



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

SHATABDI SANKALP | शताब्दी संकल्प

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I was glad to visit the Home
and see the boys and girls there.
Each one of them has to become
a good citizen and a worthy
child of India. Every son
and daughter India has a
right to our care and affection.

Jawaharlal Nehru

Nov 6: 1950

First PM of India Jawaharlal Nehru Visited the Children's Aid Society's
Observation Home , Umerkhadi in 1950



First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to
Observation Home, Umerkhadi - 1950



THE TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Shri Morarji B. Desai, our President, is seen addressing the Meeting.



Mother Teresa inaugurating Chembur Children's Home

For 100 Years, The Children's Aid Society Has Reached The Child No One Else Reaches



For one hundred years, Children's Aid Society (CAS) has stood beside children in need of care, protection, guidance, rehabilitation and hope. Across generations, through changing laws and changing times, it has remained steadfast in safeguarding childhood.

Where others saw difficulty, CAS saw dignity. Where support was absent, CAS chose responsibility.



Our Legacy

Children's Aid Society was founded in an earlier era of Bombay with a clear public purpose: to advance child welfare through law, care and institutional responsibility.

Across generations, the institution has served children in difficult circumstances with steadiness and compassion. Through changing legal frameworks, social realities and public expectations, it has continued to evolve while remaining true to its core mission.

Over the decades, CAS has been visited and supported by distinguished dignitaries, public leaders and well-wishers who recognised the importance of its work.

Much of this service was carried out quietly, away from public attention, through the daily work of care, guidance, rehabilitation and reintegration.

Its legacy lives not only in history, but in countless lives given protection, direction and renewed opportunity.



Our Commitments For The 100th Year



1. 100 Events in the 100th Year

Across our homes and institutions, the centenary will come alive through 100 events that bring children, staff and communities together.



2. Honouring a Century of Service

We will preserve and share the story of CAS through archives, exhibitions, publications and documentary storytelling.



3. Strengthening Children's Futures

Focused efforts in education, health, skills, confidence and rehabilitation will remain at the heart of our work.



4. Honouring Those Who Serve

We will invest in staff through recognition, training, collaboration and institutional pride.



5. Building Stronger Institutions

We will modernize systems through digitization, stronger documentation, improved spaces and better learning environments across our homes.



6. Engaging Society

Through outreach, partnerships and awareness initiatives, we will deepen public understanding of child protection and juvenile justice.

**Our hundredth year will be measured not by celebrations alone,
but by lives strengthened and institutions renewed.**

Call To Society



Child protection cannot rest on institutions alone. It is the shared responsibility of families, schools, communities, employers, media, civil society and public authorities. What families ignore, schools miss, communities reject and society labels often reaches child care systems too late.

Rehabilitation needs acceptance. Reintegration needs opportunity. Prevention needs attention at the right time.



Gratitude

No institution completes a hundred-year journey alone.

The Children's Aid Society offers heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Maharashtra, the Judiciary and Juvenile Justice Boards, partner departments, officers, staff, caregivers, civil society organisations, donors, supporters and well-wishers who strengthened this mission across generations.

We offer special respect to those who served quietly, often without recognition, and to the children and families who placed their trust in the system.



This centenary honours every hand that helped and every heart that cared.

Issued With Gratitude And Renewed Commitment During The Centenary Year Of The Children's Aid Society.



National Award for the Best Child Welfare Institution in India
Shri Kantikumar R. Padar, Chairman of the Society
receiving the coveted National Award at the hands of
Hon'ble Shri Gyani Zail Singh, President of India.

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Mr. Pravin Bhavsar
Chief Officer,
The Children's Aid Society

1st May 2026
Mumbai

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CENTENARY YEAR

MAY 2026 - MAY 2027



Mr. Devendra Fadnavis
Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Maharashtra State and
President, Children's Aid Society



Mrs. Aditi Sunil Tatkare
Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child
Development of Maharashtra and
Vice President, Children's Aid Society



Dr. Anup Kumar Yadava
Hon'ble Secretary of Women
and Child Development of
Maharashtra



Mr. Pravin Bhavsar
Chief Officer,
Children's Aid Society



Mr. Satish Bansode
Deputy Chief Officer,
Children's Aid Society



Mr. Rahul Kanthikar
Superintendent



Mrs. Shalini Dhuri
Head Mistress



Mr. Swapnil Ghatge
Principal



Mr. Tushar Raghuvanshi
Superintendent



Mrs. Tanuja Shetye
Head Mistress



Mr. Tushar Bhilavekar
Superintendent



Mrs. Sanjyoti Dhadve
Head Mistress



Mrs. Renuka Jadhav
Administrator



Mrs. Chhaya Lotankar
Superintendent



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Centenary Year

May 2026 - May 2027

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**A century has passed.
The duty remains.**