# Prabha Hira Pratishthan Reg no : E772/Solapur

# Palawi a touch of life

### **Institutional Care for HOPE Children**

### **Beginning of Palawi (2001)**



 Today, Palawi project cares for nearly 250 people, including 150 HIV+ children.











Mrs. Mangal Shah & her daughter Dimple Ghadge founded PALAWI in 2001

A Project run by Prabha Hira Pratishthan 24 years back to fight HIV/AIDS.

- At PALAWI, Mrs. Mangal Shah and Dimple Ghadge has undertaken the work of looking after such HOPE children rejected by the society.
- PALAWI tries to take care of them and rehabilitate them, at Pandharpur.Children are provided with clean and hygienic place to live, nutritious food & good medical assistance.
- The aim of trust is to keep them happy and let them enjoy their life to the fullest.

# **Current status of the Project Palawi**

- In a quiet corner of small village Takli near Pandharpur, Maharashtra, Palawi, a rehabilitation project, offers a vital refuge for those society often overlooks.
- It offers more than just basic needs-shelter, food & educationbut also medical care and skill-building opportunities, helping residents become self-reliant.
  - Many children who were once expected to live short lives are now reaching adulthood, defying the odds and stigma. Through its unwavering dedication, Palawi is not only saving lives but giving these children and others a future full of hope and possibilities.

- Over 1.000 HIV+ children cared for and rehabilitated since 2001.
- 60% of children have lived beyond 25 years; 20% have reached 30 years.
- 75-78% of children are self-reliant, earning through vocational skills. • 750 women trained for financial independence.
- 26 marriages arranged between HIV+ individuals; 9 couples have HIVnegative children.
- Current capacity: 250 individuals, including 150 HIV+ children and 100 women, elderly, and mentally unstable individuals.



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- Palawi's mission is the concept of स्वावलबन -self-reliance.
- "We teach our children the importance of independence."
- "Every child participates in school activities, learning skills like making paper crafts, shopping bags, and quilts. This not only gives them a sense of purpose but also helps them earn their own pocket money."
- This focus on self-reliance extends beyond the children. Palawi has trained 750 women in various skills, providing them with sewing machines or farm jobs to ensure they too can stand on their own feet.

- Starting Palawi was not without its challenges.
- The stigma surrounding HIV was, and still is, a significant hurdle. "People would avoid us, whisper behind our backs, and even stopped inviting us to social events," Dimple recalls. "They questioned why we would waste money on children they believed wouldn't survive long."
- Despite these social obstacles, Palawi pressed on, driven by the belief that every life is valuable. In 2004, a breakthrough came when an article by Prof.Pravin Dawane in Sakal newspaper brought widespread attention to their work. This recognition led to increased support and allowed Palawi to expand, securing a 400 sq ft space to house a few more children.

# **Success Story**

Among the many lives transformed at Palawi is that of Prerna (name changed to hide the identity), who came to Palawi as a frail, HIV+ 5-yearold. Through years of care, she not only survived but thrived, earning a role as Palawi's Chief of Administration at just 25 years old.

Aparajita (name changed to hide the identity) is another success story-a mentally unstable woman who was rescued from the streets after being raped and left to fend for herself. Four years later, she is now stable and living a dignified life at Palawi.

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# **Current Situation**





