

Vikasaarth Trust

Annual activity report 2025-26



Introduction

Vikasaarth (for Development) is a not-for-profit organization formed with the central idea of promoting women empowerment and ensuring child rights especially amongst the disadvantaged section of the society in order to address the issues affecting their standard of living. The strategies therefore, adopted by Vikasaarth are threefold; Understanding the people and area, Sharing information to all stakeholders and Handholding for change towards betterment of life.

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Vikasaarth believes that promoting women empowerment is an appropriate approach to the development of Bihar since women, who form around half of the population of the state, lag behind on number of accounts such as health, education, control over resources or decision making on the matters related to their own lives that has direct impact on children's wellbeing as well. Also, women by its position in families and community could act as the key change agent in the development processes of the society. The empowerment process needs to initiated with a lifecycle approach starting from the birth of the girl child.

Genesis

It was early 2010 when the state of Bihar had witnessed rapid strives towards development and improved governance. In this backdrop, a group of women hailing from the state, with a keen interest to contribute to the development of the state came together to form an organization of women in the name of Vikasaarth Trust.

The organization Vikasaarth registered under Indian Charitable Trust Act in April 2010 is a not-for-profit organization and was formed with the central idea of promoting women empowerment especially amongst the poor in order to address the issues affecting poor living standard of the people in Bihar.

Key initiatives

Vikasaarth continued its partnership with Rainbow Home Program since 2019 wherein it focused on improving the lives of underprivileged children, particularly girls, by providing comprehensive care including food, shelter, education, security, career guidance, and emotional support. Throughout the reporting period, the organization achieved significant milestones, highlighted in the main report. During 2024-25, Vikasaarth made notable progress in

Vision
<i>Vikasaarth envisions a society where all persons have an equal opportunity, equal access and control over the available resources for their self-development.</i>
Mission
<i>Vikasaarth aims to facilitate holistic development of the poor and marginalized section of the society, with special focus on women and children through need based and community led interventions primarily in education and health.</i>

all the three programs/sections: Residential Hostel (RH), CBC (Community-Based Care), and Future Program. Some of the key achievements include academic success, participation in co-curricular activities, career advancements, and community engagement.

Further, in pursuit of ensuring the basic rights of children in the state the organization has partnered with **JUST RIGHTS for Children** for its programme, **Access to Justice for Child Rights**. Under this project three key issues are addressed to ensure that an environment for helping the children to exercise their rights. The key issues are child marriage, child labour and trafficking and child sexual abuse. Since all these three issues are at significantly higher stage in the allotted district-Lakhisarai the programme had a series of challenges to overcome. However, the organization has taken it as a challenge with new zeal and committed workforce.

Besides, **Vikasaarth Support Services (VSS)** a unit established by Vikasaarth Trust, is a group of experienced and qualified development professionals endeavouring to provide technical and managerial support to development partners in achieving their social development goals through undertaking social research, baseline studies, project evaluations, capacity building initiatives and other strategic needs of the concerned organizations.

Current Programmes

Rainbow Home Program

Vikasaarth, in partnership with Rainbow Home Program is focuses on improving the lives of underprivileged children, particularly girls, by providing comprehensive care including food, shelter, education, security, career guidance, and emotional support through three broad areas viz, RH (Residential Hostel), CBC (Community-Based Care), and Future Program.



Currently, the number of children enrolled under three broad interventions are depicted in the table below;

Interventions	No. of Children	Age Group
Residential Hostel <i>Underprivileged girls who come from different slums of Patna</i>	50	6-18 yrs.
Community Based Care <i>Identified Children who are living with their parents and some of them are in KGBV</i>	26	6-18 Yrs.
Future Program <i>Girls above 18 years are being provided all the support for their career building.</i>	46	18-23 Yrs.
Rainbow Community Child Learning Centre <i>Girls & boys from unprivileged families of Digha slum, Patna</i>	57	6-18 Yrs.

Significant Changes Observed

Increase and Structured Coverage of Children: The program is now systematically covering children under four interventions (RH, CBC, RCCLC, Future Program) with a total structured approach. Clear categorization by age and need has strengthened outreach and impact.

Improved Academic Outcomes: Introduction of child-specific education plans improved learning outcomes. 28 girls in bridge course, with 16 successfully mainstreamed into regular learning.

Enhanced Learning Methods: Use of activity-based learning (TLM), library resources, and assessments made education more engaging and effective. Introduction of English speaking sessions improved communication skills.

Better Health & Nutrition Status: Regular BMI tracking shows no malnourished or obese children in hostel. Periodic health camps (dental, eye, vaccination) strengthened preventive care.

Strong Focus on Menstrual & Reproductive Health Awareness: Awareness sessions, sanitary napkin distribution, and hygiene training significantly improved health knowledge among girls and parents.

Expansion of Life Skills & Extracurricular Activities: Activities like karate, kabaddi, life skill sessions, and creative events enhanced confidence, discipline, and teamwork among children.

Prevention of Child Marriage & Empowerment: Successful intervention cases (e.g., Rupa) show increased awareness and resistance against child marriage. Children are becoming more confident in asserting their rights.

Growth in Career & Vocational Opportunities (Future Program): Youth engaged in diploma courses, paramedical training, and vocational skills. Exposure visits and job-readiness sessions improved career awareness.

Improved Community Engagement & Awareness: Programs on POCSO, domestic violence, health, and entitlements increased awareness among parents and community members. Regular parent meetings improved participation and ownership.

Increase in Resource Mobilization: Significant rise in local donor contributions (cash and kind). Stronger community support ensured sustainability of the program.

Access to Justice (A2J) program



The Just Rights for Children (JRC) under its 'Access to Justice for children' programme has entrusted Vikasaarth to lead the initiatives in the Lakhisarai district of Bihar, one of the most

vulnerable district in terms of child protection. This initiative aims to prevent and eliminate child marriage, child sexual abuse, and trafficking for labour and sexual exploitation in the country through community engagement supporting concerned government departments and other agencies engaged in child protection. In its third phase the JRC with help of its 400 plus partners in more than 250 districts of India aim to achieve the following:

- A Child Marriage Free India
- Increase conviction rate in cases of child sexual abuse by 10%
- Increase the prosecution rate of child trafficking cases by 10%

A snapshot of the progress during the year 2025-26 is as under;

# villages covered	# child labour cases registered	# child marriages prevented	Total pledges taken	# families linked to Govt. Schemes	# Religious Leaders engaged	# religious places with 'No Child Marriage' Board	# village level Child Protection Committee formed
50	21	460	2,486	306	43	50	37

Success Stories

Radhika (Name changed), a young girl living at LCT Ghat, Patna on pavement with her family with three brothers. Her mother earns a living by selling illicit liquor. The family environment was unstable, and there were frequent conflicts at home.

Radhika shared a serious and distressing incident from her life. She mentioned that once, when she was at home, an unknown man came inside the house and closed the door and attempted to harm her forcefully when Radhika's mother had gone to the market. Fortunately, someone informed her mother, who immediately returned home and rescued Radhika.

In addition to this incident, Radhika reported that there was regular domestic violence at home. Her father would often come home intoxicated and physically assault her mother. Due to these continuous incidents of violence and insecurity, Radhika did not feel safe in her own home.

Because of the unsafe environment, repeated fights at home, and past traumatic experience, Radhika constantly felt fear and insecurity. The lack of safety and protection negatively affected her emotional well-being.

Considering the unsafe home environment and the need for protection, Radhika's mother decided to admit her to Gharaunda Vikasaarth Rainbow Hostel. The purpose of placing her in the hostel was to ensure her safety, provide a secure living environment, and support her overall development. Now she is enrolled in grade III and enjoying her life in the hostel.

...and Rupa decided

Rupa came to the hostel from Ramji Chak Nahar, a slum area in Patna, and now is in grade VIII. For the past one year, her mother had been planning to arrange her marriage although she has not attained the legal age of marriage i.e. 18.

Rupa regularly shared her concerns with the hostel team and the Project In-charge (PI), informing them that her mother wanted to solemnize her marriage soon. The PI repeatedly counseled her mother, explained the legal and social consequences of child marriage, and even obtained her signature on an undertaking. In fact, during parents' meetings, all parents are also regularly made aware and asked to take a pledge against child marriage. Rupa during discussion on this issue with the PI and she clarified that she would refuse to marry and would run away if she is forced.

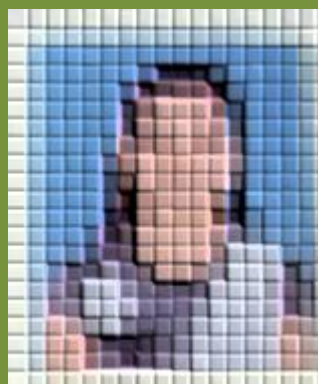
During the Holi festival, Rupa went home. However, her mother kept delaying her return to the hostel. On 8th March, her mother asked her to wear a saree and get ready. Although Rupa refused, her mother still took her to a temple where the boy and his family were present. At the temple, both families exchanged money and sweets. When the boy spoke to Rupa, she bravely said in front of everyone that she did not want to get married at this stage of her life. This was a significant and courageous step, as she expressed her decision without fear. After returning home, Rupa warned her mother that she would run away if forced into marriage. When her mother still refused to take her back to the hostel, Rupa showed remarkable courage and came back to the hostel alone.

When the PI came to know about this, she contacted Rupa's mother and inquired about the situation. Rupa then explained the entire incident to the PI, stating that she had returned to avoid forced child marriage. Rupa's bravery and determination were appreciated by the hostel

authorities. Her story was shared with other students, who applauded her courage. This incident became an inspiring example for all children in the hostel.

Story of Abhisha's marriage

Satyanarayan Paswan comes from a very poor family in Jagdishpur village of Jakarpura Gram Panchayat in Suryagarha Block of district Lakhisarai. He has no other means of livelihoods except daily wages to feed her family that consists of four children and his wife.



1. Abhisha is his eldest daughter who has just turned 16. Satyanarayan has lots of hope from Abhisha and so he has made all efforts to give her a bright future. She has been encouraged to continue her studies in the high school although the high school is away from the village. But sooner, due to the pressures and comments of his relatives and community members he realized that early marriage of Amisha is more important than her education. He started looking a suitable groom for her. Fortunately, he got a groom in the nearby village. The parents of the groom with some amount of persuasion agreed for the marriage. The plan and preparations for marriage were in full swing in the family.

But when Abhisha came to know about it she was very disappointed and also tried to put forth her disagreement but none took heed of it. So, she sent a message to the Community Social Worker of A2J project being implemented by Vikasaarth Trust in her district. The Community social worker, Shweta Kumari immediately contacted Satyararayan and enquired about the preparations and when she heard from Satyaqrayan's mouth about the marriage of Abhsha, she showed her displeasure. Then she described the ill effects of early marriage on Abhisah's health and overall life of their family. He was also reminded about discontinuation of the government facilities being availed by Abhisha and the biggest danger was of prosecution of all involved in the marriage. Finally, with a bit of fear and hoping a better future of his daughter Satyanarayn agreed to postpone the marriage till Abhisha gives a nod.

This took about a weeks' time but it was worth spending for the Abhisah's pleasure, says Shweta, the Social Worker

Partners

Since its inception in 2010 Vikasaarth has received support from several esteemed organizations such as NABARD, UNICEF and Rainbow Home Program- ARUN Just Rights for Children. Apart from that the organization has received support from several other organizations as well in lieu of providing technical support. This includes, UNICEF, Save the Children, Landesa, India, Caritas-Switzerland- India Country Programme, Bal Sakha- Karl Kuber Foundation, MTBA (Alliance of Save the Children NL, Oxfam Novib, Simavi NL and Population Council), ActionAid India Association, Bennett and Colman Pvt. Ltd and others.

Programme Management

Children Managing Committee

All the girls in the home are divided into nine committees, with each committee having a specific name such as Health, Welcome, Education, Sports, Discipline, Food, Purchasing, Cleaning, and Security. Each committee consists of five girls, whose duties are determined by the name of the committee, and the groups are rotated among girls every three months. This system helps the girls learn a sense of responsibility, how to manage tasks, and develop leadership qualities. For instance, when a new girl joins the hostel or a donor visits, the welcome committee takes responsibility for welcoming them.

Sister Groups

There is a system for girls called the sister groups, where girls are divided into groups of three based on their age. Each group consists of a younger, a middle-aged, and an older girl, who are referred to as a sister group. The girls in the group are encouraged to take care of each other as if they were sisters, and they call each other by that name. The older sister is responsible for looking after the younger sisters' studies, health, and providing help wherever needed. Besides, **Bal Sabha** is being held twice a week where children meet and discuss hostel related plans and pertinent issues, if any.

Child Protection Committee (CPC)

The Hostel has a CPC comprising of eminent persons from sectors of Education, Social Work and Law including the Project in-charge and Home Manager Coordinator. The committee oversees the child rights issues that come up in the hostel and ensures its redressal. It takes up issues flagged by children in the complaint box and also *Suo moto*. Besides, the committee supervises the existing systems and facilities in the hostel whether they are in sink with the program's policies.

In normal situation the committee meets once in a quarter and can meet in between as and when required. In the reporting period 4 meetings were held and deliberated on issues of children admission to schools and colleges; difficulties faced by children and parents during the admission process; need to continuation of studies; existing government facilities for children's education. CPP members assured that necessary support and counselling would be provided whenever required.

Management Committee

A management committee comprising of eminent social workers, educationists and professional development workers has been constituted to guide and support the program. The committee meets once in a quarter to support the programmer management team in addressing the hurdles in the management process and seek guidance for further improvement. In the last meetings the committee dwelled on issues like cleanliness in hostel, nutritional food to children, increasing number of local donors, infrastructural development, linking children with various available scholarship schemes and others.

Parents meeting

Meeting with the parents of the children in hostel are held every month. This acts as a means to enhance parent's participation in home management and promote ownership among them towards the program. The event is also an chance for the parents to meet their children and share their love and affection. Besides upadating their respective children' performances, this opportunity is also used to discuss pertinent issues and share vital information related to children's and their families well-being. The parents are shared with important information related to hostel rules, daily routine, discipline, and the well-being of the children was shared with the parents



In last year meetings, some of the topics from the agenda were; Attending meeting on the scheduled date and on time; Not to bring outside food during meetings; Administering pledge against child marriage and were encouraged to strictly oppose and prevent child marriage in their communities; Usage of sanitary napkin and its linkage girls' health and hygiene; Becoming careful and responsible during the

festival period and ensure that their children are not exposed to or engaged in these harmful practices; ensuring the child's return on time after vacation; during shortage of drinking water supply parents were advised to always drink clean and filtered water to prevent illness and responding to the queries of parents and their concerns. These meetings are also used to convey the significance of reproductive health and hygiene under **Akar** programme, in which sanitary napkins along with relevant messages are shared.

Programme Monitoring

Every quarter programme monitoring are conducted for all programs RH, CBC, Future and RCCLC at Anisabad and Digha centres. The monitoring is facilitated by City Desk team based on a checklist supplied by RHP. During monitoring process, the records are reviewed and interaction with children and team members take place. The idea is to ensure proper documentation and record-keeping. The team carefully reviewed the entries and provided necessary guidance where required.

Human Resources

There are 23 full time, 4-part time resources and 62 volunteers dedicated to the two ongoing projects. Besides, Vikasaarth has a pool of resource persons comprising professional development workers, academicians, activists, grassroots workers, students and volunteers, who support the programmes as and when required.

Legal Details

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बाल विवाह पर बड़ी पहल 500 से ज्यादा बच्चे सुरक्षित, 1500 लोगों ने ली शपथ

सुनील कुमार बौद्धिक भारत लखीसराय

लखीसराय - बाल संरक्षण की दिशा में लखीसराय में 2025 में हुई उल्लेखनीय प्रगति बाल सुरक्षा व संरक्षण की दिशा में लखीसराय के लिए 2025 एक बेहतरीन साल रहा जहां जिला प्रशासन, महिला विकास निगम, श्रम विभाग, बाल संरक्षण इकाई, आई सी डी एस, कटन प्रवर्तन एजेंसियों और सामुदायिक नेताओं के साथ करीबी सहकार्य से काम करते हुए न्यायिक समर्थन संयुक्त विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट ने जागरूकता, हस्तक्षेप और अभिभावकों से वाक्य से कर 500 से अधिक बच्चों को बाल विवाह व वैवाहिक से बचाया तथा 1500 से अधिक लोगों ने बाल विवाह नहीं करने और उससे सहयोग नहीं करने का शपथ दिलाया। विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट देश में बाल अधिकारों की सुरक्षा व संरक्षण के लिए न्यायिक समर्थन संयुक्त विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट के सहयोग से बाल विवाह पर बड़ी पहल 500 से ज्यादा बच्चे सुरक्षित, 1500 लोगों ने ली शपथ

बच्चों को वैवाहिक से मुक्त करवाया गया जिनमें 40,830 लड़के व 14,316 लड़कियां थी। इसके अलावा बच्चों की वैवाहिक के 42,217 मामले दर्ज कराए गए। इन समन्वित कार्रवाइयों के नतीजे व असर के बाबत विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट की सचिव सुनीता सिंह ने कहा, "बाल सुरक्षा की दिशा में यह एक ऐतिहासिक साल रहा। जिला प्रशासन, पुलिस, ग्राम पंचायतों और शिक्षकों के साथ मिलकर हमने जागरूकता पर जोर दिया है, जहाँ बाल विवाह और नतीजे देखे जा सकते हैं। बच्चे संरक्षण के सबसे संवेदनशील अंग हैं और हमें वे बच रहना चाहिए कि वैवाहिक के पीछे बच्चों को मुक्त करवाया जा सके।" विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट के सहयोग से बाल विवाह पर बड़ी पहल 500 से ज्यादा बच्चे सुरक्षित, 1500 लोगों ने ली शपथ

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उच्च विद्यालय कैदी में 100 दिवसीय बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत अभियान के तहत जागरूकता सह शपथ कार्यक्रम।

में आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम प्रशासक की सहजता, सभी वन हॉल रीटर के केंद्र प्रशासक श्रीमती पूजा कुमारी, विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट के सचिव श्रीमती सुनीता कुमारी, बाल विकास लक्ष्मी कुमारी, लैंगिक विशेषज्ञ किशोरा कुमारी, अधिकारी मित्र की सहायता कुमारी ने संयुक्त रूप से दीप प्रज्वलित कर कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ किया। छात्रों ने बाल विवाह के माध्यम से उत्तिष्ठि का स्वागत की। मित्र का स्वागत कर रहे बाल विकास लक्ष्मी कुमारी के द्वारा उपस्थित सभी अधिकारियों का परिचय कराया गया। सभी वन हॉल रीटर के केंद्र प्रशासक श्रीमती पूजा कुमारी ने कहा कि बाल विवाह बच्चों के अधिकारों का हनन करता है। इस वर्ष तीन लोगों को बाल विवाह से दूर रखने में हमारा लक्ष्य है। बाल विवाह न सिर्फ बचपन खत्म करता है बल्कि पढ़ाई के साथ साथ पूरा भविष्य ही खत्म कर देता है। बाल विवाह का सीधा असर न केवल छात्रों पर पड़ता है बल्कि उनके परिवार न समाज पर भी होता है। व्यक्तिगत एवं प्रसार के दौरान सभी संस्थाओं के बरतन अक्सर नकारात्मक लक्ष्यों की मूल भी हो जाती है। इसलिए बाल विवाह का अधिकार करें और जगजगत् में बदलाव करें। विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट के सचिव श्रीमती सुनीता कुमारी ने कहा कि बाल विवाह समाज की बहुत बड़ी बुराई है। बाल विवाह का जमाना का जमाना उदाहरण है। बाल विवाह से अर्थव्यवस्था पर भी नकारात्मक प्रभाव डालता है और यह पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी लोगों को लक्ष्मी की ओर खींचता चला जाता है। बाल विवाह बचपन का खलनाक कर्म है। बाल विवाह के बच्चे पढ़ाई नहीं कर पाते। बाल विवाह के बच्चे पढ़ाई नहीं कर पाते। बाल विवाह के बच्चे पढ़ाई नहीं कर पाते।

जागरूकता व शपथ कार्यक्रम आयोजित

लक्ष्मीसराय। महिला एवं बाल विकास निगम, विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट एवं जिला विधिक प्राधिकार तीनों के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में बुधवार को उच्च विद्यालय कैदी में 100 दिवसीय बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत अभियान के तहत जागरूकता सह शपथ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। संचयन संचालन कर रहे रणवीर कुमार ने सभी अतिथि का परिचय कराया। लक्ष्मी वन स्टॉप सेंटर के केंद्र प्रशासक पुनम कुमारी ने कहा कि बाल विवाह बच्चों के अधिकारों का हनन करता है। लैंगिक विशेषज्ञ किशोरा कुमारी ने माहवारी स्वच्छता प्रबंधन के बारे में विस्तारपूर्वक जानकारी दी।

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शिक्षा को दें प्राथमिकता, बाल विवाह का करें विरोध

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डॉ. भीमराव आंबेडकर अनुसूचित जाति जनजाति महाविद्यालय, बिहारी में 100 दिवसीय बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत अभियान के अंतर्गत जागरूकता सह शपथ कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। महिला एवं बाल विकास निगम व विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य छात्रों व समुदाय में बाल विवाह के दुष्परिणामों के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाना, इसे समाप्त करने हेतु सामूहिक संकल्प को मजबूत करना रहा। कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ प्रखंड कल्याण पदाधिकारी प्रियंका कुमारी, संकल्प हब की जिला मिशन समन्वयक प्रशांत कुमारी, विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट की सचिव सुनीता कुमारी, लैंगिक विशेषज्ञ किशोरा कुमारी व महाविद्यालय की शिक्षिकाओं कावेरी सिंह, उषा कुमारी व रानी कुमारी ने संयुक्त रूप से दीप प्रज्वलन कर किया। प्रियंका कुमारी ने कहा कि बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत अभियान को सफल बनाने के लिए समाज के हर वर्ग का सहयोग आवश्यक है। उन्होंने छात्रों से आह्वान किया कि वे स्वयं सशक्त बनें, शिक्षा को प्राथमिकता दें और बाल विवाह का बहिष्कार करें, तभी एक सशक्त राष्ट्र का निर्माण संभव है। वहीं विकासार्थ ट्रस्ट की सचिव ने संस्था के उद्देश्यों पर प्रकाश डालते हुए बताया कि ट्रस्ट समाज के गरीब एवं हासिए पर पड़े वर्गों के समग्र विकास के लिए शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में कार्य कर रहा है, जिसमें महिलाओं और बच्चों पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जाता है। छात्रों को कम से कम स्नातक तक शिक्षा ग्रहण करने की सलाह दी तथा मुख्यमंत्री कन्या उद्यान योजना के अंतर्गत बेटों के जन्म से स्नातक तक लगभग 94 हजार रुपये की सहायता राशि की जानकारी दी।

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रिपब्लिक नेशन।

महिला एवं बाल विकास निगम, लक्ष्मीसराय के तत्वावधान में बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत अभियान के अंतर्गत संचालित 100 दिवसीय कार्यक्रम के तहत आज कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय, कैदी (हलसी) में एक व्यापक जागरूकता कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य बालिकाओं एवं विद्यालय समुदाय को बाल विवाह जैसी सामाजिक कुुरीति के दुष्परिणामों से अवगत करना तथा इसके उन्मूलन हेतु जन-जागरूकता को सशक्त करना था। कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ जिला मिशन समन्वयक प्रशांत कुमारी, वाईन

आवश्यकता पड़ने पर शिक्षावत दर्ज कराने हेतु प्रेरित किया। लैंगिक विशेषज्ञ किशोरा कुमारी ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि आज बेटों हर क्षेत्र में आगे बढ़ रही हैं और यह महिला सशक्तिकरण का सशक्त उदाहरण है। बाल विवाह जैसी प्रथा बालिकाओं की प्रगति में सबसे बड़ी बाधा है, इसलिए समाज के प्रत्येक वर्ग को इसके बहिष्कार के लिए आगे आना चाहिए और बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत अभियान में सक्रिय सहयोग करना चाहिए। वितीय साक्षरता विशेषज्ञ अमित कुमार ने छात्रों को शिक्षा के महत्व पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि "जब पढ़ेंगे, तभी सशक्त होंगे।" उन्होंने स्पष्ट किया कि सशक्तिकरण का अर्थ केवल नौकरी पाना नहीं, बल्कि अपने जीवन से जुड़े निर्णयों को स्वयं लेने की क्षमता विकसित करना भी है। शिक्षा ही वह माध्यम है, जिससे बालिकाएं आपनिर्भर और आत्मविश्वासी बन सकती हैं। कार्यक्रम के अंत में बाल विवाह को रोकथाम हेतु सभी उपस्थित छात्रों एवं कर्मियों को सामूहिक रूप से शपथ दिलाई गई। साथ ही स्वच्छता प्रबंधन किट्स का वितरण कर स्वच्छता एवं स्वास्थ्य के प्रति जागरूक किया गया। इस अवसर पर वाईन सह शिक्षिका सारिता कुमारी, एनएम सपना कुमारी, एमटीएस नवीरा दास सहित विद्यालय की दर्जनों छात्राएं उपस्थित रहीं।

Conclusion

Vikasaarth has been able to create significant progress in the year 2025-26 towards ensuring the holistic development, protection, and empowerment of children and young adults from vulnerable backgrounds. Through strengthened interventions in residential care, community-based support, education, health, and career guidance, the program has been able to improve academic outcomes, promote physical and emotional well-being, and build life skills among participants. Increased awareness on critical issues such as child protection, gender equality, and health, along with active community and parental engagement, has further enhanced the program's impact. The success stories of children overcoming adversity and pursuing their aspirations highlight the effectiveness of the initiative. With improved resource mobilization and committed team efforts, the program continues to move towards creating a safe, supportive, and opportunity-rich environment for every child to lead a dignified and self-reliant life.

Acknowledgement

We express our heartfelt gratitude to SCFR, Just Rights for Children and the Rainbow Home Program for their continuous guidance, support, and commitment towards improving the lives of vulnerable children. Their partnership has been instrumental in strengthening our efforts and achieving meaningful outcomes during the year.

We sincerely thank our donors and well-wishers for their generous contributions, both in cash and kind, which have enabled us to sustain and expand our interventions. Their trust and support motivate us to continue our work with dedication.

Our special thanks go to the dedicated team members of Vikasaarth, whose tireless efforts, compassion, and commitment have made a significant difference in the lives of the children. We also acknowledge the active participation and cooperation of parents and community members. Finally, we express our deepest appreciation to the children and young adults, whose courage, resilience, and determination continue to inspire us every day.
