

CHILD NEWS & VIEWS

ABOUT THE NEWS-LETTER :

OFTEN NEWS RELATED TO CHILDREN GO UNNOTICED BY MANY. THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS THUS AN INITIATIVE TAKEN BY US TO BRING INTO YOUR KNOWLEDGE SOME IMPORTANT STATE LEVEL NEWS ABOUT CHILDREN PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS IN LUCKNOW THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED. THIS NEWSLETTER FOCUS IS TO RAISE THE IMPORTANT CHILD RIGHTS ISSUES IN UTTAR PRADESH, POSITIVE STORIES OF CHANGE AND INITIATIVE BY INDIVIDUALS FOR CHILDREN.

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Unhealthy, new lifestyles of our

Healthy plants, healthy children: gardening is good and is all the more beneficial when it helps your child lead a healthy life. A study in south Korea shows that children who visited garden twice a week showed increased intensity in their ability to perform physical tasks.

Adhar card for invisible children: street children, also known as invisible children will now have a identity. Realising the problem of these children in proving their identities the national commission for protection of child

Cafes and malls preferred over parks: malls, gaming parlours, multiplexes and coffee shops have overshadowed the parks, once the only option children had in outdoor activities. One in every eight child preferred malls, movie halls and gaming zones to parks in india's metro's. A study of 690 children in the age group of 8-16 residig in the 5 metro cities by edumedia brought



Unhealthy school kids in Uttar Pradesh: The Rashtriya Bal Swasthaya Programme organised by the department of health discovered that more than 24% of children in the state were malnourished while 17 % were anaemic.

1,503 school going children were examined

34.93 lakh children of the total were found to be suffering from some ailment.

The ailments from which the children suffered included dental problems, vitamin deficiency, worm

Theatre workshops for rag pickers

Rag pickers and their workshops in creating theatre workshops: Shyam Kumar, who works for rag pickers feels that merely government schemes are not enough to educate the children. He has adopted the method of theatre

others give primary education to the uneducated children. in order to attract children to his noble cause he started the free summer holidays theatre workshop for children which proved to be very successful .

Being a mother to the orphans

When God closes one door he opens another. Where some parents fail to nurture their children and abandon them, Shirin takes care of them and gives them motherly love and nurtures them. Over the past years Shirin has given 29 such children shelter, education and a healthy life. Shirin, who herself is 63 years old

and a resident of Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh, selflessly looks after these children.

Acknowledging the courage with which she brings up these children the local



people of her village help her too. They often give vegetables, milk and cereals to feed the children.

Day care centre at Lucknow University

Children from three months old to six years old will now find a place to rest while their parents are busy working or teaching in the Lucknow University. This would help the women and working parents, teachers and employees to pursue their

academic career while their children are taken care of in this day care centre. This centre is also open for the children of male employees whose wives are working elsewhere.

According to UGC, the day care centre must have a child friendly

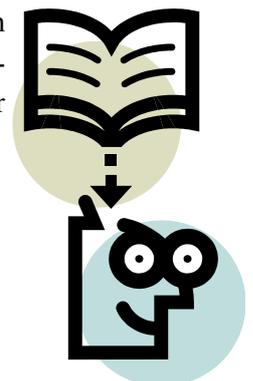
environment and should be located at a safe place in the campus and away from hazards like traffic, stair-case and lifts. This is a great step by the University which would definitely boost up the spirits of the employees and the teachers.

25% seats to be reserved

In the attempt to provide basic education to all children, the government has under the right of education has made it mandatory for the schools to reserve 25% of seats for the underprivileged chil-

Under this scheme Jaipuria school of Gomtinagar in Lucknow under the scheme of Navsrijan Scheme has given admission to 251 children and after the admission has been

granted their names will soon appear



Harsh Winters vs. Tender Childhood



School in chilling winters...? "nooo...."

It's the children who have to face the difficulties on account of ignorance of the officials. In an inspection made by the team of the

Central government the harsh realities of the primary schools came to light. It was found that most of these schools there

Were no arrangements for table and chairs and the little children have to sit on carpets, which in turn made them sick and they have to

return back to the home. As a result of lack of these basic services children often ignore going to schools in winters which makes their studies suffer. Apart from this, most of these schools don't have basic amenities too like clear drinking water or even washrooms for children. When asked, the officials said there were no funds.

Your fights should not effect your children and their innocence

Creative mohalla.... Preserve their innocence

Grieved by witnessing children on street and begging two ladies Minal Goel and Rupali Goel took a pledge to do something for these downtrodden children. However, financial problem was a big hurdle in their way to educate these children. Hence to self sustain

the the children they now run a training centre in handicrafts and jewelry making by which

Often it is seen that in a fight between the parents the children are made the target. Condemning this attitude and practice by the parents the courts have said that no matter how tensed the relations between the parents are and even even if a case for separation is going on in the court of law however such tensions should not hamper the child and parents should make every

Boys preferred over girls for adoption

In an eye opening report it was discovered that even after so many awareness programmes going on still girl child is unwanted.

As far as adoption is concerned more applications are made for the adoption of

boys than made for girls. To what came as another eyeopener was the fact that in most of the cases it was the females themselves who were hesitant about adoption of a girl child. This brings into focus that where are we standing when even today a girl child in unwanted

firstly by parents to whom she is born and secondly by the people who want to adopt. In a data collected, it was revealed that in 2013 457 boys were adopted against 380 girls. other data is as under:

Year	Boys	Girls
2012	750	436
2010	947	590



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- ◆ Buy handmade candles and paper bags ,envelops, photo frames which are made by our children as part of their vocational training
- ◆ Become a volunteer and give your time in any of the projects.

Every child matters every step counts

United nations and the world

The Un report once again shook the world when it made its report about child sexual abuse in the Vatican public. According to the recent UN report, Vatican city tops in child abuse. This report brought before the world the Church, sex and scandals. The UN had demanded the Vatican to immediately remove all the clergy who are known or suspected of child abuse and hand them over to civil authorities.

“The Committee is gravely concerned that the Holy See has not acknowledged the extent of the crimes commit-

ted and has not taken the necessary measures to address cases of child sexual abuse and to protect children, and has adopted policies and practices which have led to the continuation of the abuse by and the impunity of the perpetrators,” the report said.

The UN watchdog for children rights said “ the Holy See should also hand over its archives on sexual abuse of tens of thousands of children so that cul-



prits as well as those who have concealed their crimes could be held accountable.

In a glance.....

Germany: a priest admitted in 2012 to 280 counts of abuse involving 3 boys over a decade

US: Revelations about abuses in 1990s by 2 Boston priests Paul Shanley and John Geoghan caused public outrage.

Ireland: a report in 2009 found sexual abuse was endemic

Italy: Catholic Church in Italy admitted in 2010 that