

SMILE FOUNDATION USA NEWSLETTER

Power of Partnerships

Golf Club Becomes a Door to Discovery



For around 240 students at a Smile Foundation Education Centre in Gurugram, a golf club recently became an invitation to explore something entirely new. The AM Green IGPL Golf on Wheels brought the experience of golf directly to the students. Over two days, students learned the basics, took their first swings and discovered a sport that was far outside their everyday experience. But the experience was about more than learning a new game. Exposure to unfamiliar spaces, activities and possibilities can help children build curiosity, confidence and a willingness to try something different. For these students, a simple swing became a small but meaningful experience of discovery, one that reminded them that learning can happen anywhere, and that opportunity can begin with simply being given the chance to try.

Shared Vision for Healthy Childhood



The earliest years of a child's life lay the foundation for learning, development and well-being. Creating the right environment during these years can therefore make a lasting difference. With the support of Wabtec Corporation, Smile Foundation has initiated the refurbishment of eight Anganwadi Centres across Bengaluru South and Anekal. The project aims to transform these centres into child-friendly and engaging spaces that encourage early learning and development. The launch at Madapanahalli Anganwadi Centre brought together Wabtec representatives, ICDS officials, Anganwadi teachers and community stakeholders, reflecting the value of partnerships that bring multiple strengths to a shared social goal of improving spaces for young children.

Education & Empowerment

The Right Classroom Can Change a Child's Tomorrow



For 8-year-old twins Tina and Meena (names changed), school is filled with small moments of discovery. Students of Class 3 at Smile Foundation's Education Centre in Madhabpur, West Bengal, the sisters enjoy learning new words, solving simple math problems and discovering something new in their lessons. Their favorite moments often happen in their classrooms, while playing with friends, participating in classroom activities or sharing laughter with each other. Like many children, they find some lessons easier than others. But with encouragement and a supportive learning environment, challenges become part of the process, rather than a reason to give up.

Her Salary Today Has a Purpose Tomorrow



At 18, Racha wanted to do something simple but significant: start earning and contribute to her family. After completing Class 12, she set out to become job-ready. Her goals were practical—develop stronger communication and interview skills, gain workplace knowledge and find an opportunity that would allow her to support her parents. Smile Foundation's livelihood training program under STeP, helped her take this leap of faith. Through practical retail training, communication development and interview preparation, Racha built not only employability skills but also the confidence to pursue opportunities she once found difficult to reach. Today, she is placed with a reputed organization. Her journey, however, does not end with her first job. Racha continues to dream of becoming a doctor.

What Happens When Children Step Inside a Recording Studio?



A visit to a sound studio gave children from Smile Foundation's Mission Education program a chance to see what happens behind the music they hear every day. As part of the Amani Project, in collaboration with the global Children in Harmony initiative, the children learned how a song moves from an idea to a finished track—how music is composed, vocals are recorded and different sounds are brought together. They also explored the creative and technical processes that make music possible. The experience offered more than exposure to music production. It also supported Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) by encouraging curiosity, self-expression, confidence, collaboration and communication.

Health & Well Being

Healthcare on the Frontlines of Flood Recovery



When floods disrupt communities, access to even the most basic necessities becomes a challenge. In Assam, Smile Foundation, in partnership with **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**, is reaching hundreds of flood-affected families with essential supplies and timely relief. For families facing uncertainty, this support offers more than immediate assistance; it gives them care, dignity, and reassurance. Through meaningful partnerships, we can stand with communities through difficult times, helping them feel supported and reminding them that they do not have to face these challenges alone.

Knowledge Can Change How Girls Experience Growing Up



At Government Senior Secondary School, Khokhawala, Jaipur, Smile Foundation conducted an Adolescent Health Awareness Session covering anemia, nutrition, BMI, menstrual health and hygiene. Students learned about balanced nutrition, iron-rich foods, healthy lifestyle choices and when to seek medical support. For girls, the session also created an open space to question misconceptions around menstruation and understand it as a natural biological process. Furthermore, anemia screening helped identify students who require further evaluation and follow-up, while menstrual hygiene kits supported healthy practices beyond the classroom. Such interventions for adolescent girls in India play a pivotal role in gaining accurate information that can shape their choices today for a healthier and safer tomorrow.

Livelihood Safeguarding Futures

A Skill Creates More Than One Opportunity



Anushka's journey began with a skill she learned through vocational education support facilitated by Smile Foundation. Today, that skill has become a business, a source of income and a way to create opportunities for other young women. Through Beauty & Wellness training, Anushka gained technical skills alongside career guidance, life skills, employability training and industry exposure. She went on to establish her own beauty parlor and build a career as a destination wedding makeup artist, earning an average of ₹60,000–₹70,000 a month. But her impact does not stop with her own livelihood. Anushka now trains school-going girls in Beauty & Wellness, sharing the skills and confidence she gained along her own journey. In doing so, she is helping other young women see vocational skills not simply as training, but as a path to economic independence and entrepreneurship.