A SMILE THAT CANNOT BE ECLIPSED



This is story of Kumari Chayya from Pindwara, Rajasthan, who has been operated for Cleft Lip and is leading healthy & normal life with the timely checkups & consultation, counselling on proper diets, awareness about cleft lip and guidance & support for access to free treatment of Cleft Lip helped Kumari Chayya not only to have a Smile but Healthy Smile under JK Lakshmi Cement Jaykaypuram under its flagship CSR health project "Naya Savera" a family integrated welfare program with focus on mother & child health.

Kumari Chayya, 2.5 years of age, born in Grasia Hamlet, Basantgarh a small village in Pindwara Dist., Rajasthan, she had cleft lip since birth. Her father is a motor mechanic and mother is a housewife. The treatment of cleft was hampered more due to economic and perception constraints. Our Naya Savera project worker / VLM visited mother and child and noticed cleft lip and immediately informed the project team about the seriousness of the issue. Our team told the parents that not only her cleft is treatable but also that Chayya would receive free cleft treatment.

A cleft is one of the most common birth defects and its consequences are huge. Children with clefts are ridiculed for their appearance but more importantly have difficulty in eating, breathing & speaking.

Kumari Chayya was malnourished was not getting proper nutrition, due to cleft her mother struggled to breastfeed her. ANM from our Naya Savera Team and local VLM took care of the baby and the mother. She was regularly monitored; regular consultations and health supplements were provided to them. Many times, she was taken to Community health Centre, Pindwara by the efforts of our team but was not referred for surgery as she was very weak, anemic and underweight. Finally, on 23^{rd} of September 2021 out team referred her to Pindwara Hospital where by God's grace after checking her hemoglobin level, weight and conducting other medical tests with the support of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram Chayya was referred to Global Hospital Mount Abu. On 27^{th} of September 2021 she got admitted to the hospital and on 30^{th} September she was **successfully operated for the Cleft and is now leading a healthy and happy life.**

Before Treatment



Parents of Kumari Chayya

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were overjoyed to see the transformation and that she is growing up healthy and happy. Her first real smile left her parents overwhelmed. Her Parents thanked JK Lakshmi Cement for the help and said they can't find words to express their gratitude.

This demonstrated better knowledge and skills amongst our VLMs and Naya Savera Team. Her surgery gave her ability to express herself without limitations.

JK Lakshmi Cement's Naya Savera Project is steadfast in its mission to improve Reproductive and Child Health outcomes, especially maternal and child health outcomes in most vulnerable communities.