

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Celebrating Children's Day in their new Ghar!**  
*Udayan Care inaugurates the 8<sup>th</sup> Udayan Ghar*

**New Delhi, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** Sachin Udayan can't wait to start living in his new home! Currently he is living with his eight Udayan brothers at Udayan Ghar in Pratap Nagar. But come 13<sup>th</sup> November, Sachin and his Udayan brothers will move to their new Udayan Ghar at Mayur Vihar.

Like all Udayan Ghars, the new Ghar is based on Udayan Care's Group Foster Care model. This model enables erstwhile orphaned and abandoned children to grow in a loving family environment, under the care of in-house caregivers, professional staff and neighbouring communities.

Says Dr. Kiran Modi, Managing Trustee and Founder, Udayan Care, "We believe that a loving family and home, quality education and good nutrition is the right of every child, irrespective of his/her circumstances. Hence Udayan Ghars were initiated to make sure that children who are orphaned or abandoned do not remain 'nobody's children', but enjoy childhood in a simulated family environment."

**SOME FACTS :**

- 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

Children at all Udayan Ghars are nurtured by mentor parents, who ensure them every joy of childhood so that they develop their full potential and live a life of dignity. The mentor parents are ordinary individuals with extraordinary sensitivity, who share their very lives with the children -an outstanding testimony to Udayan Care's belief in collective action towards restoring Child Rights.

The new Ghar at Mayur Vihar is Udayan Care's eighth Ghar in Delhi and the NCR region. The earlier Ghar at Pratap Nagar was a rented home. The new Ghar is one that is Udayan Care's for a lifetime. This has been possible with the generosity of individuals and the corporate fraternity who have wholeheartedly supported our endeavour.

Like the eight Udayan boys, 224 children (boys and girls) have been nurtured at Udayan Ghars over the last 14 years. This year itself we have 149 children across our 12 Udayan Ghars in Delhi and NCR, Ghaziabad, Jaipur and Kurukshetra.

**About Udayan Care :**

Udayan Care is a registered Public Charitable Trust. Udayan Care provides homes to children who are orphaned while also giving girls financial and development support to continue higher education and 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.

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## About Udayan Ghars

Each Udayan Ghar is a home that operates on a unique model- 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 200 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 in Ghaziabad, 1 in Jaipur, and 1 in Kurukshetra, with an average of 12 to 13 children in each home; and a home for 24 boys in Gurgaon and 45 girls in Greater NOIDA. They are between the ages of 6 and 20 years. We would like to expand our activities across greater number of homes; in physical locations across different states of India. These Homes have about 200 children residing in them.