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## **Over 160 children made Summer Fun**

*Children from 12 Udayan Ghars enjoyed Summer Camp at Udayan Ghar, Greater Noida*

New Delhi 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011: Salma, Gurmeet, Bunty, Deepak, Preeti with 160 of their Udayan peers had a wonderful Summer Camp at Udayan Ghar in Greater Noida over 5 days. The Camp brought out the childrens' hidden talents.

For Salma, it meant "training in dance which helped me refine my rhythm and expressions. At Summer Camp I could learn dance from professional trainers which was what I always wanted!"

Ask Bunty and he excitedly shares his theatre training experience. "We were taught how to walk, speak and perform on stage. We also prepared a skit on the ill effects of alcohol which our audience loved!"

Dr. Kiran Modi, Managing Trustee Udayan Care believes, "summer break is a time when children are together with their families. At Udayan Ghars, in the absence of their biological families, all the children, Mentor Parents, and the carers are a family. Summer holidays are a great time for all our children to meet and bond with each other. The experiential learning helps them tap their potential while having a lot of fun"

Understanding the need for children to be active and enjoy themselves, Udayan Care has been organising a residential summer camp for its children since the last 5 years. Growing from just 3 children in 1996 when the first Udayan Ghar was set up, today over 160 children from 12 Udayan Ghars - in Delhi & NCR, Jaipur, Kurukshetra, Ghaziabad and Dehradun - will come together at Greater Noida to make Summer fun!

### **Some Facts :**

- UNICEF reported that the number of street children in India was as high as 18 million in 2000.
- Estimates claim that Delhi's streets house between 100,000 and 500,000 of these children.
- Over 25 million children in India are orphaned
- Less than half of India's children between the age of 6 and 14 years go to school
- More than 50% of India's children are malnourished

### **Udayan Care's Impact :**

- 224 children nurtured to be responsible, capable young girls and boys by committed Mentor Parents
- Education in the best schools
- Emphasis on co-curricular activities and academics

Udayan Care's summer camp is a unique model that gives children a chance to explore new activities. This year at the 5 day camp from 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June, children will explore puppet making, theatre performance, art and craft and varied dance forms with expert resource people.

### **About Udayan Care:**

Udayan Care is a registered Public Charitable Trust, that nurtures children who are orphaned or abandoned at Udayan Ghars. Udayan Care also supports higher education of girls and enables communities to train themselves in vocations, by engaging socially committed individuals, who provide a transformative, nurturing and mentoring environment, to help them realize their full potential. With a vision "To Regenerate the Rhythm of Life of the Disadvantaged", in 16 years, Udayan Care initiatives have transformed the lives of over 7500 children and youth in 7 states of India. **For any queries please contact: Meenakshi Kohli or Dr. Kiran Modi** Ph. 9811600941 / 9810509654 or – 9810132736). Website: [www.udayancare.org](http://www.udayancare.org)  
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## About Udayan Ghars

Each Udayan Ghar is a home that operates on a unique model called LIFE (Living in Family Environment) where lifetime volunteer mentor parents run the home with about 15 children. Ghars are located in popular neighbourhoods and children attend private, English medium schools, and participate in vocational training and mental health programmes that help integrate them into a safe and productive community. The children in the Homes are between the ages of 6 and 20 years. Today, we cater to about 169 children in 12 homes, where they receive the necessary mental, physical and emotional care to overcome earlier trauma and reach their full potential. Children from Ghars have gone on to lead healthy lives and remain tied to their Udayan families.



Starting with 3 children in 1 Ghar in 1996, Udayan Care currently manages 12 homes in Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and UP; out of which 5 are in Delhi, 3 in NOIDA, 1 Ghar each in Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, and Kurukshetra.

Children have access to play areas where they play cricket, football and cycle. Children regularly attend educational and recreational workshops. Conscious efforts are made for children to participate in seasonal camps that offer sports, games, songs and create a sense of belonging. The children enjoy celebrations on birthdays and holidays!

### Transforming Lives Permanently

**23 year old Ruchi, who has been with us at Udayan Ghar for 9 nine years,** will be joining Hotel Marriot in July! Something she could never have imagined when she came to Udayan Ghar at the tender age of 14 years. Having lost her mother and her father unable to take care of her, Ruchi had lost all hope. With love and care of her Udayan family, Ruchi worked hard at her academics. Her sincerity helped her secure admission in a prestigious institute for hotel management, where she is now completing her final year. Recognising her potential during on-campus placements the team from Hotel Marriot, quickly appointed her. As Ruchi adds, "I can't wait to begin as Manager (Trainee) in July!"

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**Jagdish, Subhash, Disha and Sushma** (names changed) were near starvation when found by a group of artists at Garhi Studios, in Delhi. The artists immediately brought them to Udayan Care whom they had partnered in an art exhibition, and hence were aware the organisation worked with children who are orphaned and abandoned. Jagdish was 13 and Subhash only 6, when they came to the boys' Udayan Ghar, the Satkrishna Udayan Ghar in Narsinghpur, Gurgaon, while Disha then 14 and Sushma about 8, were taken in at Jagshanti Udayan Ghar, in Greater Noida.

With schooling from open school, and training in the kitchen of Hotel Crowne Plaza, Jagdish today at 18, to our great pride, is a working independent adult; Sushma is happily married with a baby, Disha is studying at DPS Greater Noida in class VII, and Subhash at age 12, is studying in Class 5 in Roseland Public School, Gurgaon.

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Like Ruchi and Jagdish and his siblings, Udayan Care has nurtured 224 children at its 12 Udayan Ghars in 4 states across India.