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MOBILE CRECHES
Nurturing Childhood Sowing Change

The Stories of
CHAMPIONS OF CARE



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From Caregiver's Wage to a Family's First Home

Sumitra Tirky | Bero block

For years, Sumitra's husband worked away in Tamil Nadu while she ran the household in Bero block, but their earnings never stretched far enough to build the home they'd always wanted. That changed on 27 April 2025, when Sumitra joined Mobile Creches as a caregiver at the Nari 1 creche. Her steady wage covered the family's daily expenses, freeing her husband to finally start saving. Month by month, those savings grew — and the couple built their own home.



> My wages help me contribute to my family. We were able to build our own house, and today we are living happily with our children.

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The Creche Worker Turning Everyday Junk into Learning Tools

Nargis | Mamura, Noida



For nearly ten years, Nargis has run a Mobile Creches centre in Mamura, Noida, but her real impact goes beyond childcare. She designs low-cost teaching materials from everyday items, work so effective that donors funded workshops replicating her methods for 30+ Anganwadi workers across the region. She also runs gender-inclusive parenting sessions and personally guided a pregnant daily-wage labourer through antenatal care that led to the safe birth of healthy twins. In October 2025, Nargis was named Best Creche Worker at the India Child Care Champion Awards.

> “My Ahha moment when funders funded my workshop on designing low-cost teaching materials from everyday items.”

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Raised in a Creche, Now Running One: Rajni's Full-Circle Story

Rajni Kashyap | Seemapuri Centre

Rajni Kashyap grew up inside the Seemapuri Centre while her mother worked there as a caregiver. After losing her mother in 2011, and her brother soon after, Rajni turned to Mobile Creches for support and stability, taking on responsibility for her younger sister. That foundation let her rebuild her life — and eventually join the organisation herself as a caregiver, drawing on her own experience as a beneficiary. Today she is no longer just a beneficiary of that system — she's one of its cornerstones.

> "Mobile Creches is more than a childcare centre; it is a bridge that allows working women to cross over from poverty to possibility."



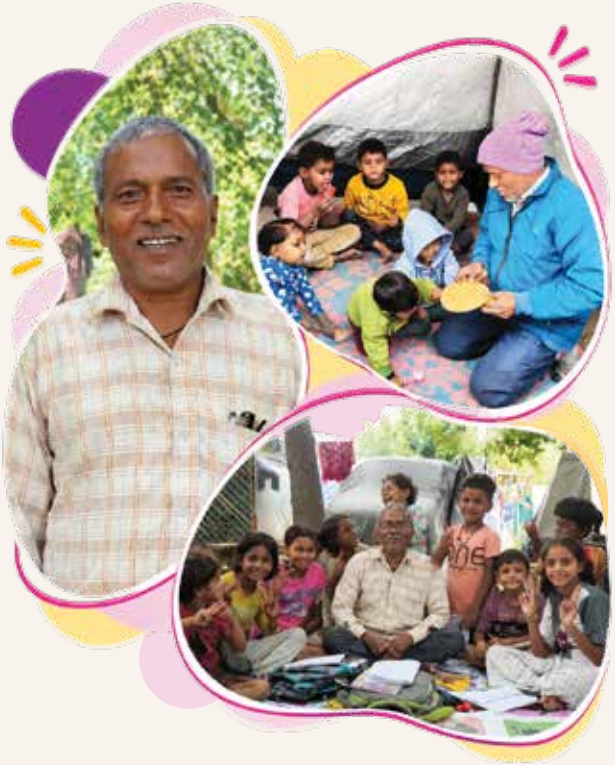
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From Ash to Alphabet: A 25-Year Fight for Every Child's Classroom

Chote Laal | Mayur Vihar Phase 1, Delhi

As a boy in Badaun, Chote Laal traced letters in cold ash because his community was shut out of the village school. He earned his place by sweeping floors and watering plants. That lesson — that education must be built, not given — never left him. In 2002 he began teaching children on the roadside in Delhi with no classroom or funding. Twenty-five years later, he runs two daily shifts reaching 40–50 children, with his daughter now teaching a second cohort in the evenings.

> If you teach a child with love, the child will learn on a roadside school, location does not mater love does.



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Nineteen Years, 3,000 Women:

How One Caregiver Changed Her Community

Maimul Ansari | Delhi NCR construction sites

For 19 years, Maimul Ansari has run early learning sessions for the children of migrant construction workers, delivering structured, play-based education on sites where none existed before. She estimates more than 3,000 women have directly or indirectly benefited, freed to work because their children were safely cared for. Maimul now earns ₹30,000 a month and decides how it's spent — a shift that reshaped her standing at home and in her community. Her daughter now studies English Honours at Delhi University; her son runs his own business.



> "This work changed the entire course of my life. It gave me confidence, voice, and respect."

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From Eldest Sister to Centre Incharge: Lalita's Journey of Resilience

Lalita | Delhi

As the eldest of four, Lalita took on cooking, housework, and caregiving for her siblings while her father worked long stretches away as a truck driver — often finishing homework only after chores were done. In 2014 she joined Mobile Creches as a Creche Worker, gaining her first independent income and, with it, confidence she'd rarely been allowed to feel. While working full-time, she completed her B.Ed. and prepared for the SSC exams and later arranged her own marriage on her own terms. Twelve years on, she's now a Centre Incharge, mentoring other creche workers.

> "I never gave up," she says simply. Mobile Creches gave me the courage to do B.Ed. and now work as a Creche Incharge."



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From Child in a Creche to the Trainer Shaping Hundreds

Kanta Singh | Seemapuri, Delhi

Kanta Singh spent her childhood tagging along at a Mobile Creches centre in Seemapuri while her parents worked. With the organisation's support she finished school through 12th grade, then completed her own childcare training in 1989–90 — beginning a 35-year relationship with Mobile Creches. She rose from caregiver to supervisor, and by 2017 became a senior trainer, building curricula and mentoring caregivers across states. Along the way she convinced wary labourers to trust their children to a creche, and persuaded contractors to open childcare centres at sites where none had existed. Her proudest achievement: former trainees who've gone on to become in-charges and supervisors themselves.



> “35 years at Mobile Creches has helped me evolve from a caregiver to a senior trainer. A agency that no other job could have given me.”

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Two Decades of Trust: How Nirmala Built a Village's Safety Net

Nirmala Kumawat | Dholighati

In 2005, Nirmala Kumawat started a Balwadi in Dholighati with just four or five children and no established trust. Twenty years on, it's a cornerstone of the village. She tracks children's growth and nutrition, connects families to treatment, and once stayed overnight at a hospital with a severely under-nourished baby until her parents agreed to treatment. Since 2022, Nirmala has identified 13 under-nourished children in her community; twelve have fully recovered. More than 100 children have moved from her Balwadi into formal schooling, and government Anganwadi workers now visit to learn her methods. She's never received a formal award — only the trust of an entire village.



> The Trust of an entire village is my northstar for getting marginalised children into Childcare centers.

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Door to Door, Child by Child: Restoring the Right to Learn

Kamla Ojha | Khanpur, Kotla Mubarakpur, Delhi

Kamla Ojha finds children who've slipped out of school entirely — kept out by poverty or family illness — and brings them into Bal Raksha Bharat's early learning centres. She found two sisters running a roadside stall instead of attending school, enrolled them in learning support, and helped clear the paperwork blocking their school admission. Beyond direct outreach, she has trained Anganwadi workers, refurbished 12 Anganwadi centres, helped form a Child Welfare Committee, and mentored 30 "Child Champions" among the children she serves. Her work has twice earned Excellence Awards, including one for humanitarian work in Uttarakhand.



> "Filling the cracks for school dropouts and getting them back on track inspite of odds like poverty family illness has been my mission."

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From Dependence to Dignity:

Kusum's Journey as a Laika Ghar Caregiver

Kusum | | Hinchapur, Chhattisgarh

Widowed in 2019 while pregnant with her third child, Kusum returned to her parents' home in Hinchapur with nothing — no land, no income, no self-respect left, in her own words. In 2024, she applied to become a caregiver at Laika Ghar, a new community childcare centre in her village, despite her parents' hesitation. Community members who had seen her resilience helped change their minds.



Her first salary, she placed directly in her parents' hands. Today she supports her father's medical needs, buys her children clothes and toys, and recently bought a bicycle — a small luxury she once thought impossible. She has also applied for a Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana home, her fear of homelessness now replaced by a sense of security. She's never thought of herself as extraordinary — just someone who stopped being a burden and became a contributor.

> “That day, I wasn't a burden anymore. I was a contributor.”

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