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**BUILDING HOPE. INSPIRING
CHANGE. TRANSFORMING
FUTURES.**



A Quarter of Growth, Partnerships
and Shared Impact



From Our Leadership



Dear Partners, Friends and Supporters,

The first quarter of FY 2026-27 has been especially significant as Bal Raksha Bharat celebrated 18 years of advancing children's rights in India. This milestone reflects the unwavering support of our donors, partners, governments, communities and dedicated teams, whose collaboration continues to drive meaningful change.

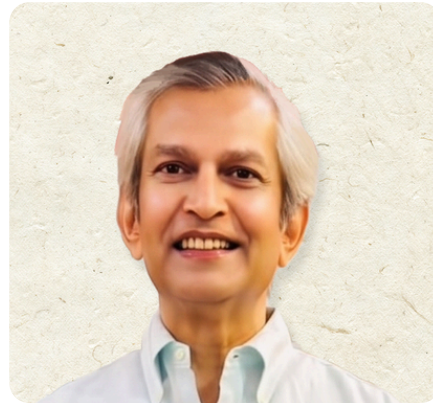
I extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Deepak Kapoor for his outstanding leadership and invaluable contribution as Chairperson of our Governing Council. His guidance has been instrumental in strengthening our organisation and advancing our mission. We are equally delighted to welcome Mr. Prajapati Trivedi as our new Governing Council Chairperson and look forward to his leadership as we continue to expand our impact.

During the past quarter, we made significant progress across education, health, climate resilience, digital safety, girls' empowerment and youth leadership through initiatives such as the Dream Accelerator platform. These achievements reaffirm that lasting change is possible when children remain at the heart of development.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we are enabling every child to survive, learn, be protected and thrive.

Warm regards,

Santanu Chakraborty
Chief Executive Officer
Bal Raksha Bharat



Dr. Prajapati Trivedi
Chairperson- Governing Council of Bal Raksha Bharat

A distinguished economist, public policy expert and governance leader, Dr. Trivedi brings decades of experience across the Government of India, the World Bank, the Commonwealth Secretariat and leading academic institutions. His deep expertise in public systems, sustainable development and performance management will be invaluable as Bal Raksha Bharat continues to strengthen its impact for children across India.

As we welcome Dr. Trivedi, we look forward to building on our strong foundation and advancing our mission to create lasting change for children through collaboration, innovation and impact.

Quarter at a Glance

- ✦ 18 years of advancing children's aspirations in India.
- ✦ Welcomed Mr. Prajapati Trivedi as the new Chairperson of Bal Raksha Bharat's Governing Council.
- ✦ 10 states represented at the Dream Accelerator National Roundtable. 12 chosen Child & Youth Champions leading national conversations.
- ✦ 120 stakeholders mobilised for online child safety in Karnataka.
- ✦ 200 women trained under livelihood initiatives in Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ 45 school leaders oriented through the EXCEL experiential learning programme.

Children Leading India's Future



✧ Dream Accelerator Gives Young Leaders a National Platform

Children and youth emerged as powerful voices for change at Bal Raksha Bharat's inaugural Dream Accelerator National Roundtable in New Delhi.

Young Champions from ten states presented innovative community-led micro projects, engaged directly with senior government officials, development experts and academia, and demonstrated how meaningful child participation can contribute to India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The Roundtable showcased 29 child-led community initiatives, launched three knowledge products, and reaffirmed our commitment to placing children at the centre of policy dialogue and community development. Their confidence, creativity and leadership reinforced an important truth—children are not merely beneficiaries of development; they are partners in shaping the future.



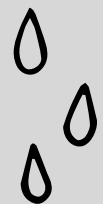
✧ Transforming Learning Through Innovation

Bal Raksha Bharat continued strengthening learning ecosystems across multiple states.

The **EXCEL Programme**, supported by Bosch India Foundation, expanded experiential learning through teacher development, school leadership engagement and student-led STEM demonstrations.

In Kerala, children supported through Honda Ki Pathshala achieved outstanding academic success, securing the top three ranks among learners across 71 centres nationwide.

Meanwhile, strategic engagement with School Education Departments in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana focused on scaling learning improvement initiatives, strengthening teacher capacity and promoting innovative pedagogy.



Building Stronger Communities

✧ Creating Safe Spaces for Girls

With the support of bioMérieux India Private Limited, Bal Raksha Bharat inaugurated the Girls' Resource Centre under the Pragati Project in Govindpuri, New Delhi.

Designed as a safe and inclusive space, the Centre provides educational support, career guidance, life skills, mentoring and employability pathways for adolescent girls and young women. It reflects our commitment to enabling girls to become confident, informed and economically empowered members of their communities.



✧ Strengthening Health Systems

Our partnership-led health initiatives continued to strengthen government systems and improve maternal and child health outcomes.

In Odisha, Project SWAGAT demonstrated measurable improvements through innovative health technologies, strengthened frontline workers and enhanced services during the critical first 1,000 days of life.

The launch of the second SMART Village in Kendrapara showcased how science, technology and community participation can strengthen climate resilience at the grassroots.

A SMART VILLAGE IN ACTION TODAY, A SCALABLE MODEL FOR TOMORROW'S CLIMATE-READY INDIA.

Resilience is built when science, systems, and communities move as one—Kusunpur is leading the way.



✧ Keeping Children Safe—Online and Offline

Recognising the growing importance of digital safety, Bal Raksha Bharat launched a community-led initiative in Karnataka to create safer online environments for children by bringing together education departments, police, cybercrime experts, child protection agencies and civil society organisations.

We also introduced Re-imagining Disaster Preparedness with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Virtual Reality (VR) technologies. Developed in partnership with Salesforce and IIT Mandi iHub & HCl Foundation, the programme equips children with practical skills to respond to floods, earthquakes, cyclones, fires and heatwaves, transforming classrooms into hubs of community resilience.



✧ Economic Empowerment for Women

Women continue to be at the centre of our livelihood interventions.

In Tamil Nadu, 200 women advanced their tailoring and entrepreneurship skills, while women-led Self-Help Groups in Karnataka promoted sustainable livelihoods through recycling and circular economy initiatives during corporate engagement events.



Partnerships Driving Sustainable Development

Strong partnerships continue to be the cornerstone of Bal Raksha Bharat's work.

This quarter witnessed several important collaborations that will strengthen education, child protection, health and community resilience across India.

Highlights



LOTTE SmartLearn Schools Initiative

Bal Raksha Bharat partnered with LOTTE India Corporation Private Limited to launch the LOTTE SmartLearn Schools Initiative, transforming government schools into vibrant learning environments that foster innovation, creativity and holistic child development.



SAKHI Initiative

The second phase of the SAKHI – Secure HER Future initiative was launched in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, reaffirming our commitment to improving menstrual health, dignity and well-being for adolescent girls.



Other strategic partnerships strengthened:

- Education partnerships across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Sikkim and Meghalaya.
- Collaboration with Health Departments in Odisha and West Bengal.
- Child-centred disaster preparedness initiatives in Bihar.
- Continued engagement with Samagra Shiksha, National Health Mission, Women & Child Development Departments and State Child Rights Commissions.

Impact Story



Learning Climate Science Through Action

At Karnataka Public School, Bengaluru, children are transforming curiosity into climate action through a school weather station.

By measuring rainfall, temperature, humidity and wind patterns, students are connecting classroom concepts with real-world science. This practical STEM experience is strengthening climate literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving while nurturing a new generation of environmentally conscious leaders.



Celebrating Excellence

We are proud to share two significant recognitions received this quarter.



Bal Raksha Bharat received the Best NGO Award in Education at the CSR Impact Awards by Ek Updesh Media. The award was accepted on behalf of the organisation by our Governing Council Member, Mr. Harpal Singh.



At the Business World Festival of Wellbeing 2026, two young changemakers associated with Bal Raksha Bharat were recognised for their leadership.

Insha Manzoor from Jammu & Kashmir was honoured for leading community-led afforestation efforts to restore Toshmaidan, while Sonam Behra from Odisha was recognised for promoting menstrual hygiene and establishing a community-managed sanitary pad bank for adolescent girls.

Looking Ahead



In the coming quarter, Bal Raksha Bharat will continue to:

- Expand innovative learning and STEAM education programmes.
- Strengthen child and youth leadership through Dream Accelerator.
- Scale digital safety and climate resilience initiatives.
- Deepen strategic partnerships with governments and development partners.
- Advance health, nutrition and early childhood development.
- Promote women's economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods.
- Strengthen evidence generation, knowledge sharing and systems transformation.

As Bal Raksha Bharat enters its nineteenth year, we reaffirm our commitment to building a future where **every child survives, learns, is protected and thrives**.

Thank you to our partners, donors and supporters for walking this journey with us. Together, we are creating lasting impact for children across India.

Together for Every Child



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