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MESSAGE

Shri Mohan Charan Majhi

Hon'ble Chief Minister



Odisha's strength has always rested on its people, their compassion, courage, and commitment to justice. Among our greatest responsibilities is to protect and nurture our children, for they represent the most sacred trust between the State and its citizens.

Our government has worked to weave child protection into the very fabric of governance, through care, rehabilitation, and empowerment. The State's 'Mission Vatsalya' ensures that every child grows not in fear, but in freedom; not in silence, but with a voice that is heard and valued.

This Coffee Table Book is a reflection of that journey, one that celebrates courage, compassion, and collective will. It honors the spirit of those who protect, guide, and rebuild young lives, and the children whose stories of hope remind us that the true measure of progress lies in how we care for our most vulnerable.

**Jai Jagannath.
Jai Odisha.**

MESSAGE

Smt. Pravati Parida

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister



In Odisha, we believe that the protection of every child is the foundation of a just and humane society. Child protection is not an act of charity, it is a matter of rights, dignity, and shared responsibility.

Through our sustained efforts, we have built systems that respond with empathy and efficiency, ensuring that every child in distress finds support and every family in crisis finds strength. This Coffee Table Book chronicles that effort. It carries stories of resilience and reform, of children who overcame adversity and of people who refused to give up on them.

Together, these stories affirm that Odisha's vision of development is rooted in inclusion, justice, and the unwavering belief that no child should ever be left behind.

MESSAGE

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Odisha's development story is guided by the principle that governance must be both inclusive and humane. A child-centric approach is central to that vision, linking welfare, education, health, and justice into a continuum of protection and care.

Child protection in Odisha has evolved beyond institutional frameworks to embrace prevention, family-based care, and social reintegration. It reflects the State's deep commitment to restoring trust, dignity, and opportunity for every child. This Coffee Table Book captures that journey, not as a compilation of programs and interventions, but as a living narrative of hope and lived transformation of children. At the heart of this effort are thousands of committed individuals, the District Child Protection Units, caregivers, volunteers, counsellors, whose everyday actions turn policy into protection.

May this inspire continued collaboration to build an Odisha where every child can grow with confidence, equality, and full of opportunities.

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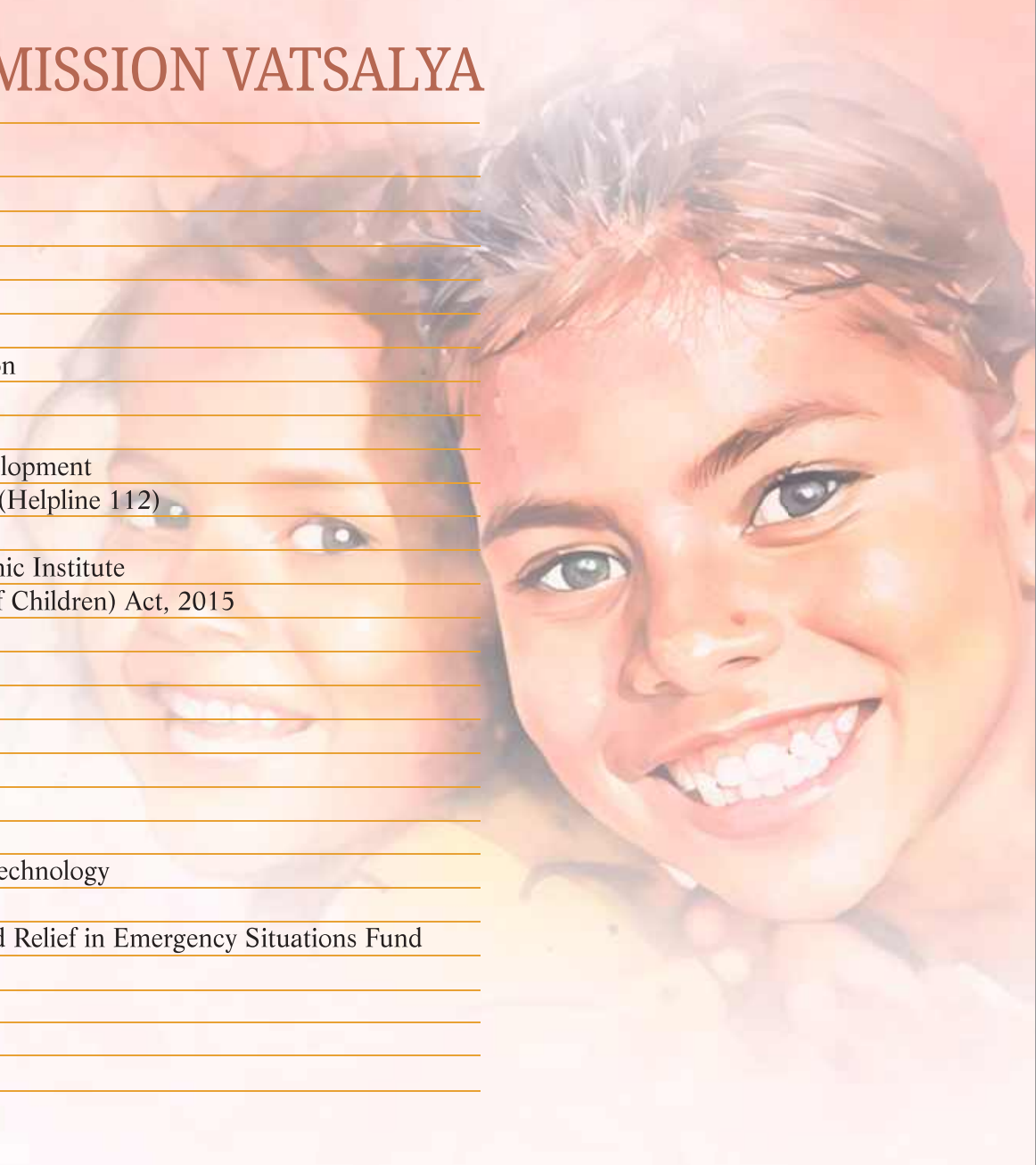


Child protection in Odisha today stands as one of the most dynamic and multi-sectoral domains of governance. It brings together law, policy, empathy, and community action in pursuit of one shared goal, to safeguard the rights and dignity of every child.

The Department has steadily transformed frameworks into functional systems that reach every child and every community of the state. This Coffee Table Book celebrates that collective journey, one where systems meet stories, and policy meets people. Within these pages are the lived experiences of children and the tireless individuals who stand beside them. Together, they form the heart of Odisha's child protection movement, a movement rooted in partnership, purpose, and the promise of a safer tomorrow of every child of this state.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS – MISSION VATSALYA

Abbreviation	Full Form
ABT	Art-Based Therapy
CCI	Child Care Institution
CH	Children Home
CHL	Child Helpline
CICL	Children in Conflict with Law
CNCP	Children in Need of Care and Protection
CWC	Child Welfare Committee
DCPU	District Child Protection Unit
DWCD	Department of Women and Child Development
ERSS-112	Emergency Response Support System (Helpline 112)
ITI	Industrial Training Institute
ITI / Polytechnic	Industrial Training Institute / Polytechnic Institute
JJ Act	Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
JJB	Juvenile Justice Board
MIS	Management Information System
NCC	National Cadet Corps
OH	Observation Home
OMC	Odisha Mining Corporation
OS	Open Shelter
OSCPS	Odisha State Child Protection Society
OUAT	Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology
PDS	Public Distribution System
PM CARES	Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund
PMAY	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
SAA	Specialised Adoption Agency
SARA	State Adoption Resource Agency
SJPU	Special Juvenile Police Unit



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MISSION VATSALYA- AN OVERVIEW

Mission Vatsalya is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Government of India aimed at ensuring comprehensive child protection. Guided by the principle of “Leave No Child Behind,” it focuses on the holistic development of children in difficult circumstances including those in need of care and protection, in conflict with the law, and other vulnerable groups. The Scheme upholds every child’s right to survival, development, protection, and participation by:

- Strengthening institutional and non-institutional care systems
- Enhancing service delivery at all levels
- Promoting inter-sectoral convergence
- Building a skilled child protection workforce & Awareness Generation



ODISHA'S JOURNEY

Mission Vatsalya in Odisha is implemented through a network of DCPUs, CWCs, & JJBs. OSCPS under the aegis of DWCD is responsible for implementing and monitoring of the scheme. The state prioritizes non-institutional, family-based care-adoption, foster care, sponsorship, and after-care. These initiatives are supported by state specific schemes including Ashirbad and Jashoda. With focus on convergence, capacity-building, and inclusion, Odisha ensures every vulnerable child receives care, protection, and a chance to holistic development.

Key Focus Areas in Odisha Mission Vatsalya

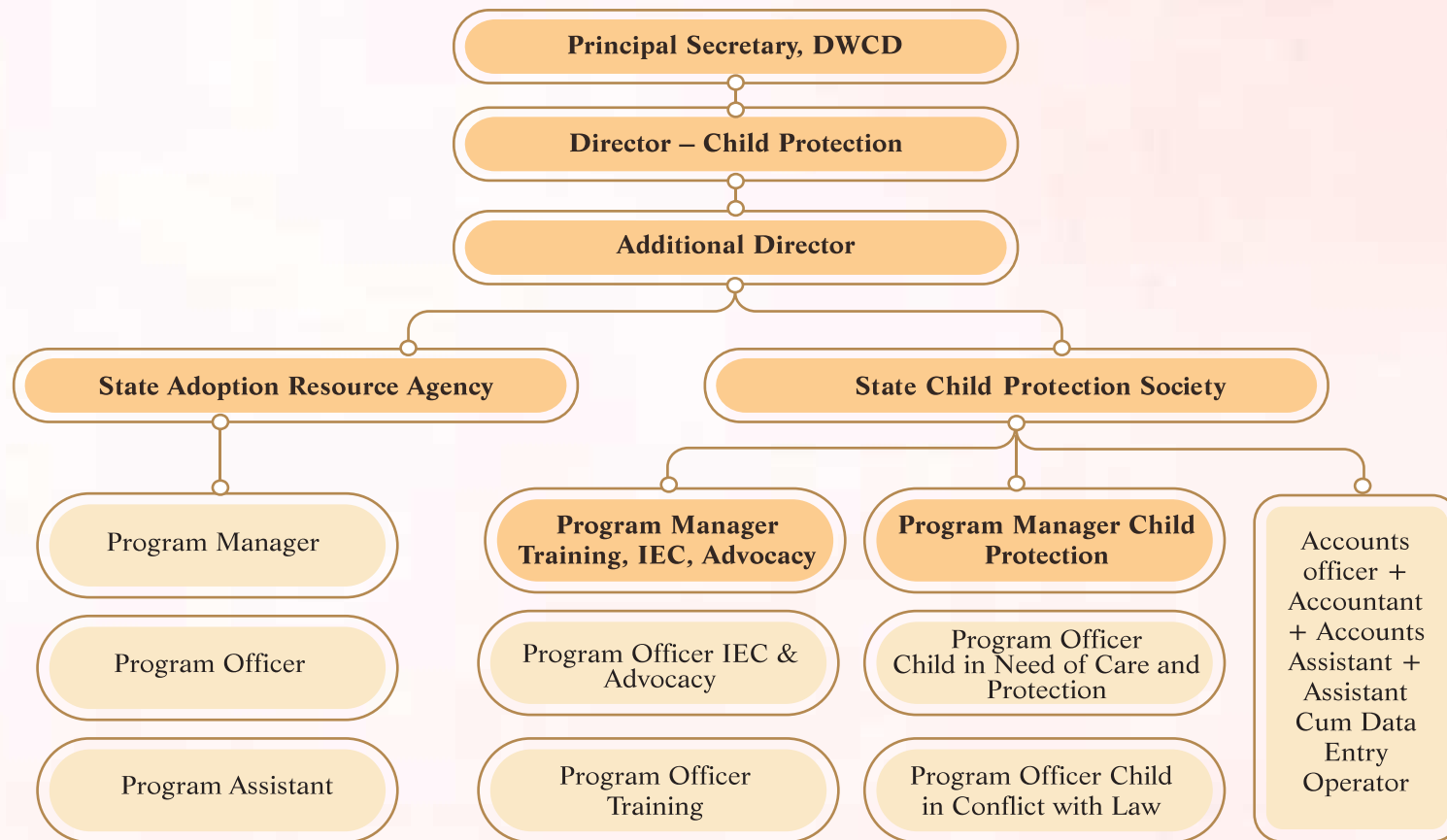


1. Strengthening Preventive Mechanisms & Prevention of Family Separation
2. Strengthening Family-Based Care (Sponsorship, Adoption & Foster care)
3. Strengthening Care, Protection, Rehabilitation & Reintegration Services
4. Mental Health Care & Psycho Social Support
5. Linkage to Education & Skill Development
6. Deinstitutionalisation & Family Reunion
7. Monitoring & Capacity Building
8. Convergence & Inter-Departmental Coordination

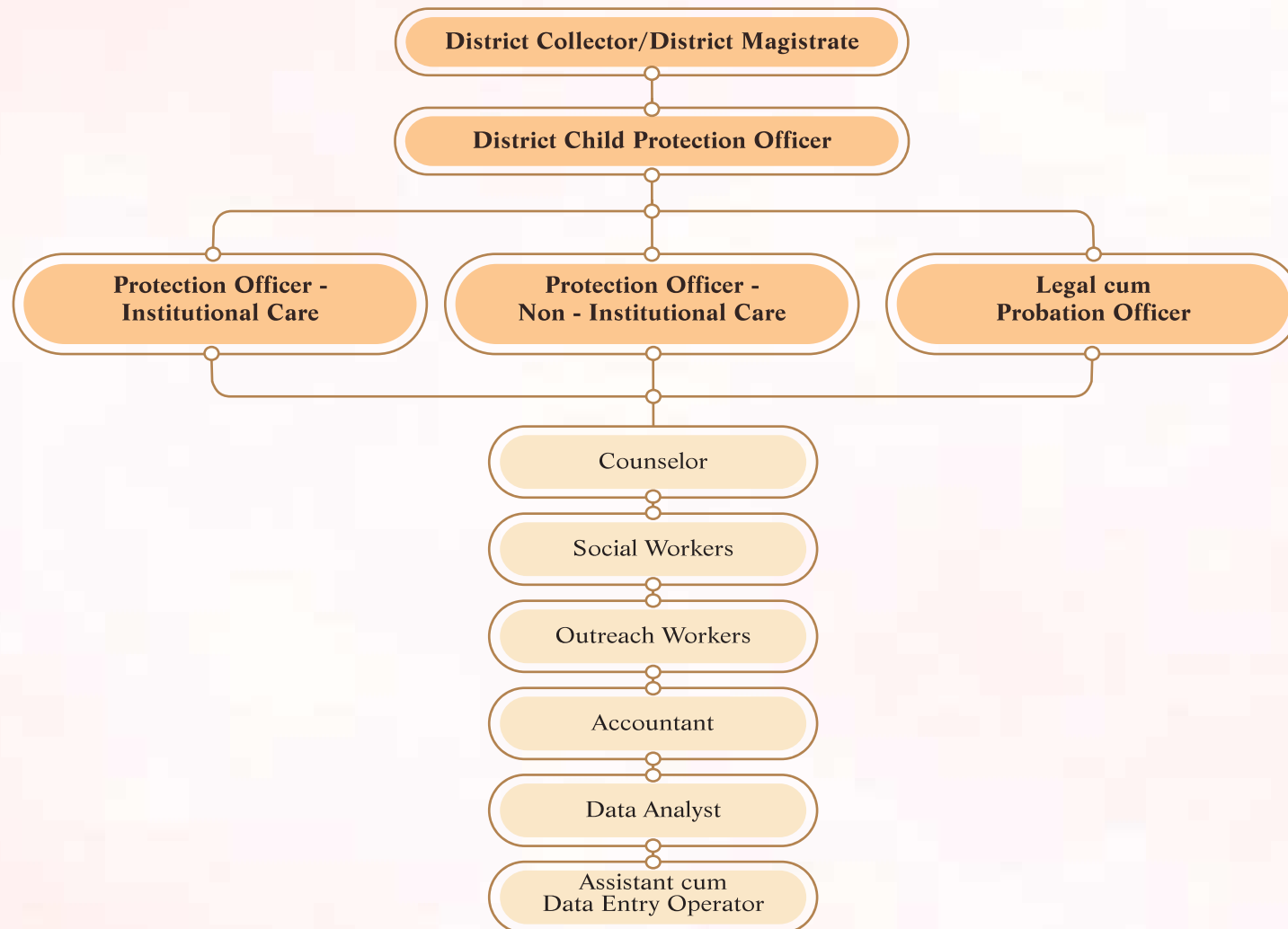


STATE-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

The State Framework of Mission Vatsalya in Odisha is led by the Department of Women & Child Development through OSCPS, in coordination with SARA, and registered CCIs. It ensures convergence with Health, Education, Police, Judiciary, DCPUs, CWCs, and JJBs for effective child protection and care.



DISTRICT LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK



405
Staff Members



District Child Protection Units

405 staffs across 30 DCPU's support vulnerable children through preventive and rehabilitative care under institutional and non-institutional care

31 Child Welfare Committees



Child Welfare Committees

31 CWCs are functional across 30 districts, including an additional CWC in Khordha.

34
Juvenile Justice Board



Juvenile Justice Board

34 JJBs are functional across 30 districts of Odisha, with 4 additional boards in Ganjam, Khordha, Sambalpur, and Sundargarh to ensure timely justice for children in conflict with the law.

36
Special Juvenile Police Unit



Special Juvenile Police Unit

36 SJPU's are operational across all police stations of the state to handle cases involving children as victims or in conflict with the law.

BUILDING A STRONGER SAFETY NET FOR CHILDREN

Institutional Care

Institutional care under the JJ (C&PC) Act, 2015 provides residential support for CNCP and CICL Children through CCIs offering shelter, education, comprehensive care and rehabilitation.

For Children in Need of Care and Protection, the institutions include:



Children's Homes

Open Shelters

Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs)

For Children in Conflict with Law, the Act provides for:



Observation Homes

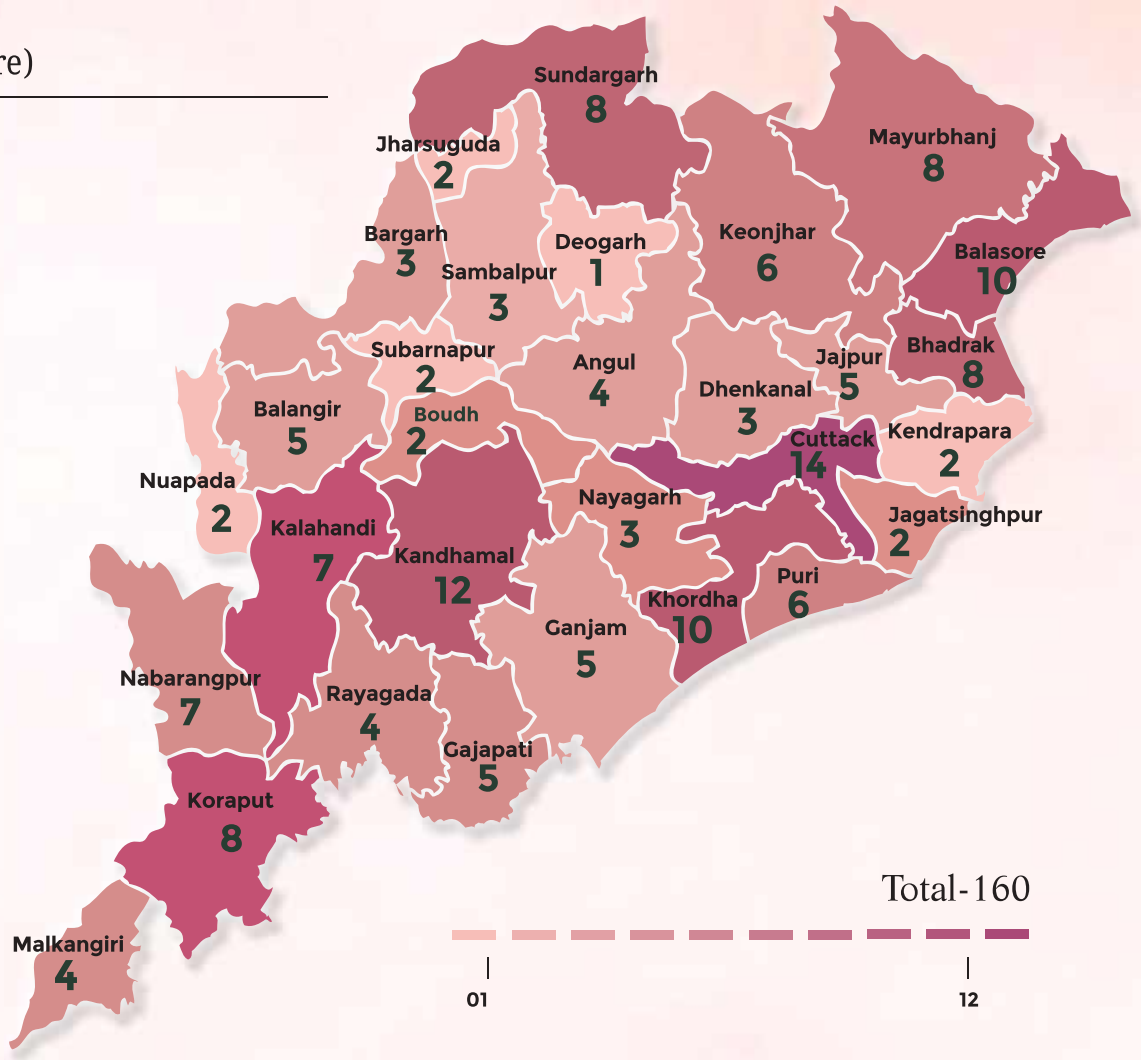
Special Homes

Places of Safety



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS
DISTRICT WISE BREAK -UP (Institutional Care)

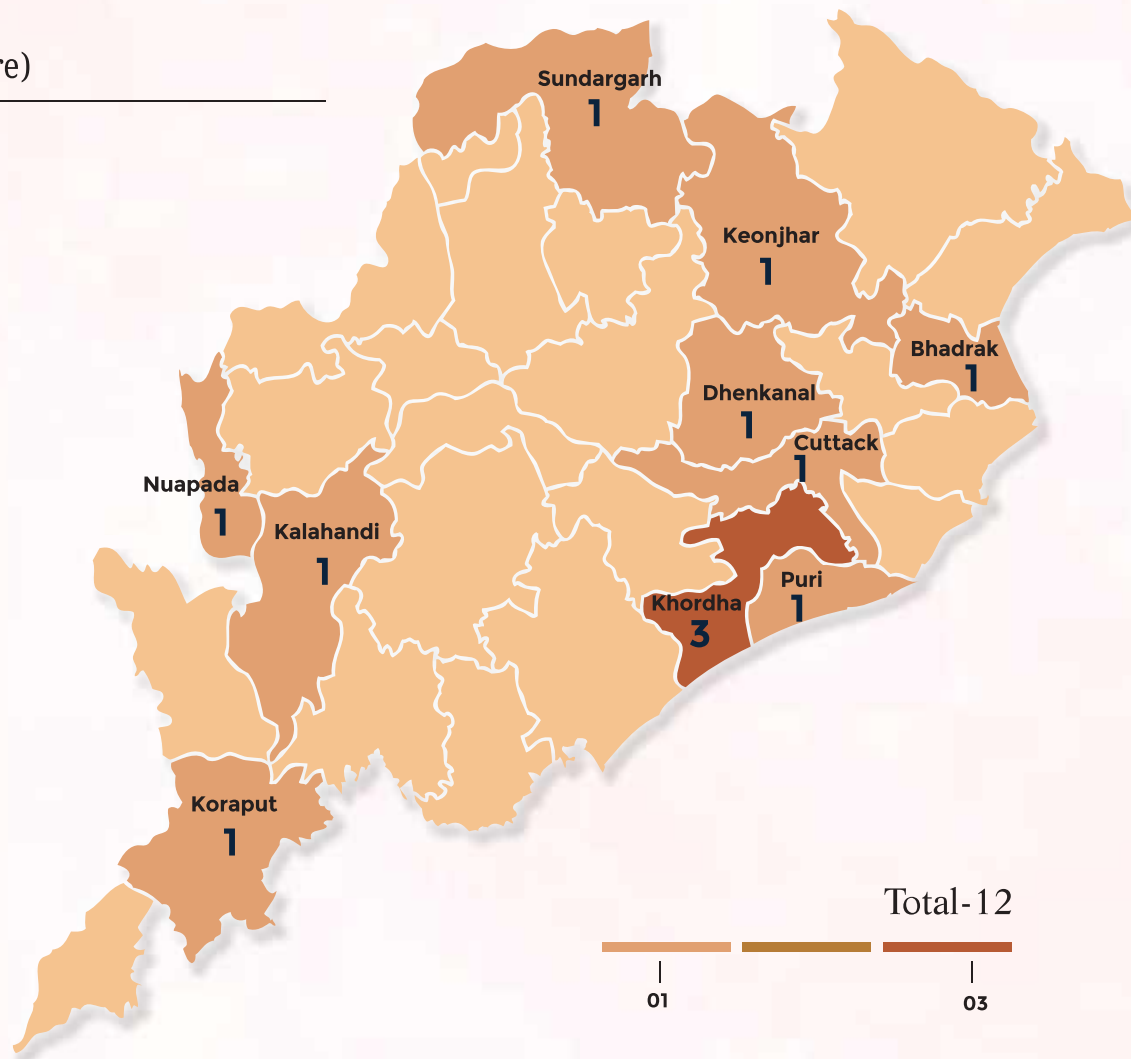
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CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

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Open Shelter

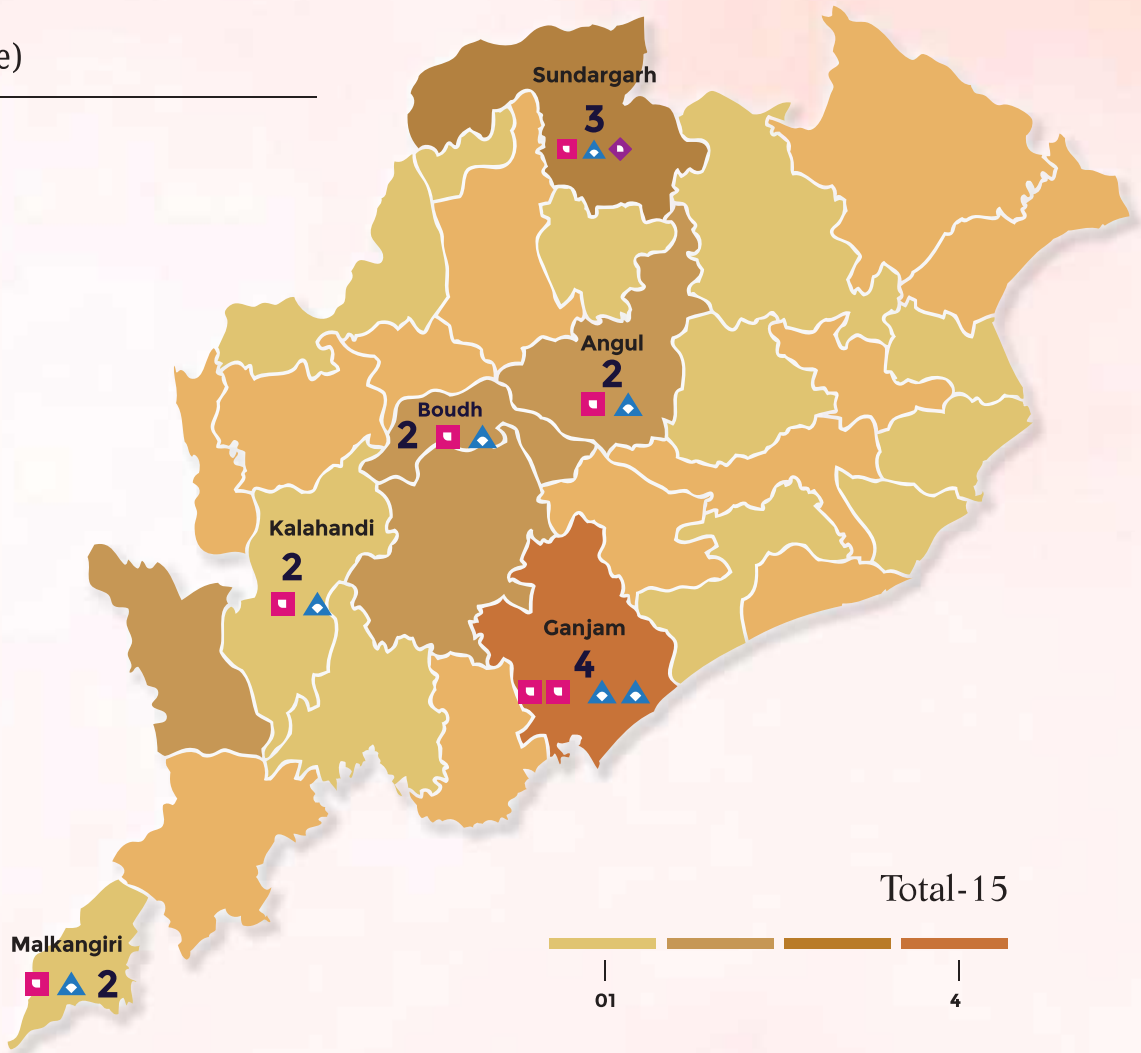


CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS DISTRICT WISE BREAK -UP (Institutional Care)

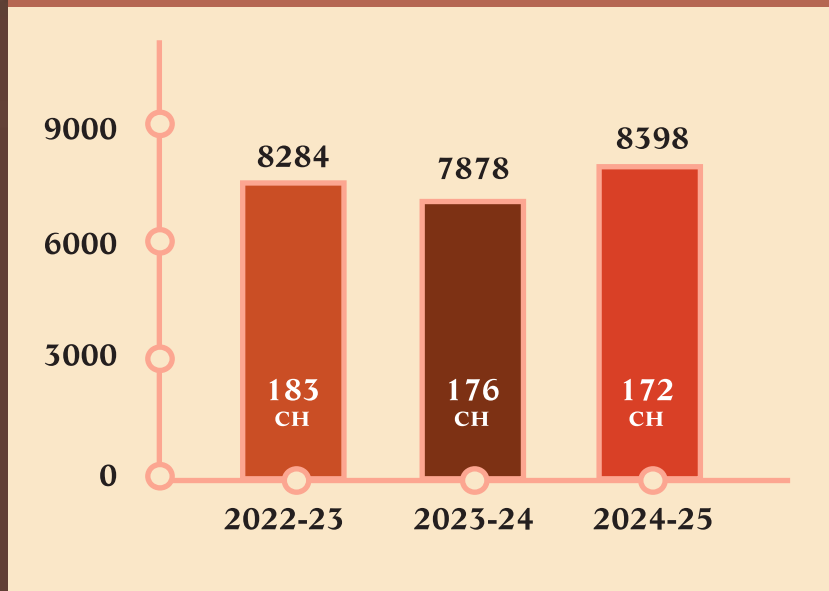
■ Observation Homes

◆ Places of Safety

▲ Special Homes



CNCP Children Supported under Childrens Home and Open Shelter.





CCIs for Children in Need of Care and Protection



Children's Homes:

160 Children's Homes provide comprehensive care, including medical aid, counselling, education, skills, and rehabilitation, supporting 7,494 children across the state.

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12 Open Shelters provide temporary care for 206 vulnerable children at risk of abuse or exploitation.



Open Shelters



Specialised Adoption Agencies

33 SAAs provide care for 279 orphaned, abandoned, or surrendered children below six years and facilitate their adoption.

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CCIs for Children in Conflict with Law



Observation Homes:

- OH provide temporary care for children in conflict with law during inquiry.
- 7 Observation Homes running with facility of accommodating 410 children.
- Currently OH are accommodating 194 Children.

- Provide long-term rehabilitation and protection for CICL Children
- Currently housing 14 children.



Special Homes



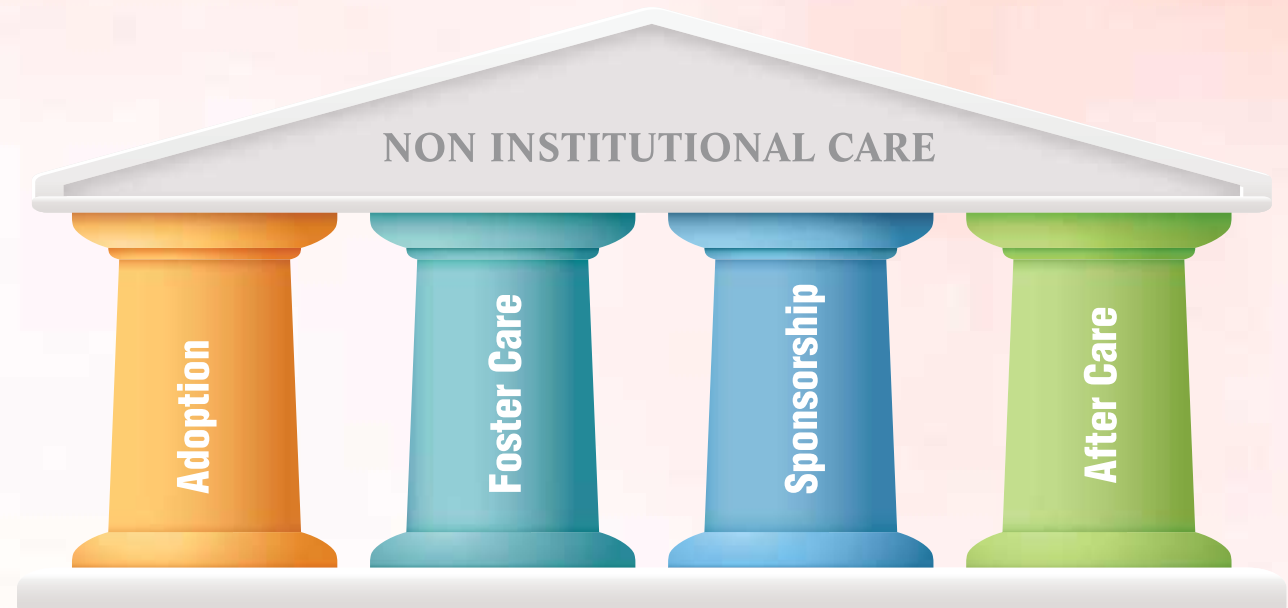
Place of Safety

- One Place of Safety in Rourkela, with a capacity of 150 children
- Currently 97 children are under care.
- It houses children aged 16–18 accused or convicted of heinous offences.



Non Institutional Care

Odisha is witnessing a gradual shift from institutional care to non-institutional, family-based care, prioritising the best interest of the child. Through adoption, foster care, sponsorship, and after-care support, the state is promoting nurturing environments within families and communities.



Adoption

In 2024–25 around 279 children were adopted through 33 SAAs across 30 districts.

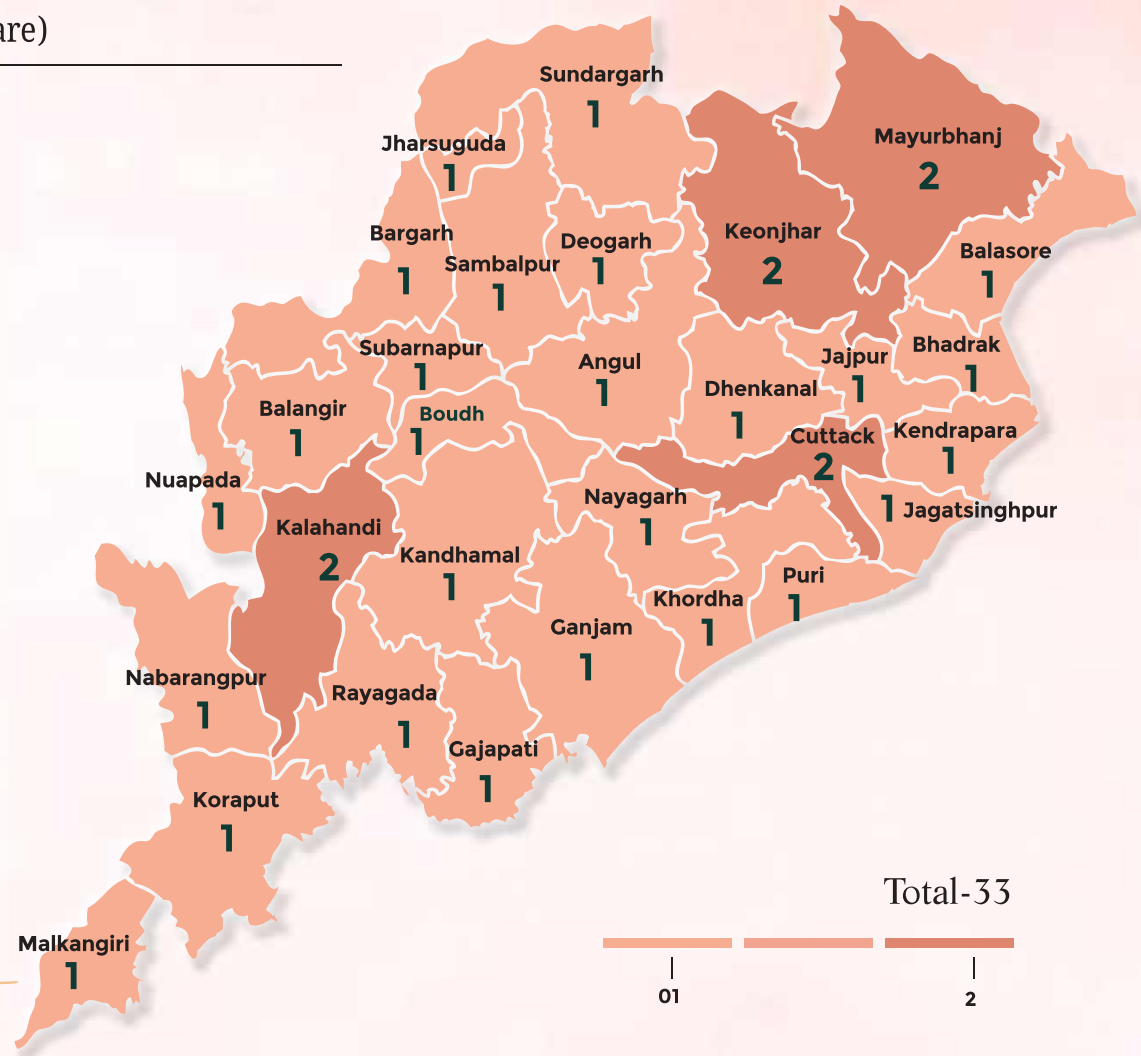


Adoption Progress Over the Last Three Years (2022-2025)

Financial Year	In-Country Boys	In-Country Girls	In-Country Total	Inter-Country Boys	Inter-Country Girls	Inter-Country Total	Grand Total
2022–2023	73	87	160	09	17	26	186
2023–2024	91	124	215	13	24	37	252
2024–2025	113	133	246	17	16	33	279

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS
DISTRICT WISE BREAK -UP (Institutional Care)

Specialised Adoption Agency



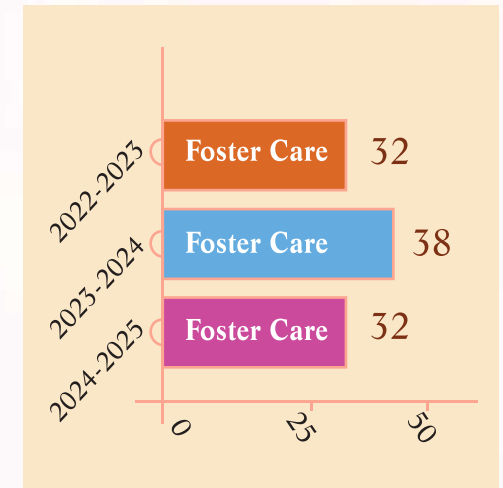
Sponsorship

1. Sponsorship helps children stay with their families by supporting their education, nutrition, and healthcare.
2. Eligible children receive ₹4,000 per month under Mission Vatsalya.
3. In 2024–25 around 6,039 children, including 86 under PM CARES, benefited from the scheme.



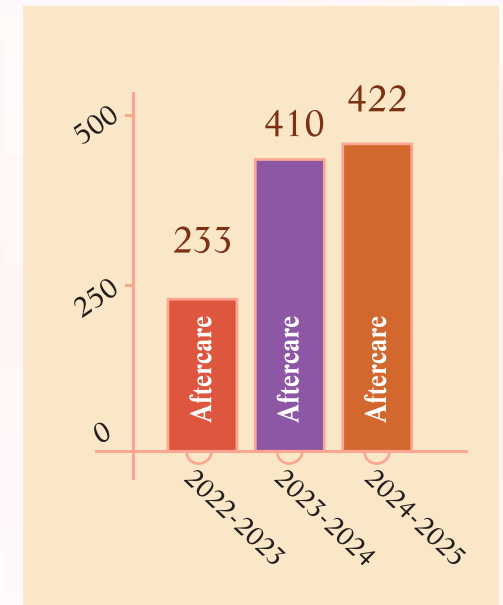
Foster Care

- Provides family-based care for vulnerable children helping in preventing unnecessary institutionalization.
- In 2024–25 around 32 children were placed with approved foster families.



Aftercare






- Supports youth leaving CCIs at 18 with financial aid, education, skills, and training for independent living.
- In 2024–25 around 422 youth (including 362 children) received aftercare support.



STATE SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS

Jashoda

A state initiative providing a safety net for orphaned and vulnerable children, especially those without parental care or affected by HIV. It facilitates their education, skill development, and social security through benefits like vocational training, coaching, awards, Sukanya Samridhi, marriage assistance, and other government entitlements.

Jashoda Yojana FY 2024-2025	Total No
 Children received Support	1486
 Children received support for Technical Education	766
 Children awarded as Meritorious Student	08
 Children received support under Marriage Assistance	40
 Children received support under Sukanya Samridhi Yojana	672





Ashirbad-

To support children facing family loss and socio-economic distress, the Government of Odisha launched the Ashirbad Scheme for Specially Cared Children. It provides monthly financial assistance to children who lost both parents, a single parent, or a breadwinner after 1st April 2020. The scheme has also ensured continued support through linkages to education (Green Passage), Healthcare, Housing (PMAY), Nutrition (PDS) & other Entitlements.

A total of
51,278
children
have
benefited
under the scheme
since its launch.

As of April 1, 2025,
41,689 beneficiaries continue
to receive support, while
9,589 have exited the scheme.

Status of Children who exited from Ashirbad:



3,854 in
higher
education

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690 in
ITI and
professional
courses

02



125 in
other professional
programs

03






479 in
placement linked
skill training
programs

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Child Helpline (1098)

1. Child Helpline (CHL) under Mission Vatsalya provides immediate response for children in crisis and in distress.
2. Integrated with ERSS-112 and the Women Helpline for quick coordination.
3. Offers linkages to critical service including medical aid, shelter, counselling, legal support, and rehabilitation.
4. Functional in all 30 districts and 10 major railway stations. It will be made operational in 10 more railway stations.

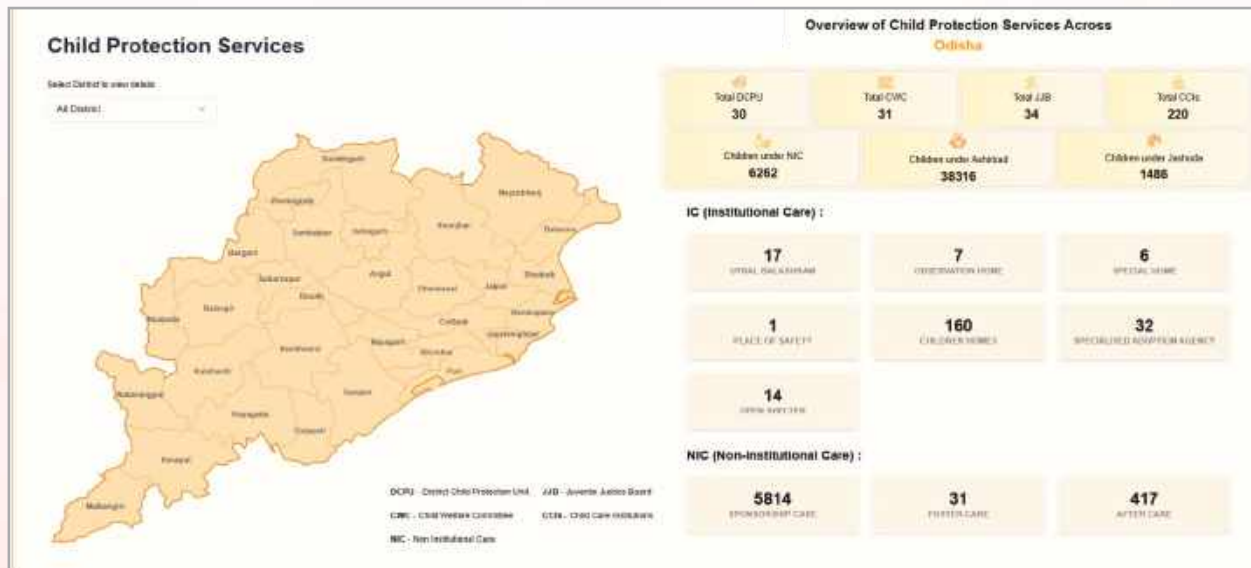
Call Volume Overview (1st Sep 2023- 30th Sep 2025)

Indicator	Total	Monthly Average	Daily Average
Total Calls Received	88,829 	3410.32	Approx. 112
Cases Referred to DCPUs / WHL-181 / ERSS-112 for Intervention	11,151 	401.86	Approx. 13
Information & Follow-Up Related Calls Handled at State Control Room	77,678 	3,008.45	Approx. 99



Aamaari Sishu Portal

- I. Odisha's state specific MIS platform for managing and monitoring child protection services.
- II. Provides real-time data, reports, and indicators for informed decisions and accountability.
- III. Enables centralized, paperless data for CNCP and CICL cases by CWCs, JJBs, DCPUs, SJPU, and CCIs.





- State-wide Orphan Survey identifies children without parental support and those at risk.
- Aims to prevent family separation and map vulnerable children and families.
- Guides the State Action Plan to link them with welfare schemes and support services.



Orphan Survey



Disability Survey

- Identifies children with disabilities and their specific needs, in collaboration with SSEPD Dept.
- Promotes inclusive child protection through early intervention and prevention of neglect.
- Ensures linkage to welfare schemes, assistive services, and entitlements for children and families.

Mental Health Care and Psycho-Social Support – Art Based Therapy

In the silent corners of CCIs across Odisha, art is becoming a voice for children who have endured trauma, fear, abuse and abandonment. Through Art-Based Therapy (ABT), Odisha has introduced trauma-informed Psycho-Social Care that gives children the space to heal, express, and rebuild themselves.

Implemented across all the CCIs, this practice integrates different art forms such as drawing, painting, storytelling, dance and music into everyday rehabilitation. The results are profound: children show improved emotional resilience, stronger social bonds, and a visible sense of calm and healing.



BEST PRACTICES IN CHILD PROTECTION – ODISHA'S MODEL INTERVENTIONS

E-Siksha Abhiyan

- Classrooms in CCIs transformed into digital learning spaces across all 30 districts.
- Tab Labs provide smart tablets and e-learning tools for vulnerable children.
- Promotes digital literacy, self-paced learning, and safe online interaction.
- Offers many children their first digital experience, inspiring confidence and creativity.



Virtual Hearings: Justice with Dignity for Children in Conflict with Law

All 34 JJBs in Odisha use video conferencing for child-friendly, confidential, and speedy hearings, ensuring dignity and rehabilitation for every child.



MAHAK and UTSAHA: A Celebration of Talent and Spirit

Every year, children from CCIs across Odisha gather at Kalinga Stadium for MAHAK and UTSAHA, celebrating art, culture, and sports while fostering teamwork, confidence, and discipline.



- I. In 2024, over 1,200 children from 30 districts participated in MAHAK and UTSAHA, Odisha's state-level cultural and sports events.
- II. MAHAK and UTSAHA, inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Smt. Pravati Parida and Hon'ble CM Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, celebrated children's creativity and athletic spirit through music, dance, art, debate, athletics, and sports.



Technical Education Integration and Skilling for the Future

1. Technical and vocational training introduced in CCIs links children to ITIs, polytechnics, and other institutes based on their skills and interests.
2. Enables independent living, reduces dependency, and aligns with aftercare provisions of the JJ Act for a self-reliant future.



Mainstreaming Education for Children in Conflict with Law

State Open School Exams are conducted in Observation Homes, ensuring uninterrupted education and dignified reintegration for children in conflict with the law.



Open Gyms

Open Gyms in CCIs promote fitness, discipline, and well-being of children supporting their health and holistic rehabilitation.



Dance and Music Studios for Children in CCIs

Dance and Music Studios in Observation and Special Homes, Governments run CCIs, and Utkal Balashrams promote healing, confidence, and rehabilitation through creative expression.





THE FIRST STEP WAS BELIEVING

"The support I received gave me wings to fly and made my dream a reality."

Dr. Budhram Lakra began his journey of transformation in the SEVA-DHAM Children's Home in Deogarh. Under guidance of the DCPU, he excelled in academics, transitioning from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya to Ravenshaw College.

His joy was multiplied when he was selected for Veterinary Sciences at OUAT, however the course fees of Rs 5 lakh posed as a deterrent. Receiving a waiver of Rs 4.8 lakh under the Green Passage Scheme made him the finest beneficiary from Odisha which fuelled his dreams.

Today, as an Assistant Veterinary Surgeon in Sundargarh, he serves his community while preparing for the Civil Services.

"There is long way to go and to achieve my dreams", He says



SHE LEARNED FROM LIFE BEFORE SHE BEGAN TO TEACH

"Before I became a teacher, life was my classroom."

In Jogindrapur, the silence after her parents' death was broken only by the rustle of dry leaves and the sound of her own footsteps to school. Pujarani Haripal had no one but her resilience. Identified by the DCPU, Boudh, and with sponsorship support under Mission Vatsalya, she completed her B.Sc., and B.Ed.

In 2024, she entered the very space she once longed for, the classroom, this time as Junior Teacher under the School & Mass Education Department. Her desk now holds not just lesson plans, but the unspoken promise that no child in her care will feel as alone as she once did.

"Those were the darkest days of my life," she says softly, "but today I get to brighten the lives of others"

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CARE GAVE HIS PASSION WINGS

"When I run, my hand doesn't feel different from anyone else's."

Sanatan Purty grew up with a left hand that was never fully formed and a love for athletics that refused to weaken. Orphaned young, he was placed in a Child Care Institution in Dhenkanal. For some, his deformity was a reason to cripple his courage and expectations. For Sanatan, it became the reason to nurture them.

Supported by the Child Welfare Committee and DCPU Dhenkanal, his talent was spotted during trials at Kalinga Stadium. Selected into a sports hostel, he began formal training, where sweat replaced sorrow and the track replaced the walls of confinement. Now training at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, his stride carries more than speed, it carries proof that ability is often a matter of opportunity.

"Talent can rise from any lane," he says, "if someone builds the track."

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HE FOUND STRENGTH IN STABILITY

"A stable roof gave me the courage to dream beyond it."

Soumya Ranjan Bej was just eight when he lost his mother and watched his father drift into addiction. While the streets of Dhenkanal offered no safety, it was Adruta Children's Home which offered a beginning. Consistent support from the District Child Protection Unit became his anchor, allowing him to Complete Class 10 with 70% and pursue ITI in COPA.

His diligence landed him a job at Jindal Company, Soumya had an intense desire to learn and it was for knowledge, he taught himself digital tools during the pandemic tinkering with codes until patterns became programs.

He now visualises his career as a ladder, not a landing. With each rung, he pulls himself, and his aspirations, higher.

"My journey just begins," he says, eyes steady, "because stability gave me a reason to keep climbing."



THE JOURNEY FROM NEED TO NURTURE

"I learned that sometimes you must build the house you needed yourself."

Jayant's story began with absence, of a mother lost too young and a father slipping into addiction and homelessness. Placed in a Child Care Institution in Cuttack, he carried a curiosity that no obstacle could deter. Matriculation led to a diploma, then a JEE qualification for B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering at Parala Maharaja Engineering College.

With financial support from Jasodha Yojana, he could complete his studies and multiply his achievements. Securing a degree, he is currently working as a part time faculty at government polytechnics, Mayurbhanj and has been able to construct a house for his father. Along the way, he mended more than the walls of a home, he repaired the threads of a family once frayed.

"I never let my past define me," Jayant says, "because the future was waiting to be written."



HER WILL OUTLIVED THE WOUNDS

"I learned to count my days by the dreams I kept alive."

From the hospital bed to the narrow wooden desk at school, Malli Munda's life was a pendulum swinging between illness and ambition. Thalassemia had claimed much of her childhood, and losing her parents claimed the rest. The Child Care Institution became her only shelter, where care arrived not just as medicine, but as comforting presence.

Strengthened by this support, she appeared for her HSC exams at seventeen, and passed. She then joined CIPET to train in industrial manufacturing, where machinery replaced medical charts as her daily companions. Today, she works as an Injection Moulding Operator in Karnataka, saving for constructing a house in her native village

"My dream is simple," she says, "to construct a house in memory of the family I never got to grow up with."

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FROM HOLDING BACK TO MOVING AHEAD

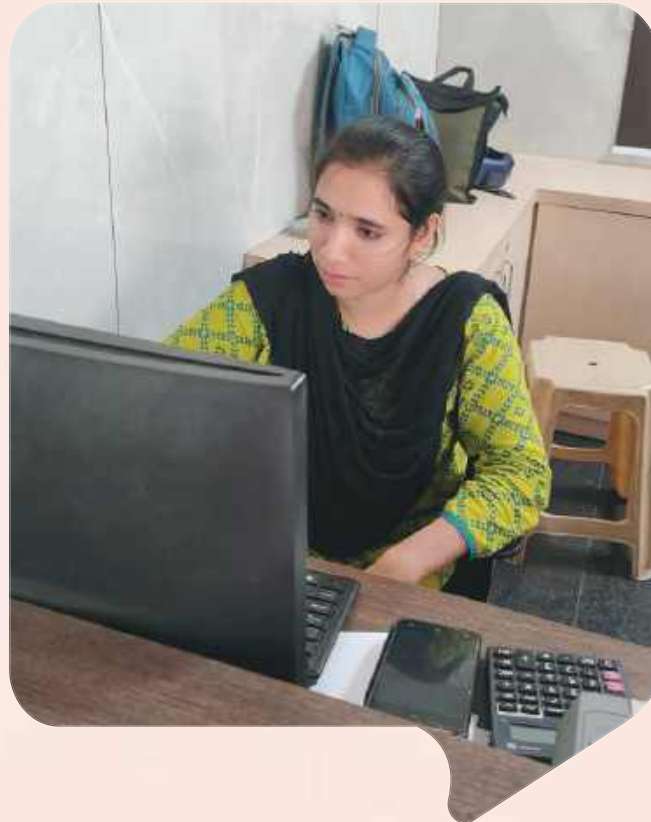
"I used to avoid questions; now, I seek the answers myself."

At fourteen, Nakul Jaypuria arrived at Thakkar Bapa Seva Sadan carrying little more than his school transfer certificate and the silence of loss. Orphaned and raised by his grandmother, he kept to the corners, speaking only when necessary.

The patience of the staff, combined with the steady support of the CWC and DCPU Jharsuguda, coaxed him into participation. He passed Class 10 with distinction and now studies mining engineering in Deogarh under Green Passage support. Each lesson for him in the classroom mirrors a deeper truth, confidence is mined like ore, extracted through persistence.

"I learned to start showing up for myself," he says, "and that changed everything."

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SUPPORT SPARKED HER SELF-BELIEF

"It felt like life had finally opened a door for me."

For Rekha Kumbhar, the world began to expand the day she was selected for a beauty and wellness training programme at the World Skill Center in Bhubaneswar. Orphaned at eight and moved across homes, she finally found stability at Thakkar Bapa Seva Sadan.

Encouraged by CWC and DCPU, Jharsuguda, she completed her schooling, trained at VLCC, and secured a position as receptionist at TRL Krosaki Hospital. She is also pursuing her MA. Every step she takes is a rebuttal to the instability she once endured.

"Now, I'm building a life on my own terms," she says, her voice steady with pride.

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WHERE PURPOSE REPLACED PAIN

"I lost a family, but I found purpose."

Pooja Mahar's arrival at Nehru Seva Sangh Children's Home was marked by loss-the death of her father and the uncertainty of life. But within those walls, she found not just shelter, but opportunity. She was trained in sports, martial arts, and later, in mechanical trades.

By 2020, she topped the All India Trade Test among women, competing against over 25 lakh candidates. Today, she serves as Assistant Mechanical Officer at OMC's Codinga Mali Mines.

"Hard work doesn't let you down-it lifts you," she says, her voice carrying the silent conviction of someone who has tested its truth.

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FROM VULNERABILITY TO VITALITY

"I wanted more than survival, I wanted to stand on my own feet."

In the quiet village of Bhalia Sahi, Gajapati, Krispa Rani faced poverty, the loss of her father, and the threat of early marriage. Intervention from the DCPU linked her to the Jashoda Scheme, enabling her to pursue nursing in Bhubaneswar. Today, she works at SUM Hospital, supports her family, and ensures her siblings remain in school. Her life is a testimony to the fact that vulnerability can be the soil in which independence takes root.

"Now I can help my family, just as others once helped me," she says.



SHE REWROTE WHAT HOME MEANT

"Instead of feeling safe and loved, I felt broken inside."

Sujata's (name changed) life in Keonjhar was shadowed by fear. Living with her mother and stepfather, a respected advocate, she endured abuse in an unsafe home until she fled her home. Barbil Police received her and brought her to an Open Shelter, where she was provided counselling, care, life skills training and her safety ensured.

Though pressured to withdraw her case, she stood firm, continuing her studies at Kamargoda High School. Now in Class 10, she prepares for exams while her abuser faces trial. Her story is one of a child refusing silence, breaking shackles and choosing to create a new meaning of home, one built with dignity and courage.

"I didn't run from silence," she says, "I dismantled it and built something stronger."



WINGS BEYOND WOUNDS

“When life took her hands, she held on with hope.”

Born in Bolangir, young Payal Nag often travelled with her parents and brother to Raipur for daily labour. Poverty was harsh, but what came next was unimaginable. A short-circuit accident left Payal severely burnt, and to save her life, doctors had to amputate both her hands and legs.

Her world went silent, until District Magistrate Bolangir, Shri Chanchal Rana, with her parents' consent, arranged her stay at Parbati Giri Ashram. Surrounded by care and compassion, Payal slowly rediscovered her smile, her confidence and her will to dream again.

Inspired by para-archer Sheetal Devi, she began training in Jammu & Kashmir. Against all odds, and competing with participants far older than her, Payal won two gold medals in archery.

From the ashes of Raipur to the glory of gold, Payal's journey is a living story of courage, determination and the strength of the human spirit.



BORN FROM THE HEART: EMMA'S JOURNEY HOME

"Some children are born from the womb; you were born from our hearts," Daniel recalls.

In the quiet lanes of Nabarangpur, a special child named Minakhi waited for a miracle. It arrived from Hyderabad- Daniel and Lalitha Ecka, a couple guided not by chance, but by a calling. Despite doubts, they embraced adoption with unwavering faith. Renamed as Emma Ecka, she entered a world where love was the only lens. Each milestone- from her first rhyme to her first step- was a triumph, nurtured by belief and unconditional care. With artificial eyes and boundless encouragement, Emma now skates, cycles, and sings- defying every label once placed on her. Once a child who could only dream of seeing the world, Emma now meets it with open eyes and a fearless heart. She is not just a girl who overcame the odds- she is living proof that love can heal, transform, and create what once seemed impossible. In the eyes of the Ecka family, Emma is not only a daughter- she is the miracle they never thought they could have. Together, they write a story of love, happiness and joy, which transcends all boundaries.



FROM UNCERTAINTY TO INDEPENDENCE

"I feel happy living an independent life and earning for a better future."

Orphaned young and left with little education, Jatin Badamundi's life was a chain of closures, his first hostel shutting down before he could find stability. Jatin was enrolled under the Jasodha Yojana facilitated by the DCPO and he could complete class X with coaching and care received at Shree Jagannath Niketan. He completed ITI training and is currently working in Chennai promoted at Achieve 5 star sustain Zero PPM.

From uncertainty, he has carved a future defined by his own resolve. *"Independence,"* he says, *"is the best shelter I've ever had."*

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WHEN SILENCE FOUND A SONG!

“Her voice rose where words once failed.”

At the age of four, tragedy changed the course of Bidusmita Sabar’s life when her mother attempted self-immolation, and as her father tried to save her, both passed away from their injuries. The youngest daughter of late Gopal and Maunabati Sabar from Sourapendili village in Gudari area of Rayagada district, Bidusmita’s childhood was filled with loss and despair.

At the age of six, with the help of Sarpanch, Anganwadi workers and her relatives, she was brought to Seva Samaj, Gunupur Balika Child Care Institution. With the care and guidance she received at the institution, she began to heal and discover her love for learning, singing and poetry.

Her first recognition came in 2017, when as a Class IV student, she recited the poem “Maa Pari Mora Kie Se Heba” with great clarity and emotion. She earned the title of Best Singer at Gunupur Girls’ High School in 2022 and 2023. She has also been honoured at events such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Bikash Mela, Mahak and Mahotsav festivals, bringing pride to her district.

Now a +2 Science second-year student, she dreams of becoming a doctor while continuing her journey as a singer.

Her story reflects how care, education and belief can transform silence into song and sorrow into strength.

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WHERE CARE SUSTAINED A DREAM

"The silence after my father's death was not just emotional-it was financial."

For P. Khristapriya of Balangir, the loss of her father meant the loss of the family's only income. Her mother, once a homemaker, faced the enormity of survival alone. Then came the Ashirbad Scheme, offering Rs.1,500 a month, a lifeline that kept Khristapriya in school. She completed her Higher Secondary studies and enrolled in a Diploma in Computer Science at Government Polytechnic, Balangir. Today, she lives in a hostel, supported by Green Passage and SUDAKHYA schemes, working toward a career that can rewrite her family's future.

"This support is helping my daughter build a better life," her mother says, "and we are deeply grateful."

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SUPPORT BACKED HER AMBITION

*"When everything was falling apart,
I chose to rise, with effort, not excuses."*

Soumya Sai Tarai was in Class V when she told her family she wanted to study at NISER. Her father, a school headmaster, believed her. But his sudden death during the pandemic left the family shattered. Financial support under the Ashirbad Scheme helped her continue her studies, but the drive was always hers.

She topped her class, then her state, and now studies at NISER, chasing her ambition was not a child's fancy but a young woman's mission.

"I set the bar high," she says, "so others after me can aim higher."

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FROM SISHU ASHRAM TO SUCCESS

"A dream doesn't come true by magic, it takes hard work, determination, and belief."

Kuna Pradhan arrived at Sishu Ashram in Jagatsinghpur at twelve, after losing his father and watching his mother become disabled from a fall. Institutional care offered stability, but it was Kuna's own determination that set the course. He balanced NCC leadership, art, and academics before choosing motor vehicle mechanics at Madhusudan ITI under the Jashoda scheme. Today, he works in Gujarat, supporting his younger brother with his studies.

"Opportunity was given," he says, "but I'm the one who built on it."



MARCHING TOWARD HER MOTHER'S DREAM

"I was left behind just for being a girl."

Kiranbala of Deogarh, raised by a single mother after her father's abandonment, faced more than financial struggle—she faced the weight of societal stigma. The Sponsorship support under Mission Vatsalya became the turning point in her life.

From Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya to Sambalpur Women's College, she advanced steadily. Now a postgraduate in Chemistry and an NCC cadet shortlisted to become a Lieutenant in the Indian Army, she carries discipline and ambition in equal measure.

"I march not just for myself," she says, "but for the girl my mother believed in."



RESCUED, REUNITED AND RISING

"The government helped us when we needed it the most."

Panchali and Ankita Mallik's world collapsed on their journey back home from migrant work when their father fell ill and died. One daughter returned, the other, Ankita, was left at brick kiln in Telangana as collateral for an advance of Rs.80,000.

Swift intervention by authorities reunited the two sisters. The DCPU Balangir ensured their education through a monthly sponsorship of Rs.4,000 under Mission Vatsalya. Panchali, visually impaired, and Ankita now move forward together, proving that family, once broken, can be mended with care and will.

"Now, we can educate our children with hope," their mother says.

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FROM STRUGGLES TO STRENGTH

"I never believed my marks could change my life-until they did."

In the small village of Siletpali, Bargarh, Mohan's childhood was shadowed by loss. Orphaned early, he stumbled through his studies, scoring just 35% in Class 10. Yet within the walls of Bimladevi Charitable Society and later Kasturba Gandhi MatruNiketan, Paikmal, a silent transformation began. The steady rhythm of institutional care, patient mentors, and structured routine helped him rebuild his confidence. Enrolling at Government ITI, Bargarh, Mohan immersed himself in Electronics and Mechanical trades. This time, his results told a different story-he graduated with 92%.

Today working as a supervisor at Enoodaya Preceptors Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, Mohan supports his family. His journey is not about escaping failure but about mastering it-turning every setback into momentum.

"From Paikmal to Bangalore-my journey proves dreams do come true," he smiles.

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EMPOWERING RESILIENCE THROUGH SUPPORTIVE INTERVENTION

"I want to be the lawyer who stands for those with whom, no one else to stand for them."

Sasmita (name changed) living with her maternal aunt used to visit her father occasionally. In Class X, a visit turned dangerous when she faced attempted abuse from her father. She resisted, escaped, and filed an FIR. The CWC placed her back with her aunt and provided psychosocial counselling.

Determined to study law, she was supported under the Jashoda scheme and enrolled in an Integrated Law programme at The Law College, Cuttack. Today, she continues her education- a proof that intervention, when timely and compassionate, can alter the course of a life.

"I am studying to make sure no one is silenced like I was," she says.



A SHELTER OF HOPE THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

"I never gave up because someone else refused to give up on me."

Srabana Deepa lost his father to malaria at four, his mother's mental breakdown left the family destitute. In 2007, a CCI in Boudh became his refuge, offering food, education care and safety.

With support from the CWC and DCPU, he completed Class X, pursued a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, and in July 2024 secured a job as Fireman at Aditya Aluminium, Hindalco, Sambalpur. He now supports his mother and has rebuild their home, embodying the strength of timely care.

"My home has been rebuild, just like me," he says.



FROM LOSS TO LIVELIHOOD THROUGH CARE AND SKILL

"Care was the bridge between my loss and my future."

After losing his mother, and with his father unable to provide him with care and support, Ajit Thanapati entered Utkal Balashram in Subarnapur in 2015. There, stability returned-along with the chance to study. After Class 10, he trained in Electrical Trade at Government ITI, Sonapur. In 2024, he secured work at JSW Energy Ltd., Bangalore, Now independent, he lives with dignity earned through both guidance and grit.

"I stand on my own now," he says, "but I will always remember who helped me stand."

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FROM FEAR TO FORTITUDE

“I learned that courage begins the moment you refuse to surrender.”

Puja’s journey began in the shadows of fear. At just thirteen, she fled her village in Puri with her younger sister to escape a forced marriage, carrying nothing but trembling resolve and a fragile hope. Days of abuse and abandonment followed, until Child-Helpline reached her and placed her in safe care.

The protective fold of a Child Care Institution, patient counselling and steady education mended the wounds that silence had hidden. Gradually, Puja transformed fear into strength. She completed ITI training, advanced her skills at the World Skill Centre, and earned a position with a leading company.

Now 23, she lives with dignity and independence, determined to see her sister flourish as well. Puja’s story stands as proof that, with courage, guidance, and timely support, even the most vulnerable child can reclaim life and stride into a future bright with hope.

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FROM NEGLECT TO NEW HORIZONS

“I learned that beginnings don’t define the finish line.”

Born in Adanga village of Jajpur, Suman Das’s childhood was marked by absence. When his parents absconded, he was left without care that every child deserves. Identified as a child in need of protection, he found a haven at Utkal Balashram Children’s Home, where safety, education, and encouragement replaced uncertainty.

With sponsorship support under Mission Vatsalya, Suman pursued vocational training in the Motor Mechanic Vehicle trade at Government ITI, Jajpur. His determination went far beyond the classroom—he excelled in inter-college sports and honed his talent for art and craft.

The breakthrough arrived through campus recruitment, when Jindal Company offered him employment. Today, Suman stands tall as a skilled professional, defined not by the neglect of his early years but by resilience and achievement. His story affirms that with timely care, opportunity, and belief, a child’s potential can rise above the hardest beginnings.

Consultation on Combatting Child Trafficking in Odisha



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Capacity Building of Child Protection Workforce



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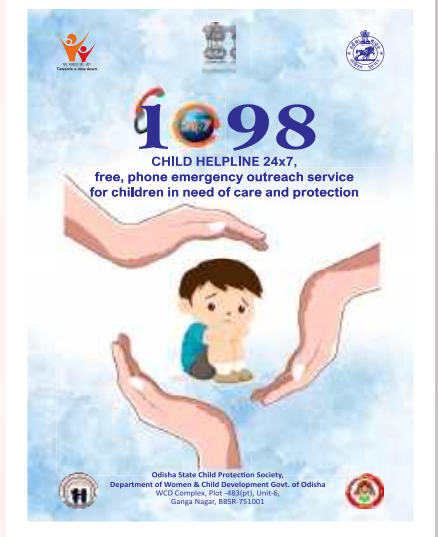
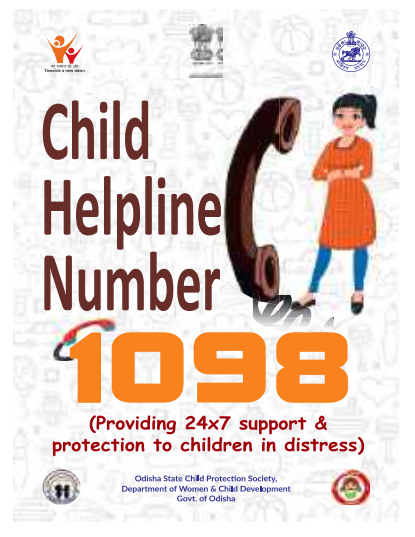
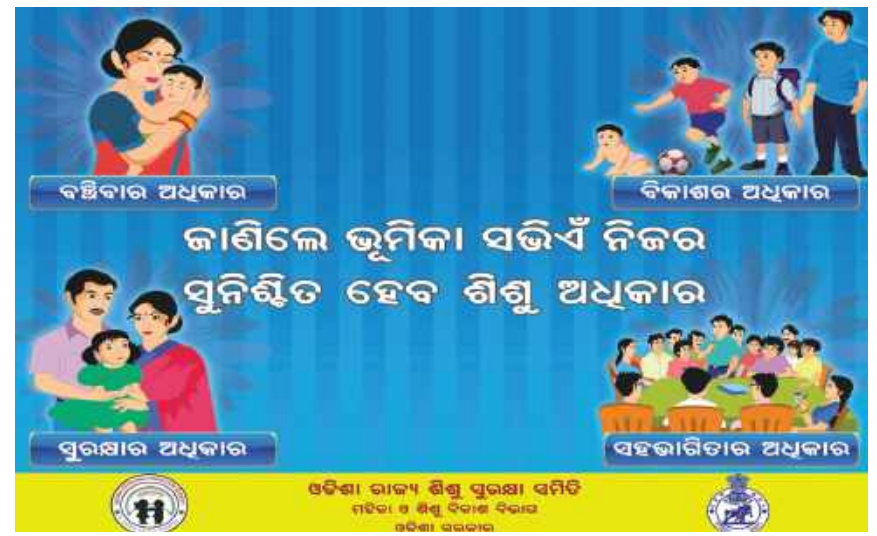
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