



EDITORIAL

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (JJS): EVERYBODY IS INVITED

Everybody knows that JJS functions to provide justice to juveniles, but very few know that it also safeguards the future of humanity. In its absence, children in conflict with law would be dealt with at par with adults. For several reasons, in such a situation, there would be little or no hope of their returning to the folds of society. It is gratifying to note that many forward-looking nations have separate laws, police, courts and corrections for children who happen to violate some substantive or procedural law. So is however not always the case with those in need of care and protection. Among the NGOs responding to this need, Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice stands out.

Street children, esp. girls, face imminent physical and moral danger. For street children Prayas has set up Shelter and Children Homes. For working children and rag-picking children, it has started Jan Shikshan Sansthan or vocational training centers. To improve the health status of slum children, it has Prayas (Mobile) Health Service. To cope with emergencies, it offers toll-free telephone service, ChildLine. While these services have rendered useful services, these taken together barely manage to touch the fringe of the problem. To underwrite the future of needy children and of society, we need many more conscientious citizens and NGOs to join hands and mind.



Mr. Kapil Dev, Grand Ambassador of Prayas Children

Prayas - From Darkness to Light

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1. Dr. Hira Singh as Advisor for Training Unit
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3. Ms. Kiran Jyoti took charge as Project Manager, Prayas Children's Home for Boys, Delhi Gate
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Wedding Bells For :

1. Ms. Anamika with Mr. Umesh
2. Ms. Deepa with Ajay
3. Mr. Himanshu with Ms. Vibha
4. Mr. Manoj Pandey with Ms. Sushma



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