warranted us making a contribution to the town.

That meeting with you provided the trigger for our involvement with Jeevodaya. Starting with a basic single-storey home for boys, we have watched it grow, adding extra storeys, a completely new building for the boys allowing the original to then take in girls. And not forgetting the day-care centre for those for whom residential care was for some reason not possible.

Over the years, I have seen you having to cope with the changing political situation, with more, and more, rules and regulations, and with the continual battle to fund your work. However, you have always soldiered-on.

I am very glad to have known you and am proud that I have been able to contribute in some way to your work.

I wish you and Jeevodaya every success for the future.

Stephen Cannon

Trustee of the Butterfield's Edward Johnson Trust



From David Maidment Founder of the Railway Children

It is a privilege to be part of the celebration of twenty-five years of service that you, Sister Clara, and your team have provided for the vulnerable children of Itarsi and other locations in your area. Back in the beginning, we at Railway Children came across your project and were delighted to find a local charity that was matching our aims of early intervention to support children at the railway stations of the world and you were a valued partner of ours over many years. I know how much the local railway managers valued the work you did – they told me so. And I know how much the local community treasured the work you and your organization were undertaking. It was fantastic to see how your team of people from different religious traditions and cultures worked so closely together. I remember with joy the excitement of the children when we visited and the contribution we were able to make to both your building projects and your essential running costs.

It is wonderful that you are still providing this service for children, and we at Railway Children congratulate you on your Jubilee. It would be even more wonderful if your programme was not needed – the Railway Children's aim was to make ourselves redundant as being unnecessary – but I fear we shall not see this in our generation. It is still a concern everywhere and Railway Children work in East Africa and even in our own country as well as still in India.

I bring the good wishes of Terina, our past Chief Executive who retired from us a couple of years ago and of Rob Capener, our current CEO, who has been with the charity nearly 25 years also. I pray that Jeevodaya continues to flourish despite the concerns and problems that I'm sure exist every day and makes such a positive difference in the lives of so many children. In thanking you and your team for all you do, I'm not only conveying the thanks of the team here at Railway Children but also of the children themselves who have been so blessed by your intervention in their lives,
God Bless,

David Maidment
Founder Ambassador,
Railway Children

Celebrating 25 Years of Jeevodaya

An ordinary journey was transformed into an extraordinary one. Thousands of people pass by the railway station. Thousands of people pass by the invisible ones, who are living on the fringes of society. And then Sr Clara passed by Itarsi railway station. But she returned again and again to the most vulnerable children - To stay. To listen. To serve.



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Among the early milestones was a blessing of an encounter: Jane and Ashley, a British couple who were passing through Itarsi for the closing reunion of their Indian tourism experience — strangers to the land, and to each other — but they stayed. Not because of a plan, but because of the children. Their hearts were stirred by the same suffering that Sr. Clara could not ignore.

What began as curiosity soon turned to commitment, Jane and Ashley brought not only their time and presence, but a deep sense of solidarity and partnership. They helped shape the execution of Sr. Clara's vision — blending love with action, and generosity with strategy. Together, they formed an unlikely but enduring team: A committed nun and two travelers-turned-friends, bound by a shared humanity.

Over many cups of tea and walking through the platforms as well as poring over strategy documents, I had the fortune of interacting with Sr Clara, a truly inspiring person. It has been a joy to see and support Jeevodaya through the partnership with Railway Children, India which I once headed.

Today, 25 years later, Jeevodaya stands as a home not only for the vulnerable and helpless, but as a testimony to what is possible when compassion crosses borders and love speaks louder than language.

As we celebrate this silver jubilee, we give thanks for Sr. Clara's unwavering faith, for Jane and Ashley's unexpected yet vital collaboration, and for every person — near or far — who has contributed to this journey.

May Jeevodaya continue to be a shelter in the storm, a light in the darkness, and a living witness that love and compassion is the greatest healer of all.

With love and prayers,

Swamini Brahma Prajnananda Saraswati

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To
Rev. Sr. Clara,
Jeevodaya Rehabilitation Centre, Itarsi.

Dear Sr. Clara,

Loving greetings from Montfort Villa, Bhopal!

I remember the day, you shared with me 25 years back, about your vision and plan to work for the welfare of the street children at Itarsi Railway Station. Though I felt that it was a worthwhile project, I had my own mixed feelings of reservation and hesitation about it as it involved a lot of risks and opposition. During the course of the discussion, I realized that you had already made up your mind to go ahead with the project. As you had already taken the decision to start the project, I remember telling you to go ahead and that I would give you all the support I can provide. You went ahead with all enthusiasm and determination. It was indeed a very bold step.

You managed to get the support of the Itarsi railway station staff, civil authorities and your Provincial Administration. I do appreciate and congratulate you for this bold step, your commitment to serve the poor and the abandoned children, your communication skill and organizing capacity. You also established separate boys' and girls' homes with the assistance of different sponsors particularly one or two foreign funding agencies. You provided them free food, got them admitted in different schools, made arrangements for health care, appointed staff members to take care of them, established excellent relationship with each child to feel at home and do well. You had established a good system to keep in touch and follow them up when they were leaving the center and also giving them guidance as to how they have to go forward to make their own decisions to settle down in life. You were a source of inspiration and motivation to go ahead and be happy in life. For the last 25 years, you have taken excellent care of thousands of such children to find hope and meaning in their future life. Many of those children do not know who their parents are/were and they have not received their parental love. You had become their mother, loved them immensely and took care of them wonderfully. I am sure you find a lot of satisfaction and God's blessing to go ahead with this noble mission.

Let us thank the Lord for granting you His special blessings, sufficient energy and motivation to go ahead, in spite of the opposition from certain quarters due to prejudices, misunderstanding and narrow-minded thinking. Criticism and opposition are part of life. In fact, they are a blessing to make us strong and become mature. So please go ahead with determination.

'Life is not a Having and a Getting but it is Being and Becoming'. You are a genuine person with humanity as your religion accepting every person as sons and daughters of God. As I said above, you have become a very mature and true person.

May the Silver Jubilee Year and the celebrations bring you abundant graces, blessings and happiness.

With all good wishes,

Bo. Jose Thottiyil
Provincial Superior Emeritus,
Brothers of St. Gabriel, Province of Delhi.



Celebrating The Silver Years Of Jeevodaya, Itarsi

Grateful reminiscences of a dream come true, challenges faced and the courage to dare!!!

This is the story of Sr. Clara, a sister of St. Joseph of Chambery, and the saga of Jeevodaya. In 1999, Sr. Clara who had been teaching in St. Joseph's Convent School, Itarsi saw the plight of over 100 runaway children surviving, using all kinds of illegal means, on the platforms of the busy, crowded railway station at Itarsi.

Many saw, but no one noticed enough to care - except Sr. Clara! Moved with love and compassion she made a choice to make a U- turn in her life of service- to listen, to befriend, to stay and to wean these children away from their bad habits and their meaninglessness, to bring hope and healing in their lives so that they could dream of a more dignified life for themselves. From this deep human connection was born a movement, and a sanctuary – Jeevodaya, *the dawn of life!!*

Providence put people on her path - Jane and Ashley of Butterfield, a British couple whose chance encounter with Sr. Clara at Itarsi, helped transform her vision into plans and strategies, whose steady support, enduring friendship, self- sacrificing commitment and love for the children, helped Jeevodaya to find the light of day.

With the help of the district and local administration, the railway authorities and other supportive agencies, a day care centre, and two residential children's homes both for girls and boys separately were set up, providing “a loving and safe home” with all the facilities and opportunities for them to carve out a brighter future. Also, thousands of children are helped to reunite with their families.

With the collaboration of the West Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Jeevodaya's outreach services extended to Jabalpur, Katni and Khandwa. During the past 25 years, more than 55,000 children received benefits and are living with hope and dignity.

There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace, **said Kofi Annan.**

You dear founder director, Sr. Clara, sisters and staff of Jeevodaya, both past and present, can proudly yet humbly hold your heads up high because you have protected the vulnerable children, given them a safe haven, a hope to live and a dream for a better tomorrow, where they can make their contribution to society in freedom and love.

May the Silver Jubilee Celebration mark a new Chapter in your journey of selfless service to humanity's well-being without any discrimination. May Jeevodaya continue to be the lighthouse showing the way to ships (children) weathered and battered by the storms of life.

God bless you all abundantly!!

Sr. Frances Regis
Former Provincial,
Pachmarhi Province





B HARIHARAN, IOFS(Retd)

Ex GENERAL MANAGER, ORDNANCE FACTORY, ITARSI

Dear Sister Clara,

I am extremely glad to receive your message informing & inviting me to take part in the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Jeevodaya on the 22nd November, 2025. My Greetings and Hearty Congratulations to you on this occasion.

I consider myself fortunate to get introduced and associate with the contributions of JEEVODAYA to the Society during my tenure at Ordnance Factory, Itarsi. Your noble sacrifice and Service to the children, who otherwise would have not come to limelight, has been a God gift to the entire region. You have revealed that, irrespective of ones' background, proper care & compassion can bring transformation.

On this occasion, I express my Best wishes to yourself, the team and in particular the children of Jeevodaya for a great career.

Yours Sincerely,
B HARIHARAN

30th Sept 2025



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Message of Gratitude and Tribute: Celebrating 25 Years of Jeevodaya

Twenty-five years ago, at the heart of a bustling railway station in Itarsi, an extraordinary journey began—not with fanfare, but with quiet compassion. It was there that Sr. Clara, moved by the suffering of those abandoned by society, particularly the most vulnerable, sick, and poor, made a simple yet radical choice: to stay. To listen. To serve.

Childhood is the soul of any nation. Children are not merely the hope of the future; they are also our responsibility in the present. When a child faces neglect, violence, or insecurity, their entire life journey is affected. In such circumstances, long-term care and protection are not merely options—they are fundamental rights. Safeguarding these rights is a shared responsibility of society, government, and institutions.

Jeevodaya Society fulfils this humanitarian duty with dedication and sensitivity, bringing hope, resilience, and the light of a brighter future into the lives of thousands of children. The organization has become a platform where underprivileged children not only find shelter but are also guided toward a dignified life with access to education, healthcare, and emotional and social support.

Jeevodaya's work transcends service or welfare—it is a process of profound social transformation. It reminds us that true change does not arise from policies alone, but from compassion, commitment, and sustained service.

Ensuring a safe and opportunity-rich environment for children is a collective responsibility. When a child grows up free from fear and discrimination, pursuing their dreams, it is not just their life that flourishes—society progresses.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all members, volunteers, and collaborators of Jeevodaya for their unwavering dedication. This organization stands as an inspiring model for society, demonstrating that every child—regardless of their background—deserves love, respect, and opportunity.

My best wishes are with Jeevodaya on this ongoing journey. May these efforts continue to grow, bringing light, hope, and transformative change into the lives of even more children.



With deep gratitude,

GIRISH SHARMA, IAS
Chief Executive Officer

Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skills Park, Bhopal
Government of Madhya Pradesh



In the early 2000s, as CSP and Additional SP in Bhopal, I remember when we engaged with children on the railway station in Bajaria, Bhopal, we would hear of Sister Clara's efforts in Itarsi.

As luck would have it, I got posted as SP Hoshangabad and got the opportunity to see the painstaking efforts of Sister. I remember visiting her centre for the first time with children being given gifts at the end of the year.

The one thing I have always seen in her is love for the children and moving from strength to strength. It is not love and passion alone that can take you through this continuous effort of providing abandoned, neglected, homeless children meaning, care, happiness in life and the right resources to chart their own ways. Establishing institutions, making them run, forging teams, continuously thinking of how to improve the experience of children requires vision, coordination with various offices and day to day fire-fighting. But she smiles through them all and never loses sight of what is the best for kids.

I saw the establishment of the big building of Jeevodaya as SP Hoshangabad and was there for one of the Annual Functions as IG Hoshangabad.

So I have at various stages of my own career seen Sister's undying efforts. Her efforts have provided relief, protection and direction to countless children.

Here is wishing her the very best. May the children flower as little ones and may they become stronger, sensitive and well enabled and empowered adults.

Wishing Jeevodaya and Sister Clara the best.

Regards
Deepika Suri
Deepika Suri, IPS

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Itarsi is small town but major Railway junction where more than 150 passenger trains crisscross, bringing in the travellers from all over the country.

Twenty-five years ago, at the heart of a crowded railway station in Itarsi, an extraordinary journey began — not with fanfare, but with quiet compassion. It was there that **Sr. Clara**, moved by the suffering of those abandoned by society, especially the most vulnerable, sick and poor, made a simple but radical choice: to stay. To listen. To serve.

Jeevodaya — “the dawn of life” — was born in those moments of deep human connection, far removed from institutions or expectations. From those modest beginnings, a movement grew. A sanctuary was created, not just of care and service, but of dignity, presence, and unconditional love.

Among the early turning points in this mission was a **providential encounter: Jane and Ashley, a British couple**, were passing through Itarsi for the closing reunion of their Indian tourism experience — strangers to the land, and to each other — but they stayed. Not because of a plan, but because of the children. Their hearts were stirred by the same suffering that Sr. Clara could not ignore.

What began as curiosity soon turned to commitment, Jane and Ashley brought not only their time and presence, but a deep sense of solidarity and partnership. They helped shape the execution of Sr. Clara’s vision — blending love with action, and generosity with strategy. Together, they formed an unlikely but enduring team: A Catholic nun and two traveler-turned-friends, bound by a shared humanity.

Today, 25 years later, Jeevodaya stands not only as a home for the destitute and vulnerable, but as a testimony to what is possible when compassion crosses borders and love speaks louder than language.

As we celebrate this silver jubilee, we give thanks for Sr. Clara’s unwavering faith, for Jane and Ashley’s unexpected yet vital collaboration, and take pride in our 23 years long association to this journey.

May Jeevodaya continue to be a shelter in the storm, a light in the darkness, and a living witness that **love is the greatest healer of all.**

With deep gratitude



Subodh Jain

Ex Divisional Railway Manager (Bhopal)

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Jeevodaya - A Journey of Compassion and Love

I'm humbled to reflect on the incredible journey of Jeevodaya, which began 25 years ago in Itarsi railway station. I was posted there for few years, so, I had the privilege of witnessing Sr. Clara's selfless service to the poor and vulnerable. Her compassion inspired others, including Jane and Ashley, a British couple who stayed back to help.

Together, they created a sanctuary that offers more than just care - it's a place of dignity, love, and acceptance. I'm grateful for Sr. Clara's vision, Jane and Ashley's partnership, and everyone who's contributed to this noble cause.

As **Jeevodaya** celebrating 25 years of Journey of Compassion and Love, I pray that it continues to be a beacon of hope and love for those in need. May we all learn from their example and spread compassion and kindness wherever we go.

Vinayak
(Vinayak Garg)
DRM / NGP
Central Railway

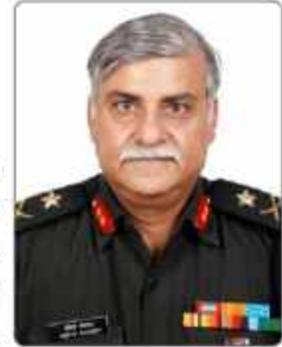
Congratulations, Sister Clara, and your team, on successfully and passionately running Jeevodaya—a unique and exceptional home for platform children—for the past 25 years. I vividly recall my first visit to Jeevodaya in early May 2003, accompanied by my husband, Deepak Gupta, who had just been appointed General Manager of WCR, Jabalpur, at Sister Clara's invitation. We were deeply impressed by the compassionate and professional way Sister Clara was managing such a challenging project. Having visited numerous railway stations and witnessed various welfare initiatives by Railway Women's Organizations and NGOs, we had never encountered a project as unique and meticulously executed as Jeevodaya. Both my husband and I gained profound insights from Sister Clara about the harsh realities faced by platform children. My husband was so moved by Sister Clara's dedication that he immediately proposed establishing a similar home in Jabalpur. This led to the birth of Jagriti, a home for platform children, in January 2004, thanks to the efforts of the Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, WCR. Jagriti was the first of its kind on Indian Railways and the second in India after Jeevodaya. Sister Clara served as our advisor and guide in establishing and running Jagriti, and it would not have been possible without her untiring support. Working for destitute children brings immense satisfaction to me. Jeevodaya, along with Sister Clara, has become a source of inspiration for me. I have been committed to supporting Jeevodaya whenever I have the opportunity. After my husband's retirement, I became associated with the NGO Aasha Infinite Foundation for the past 10 years. This NGO is dedicated to enhancing and improving the overall knowledge of English among underprivileged children and adults. Aasha volunteers have also helped many children of Jeevodaya. Jeevodaya has set a remarkable example of being a haven for children who have run away from home. I am committed to supporting Jeevodaya in any capacity I can. Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Sister Clara and her team on completing 25 years of Jeevodaya, a truly unique home for runaway children.



Usha Gupta
Former President
WCRWVO

Message for Jeevodaya

Jeevodaya has been a lifeline for children who have no where to go, for decades now. Over a period of time we have seen that Sister Clara's dedication and devotion to the cause has borne fruits by educating these children and giving their life a direction to mark their presence in society. I am overwhelmed to see that the children have done well under this NGO. To mention a few who have reached National level championship in shooting and some who have had inspiration to join the Armed Forces. I wish Jeevodaya and Sister Clara all the best in coming times and to keep on pursuing the good work in future. It will be my endeavour to keep on supporting the cause to achieve its goals and extend my best wishes to Jeevodaya for the future. Jai Hind, Jai Bharat.



Maj Gen Deepak Sachdev
(Veteran)



Sisters of St. Joseph OF ORANGE

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange has been honored to partner with the Jeevodaya Society since 2017 to care and protect children in need. We congratulate the Jeevodaya Society on their Silver Jubilee. The Society's dedication to child welfare in India, and specifically to address the needs of railway children in Itarsi, has positively impacted the lives of 55,000 children. We commend Sr. Clara Animottil for recognizing the needs of the most vulnerable children, developing programs to meet their immediate needs, and advocating for policies that will improve their lives. We also recognize Jane and Ashley, travelers who were inspired by Sr. Clara and helped shape her vision to execute it. The way we treat our children reflects the kind of society we are. The Jeevodaya Society's work in Itarsi demonstrates the best of our society, as the Sisters and staff seek to ensure the dignity and positive future of the children that they encounter.



As Sisters of St. Joseph worldwide, we seek to serve the needs of the dear neighbor, especially those that are poor and vulnerable. We seek to identify needs in our communities and work with partners to meet these needs. The Jeevodaya Society has for 25 years demonstrated their commitment to meet the needs of vulnerable children in Itarsi, and we have been honored to serve as a partner with you in this journey.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope in the Church, may your Silver Jubilee be a reminder of the hope that you bring to the children and families in Itarsi. On behalf of Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, General Superior, our leadership team, and all our Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, we send a special blessing to all your Sisters, staff and the children as you celebrate your Silver Jubilee.



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Jeevodaya: A Sanctuary of Hope in Itarsi

As we celebrate the 25th jubilee of our valued partner organisation, we take this moment to honour the remarkable work of Jeevodaya, led by Sr. Clara Animottil in Itarsi, India. For over two decades, Jeevodaya has been a beacon of compassion and transformation for children living in vulnerable conditions, especially those found at the bustling railway station of Itarsi.

Founded in 1999, Jeevodaya was born out of Sr. Clara's deep concern for children who were homeless, abandoned, or fleeing abuse. What began as a personal mission to offer care on railway platforms has grown into a structured and impactful organisation that continues to change lives every day. We are proud to be part of this journey since 2017.

Children are also at the heart of Misereor's concern. In many of the regions of the world, children face daily challenges—from poverty, violence and displacement to limited access to education and healthcare. Many of our partner organisations work hard to change this reality, creating safe, nurturing environments where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

We appreciate the way Jeevodaya's work is rooted in a holistic approach to child welfare. The organisation provides rescue and crisis intervention, psychological support, education, and much more. It also facilitates reintegration into safe family environments or long-term care homes. Jeevodaya's impact is visible in the lives of countless children who have moved from trauma to healing, from neglect to opportunity. Through Sr. Clara's unwavering dedication and the tireless efforts of her team, Jeevodaya has become a sanctuary of hope, embodying the values of dignity, justice, and love.

On this special occasion, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Jeevodaya. Your work inspires and strengthens our shared mission to protect and empower children. May this jubilee be a celebration of all that has been achieved—and a reaffirmation of the journey ahead.

With deep respect and solidarity,

Heike Roschanski

India Desk Officer
Misereor
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Dear Sr. Clara,

Message from Sandhya Mishra

Sr. Director – Government Partnerships & Strategic Alliances
Miracle Foundation India

It is truly inspiring to witness the remarkable journey of *Jeevodaya Society*, which began in 1999 through the compassion and conviction of Sr. Clara. What started with her sitting at the Itarsi Railway platform among children in distress has grown into a powerful movement of care and transformation. Over the past 25 years, *Jeevodaya* has touched the lives of more than 55,000 children—restoring dignity, hope, and purpose to those who once lived on the margins.

During our association with *Jeevodaya Society* from December 2014 to April 2020, we had the privilege of working closely with children connected with railway platforms. Those experiences were deeply moving and offered invaluable lessons about courage, adaptability, and the universal desire every child holds—to belong. We learnt that with consistent care, protection, and the right support, children can rebuild their lives and thrive.

As we look to the future of child protection, it is crucial that our collective efforts move beyond immediate rescue to ensuring long-term stability, connection, and belonging. True child welfare means creating pathways for every child to grow up in a safe, loving family or a family-like environment—one that nurtures their potential and helps them flourish. This requires strong community-driven care systems, convergence of services, and collaboration among government, civil society, and families instead of long term institutionalization.

As *Jeevodaya* celebrates this milestone, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Sr. Clara and the entire team for their unwavering commitment to children. Your journey continues to inspire all of us working toward a future where every child grows up in a safe and nurturing family.



Best regards,

Sandhya Mishra

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A family for every child, in our lifetime

With Pride and Gratitude: A 25-Year Salute

To the entire Jeevodaya family—its visionary founders, its dedicated team, its steadfast partners, and above all, the incredible children and alumni whose transformed lives are its most powerful testimony—a joyous and triumphant 25th Jubilee!

The story of Jeevodaya is one that continues to stir my soul. This is a story that began not in a boardroom, but on the hard, cold platform of Itarsi Railway Station. It was ignited by a single, transformative act of compassion from Sr. Clara, who looked upon a group of young survivors and saw not delinquents, but children—children shrouded in the shadows, burdened by stigma, and fighting every day for their survival. Her courageous decision to leave the familiar confines of a classroom to embrace these forgotten young lives was the divine spark that lit a magnificent and enduring flame.

From that humble, informal beginning, a miracle gracefully unfolded. That one compassionate gaze rippled outward, growing into a powerful mission that with the support of likeminded individuals, Indian railway, State Government administrations and donor agencies. Crucially, this growth was never forced; it was an organic, natural response to a profound need being met with undeniable love, tangible effectiveness, and unwavering commitment.

My own association with Jeevodaya, has granted me a profound privilege: to witness this miracle from the inside. I have seen firsthand the alchemy of dedication that turns a house into a home and a program into a promise. The statistic of **55,000 children touched** over 25 years is truly staggering, but we must remember that behind that number lie tens of thousands of individual stories of resilience, healing, and reclaimed futures. The very existence of a vibrant Alumni group stands as a resounding testament to the lasting family Jeevodaya has built—a thriving network of independent, capable individuals forever connected by a shared foundation of care.

This Souvenir Magazine, therefore, is more than a record of 25 years; it is a radiant celebration of the human spirit. It honours Sr. Clara's initial vision, the unwavering commitment of every staff member and volunteer, and the boundless courage of every child who has walked through its doors.

As you now turn the page to your next chapter, may you carry forward the same spirit of compassionate action that defined your beginning. The journey that started on a railway platform has become a beacon of hope for thousands. My heart is filled with immense pride for having been even a small part of your story, and with boundless hope for the countless futures you have yet to shape.

Congratulations on this glorious milestone. The best is yet to come.

With warm regards and deepest respect,

Joju Varghese

Child Protection / Rights Expert



Editorial Team Message

Dear Readers and Well-Wishers,

As we unveil this Silver Jubilee Souvenir, our hearts brim with gratitude for your enduring support, encouragement, and belief in Jeevodaya's mission. This commemorative edition is more than a collection of stories, it is a tapestry woven with threads of resilience, compassion, and transformation that each of you has helped nurture over the past 25 years.

From the railway platforms of Itarsi to the vibrant child-friendly wards we now envision, Jeevodaya's journey has been shaped by countless hands and hearts. Your presence, whether as donors, volunteers, alumni, staff, or friends has been the quiet force behind every milestone, every child's smile, and every story of hope.

We especially thank Sr. Clara Animottil, our Foundress and Editor-in-Chief, whose vision and unwavering commitment continue to inspire us. To our co-founders, Mr. & Mrs. Butterfield and Mr. Stephen Cannan, your legacy lives on in every page of this Souvenir. And to our dedicated editorial team, cultural coordinators, and alumni contributors-your creativity and care have brought this publication to life.

As you turn these pages, may you feel the warmth of shared purpose and the joy of collective impact. Thank you for being part of this journey. Here's to the next chapter-stronger, kinder, and ever more united in service.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Jeevodaya Silver Jubilee Editorial Team

- Sr. Clara, Editor-in-Chief
- Mr. Kiran Babu, Content Curator
- Mr. Joby, Design & Layout
- Mr. Atul Mahobiya Photo editor
- Mr. Peter Lasrado, Support

Jeevodaya History

The seed of Jeevodaya was laid in 1990s in Madhya Pradesh, at Itarsi railway station which is one of the biggest railway junctions of India with more than 158 trains passing daily to different parts of our country. No train in India comes without children, who would have an easy access to travel without ticket and earn a minimum of Rs 100 for their livelihood by selling goods and begging.

Without proper legal mechanism to mainstream these children and with sheer lack of sensitivity and awareness, the state authorities remained blind towards these children-victimized them and, detained them for any crime that occurred on the railway platform.

Sr. Clara Animottil, from Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery, frequently visited Itarsi to pay visit to others from her community in Itarsi, when often she came face to face with children-displaced, unnoticed, and vulnerable on the Railway Platform. This brought in her a continuous upheaval of emotions and a sense of responsibility towards these children whom she thought too has the equal right for a beautiful rising childhood. Her quest in searching for a sustainable solution and passion to work for these children at platform resulted in an initiative in 1999 which later evolved as Jeevodaya as we see today.

Jeevodaya had a humble beginning with no place, but a group of 90 to 100 children both boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 16, who due to the hostile living environment developed a defensive survival mechanism, unapologetic and abusive. The society may name them as anti-social but, they were the same children whose innocence and childhood was marred by discrimination, and victimization by the society itself. After working for many years in 1999, Sr. Clara brought together these children under one umbrella, which in turn sent a shock wave to the railway authority and the passengers who were amazed and intrigued with the improving living conditions of the children who were now trying to learn, read and recite poem, read newspaper and started to keep themselves clean, organizing themselves for their daily chores including cooking food and earning their daily living. In the year 2000, realizing the need and honouring the efforts of Sr. Clara, Railway Mazdoor Union offered their office for the upliftment of railway children to Sr. Clara. Soon after a British couple Ashley and Jane Butterfield on completion of their 25 years of tourism in India for foreigners took our children as their guide and sponsored their first Shelter home and thus Jeevodaya found a home for children where they live and grow together as a family.

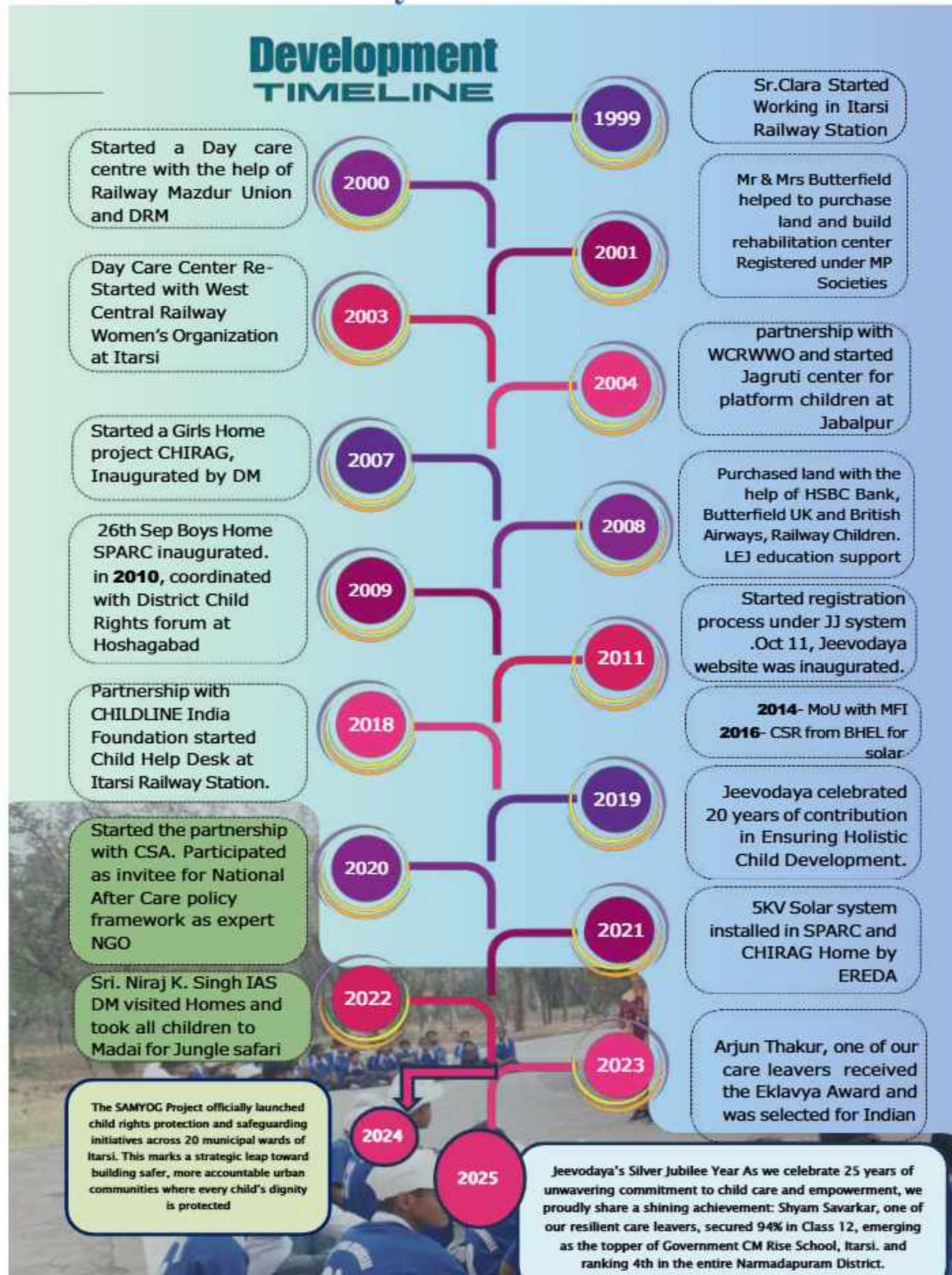
Vision :

To build a just society where every child enjoys basic rights in a world of globalization and exclusion.

Mission :

To uphold the human dignity of every child, by working towards the Universal Child Rights, implementation of child-related laws, through a process of Capacity building of duty bearers, promoting quality Children Homes, empowering community to ensure child protection and child rights.

Key Milestones



Founding Members' Profile

Sr. Clara CSJ, Founder and member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery, was serving as a teacher at St. Joseph's Convent School Itarsi, when she encountered vulnerable children living on the railway platforms. Deeply moved by their plight, she chose to leave the field of formal education and devote herself entirely to their welfare.



Mr. Ashley Butterfield, Mrs. Jane Butterfield, and Mr. Stephen Cannan: Co-Founders from the U.K.—had been involved in Indian tourism for international travellers for over 25 years. During a reunion at the Itarsi Railway Station, they met Sr. Clara with a group of children. This chance encounter transformed strangers into collaborators as they joined hands with her in the mission of caring for the children.



Impact Stories

Respected Jeevodaya Sanstha and Honorable Sister Clara, Warm Greetings. I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and happiness. I am writing this letter to express my heartfelt gratitude and deep respect towards Jeevodaya Sanstha and Sister Clara for the invaluable love, guidance, and support that have shaped my life in countless ways. Having spent a significant part of my childhood and early youth at Jeevodaya, I can say with pride and emotion that the person I am today is a reflection of the values, discipline, and compassion that I learned there. Sister Clara, your kindness, motherly care, and constant guidance gave me a new purpose in life. You not only provided shelter and education, but also instilled in me confidence, moral strength, and the belief that no circumstance is too difficult to overcome. Your smile, your words of wisdom, and your patient love remain deeply engraved in my heart. When I first came to Jeevodaya in 2003, I never imagined that this place would become the most beautiful and defining chapter of my life. Jeevodaya gave me much more than food and education — it gave me dignity, hope, and a sense of belonging. The teachers, mentors, and caretakers of the institution devoted their lives to nurturing us, and their compassion and discipline became the foundation of who I am today. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Aunty and Uncle – Mrs. Jane and Mr. Ashley Butterfield, whose love, kindness, and support changed my life forever. For me, Sister Clara and Aunty and Uncle have always been like my true mothers — the ones who nurtured me, guided me, and gave me a new life. Just as Lord Krishna was born to one mother and raised by another, I feel the same grace in my life — I was born by someone, but truly raised and shaped by you. The Jeevodaya family gave me everything a child truly needs — care, protection, education, and unconditional love. Today, I proudly say that whatever I am, I owe it to Jeevodaya. I am currently working in Ahmedabad as a shooting coach, where many of my trainees participate in national competitions — and several of them have even won medals. This success is the result of the strong foundation of education, discipline, and moral values that Jeevodaya Sanstha instilled in me. Wherever I go, the teachings of Jeevodaya remain with me. The values I learned there continue to guide me through every challenge, reminding me that I am never truly alone — for Jeevodaya lives forever in my heart. Thank you for being the foundation of my life — for shaping my future and giving me a new direction. I will forever remain grateful to Jeevodaya Sanstha and Sister Clara for everything they have done for me. I promise that in the coming years, I will continue to support Jeevodaya in every possible way, just as Jeevodaya supported and shaped me into the person I have become today. With heartfelt gratitude, love, and deep respect, Thank you once again for your blessings and endless compassion.



With warm regards,
Aman Dayal
(National / International Shooter)
Shooting Coach, Ahmedabad
(Beneficiary, Alumni)

Impact Stories

Dear Jeevodaya Family,

As I reflect on the wonderful journey that began within your loving walls, I'm grateful for the support, care, love and guidance you've showered upon me since childhood. I started living in Jeevodaya at the age of 08. I learn lots of things from Jeevodaya family. jeevodaya helped me to grow up. Your selfless dedication and mentorship have been the bedrock of my growth, shaping me into a confident, compassionate, and resilient individual ready to take on life's challenges. Your belief in me has been a constant source of strength, empowering me to pursue my passions and dreams with courage and conviction. I'm proud to say that I'm not just surviving – I'm thriving! Today, as a LIFT fellow (under Udaya Care with the help of UNICEF India), I'm using the skills, values, and love you've instilled in me to make a positive impact in my community. Jeevodaya's legacy lives on in me, and I'm committed to paying it forward, touching lives, and building futures. I'll forever be grateful for the love, care, and guidance you've provided. Here's to 25 years of changing lives and building futures – and many more to come!



With deepest gratitude and love,

Shobha Pal
(Beneficiary, Alumni)

Impact Stories

Respected Jeevodaya Sanstha and Sister Clara ji / Madam, I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirit. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to Jeevodaya Sanstha, which provided me with invaluable support and guidance during the early years of my life. Having spent an important part of my childhood and early youth at Jeevodaya Sanstha, I am deeply aware of how Jeevodaya shaped me into the person I am today. The love, care, and education I received were not just for survival but for nurturing hope, dreams, and the belief that anything is possible, regardless of circumstances. During my stay, I received a holistic education that equipped me with the knowledge and discipline needed to pursue my ambitions. With the help of Jeevodaya Sanstha, Sister Clara ji, the teachers, mentors, and caretakers, I was able to stay focused on my goal — joining the Indian Army. A dream that once seemed impossible has now become a reality. The foundation that Jeevodaya laid for me — in education, values, and integrity — played a crucial role in helping me achieve this success. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of Jeevodaya who played a role in my journey. The dedication and compassion of the Jeevodaya staff have always been a source of strength for me. They taught me the importance of hard work, discipline, and perseverance. First and foremost, I want to thank Sister Clara, Aunty and Uncle (Jane and Ashley Butterfield), and the entire Jeevodaya family for giving me a new life. I came to Jeevodaya in 2007 at the age of six. Since then, I carry with me the memories of the caretakers, the laughter of my companions, and the quiet moments that shaped me. You gave me far more than food and education — you gave me dignity, hope, and a sense of belonging. As I move forward in life with confidence and purpose, I carry Jeevodaya in my heart. Your values guide me, your lessons strengthen me, and your love reminds me that I am never truly alone. Thank you for being my foundation. You have changed my life and shaped my future, and I will never forget Jeevodaya, my first home. In the coming years, I will continue to support Jeevodaya in the same way it has shaped me and my companions. At present, I am serving in the Indian Army as a Junior Commissioned Officer (Naib Subedar). I am also an Eklavya Awardee and an International Shogun Shooter. I am fully aware that this journey was only possible because of the selfless support I received at Jeevodaya Sanstha. I am committed to serving my nation with the same dedication and respect that I learned during my years at the Jeevodaya. Once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for everything Jeevodaya Sanstha has done for me. I will forever remain indebted to you for giving me the opportunity to build a better future.



With sincere regards,
Arjun Thakur
Eklavya Awardee / International
Shooter Indian Army (JCO) – Naib Subedar

Case Studies

Meena's (Name Changed) Journey Towards Rehabilitation and Family Reintegration. In November 2017, Meena, a 9-year-old girl, was rescued by the Child Line team while engaging in the sale of pouches and tobacco alongside her mother in transitory conditions. Her exposure to tobacco addiction and hazardous living conditions prompted immediate intervention to ensure her safety and well-being.

Intervention and Admission to Jeevodadya Society: Upon rescue, Meena was presented in front of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), who subsequently admitted her to Jeevodadya Society. The initial focus was on addressing her tobacco addiction through medical assistance and counselling. Simultaneously, efforts were made to counsel her mother, emphasizing the safety and educational opportunities available to Manya in Jeevodadya Society.

Challenges in the Family Environment: Meena's mother was living in precarious conditions on railway platforms with her stepfather, both exploiting Manya for earnings. The mother's struggles with alcohol further heightened concerns about Manya's safety and well-being in her familial environment.

Family Reintegration: In June 2023, a positive turn in Meena's life occurred when her elder sister, now married, expressed interest in taking her home. The Jeevodadya team conducted thorough assessments, including a visit to the real father's home, to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for Manya.

Successful Home Placement: Following assurances from Meena's father and married sister regarding her care and education, a decision was made to reintegrate Meena with her biological family. The home placement process was executed, and Meena transitioned to living with her sister.

Current Status: Meena is currently thriving in her new family environment. She is enrolled in the 9th grade and is actively engaged in her studies. Her improved circumstances and the support of her family have contributed to her overall well-being and happiness.

Reema's (Name Changed) Resilience and Family Reintegration Reema :

A 10-year-old girl, endured a life of vulnerability, residing with her biological mother and stepfather. The situation turned dire when she became a victim of physical and mental abuse by her stepfather. Despite the challenging circumstances, Reema's courage prevailed, and she sought help from her Anganwadi supervisor. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the supervisor promptly contacted Child Line members who Following her rescue in September 2020, Reema found refuge in Jeevodaya, where she received comprehensive support, including medical assistance, education, and counselling. Starting from the second grade, Reema, who had never attended school before, eagerly embraced her educational journey. The dedicated team at Jeevodaya went beyond immediate care and focused on the holistic rehabilitation of Reema. Discovering crucial information from Reema about her real father, the team tirelessly searched for him, overcoming challenges to locate his address and contact details. Through persistent efforts and multiple visits, they successfully engaged with Reema's father, who, upon understanding the situation, expressed willingness to take her back into the family. In June 2023, Reema joyfully reintegrated with her biological father and brothers. Now, attending school daily, she radiates happiness in her family, marking a significant transformation from the hardships she faced earlier in her young age.

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 Company : United Engineering
 Industries pvt. ltd.
 Govindpura, Bhopal M.P. -
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Name : Jarina Riya
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2020 to 2024
 Job : Guest Service Associate
 Company : Courtyard by Marriott
 Hotel Bhopal M.P.



Name : Shobha
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2020 to 2024
 Job : Caretaker
 Company : Bhopal



Name : Pooja Verma
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2010 to 2025
 Job : Front Office
 Company : Juh-nuh-nee Restaurant



Name : Sandhya Yadav
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 12 Years
 Job : Fraud Analyst
 Company : Teleperformance
 (Mastercard)



Name : Sanjana Ramesh
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2020 to 2024
 Job : Apprentice
 Company : Courtyard by Marriott
 Hotel Bhopal M.P.



Name : Sanjana Kuchbandiya
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2021 Left
 Job : Employed
 Company : Company



Name : Shivani Raju
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2008 to 2020
 Job : Operation Executive
 Company : Austraea pvt.ltd.



Name : Shivani Mehra
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 5 Years
 Job :
 Company :



Name : Suraj Singh
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2005 to 2009
 Job : Driving & Cooking
 Company : Goa



Name : Kalawati
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 9 Years
 Job : Sales Team Leader
 Company : Metrinixoptotechnik Pvt.
 Ltd.



Name : Ajay Vishwakarma
 year of completion
 in Jeevodaya : 2007 to 2012
 Job : Security Supervisor
 Company : Mumbai Maharashtra

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Name : Shyam Savarkar
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2015 to 2025
 Job : Studying BBA
 Company : Gyan Ganga College of Excellence, Jabalpur



Name : Ratnakar Choubye
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2002 to 2007
 Job : Plastic Bottle Making
 Company : Satna MP



Name : Shivpoojan Choubey
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2002 to 2018
 Job : Self Employed
 Company : Canteen at Satna MP



Name : Maina
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2008 to 2021
 Job : Data Entry Operator
 Company : Aditya Hospital Jabalpur MP



Name : Sanju
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2005 to 2013
 Job : MIS Management & Home Part Time Teaching
 Company : Loom Presh Jabalpur



Name : Raja Khan
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2009 to 2019
 Job : CCTV Maintenance
 Company : Kanpur UP



Name : Bali Singh
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2010 to 2020
 Job : Student B.Com Final
 Company :



Name : Kiran Kumar Rao
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2005 to 2011
 Job : Salesman
 Company : Railway Station Jabalpur



Name : Manisha Thakur
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2007 to 2015
 Job : Employed
 Company : Working in company



Name : Ram Goswami
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2019 to 2024
 Job : Tours & Travels
 Company : Mandideep, MP



Name : Victor Singh
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2020 to 2024
 Job : Studying-ECG Technician course
 Company : Government Medical College, Jabalpur, MP



Name : Vijeta Bahadur
 year of completion :
 in Jeevodaya : 2009 to 2021
 Job : Nurse
 Company : Dialysis Technician

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Name : Shivam Mahale
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2015 to 2025
 Job : Student 12th
 Company : Itarsi



Name : Kajal
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2010 to 2020
 Job : Jockey Shop
 Company :



Name : Sapna Bhadoriya
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2020 to 2024
 Job : Training Captain
 Company : Restaurant (FnB) Masala Code Indore



Name : Saddam Khan
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2005 to 2015
 Job :
 Company : Itarsi



Name : Arjun Thakur
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2007 to 2019
 Job : Junior Commissioned Officer
 Company : Indian Army



Name : Aifaj Qureshi
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 1999 to 2003
 Job : Electrician
 Company :



Name : Bhurcial Dhurve
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2003 to 2015
 Job : Community Facilitator
 Company : Jeevodaya Itarsi



Name : Janmu Pradhan
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2018 to 2020
 Job : Home Tutor
 Company :



Name : Dhruv Badkur
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2019 to 2022
 Job : Telly Operator
 Company :



Name : Arjun Bhallavi
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2022 to 2024
 Job : Delivery Pizza
 Company : Golden Gate Amritsar



Name : Arvind Sahu
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 2015 to 2021
 Job :
 Company : Trident Company



Name : Ankush Dyal
 year of completion in Jeevodaya : 14 Years
 Job : Junior Accountant
 Company :

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Name : Anurag Singh
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 2018 to 2024
Job : Accountant
Company :



Name : Bobby Mishra
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 11 Years
Job : Businessman
Company :



Name : Durgesh Dhurve
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 2006 to 2016
Job : Mechanic
Company : Mandla MP



Name : Anjali Mishra
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 2007 to 2017
Job : Makeup & Hair Artist
Company : Anusagar Unisex Saloon & Academy (Owner)



Name : Arti Lahare
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 2010 to 2014
Job : House Wife
Company :



Name : Ashish Thakur
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 2017 to 2025
Job : Catering Service
Company : Itarsi



Name : Rajnikant Verma
year of completion
in Jeevodaya : 1999 to 2014
Job : Video Editor
Company : Dainik Bhaskar Digital,
Bhopal M.P.

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Certificates



Awards



बाल अधिकार पर जागरूकता कार्यशाला का किया आयोजन, बच्चों को दी जानकारी

जागरूकता, इटारसी। जीवोदय संस्था की ओर से आई नंबर 11 आंगनवाड़ी केंद्र में देशव्यापी एवं संरक्षण वाले बालकों एवं बच्चों के अधिकार के संबंध में कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें बच्चों को जीवोदय संस्था की टीम द्वारा बच्चों को बाल अधिकार के बारे में जानकारी दी।

इस दौरान बच्चों को बताया गया कि बाल अधिकार आज के युग में बच्चों की स्थिति, समस्याएं एवं बच्चों की समस्याओं के निवारण के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा सकते हैं एवं किस तरह से उनके द्वारा बच्चों की सहायता की जा सकती है एवं जिले में बाल संरक्षण से संबंधित संस्थाओं के विषय में विस्तारपूर्वक जानकारी दी गई। कार्यशाला के दौरान महिलाओं से कुछ सवाल भी पूछे गए एवं उन्हें इस कार्यशाला में भागीदार बनाया गया।

तथा चाइल्ड प्रोटेक्शन को सभी अच्छे से समझ सकें और बच्चों की सहायता के लिए आगे आ सकें एवं बच्चों के अधिकार, उनके सर्वोत्तम हित से भी सभी को अवगत कराया गया।

बच्चों के लिए काम करने वाली एजेंसियां और जीवोदय इन बच्चों तक कैसे पहुंच रहा है और उनके अधिकारों को रक्षा के लिए काम कर रहा है और एक गुणवत्तापूर्ण जीवन और उज्वल भविष्य सुनिश्चित कर रहा है, इस कार्यशाला का उद्देश्य युवा स्वयंसेवकों को आकर्षित करना और उन्हें जीवोदय सोसाइटी के माध्यम से सामाजिक कार्यों को और जोड़ना और उन्हें अपने आसपास के सभी बच्चों और जरूरतमंद लोगों की मदद करने के लिए प्रेरित किया गया।

इस अवसर पर बच्चों से प्रश्नोत्तरी कराया, परों में काम करवाना, अपराध

काहीं भी अगर छोटे बच्चों के साथ अपराध अन्वय हो रहा है तो इनकी सूचना तुरंत बाल संरक्षण इकाई को दी। ताकि बच्चों को उचित सहायता मिल सके।

इस अवसर पर जीवोदय संस्था के माध्यम से उपस्थित आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता, आई पार्षद, आई की महिलाएं, बाल कल्याण समिति, विशेष किंगडर पुलिस इकाई, बाल संरक्षण समिति, सम्प्रदायगत बच्चों की मदद के लिए अथ जिले में चाइल्ड हेल्पलाइन 1098 को संख्या भी 24 चिठ्ठे उपलब्ध हैं। इस अवसर पर आई नंबर 11 के आई पार्षद मनजीत जालौरिया, आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता अर्चना साहू एवं आई की 34 महिलाएं उपस्थित रहे। जीवोदय संस्था से स्पेक टीम से कोऑर्डिनेटर प्रिलोक मनवारे, दिलीप कुमार, भुरलाल पुर्वे, मोनिका गोस्वामी, वैभव डोगर आदि उपस्थित थे।

बालिका गृहों का किया निरीक्षण



इटारसी, दीपावली के अवसर पर सिटी मजिस्ट्रेट ब्रजेन्द्र सिंह रावत और जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी (महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग) ललित कुमार डेहरिया ने शनिवार को शहर के बालिका गृहों का निरीक्षण किया। उन्होंने जीवोदय सोसायटी द्वारा संचालित बालिका गृह और महादेव सुंदरम जन कल्याण शिक्षण समिति द्वारा संचालित मुस्कान बालिका गृह पहुंचकर बच्चियों से मुलाकात की और उनके साथ समय बिताया। निरीक्षण के दौरान अधिकारियों ने बच्चियों को मिशन और उपहार वितरित किए।

महिलाओं, आंगनबाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं और बच्चों को बाल अधिकार बताए

जागरूकता, इटारसी। जीवोदय संस्था की ओर से आई नंबर 11 आंगनवाड़ी केंद्र में देशव्यापी एवं संरक्षण वाले बालकों एवं बच्चों के अधिकार के संबंध में कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें बच्चों को जीवोदय संस्था की टीम द्वारा बच्चों को बाल अधिकार के बारे में जानकारी दी।



इस अवसर पर बच्चों से प्रश्नोत्तरी कराया, परों में काम करवाना, अपराध काहीं भी अगर छोटे बच्चों के साथ अपराध अन्वय हो रहा है तो इनकी सूचना तुरंत बाल संरक्षण इकाई को दी। ताकि बच्चों को उचित सहायता मिल सके।

इस अवसर पर जीवोदय संस्था के माध्यम से उपस्थित आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता, आई पार्षद, आई की महिलाएं, बाल कल्याण समिति, विशेष किंगडर पुलिस इकाई, बाल संरक्षण समिति, सम्प्रदायगत बच्चों की मदद के लिए अथ जिले में चाइल्ड हेल्पलाइन 1098 को संख्या भी 24 चिठ्ठे उपलब्ध हैं। इस अवसर पर आई नंबर 11 के आई पार्षद मनजीत जालौरिया, आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता अर्चना साहू एवं आई की 34 महिलाएं उपस्थित रहे। जीवोदय संस्था से स्पेक टीम से कोऑर्डिनेटर प्रिलोक मनवारे, दिलीप कुमार, भुरलाल पुर्वे, मोनिका गोस्वामी, वैभव डोगर आदि उपस्थित थे।

बालिका गृह का किया निरीक्षण, विधिक अधिकारों की दी जानकारी

इटारसी, शनिवार को सिटी मजिस्ट्रेट ब्रजेन्द्र सिंह रावत और जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी (महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग) ललित कुमार डेहरिया ने शहर के बालिका गृहों का निरीक्षण किया। उन्होंने जीवोदय सोसायटी द्वारा संचालित बालिका गृह और महादेव सुंदरम जन कल्याण शिक्षण समिति द्वारा संचालित मुस्कान बालिका गृह पहुंचकर बच्चियों से मुलाकात की और उनके साथ समय बिताया। निरीक्षण के दौरान अधिकारियों ने बच्चियों को मिशन और उपहार वितरित किए।



आयोजन शासकीय पीएमपी किंगडलव सुरजगंज में 20 दिवसीय

श्याम का सुयश

जीवोदय बाल गृह इटारसी के होनहार



बालक श्याम सावरकर ने कक्षा 12वीं में 94 प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त कर संस्था का नाम गर्व से ऊंचा किया है। श्याम की शानदार उपलब्धि उनके कठिन परिश्रम, अनुशासन और लगन का प्रतिफल है। श्याम सावरकर पीपल मोहल्ला स्थित शासकीय सीएम राइज स्कूल का छात्र है। भविष्य में श्याम सीए बनना चाहते हैं।

बाल संसद ने दिया स्वच्छता का संदेश, खुले में कचरा न डालने की अपील

नवदुर्ग प्रतिनिधि, इटारसी-खंडा क्षेत्र में श्याम मोहल्ला से बहानी कॉलोनी तक सफाई अभियान का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर आई पार्षद मीरा राजकुमार बाबू गुलाब अग्रवाल के रूप में उपस्थित रहे। अभियान में लगभग 30 प्रतिभागियों ने सक्रिय रूप से भाग लिया। कार्यक्रम की विरोधता रही कि बाल संसद के बच्चों ने पूरे उत्कल के साथ सफाई कार्य में भाग लिया, स्वच्छता के मातृ को लगे ताक पहुंचाया। बच्चों के इस प्रयास से मोहल्लावासियों को प्रेरणा मिली कि वे भी अपने परिवार को स्वच्छ रखने की शक्ति रखते हैं। यह अभियान जीवोदय संस्था के स्टॉक मिस्टर ज्योति, मोनिका गोस्वामी और भुरलाल द्वारा हमला परात बाल संसद के सहयोग से आयोजित किया गया। आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता रजिनी खान और मंगला कलदे भी मौजूद थीं, जिससे बच्चों के द्वारा जो बच्चों को बाल संसद बना हुई है। इसने आई के लोगों को स्वच्छता पर यह संदेश दिया गया कि अलग-अलग कचरा न डालें और कचरा गार्ड में ही कचरा डालें। बाल संसद के सदस्य, बाल संसद की प्रभुत्वपूर्ण एलक विचारक के साथ-साथ कजल राव, शानु विरवार, पूजा सावरकर, महिम विरवार और सुरज पात ने सक्रिय भूमिका निभाई। इस अवसर पर आईवासियों को स्वच्छता के



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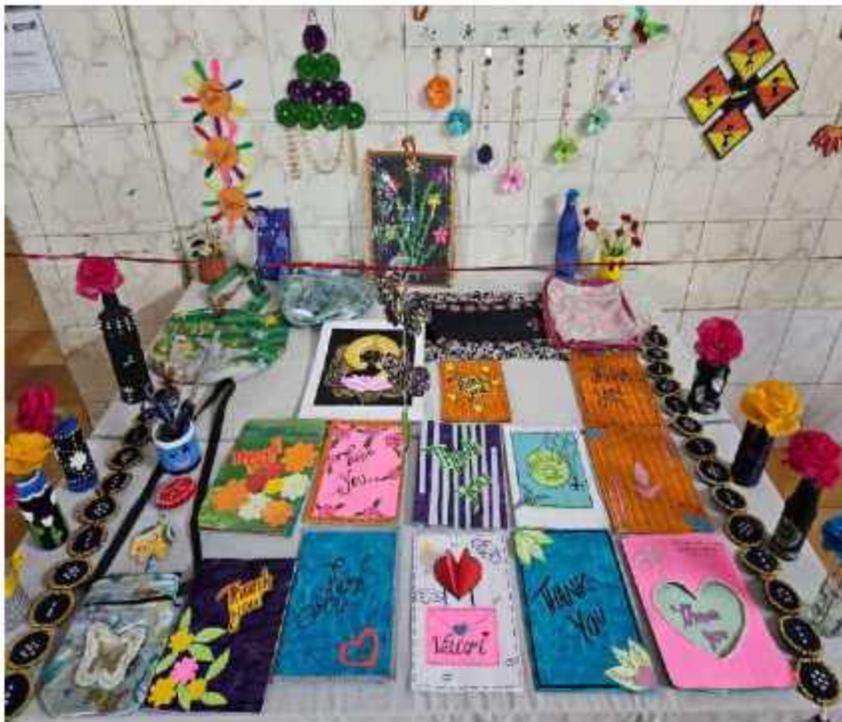
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जीवोदया घर की यादें

छोटी थी जब आई यहाँ।
आँखों में थे कुछ सपने नए।
जीवोदया का था ये आँगन,
जो अपनों सा लगा मुझे ।

यहाँ मिला मुझे एक नया संसार,
दोस्ती, प्यार, अपना परिवार।
टूटी थी जब आई थी मैं,
पर सिस्टर क्लारा ने थामा मुझे।

सवेरे की प्रार्थना, सिस्टर का प्यार,
हर दिन लगता था उपहार।
मिलकर गाते, मिलकर हँसते,
हर खुशी को संग में बसते।

शिक्षा का दीपक जलाया यहाँ,
हर मुश्किल से लड़ना सिखाया
यहाँ।
संघर्षों में भी मुस्काना सीखा,
हर हार में भी जीत को देखा।

जब आए आंटी-अंकल यहाँ,
साथ लाए स्नेह की बहार।
बाँट दिया सबमें हँसी-खुशी,
जैसे खुला हो जीवन का द्वार।

घुमाने ले गए सबको संग,
हर पल था एक नया रंग।
अपनापन जो उन्होंने दिया,
लगा हमें मिला नया उमंग।

संगीत बना मेरा हमसफ़र,
हर सुर में दिखा नया सफ़र
सपना था गाना, सुरों से जुड़ना,
गीतों की दुनिया में रोशन हो
उड़ना।

दुआओं में नाम रहेगा सदा,
जो सिखाया, न भूलूँगी मैं।
सिस्टर क्लारा, शुक्रिया आपका,
आपसे ही मुस्कुराई हूँ मैं।

शुक्रिया हर उस चेहरे का,
जो मेरे संग मुस्काए।
जो दिए मुझे यह सुनहरे पल,
जो हर दिन मुझे अपनाए।

जीवोदया घर, तेरा आभार,
तेरी ममता का नहीं कोई पार।
जो दिया तूने, अनमोल है वो,
हमेशा रहेगा तेरा ये संवार स

कलावती राठौर

जीवोदय सिल्वर जुबली गीत

(कोरस)

जीवोदय की गाथा गाएँ,
पच्चीस वर्षों का दीप जलाएँ।
सपनों को सच हमने बनाया,
मिलकर जग में प्रकाश फैलाया ॥

(अंतरा 1)

यात्रा शुरू थी आशा से,
भरी हुई विश्वास से।
हर कदम पर संग चलें,
एक-दूसरे का हाथ थाम लें ॥

(कोरस)

जीवोदय की गाथा गाएँ,
पच्चीस वर्षों का दीप जलाएँ।
सपनों को सच हमने बनाया,
मिलकर जग में प्रकाश फैलाया ॥

(अंतरा 2)

संघर्षों से सीख मिली,
प्यार से जीवन जीत मिली।
सेवा का ये पावन पथ,
आगे बढ़े हर एक रथ ॥

(कोरस + समापन)

जीवोदय का दीप जलाएँ,
खुशियों की ज्योति हर घर लाएँ।
मिल-जुलकर हम सब गाएँ,
सुनहरा भविष्य फिर रचाएँ ॥

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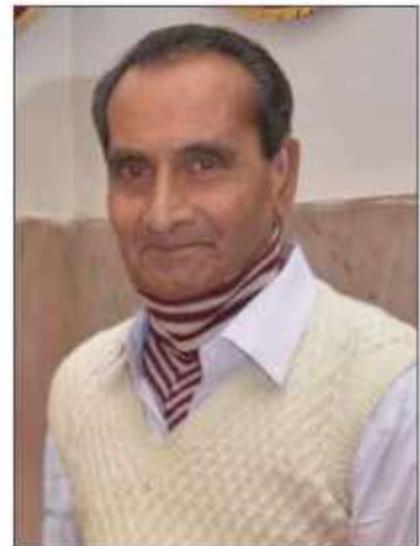
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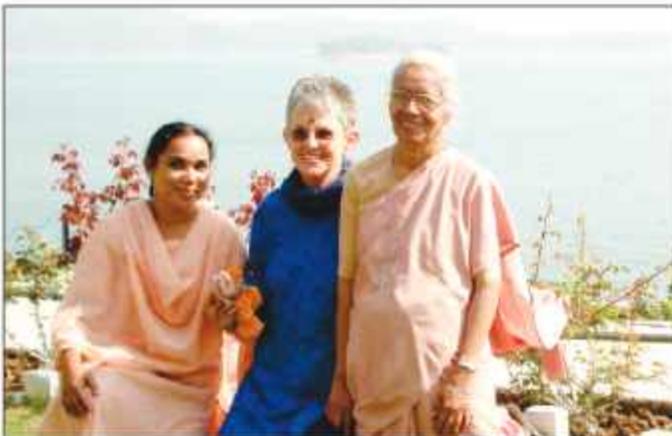


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Jeevodaya Vision & Roadmap

Towards a Safer, Stronger, and Sustainable Child Protection Ecosystem

Vision

By 2027, **Jeevodaya** will emerge as an *expert organization* in the sphere of **Child Rights & Child Protection** across Madhya Pradesh—anchored in strong systems, experienced staff, and empowered alumni. It will develop a **sustainable, replicable model of quality institutional care** and a **model child protection system** for the country.

Way Forward - Roadmap

Jeevodaya's Silver Jubilee marks not just a milestone but a movement. With faith, resilience, and community spirit, we walk toward a future where every child is safe, nurtured, and empowered.

By 2027, Jeevodaya will roll out a comprehensive Child Protection and Empowerment Roadmap across municipal wards of Itarsi, engaging families, children and sponsorship through kinship care while empowering women's self-help groups and youth leaders as community champions. Each ward will be transformed into a child-friendly zone complete with dedicated animators and robust protection mechanisms fostering safe, nurturing environments for children and youth in schools, colleges, and vocational centers. Complementing these preventive efforts, Jeevodaya will provide short-term residential shelter to children in need of care and protection, long-term individualized care plans, and facilitate family reunification, then develop and advocate a replicable aftercare model that secures entitlements and independent-living support for care leavers. Underpinned by strengthened internal systems and a clear sustainability roadmap, these initiatives will cement Jeevodaya's leadership in child protection and ensure every child grows in safety, dignity, and hope.

Our Commitment

Grounded in faith, compassion, and professionalism, Jeevodaya remains dedicated to building a society where every child is safe, valued, and empowered to thrive through protection, participation, and purpose.

New Initiatives and Plans

Strengthening Families, Kinship & Sponsorship Care, Empowering Communities & Building Child-Friendly Wards.

Jeevodaya aims to transform municipal wards across Itarsi into Child-Friendly Model Wards, promoting holistic child protection through education, family empowerment, and community participation.

Major Initiatives:

- Child Rights Education & Sensitization
- Awareness & Protection Mechanisms
- Youth Leadership & Capacity Building
- Empowering Families, especially women through SHGs
- Kinship & Sponsorship Care
- People-Led Cluster Development

Jeevodaya will reach out to municipal wards with cluster and Sectors engaging families, children and sponsorship through kinship care while empowering women's self-help groups and youth leaders directly, indirectly reach out to children and youth from various schools, colleges, vocational institutions for fostering safer and more nurturing environment for children.

- Strengthening Alternative & Institutional Care
- Jeevodaya continues its legacy of providing safe, nurturing, and structured care for children in need while promoting family reunification and community-based alternatives.
- Advocacy for Aftercare & Independent Living
- Developing and sharing a replicable aftercare model guiding care leavers toward economic independence and social integration.

Transformational Impact Jeevodaya envisions:

- Child-Friendly wards across Itarsi with trained stakeholders and active child protection systems.
- Empowered families and caregivers practicing positive parenting and community vigilance.
- Stronger care and kinship models promoting holistic growth and family reintegration.
- Advocacy and learning frameworks influencing district and state-level child protection reforms.

Together, these initiatives reflect Jeevodaya's unwavering commitment to ensuring every child is safe, valued, and empowered, a living testimony of 25 years of service and compassion.

Implementation partners

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