



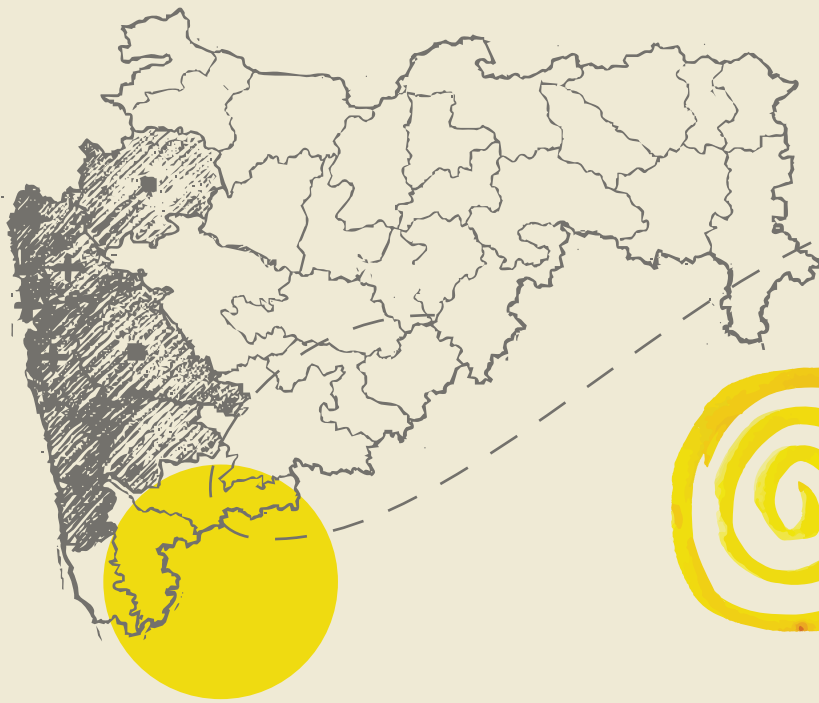
SPECIALIZED SOCIAL CASEWORKER PROGRAM



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ABOUT PRERANA

In 1986, in the narrow lanes of Kamathipura—then known as Asia's largest red-light district—two social workers, Priti Patkar and Dr. Pravin Patkar, began a journey that would grow into Prerana. What started as a response to the everyday realities of women and children living in subhuman conditions and deep vulnerability soon became a lifelong commitment: to ensure that every child growing up in red-light areas could experience safety, dignity, and the freedom to dream beyond their circumstances.

At the heart of Prerana's work has always been a single belief: that childhood deserves protection, regardless of where it happens to begin. The Night Care Centres emerged from that belief — spaces where, under watchful adult care, children could rest and play and simply exist during the hours when the risks outside were highest.

Over time, the circle of care widened.

Educational support. Safe residential options, including the Naunihal Girls' Children's Home. Institutional placement for children who needed it. Post-rescue rehabilitation for those who had already experienced the worst. Each extension of the work followed the same logic as the first: go where the child is, stay as long as they need you, and never mistake the end of a crisis for the end of care.

In 1999, Prerana's field knowledge found a formal home: Asia's first Anti-Human Trafficking Resource Centre, supported by the Department of State of the United States Government.

It became a living repository of field knowledge, legal expertise, and advocacy, one that helped shape India's legislative response to trafficking and contributed to stronger child protection frameworks across South Asia.

The learning generated in Kamathipura's lanes found its way into policy rooms, courtrooms, and the practices of partner organisations across India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

The impact of this work lives not only in policies or programmes, but in thousands of quieter facts: a child who stayed in school, a young person who stood up for their rights, and a family that stayed together. A young man who walked into a government office with his documents in order and his name correctly spelled.

As of 2026, Prerana's reach extends across nine districts of Maharashtra — from Mumbai and Thane to Palghar, Raigad, Pune, Satara, Ratnagiri, and Nashik — in close collaboration with government departments, legal institutions, and community partners. The geography has changed, the work at the core has not: go where the child is, stay as long as they need you, and never confuse the end of a crisis with the end of care.

That conviction is what this newsletter carries forward. And it begins, as it always has, with a story.

PURPOSE OF THE NEWSLETTER

Through this newsletter, we hope to reach everyone who shares a deep commitment to child protection and believes in the vital responsibility of safeguarding children from sexual violence while upholding their dignity and rights.

This edition is a heartfelt offering from the Specialized Social Caseworker (SSCW) Program team — a space where we share the journey of a program that has been nurtured with care, dedication, and purpose. Here, we pause to reflect on our collective impact, bring forward insights and learnings from the field, and celebrate the efforts and achievements of SSCWs working across districts.

Above all, this newsletter is our way of staying connected with people who care about and are invested in our work. It is an open invitation to walk alongside us — to stand in solidarity, strengthen our shared commitment, and continue championing the cause of child protection together.

SSCW – THE PROBLEM

STATEMENT AND SOLUTION

Children who experience sexual violence often face a complex web of challenges. At the most fundamental level, there remains a societal reluctance to acknowledge that children can be victims of sexual violence, and that in some cultural contexts, such violence may be normalized or institutionalized — resulting in underreporting and dismal lack of formal registration of offences.

Victims and their families frequently confront social stigma and discrimination after reporting, along with increased financial burdens and social isolation, particularly in cases involving incest. Gaps in access to adequate medical care and psychosocial support, lack of timely legal assistance, limited pathways for social rehabilitation, inadequate linkages with victim assistance & relief schemes, and weak coordination across the child protection system further compound their stress & vulnerability.

Further, when we look at statistics, the numbers are stark. As per the NCRB data report 2022, (ncrb.gov.in):

- 7 children every hour report a sexual assault against them, and 4 report penetrative sexual assault.
- India has a total of 2,43,237 child sexual violence cases pending in its fast-track courts as of January 2023.
- Out of the 2,68,038 cases that were under trial, only 8,909 (a mere 3%) resulted in a conviction.

In the area of child protection, Prerana works closely with semi judicial bodies like Child Welfare Committees (CWC), and government stakeholders like District Women and Child Development Offices (DWCDO), and District Child Protection Units (DCPU) across multiple districts, where persistent staff shortages and vacant positions often delay timely responses for children in need, particularly victims of sexual violence. We have also observed that most civil society organisations are concentrated in urban centres like Mumbai and Pune, leaving districts such as Thane, Satara, Nashik, Ratnagiri, and Palghar with limited

specialised support. In remote talukas, limited awareness of child protection laws and rehabilitation processes among local organisations, further constrains effective response — underscoring the need for strengthened local capacity and coordinated support systems.

The Gap in the Child Protection System

Children who come into the fold of the POCSO Act and the Juvenile Justice system, and their families, require several forms of immediate and ongoing support. Many of these needs arise even before the child formally enters the system and continue throughout the rehabilitation process. However, some of these essential services may be often considered minor or routine and therefore remain unaddressed.

These tasks include supporting the child and family to approach the police and file a complaint, assisting the child during medical examinations, arranging urgent financial or other resources, helping the child navigate the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), assisting in the preparation of the Social Investigation Report (SIR) and Individual Care Plan (ICP), supporting the child and family in understanding rehabilitation processes, strengthening family support systems, linking families to available services, ensuring child-friendly practices, minimizing disruption to formal education, and facilitating access to vocational opportunities. All of these must be done in a rights-based manner. These tasks are specialized but situation-specific, and not every child requires all of them. At the district level, however, there is very limited human resource available to perform such functions.

The existing roles within the system also do not fully address these needs. Support Persons appointed under the POCSO Act primarily assist the child in participating in investigation and court proceedings.

Professional counsellors are trained to provide therapeutic support and are not expected to handle case navigation or resource coordination. Similarly, appointing a small number of professional social workers at the district level is often unaffordable and insufficient to meet the fluctuating demand for such services. When the case load is high, a small number of officers cannot meet the demand. What is required instead is a larger pool of trained individuals who can respond flexibly to specific needs as they arise.

Prerana's Response

Recognizing this gap, Prerana developed a model to create a pool of trained human resources at the district level who can provide these specialized services when required. This initiative led to the creation of the Specialized Social Case Worker (SSCW) Program.

The program aims to develop a cadre of individuals who are specifically trained to assist children and their families in accessing services, navigating systems, and securing appropriate rehabilitation support.

Program Vision

The SSCW Program seeks to ensure that children affected by sexual violence can access timely, informed, and compassionate support within their own districts. By building a network of trained local responders, the program aims to strengthen the child protection ecosystem and helps ensure that children and their families receive the support they need to move towards meaningful rehabilitation.

Structure of the SSCW Program

The SSCW program builds a pool of trained individuals within each district who can respond to specific tasks when needed.

Key features of the program include:

District-based pool of trained workers: SSCWs are trained in batches (typically around 30 participants) to ensure that there is always someone available to respond when services are required.

Individuals already engaged in related fields: Participants are preferably already working in

child protection, welfare, education, or allied sectors so that the training strengthens their existing work and enhances their professional mobility.

Local representation: Participants are selected from within the district, with representation from different talukas, so that services remain locally accessible.

Task-based engagement: SSCWs are engaged for specific services and may charge/ be paid a reasonable fee for their work. This ensures financial incentive while avoiding long-term employment liabilities for institutions that require these services.

Capacity building approach: Training is conducted at the district level, often with the support of local organisations and employers who view the program as a capacity-building opportunity for their staff.

Prerana did not intend to create professional social workers, as schools of social work already serve that function. However, the training program relies heavily on the values, principles, and techniques of social case work. For this reason, the initiative was named the Specialized Social Case Workers (SSCW) Program.



SSCW - STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVE. WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM UNIQUE?

The Specialized Social Case Worker (SSCW) Program is designed as a comprehensive, field-anchored capacity building initiative that creates a cadre of trained professionals at the district level to support child victims of sexual violence and exploitation. The program follows a structured journey beginning with a careful shortlisting and onboarding process, followed by intensive Kickstart and refresher training grounded in child rights, social case work, and legal frameworks. Participants then move into guided exposure visits across key child protection institutions, virtual learning sessions with domain experts, and finally real-world deployment where they undertake supervised case work interventions. Continuous mentoring, peer learning, and district-level coordination ensure that SSCWs are supported throughout their engagement, culminating in a formal convocation that recognizes their readiness to serve as skilled local resources.

The SSCW Program places strong emphasis on consistent engagement and commitment. Participants are required to maintain a minimum of 90% attendance across both the Kickstart and Refresher trainings, along with mandatory participation in a minimum of 2 exposure visits and virtual workshops. Beyond classroom learning, SSCWs are expected to complete field-based case work interventions and actively engage in mentoring check-ins. Overall, the program requires an average commitment of around 50 hours spread over 10 – 12 months, ensuring that participants not only build knowledge but also meaningfully apply their learning on the ground.

What makes the SSCW Program unique is its innovative response to a long-standing systemic gap: the lack of trained, accessible human resources within district child protection systems. Instead of relying on a few full-time professionals, Prerana has created an “open system” model—training 25–30 individuals per district so that specialized support is always locally available when needed. These SSCWs develop practical specializations such as preparing Social Investigation Reports or Individual Care Plans, facilitating rehabilitation linkages, and supporting legal and compensation processes. This distributed model ensures that critical but intermittent tasks are addressed efficiently, even in non-metro contexts where professional resources are scarce.

Equally distinctive is the program’s strong emphasis on learning-by-doing. SSCWs are not only trained in classrooms but embedded within district mechanisms—working alongside Child Welfare Committees, police, legal services, and child care institutions. Backed by a year-long curriculum, field mentoring, exposure visits, and stipends for completed interventions, participants gain hands-on experience while contributing directly to victim assistance and system strengthening. By combining rigorous training with sustained handholding and real case engagement, the SSCW Program builds both individual capability and institutional resilience—creating a lasting pool of skilled social case workers rooted in their own communities.

GETTING ON THE GROUND

The SSCW team built a strong conceptual foundation for the program, but its true test lay in bringing it to life on the ground. Taking this novel initiative across districts of Maharashtra meant stepping beyond its core base in Mumbai and thoughtfully adapting outreach to the unique socio-cultural context of each district.

District	Outreach Timeline	Batch Formation & Kickstart
Thane	February - April 2023	June 2023
Pune-Satara	March - August 2023	October 2023
Nashik	January - May 2024	July 2024
Ratnagiri	July - November 2024	January 2025
Palghar	March - July 2025	September 2025

Within a span of three years, we were successful in expanding the program to 6 districts of Maharashtra.

Mobilisation efforts in each district were led by a single district coordinator — often the sole team member on the ground — whose dedication and enthusiasm enabled outreach even to the most remote areas. Experienced district coordinators often extended field support to the newer district coordinators thereby enabling shared learning in the team. The table below denotes their efforts in numbers:

District	Total Talukas	Talukas Mobilized	Taluka Coverage (%)	Total Application Received	No. of Shortlisted Candidates
Thane	7	3	42%	84	32
Pune-Satara	14	1 + Additional district of Satara was covered	7%	95	36
Nashik	15	11	73%	106	29
Ratnagiri	9	8	88%	143	33
Palghar	8	7	87%	120	32

As the program expanded, our outreach strategy evolved with each district's learnings. In Nashik, we began by first engaging the government stakeholders — the Child Welfare Committee and the District Child Protection Unit — where we learnt that many cases of sexual violence emerge from remote talukas, while key child protection services remain city-based in the district, limiting access. This insight reshaped our approach: we prioritised outreach beyond city limits, expanding coverage by over 80% of the talukas and driving a sharp increase in applications received from 84 in Thane to 143 in Ratnagiri, our highest number of applications received. Mobilisation is not just about promoting the program — it is about nurturing a strong network of organisations and individuals who champion the work and carry it forward at the grassroots, strengthening collective impact across communities. Our reach in numbers:

Organizations/Individuals Outreached (District-wise)				
Thane	Pune-Satara	Nashik	Ratnagiri	Palghar
67	56	73	89	85



IMPACT

Since its launch in 2020, the Specialized Social Caseworker (SSCW) Program has steadily grown into a strong network of trained professionals committed to supporting child victims of sexual violence with care, sensitivity, and expertise across Maharashtra.

In its first implementation cycle in 2020-2021, the program focused on building a solid foundation — training 79 individuals across Pune, Nashik, Ahmednagar, and Thane, and strengthening the practice of quality, child-centric casework in these districts.

Carrying this momentum forward, the second cycle in 2023–2025 expanded both the reach

and depth of the program, with 26 SSCWs each trained in Thane, Pune–Satara, and Nashik.

The journey continues as the program grows further — with 33 SSCWs in Ratnagiri and 32 SSCWs in Palghar currently undergoing training and expected to complete the program by 2026, adding to a steadily strengthening district-level support system for children.

Each cohort represents not just numbers, but a growing community of practitioners working with compassion, skill, and commitment to ensure that children receive the rehabilitative support and protection they deserve.

How did the SSCWs create an impact with children?

District	Intervention	No. of Children Reached
Nashik	Psychosocial Support Program intended to build capacities of the counselors and POs in CCLs of the district	109
Nashik	Awareness campaign against child marriage	50
Satara	Awareness of the legal entitlements of the victims of sexual violence through Dissemination of Prerana's Humrah videos	25
Satara	Extending psychosocial support to victims of sexual violence at the Child Welfare Committee through consultant counselor	96
Ratnagiri	Online Safety Session with adolescent girls in the community	16

The SSCWs through their myriad initiatives were able to reach about 296 children. Although the program does not directly intervene with children as part of its core objective, district coordinators received 27 case referrals from Child Welfare Committees across

districts, increasing the total number of children impacted to 323 in varied capacities. In order to fruitfully intervene in the referred cases, the SSCWs conducted the below depicted number of visits:

District	Home Visits (SIR, First Assessment, Follow-up)	Legal Visits (Police, Court, DLSA for Manodhairya)	Rehabilitation Follow up (School, Hospital, Vocational Institution)	CWC Visit for Case Updates
Thane	1	6	2	0
Pune- Satara	17	3	3	3
Nashik	20	4	4	2

Across three districts, a total of 65 on-field interventions were conducted for 27 children. While the numbers above help present a quantifiable picture of the program's reach, they capture only part of the story. Equally significant is the SSCW Program's intangible impact—outcomes that cannot be reduced to metrics. The program brought together a collective of passionate and committed individuals united by a shared purpose: safeguarding children from violence. It created safe spaces for dialogue around the social issue

of sexual violence against children—an issue that remains socially and culturally silenced—and helped bring it into public and professional discourse. Most importantly, the program equipped local human resources with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to emerge as independent change leaders in their districts, empowering them to champion child protection and drive sustained, community-led action.





CASE STORIES

District: Thane

Case Story:

How SSCW Program Shaped the Journey of an Aspiring Social Worker – Ms. Sweta Carvelho

We are delighted to spotlight the inspiring journey of Ms. Sweta, one of the most active participants of Prerana's Specialised Social Case Worker (SSCW) Program, whose story truly reflects the program's transformative impact.

In 2023, Prerana launched its second SSCW batch in Thane district, reaching out to potential candidates through grassroots NGOs, law and social work colleges, social media platforms, and district-level online groups. It was through one such group that Sweta first learned about the SSCW program - an encounter that would go on to shape her professional journey.

During the application and interview process, Sweta's profile stood out for its uniqueness. She holds a B.Sc. in Botany and Zoology from St. Xavier's College and a Master's degree in Zoology (Biotechnology) from Khalsa College, and had previously worked in the corporate

sector. Despite her academic and professional background being outside the social sector, Sweta expressed a deep and long-standing aspiration to work in child protection. While she was familiar with Prerana as an organisation, Sweta shared that she was keen to gain a deeper understanding of the child protection ecosystem. She saw the SSCW programme as an opportunity to gain clarity, exposure, and practical skills that would enable her to transition meaningfully into the social sector.



Recognising her passion, commitment, and strong learning orientation, the SSCW program team shortlisted Sweta and she was inducted into the Thane, SSCW batch.

From the very first orientation session, Sweta emerged as an enthusiastic and engaged participant. She actively participated in the 4-day Kickstart Training, the 2-day Refreshers Training, attended a total of 10 webinars and supported on-field interventions in 3 cases. Her sincerity and curiosity in understanding the nuances and complexities of child protection work were evident throughout the program. The SSCW experience proved to be a defining moment in Sweta's career. Upon completing the training, she made a conscious decision to shift

careers into the development sector. Today, she works with the Red Dot Foundation as a Programme and Outreach Officer, where she contributes directly to child protection initiatives.

Reflecting on her journey, Sweta often shares that without Prerana's SSCW program, she may never have found a pathway into the social sector. The training helped her build confidence, develop essential skills, and gain the clarity needed to pursue her passion.

Sweta's journey powerfully underscores the core objective of the SSCW Program - to nurture capable, committed, and well-equipped child protection professionals at the district level.



Case Story: Building Linkages with Welfare Scheme by Ms. Karuna Kadam

When Prerana launched the second batch of the SSCW training program in Thane district, there was an overwhelming response from the districts of Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Kolhapur and Nashik districts of Maharashtra besides Thane. Among these applicants was Ms. Karuna Kadam from Khopoli (Raigad district) — a candidate who stood out because of her passion and clarity of purpose.

Background

Karuna completed her MSW in 2022 and was working on a CSR-supported project with tribal women in Khopoli. Her work mainly involved

strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and supporting local women in livelihood initiatives. Although she had no formal exposure to the child protection system, she consistently expressed a strong desire to work for children's safety, welfare, and access to services.

Despite hailing from Raigad district and not Thane, where the training was taking place, she was determined to travel to Thane to participate in the SSCW program. After engaging with her and evaluating her commitment, the SSCW program team decided to include her in the Thane SSCW batch.



During the Training

From the very first session during the Kickstart training, Karuna displayed remarkable curiosity and dedication. She actively participated in all sessions, raised thoughtful questions, and showed a strong interest in understanding the Child Protection System. Her background in working with tribal communities also helped her immediately connect the training content with the needs of vulnerable children in her project area.

Application of Learning in the Field

One of the most impactful outcomes of her training came through the “Bal Sangopan Yojana” webinar facilitated in the training. After learning about the eligibility, documentation process, and benefits of the scheme, Karuna realized that several children in her tribal community were in need of such support. She took the initiative to:

- Identify eligible families
- Orient mothers and caregivers about the scheme
- Help prepare and collect the necessary documents
- Support the application writing process
- Liaise with relevant government offices for follow-up

As a result of her effort, three families from her community submitted applications for the scheme and have successfully received the Bal Sangopan Yojana benefits, helping their children continue schooling without financial disruption.

What is especially heartening is that Karuna has become a strong advocate for child rights within her own organisation, and is now guiding its CSR efforts to expand work in the area of child protection.



District: Nashik

Case Study: Strengthening Child-Centred Support

A few months ago, Prerana was referred a case involving a child victim of sexual violence from an interior taluka in Nashik district. The district coordinator, who was acting as the Support Person (SP) in the case, attended a bail hearing at the Nashik District Court. The matter was listed for the child's say on the bail application of the accused, who in this case was the child's sister's brother-in-law.

The child and her family belonged to a tribal community and were more comfortable speaking in their local dialect than in Marathi. Since this was the SP's initial interaction with the family, there was concern that the language barrier might make communication and support difficult.

To ensure better support for the child and her family, SSCW practitioner Vasant Rathod was mobilised. He travelled nearly 100 kilometres to attend the hearing. As he was familiar with the family's local dialect and had developed a stronger understanding of child-friendly procedures through the SSCW training, he was able to communicate information about the court process and proceedings in a way that the child and family could better understand.



Vasant Rathod was also sensitive to the family dynamics, especially since the accused was a close family member. During the hearing, when the sister and her family attempted to influence the child and her father, he immediately alerted the SP. This enabled the SP to take timely steps to distance the accused's family members from the child and ensure that the child felt safer and less pressured.

This experience demonstrated how the SSCW training has strengthened the capacity of social

workers to provide child-centred, trauma-informed, and sensitive support to children affected by sexual violence. The training encourages practitioners to collaborate effectively, respond to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of children and families, and ensure that language, culture, distance, and family pressures do not become barriers to access to justice.



District: Satara

Case Story: Shubhangi Dalvi - Donning Many Hats

Shubhangi Dalvi, an active SSCW from Satara, brings energy, compassion, and a deep sense of purpose to everything she does. An advocate, writer, and founder of an NGO, she has consistently used her skills to stand up for children and families in need.

In August 2024, the Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in Satara contacted Prerana with an urgent request. The committee needed a local counsellor to provide immediate

psychosocial support to children being brought before the CWC. Many of these children and their families, especially in cases involving child marriage or offences under the POCSO Act or ITPA, come forward while coping with deep distress, fear, and uncertainty. Without timely emotional support, these experiences can have lasting effects on a child's well-being.

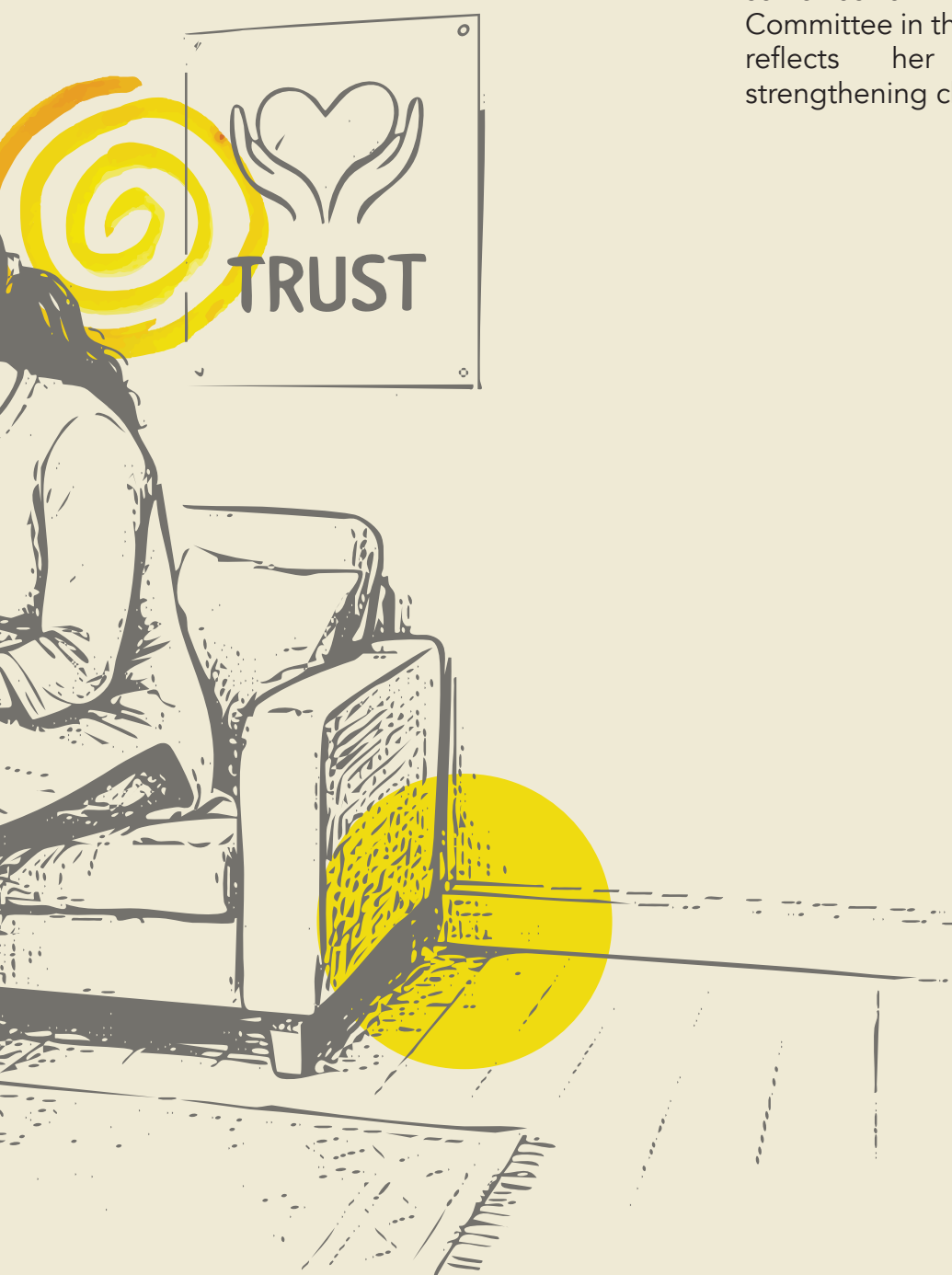


Recognising the urgency, Shubhangi stepped in as a consultant counselor to bridge this critical gap. Between August 2024 and March 2025, she conducted nearly 150 counselling sessions, supporting around 97 children with trauma-informed care. Her presence ensured that children navigating difficult legal processes also had a safe space to be heard, understood, and supported during a crucial period.

Shubhangi reflected on her journey with the SSCW program as a turning point in her professional growth. She shared that, in the early days, she often felt unsure about how to communicate with children in ways that were both empathetic and participatory.

The training gave her not just tools, but confidence — helping her listen more deeply, create safe spaces, and build trust with children so they could speak openly and honestly about their experiences. Along the way, she became more mindful of using non-stigmatising language, recognising how words can shape a child's sense of dignity and comfort. With a stronger grounding in child protection laws and the principles of casework, Shubhangi now feels better equipped to support children with sensitivity and purpose.

Shubhangi's journey continues to evolve. Building upon her certification in counseling, she is currently pursuing her Masters in Counselling. She has completed her first year with flying colours and remains committed to deepening her skills. She has also applied to serve as a member of the Child Welfare Committee in the upcoming cycle — a step that reflects her ongoing dedication to strengthening child protection systems.



SSCW - SPEAKS

Nashik

I am Nitin Turnar, an MSW graduate from Nashik. While my academic training gave me a strong foundation in Social Case Work, Group Work, Community Organisation, and Research, I felt my hands-on exposure—especially with women and children—was limited.

In 2024, I joined Prerana's SSCW Program after learning about it through the district mobilisation efforts. Already involved in child marriage prevention and child protection work, I saw this as an opportunity to deepen my practice—and it did exactly that.

The programme strengthened my understanding of key child protection laws such as the POCSO Act, the Juvenile Justice Act, the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. More importantly, it helped me understand how to interpret and apply these laws sensitively in real-life situations. The learning went far beyond textbooks.

Exposure visits to institutions like the District Child Protection Unit and Bal Raksha Bharat gave me clarity on how the child protection system functions at the district level and how different stakeholders coordinate their roles.

The webinar series and expert-led workshops enhanced my confidence in handling disclosures of sexual violence, understanding welfare schemes, maintaining professional boundaries, and navigating legal procedures. After attending the PCMA workshop, I immediately applied my learning by participating in child marriage awareness campaigns in the remote tribal areas of Surgana.

Today, as I work with the Medical Department in Sindhudurg district, the knowledge and skills I gained through the SSCW programme continue to guide my daily work. This journey has strengthened not just my competence, but also my commitment to child protection.

Pune

I am Yogini Bhagat, currently working as a Social Worker with Hirabai Kawaji Jahangir Medical Institute, Pune. Through my work in the Vitamin D Fortification Program and the MAI Project, I collect and manage participant data, conduct home visits, organise health camps, and support families with livelihood linkages.

I joined the SSCW program to strengthen my professional skills and deepen my understanding of child and adolescent wellbeing. One of the most powerful shifts in my practice has been adopting a child-centred, strengths-based approach. It has changed the way I engage with children and families—moving from problem-focused interactions to building on their capacities and resilience.

In one particularly challenging case, the SSCW learnings helped me build trust through empathetic communication and structured assessment. This not only improved rapport but also ensured more meaningful support for the child and family.

Personally, this journey has been transformative. It has enhanced my confidence, sharpened my awareness, and strengthened my ethical and professional grounding. It has also been a transformative learning experience that strengthened my social work practice ethically.

WHERE ARE WE TODAY? AND WHAT'S NEXT?

As the SSCW Program reaches an important milestone — with 120 Specialized Social Caseworkers completing their training across six districts of Maharashtra — we are excited to look ahead at what comes next. Building on this strong foundation, Prerana is now focusing on deepening our work with SSCWs through a practitioner program. This will create more opportunities for learning by doing — supporting practitioners to strengthen their skills through hands-on casework, reflection, and field experience. At the same time, we are continuing our efforts to advocate for the SSCW model to be formally integrated into district-level child protection systems. We believe this will help make systems stronger, more coordinated, and better equipped to respond to the needs of child victims of sexual violence.

As always, we are grateful to walk this journey with all of you — learning together and working towards a future where every child is safe, heard, and supported.







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