



Caring
Through
Sharing

JESUIT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY



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- Nelson Mandela

About JRDS

The Jesuit Research and Development Society (JRDS) is a social initiative with pan India presence helping poor people live with dignity through education and vocational training. It helps people live to their fullest potential at every stage of their lives. JRDS has been working since 2006 serving people living in economically and socially devastating conditions to build resilience for themselves, their families and their community. We work in many sectors across South Asia including education, skill development, climate change and ecology, social protection, migrants, youth, peace & reconciliation.

We work in two segments under the JRDS umbrella: one area focuses on human rights and law, capacity building, and research-related activity, while the other section focuses on social development activities. This Unit is known as Caring through Sharing.

JRDS is present in more than **15 states** in India. We work with over **100** organisations as technical partners, **1200** community organisations and NGOs for outreach. Our operational states are Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tripura, Delhi, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat.

We have touched lives of more than **2,00,000** people across India. We Impact communities through means of education, skill development, awareness creation, community development, etc enabling them to reach their full potential.



V-CARE SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

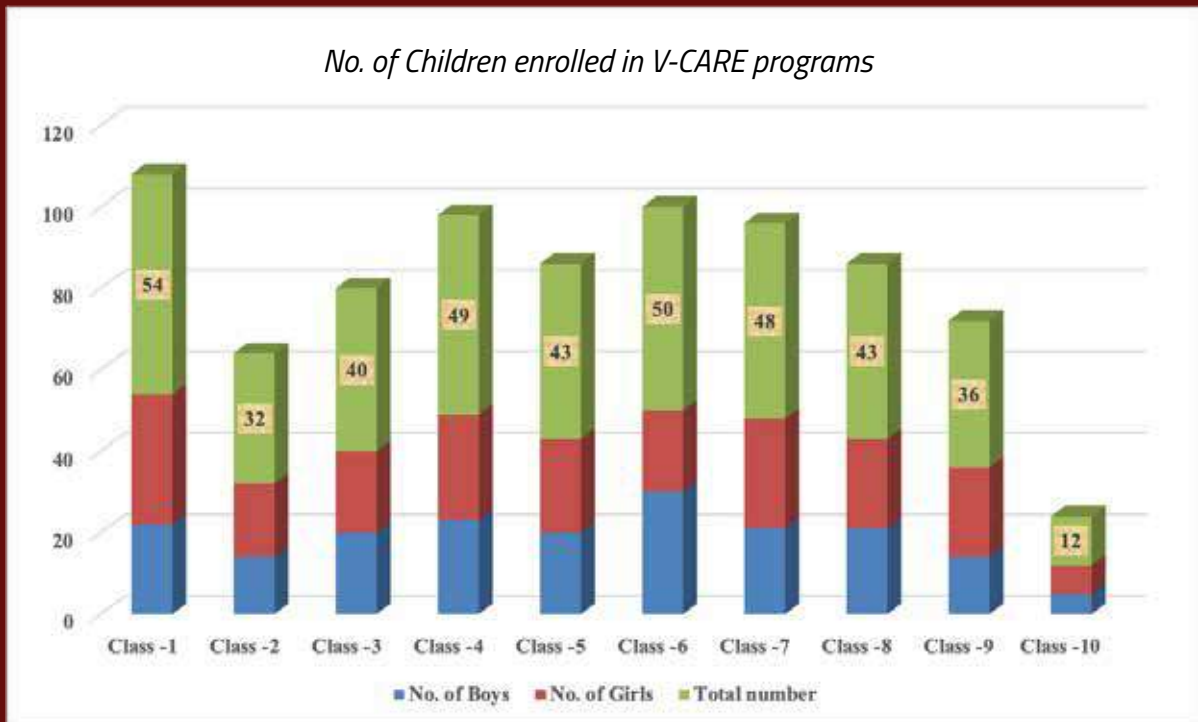
V-CARE Social Service Centre of Delhi Jesuit Province is committed to its mission of walking with the poor, vulnerable, excluded, marginalized and humanly impoverished and it aims at improving the life of this people through informal education particularly in Jahangirpuri, Delhi.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world”, Nelson Mandela said it. Therefore, V-CARE focuses on the basic and quality education of the children, and provides skills-training and organizes life-orientation programs for the youth. V-CARE undertakes specific activities for integrated and holistic development of the slum poor children and youth at Jahangirpuri and surrounding areas. The following are the on-going programs.



Remedial Education:

A total of 407 remedial students are regularly attending classes in our centres. We have two batches for each class and each teacher takes class in two shifts i.e. first batch for the boys in the morning and second batch for the girls in the afternoon. The children, who have enrolled their names in our centre are rag-pickers and are government school going children. We have more girls' children than boys. They are taught and personal cares and guidance are given. We also organize every month various activities, such as, literary competition, drawing competition, quiz competition, singing competition, diya decoration, etc. to encourage them.



Computer Class for Remedial Students:

Children from class 6 to 10 get opportunity to learn computer education like any other privileged children who are studying in formal schools. Our aim is to make the children more creative, communicative by providing them basic knowledge of the computer.

Smart Class:

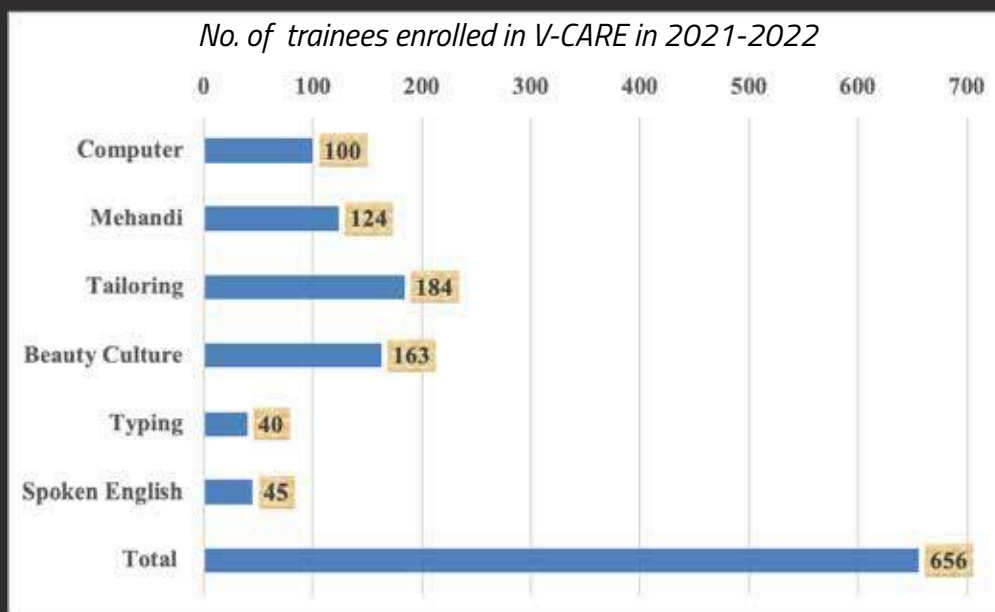
First time Smart Class has been introduced to the slum children at our centre. It's a new way of giving information and knowledge. It's a new phenomenon for our children. We have realized that Smart classes have made learning easy, attractive, influential and enjoyable. It has to be upgraded.

We have set up a small library in one of the class rooms. It consists of stories, poems, general knowledge etc. though it's a small but it helps the student to spend more time in the centre and complete their study/home work

Skills Training Programs:

V-CARE offers vocational courses such as computer course, typing, beauty culture, Mehandi, tailoring and Spoken English. These vocational training classes are held regularly at the centre. Our aim is to help the students to get a government job, private job, part-time job, seasonal job or to start their own carrier by using the skills they gain in our centre, so that they earn their livelihood and become self-sufficient. In 2021-2022, 656 trainees enrolled their names for various courses.

Celebrations of Important Days: Celebrations are very important in our lives. Celebrations are occasions that give opportunities for the children and the youth to show their talents and to get recognition and approval in the society. They build up their self-esteem and confidence. V-CARE organizes programmes like Independence Day, Environment Day, Girl Child Day, Literacy Day, Children's Day, Observation of Constitution Day, Diwali Celebration, Christmas Celebration, Republic Day, Women's Day, etc. V-CARE also organizes exposure programs for the children, the youth and for the women every year.



EMPOWERING THE YOUTH FOR A BETTER FUTURE...

Education of the children and youth through formal set up has been one of the main ventures of the Jesuits of Delhi Province. Living a life of selfless service to spread joy into the lives of the ones in need is the attempt of any philanthropy. It's not easy to change the inherited mindset and oppressed system of the society in our context, where women are domesticated to live only within the household sphere; youth are wandering in search of jobs, and the children are left on the streets. To aim at a holistic development of the society it requires conscious, consistent and constant emancipation of

women, children and youth. As part of social outreach programme Xavier Vocational Institute at Jaipur, Nevta, engages itself effectively to help the youth to find a better future.

However, there are many children and youth not able to afford expensive courses to build a promising career. In order to help such category of the society, namely, the urban and rural youth, the Jesuits in Jaipur have creatively entered into vocation guidance since the beginning of the new millennium.

The seed of present Xavier Vocational Institute (XVI) was sown in the year 2006 at St. Xavier's School Campus, starting with a course in beauty culture. Eventually it was expanded to include many other fields: Cutting and Tailoring, Fashion Designing, Embroidery, Basic Computer Skills, Diploma in Computer Hardware, Spoken English and many other soft skills for the youth of the locality. The centre is located at Hathroi Fort Road, Jaipur, catering to the career needs of many young boys, girls and women empowering them to find an economically sustainable future. Similar programmes were further introduced to the village youth as the Jesuits

expanded their educational programme in Nevta in the year 2015. At present, XVI at Nevta, located at St. Xavier's College, caters to five dozen of young girls/women of the vicinity in three different trades: Cutting Tailoring, Fashion Designing and Beauty Culture. Both the centres also conduct summer programme for the village youth and children through intensive programmes to enhance their soft skills.

Martin Luther King, Jr rightly posed a question to everyone, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?". We the Jesuits at Jaipur are called to create men and women for others.



MIGRANT HELPLINE ACTIVATED

MAIN (Migrant Assistance and Information Network), a project of the Jesuits of South Asia, has recently set up a national helpline number to provide immediate assistance to distressed migrants. This network, based on collaboration, interfaces with different agencies, NGOs, CSOs, institutions, including government at all levels. It is a tough, but an innovative model conceived in accordance with the signs of the times.

Distressed migrants can use the toll-free helpline number to access critical information, including legal aid and mediation services, access to government entitlements and schemes for migrant workers, report trafficking and human rights violations, abuse, violence, etc. Any distressed migrant worker in need or a friend or relative of this distressed migrant worker can call at the helpline number for support. The Helpline number is 1800-891-2995.

MAIN is spread across 14 states and provides support to distressed migrants through the central hub based in Delhi. In the last one month, the helpline has received several calls from migrant workers in distress from Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. State Hubs are now being activated to provide the required support to distressed migrants.



KIRAN KUMARI'S SELF-DISCOVERY THROUGH READ



Kiran Kumari is the eldest daughter of a couple, both of whom are daily labourers, residing at Shiv Changra Tola of West Champaran district, Bihar. She has one elder brother and one younger sister. The pressure of financial burden of the family forced her to focus on income-generating activities and doing odd jobs at home.

Kiran Kumari started spending most of her time rearing domestic animals to support her family. The precious time of her childhood was passing meaninglessly without education until social activists of READ (a Jesuit Social Centre of Ranchi Jesuit Province) made the initiation to open a Supplementary Education Centre (SEC) in her village three years ago to impart education to the poor maha dalit children. Initially, she found much difficulty in reading and writing. However, she continued to attend

classes in the centre, which gradually helped her to improve her reading and writing skills. In addition, she attended short-term residential training programme for 15 days at READ. This gave her immense opportunity to build her confidence. The residential training also revealed her innate talents and she gradually overcame her hesitation and fear and learnt to develop fellow feeling among the group members, respect for elders, value of cleanliness and a disciplined life.

“I am determined to become a teacher in future and share my experience and knowledge with the poor children. I heartily thank READ for the opportunity given to me to recognise my self-worth and talents and for instilling in me the hope and desire to live a purposeful life”, says Kiran Kumari.

MAIN CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY 2022

MAIN (Migrant Assistance and Information Network) celebrated the International Migrants Day on 18 December in Delhi and several other states. It was organised in commemoration of the adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families by UN General Assembly on 18 December 1990.

More than 80 migrant workers, including men, women and their children, participated in the programme held at

Indian Social Institute, Delhi. Apart from sharing the support they received from MAIN during the pandemic, participants also sang songs during the programme. MAIN also released a Declaration to "Recognise, Empower and Support Distressed Migrant Workers" on the International Migrants Day 2022.

<https://jcsaweb.org//MAIN-LAUNCH/Declaration%20on%20International%20Migrants%20Day.pdf>



CHILDREN'S DAY AT SANKALP CENTRES IN ODIHSA



More than 200 children from nine Sankalp centres (supplementary education) celebrated Children's Day on 14 November in Kutiguda, Odisha. Singing and dancing, quiz, speech, word-making with alphabets competitions were held for children.

Children from Padelipadar centre performed a dance based on the theme of ecology, which captivated the attention of all the audience. They bagged the first prize too. A third standard girl student from Madaguda Centre delivered a brilliant speech on Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru for which she won the first prize. Similarly, other

competitions were held and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Teachers and headmasters of government schools from four Gram Panchayats too attended the programmes. They were spell-bound by the performances of the children of Sankalp centres. They shared that the students who are attending classes at Sankalp centres are performing better in schools too. This is the first time that such competitions have been conducted for students since the establishment of the Sankalp centres in Kandhamal district.