

Batch 1

Kamal Bhargav



Kamal, a 23-year-old from Jaipur, is the founder of the Positive Yuva Network, an organization dedicated to supporting HIV-positive youth and the LGBTQIA+ community. During his fellowship, he produced a compelling series of podcasts chronicling the life journeys of care leavers and is currently working on Season 2. In addition to his advocacy work, Kamal is the lead singer of the musical band Goonj.

Farheen Khan



Farheen, a dynamic 27-year-old from Dombivli, Maharashtra, holds a BA in Economics. She is dedicated to providing mental health support and career assistance to children living in Child Care Institutions (CCIs), facilitating their smoother transition into the world. Farheen also serves as the Program Coordinator at Prerna, focusing on the needs of care leavers.

Mausumi Das



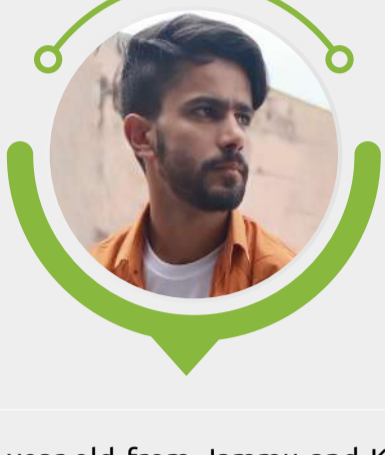
Mausumi, 27, from Guwahati, Assam, is a multifaceted professional with a rich background in makeup artistry, having worked at Pratidin Times news channel. She serves as the chairperson of the Assam Care Leavers' Association and facilitates their enrollment in educational programs. Currently, Mausumi is a senior program coordinator at Udayan Care. Additionally, she is a trained classical dancer in Kathak and Sattriya, holding master's degrees in these disciplines from Lucknow University and Guwahati University.

Surja Chauhan



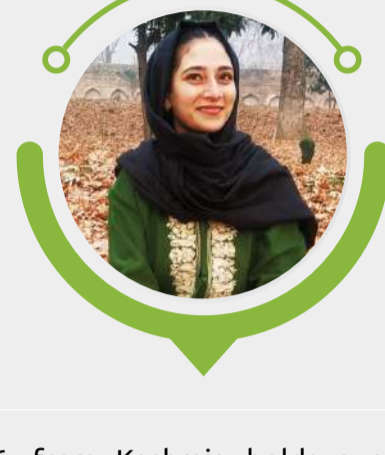
Surja, 23, from Delhi, is pursuing a master's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. Passionate about advocacy, she actively champions the rights of care leavers by writing blogs and articles on social media. She is also expanding and strengthening the Care Leavers network in Uttar Pradesh through an initiative called Care Leavers Unite. Currently, Surja works as a Programme Coordinator at Udayan Care. She is also a state-level champion in gymnastics.

Rayees Ahmad Bhat



Raees, a 24-year-old from Jammu and Kashmir, is a postgraduate in Social Work from Madras University. He completed an internship with SOS in Aftercare. In his fellowship he worked to strengthen the Jammu Kashmir care leaver network focusing on outreach to Child Care Institutions (CCIs) to provide counseling support to children and care leavers, encompassing both psychological support and career assistance. He is passionate about music and loves to sing.

Sufiera Jan



Suffera, 26, from Kashmir, holds a postgraduate degree in Sociology. Currently, she works as a Programme Coordinator at Sambhava, where she oversees a project about vocational training and skills development for women. In 2022, she created a documentary to highlight the issues faced by care leavers in Srinagar. Suffera is also dedicated to building the soft skills of children living in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and care leavers.

Khushi Rajput



Khushi, a 23-year-old from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, holds a BA and is a black belt in karate. She trains girls and women in self-defense and karate whenever she can. Through her project, she worked on connecting children in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) to various sports-related scholarships and schemes, as well as linking them to various championships.

Shweta Gupta



Shweta, a 24-year-old from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, holds an MA in Sociology. With a focus on studying the situation of care leavers, she conducted a research study on their status in Bhopal, analysing various global care leaving networks and identifying best practices. Currently, she is preparing for the UPSC exams.

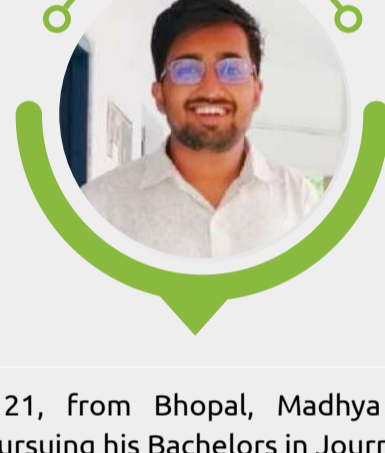
Batch 2

Amir Chopan



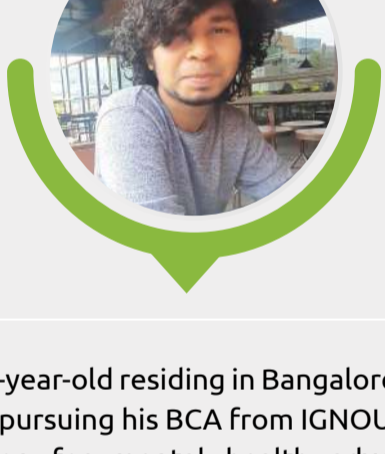
Amir, a 20-year-old based in Pune, Maharashtra, is currently pursuing a BSc in Medical Technology. Alongside his studies, he is dedicated to enhancing financial literacy skills among care leavers. Amir has developed a website for this purpose and is actively involved in strengthening the care leavers' network in Maharashtra, while also focusing on fostering their personal development within the state. Outside of his commitments, Amir is deeply passionate about cricket.

Abhishek Sonare



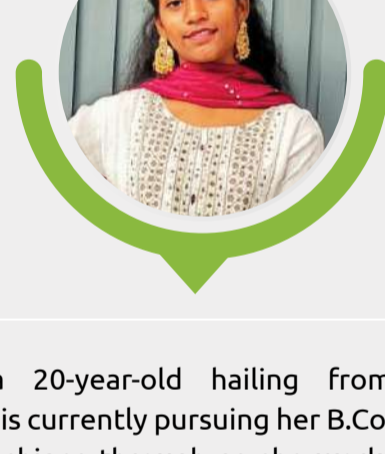
Abhishek, 21, from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, is currently pursuing his Bachelors in Journalism. With a dynamic spirit, he actively engages in documentation assistance and facilitation for Care Leavers within the state. During his fellowship, he provided crucial support to care leavers with their documentation needs. Abhishek's passion lies in report and news writing, reflecting his commitment to journalism. Additionally, he serves as a member of YSS (Yuva Shakti Sangathan) in Madhya Pradesh.

Anand Biniya



Anand, a 23-year-old residing in Bangalore, Karnataka, is currently pursuing his BCA from IGNOU. Driven by a deep passion for mental health advocacy, he is actively involved in providing support to Care Leavers in Karnataka through the creation of a Mental Health Hub website. Beyond his academic pursuits, Anand finds joy in cooking and indulging in fantasy series. He also harbors a keen interest in programming and coding.

Donthula Nandini



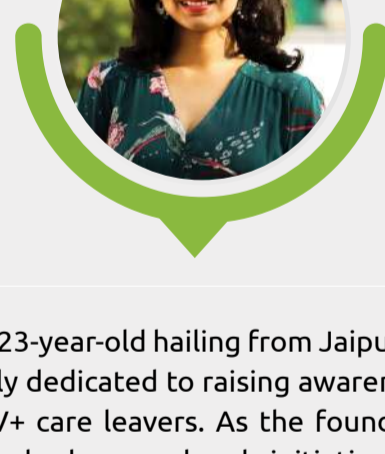
Nandini, a 20-year-old hailing from Hyderabad, Telangana, is currently pursuing her B.Com degree. Her dedication shines through as she works on two vital fronts: creating a comprehensive database and guidelines outlining the various schemes and policies accessible to care leavers, alongside enhancing access to identity documentation for this group. Beyond her academic and advocacy endeavours, Nandini finds joy in travelling and immersing herself in new experiences.

Hajra Bano



Hajra Bano, a 24-year-old native of Srinagar, Kashmir, holds a diploma in general nursing and midwifery. Her passion lies in advocating for the rights and struggles of differently-abled Care Leavers through her poignant articles and stories. Renowned for her eloquence, she is indeed a wonderful writer. In her leisure time, Hajra indulges in her love for literature by delving into books and enjoying the captivating narratives of K-dramas.

Manisha Goswami



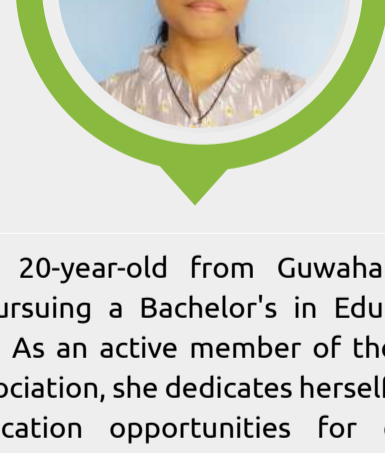
Manisha, a 23-year-old hailing from Jaipur, Rajasthan, is passionately dedicated to raising awareness about the lives of HIV+ care leavers. As the founder of Positive Yuva Network, she spearheads initiatives to shed light on their struggles through impactful articles. Beyond her advocacy work, Manisha finds joy in travelling and actively seeks out new and unique experiences, enriching her perspective on the world.

Narmdi



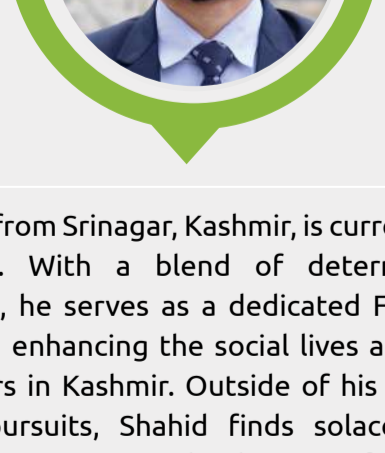
Narmdi, 22, from Uttar Pradesh, is currently pursuing a BFA in Applied Arts from Jamia Millia Islamia University. As an exceptionally creative fellow at LIFT, she is deeply immersed in crafting a compelling docu-drama exploring the pivotal factors influencing the lives of care leavers post-CCI. With proficiency in graphic design, Narmdi seamlessly blends artistry and storytelling. Beyond her artistic endeavors, she harbors a keen interest in photography, capturing moments that resonate with her unique perspective.

Priyanka Rai



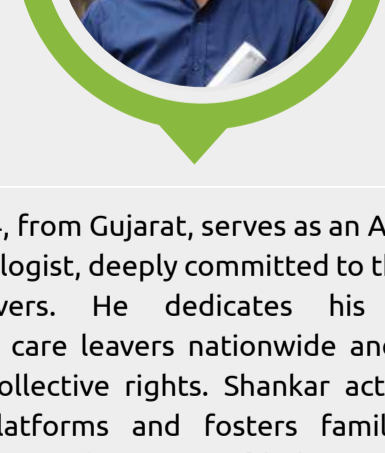
Priyanka, a 20-year-old from Guwahati, Assam, is currently pursuing a Bachelor's in Education in her home state. As an active member of the Assam Care Leavers Association, she dedicates herself to advancing higher education opportunities for care leavers. Priyanka tirelessly connects them with various institutions, offering guidance and motivation to pursue further studies. Beyond her advocacy work, she finds solace in exploring new destinations through travel and nurturing green spaces through gardening.

Shahid Malik



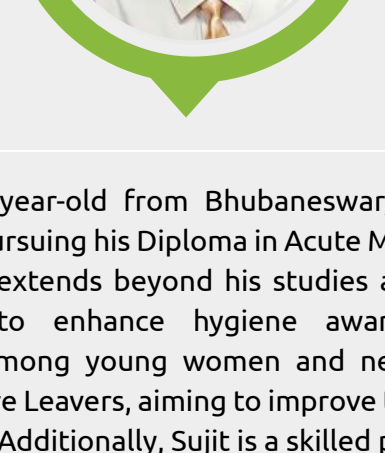
Shahid, 23, from Srinagar, Kashmir, is currently pursuing his M.Tech. With a blend of determination and compassion, he serves as the dedicated Fellow at LIFT, focusing on enhancing the social lives and abilities of Care Leavers in Kashmir. Outside of his academic and advocacy pursuits, Shahid finds solace in trekking through the picturesque landscapes of his homeland, embarking on adventures to new destinations, and capturing the beauty of the world through his lens.

Shankar Pradhan



Shankar, 24, from Gujarat, serves as an ABA Therapist and Psychologist, deeply committed to the welfare of Care Leavers. He dedicates his efforts to connecting care leavers nationwide and advocating for their collective rights. Shankar actively creates support platforms and fosters family bonds to provide them with a sense of belonging. Outside of his professional endeavors, he finds joy in the culinary arts, capturing moments through photography, and exploring new destinations through travel.

Sujit Kumar Nanda



Sujit, a 26-year-old from Bhubaneswar, Odisha, is currently pursuing his Diploma in Acute Medicine. His dedication extends beyond his studies as he works diligently to enhance hygiene awareness and practices among young women and new mothers who are Care Leavers, aiming to improve their overall well-being. Additionally, Sujit is a skilled professional photographer, driven by a passion for helping people through his talents.