

## **Careleaving Stories: Transitioning to Independent Living**

## Usha Sharma

Usha has spent 18 years of her life in different Child Care Institutions in Jaipur. She finished her higher education and bachelor's degree. After graduation, she was married off at the age of 22 years by the staff at home. Her husband did not treat her well. She was in an abusive marriage which affected her physical and mental health.

Through a friend she contacted CLiC . The problem was brought to our attention. We helped her out to find a safe and secure environment to live in. She is now working in a book store in Jaipur where she reads books, summaries and narrates it to the audience. She tells us that her present job keeps her occupied and that she loves reading.



"She is dedicated and sincere. She does the work that has been assigned to her and looks forward to more"- Book Store Owner

## Mandeep Singh

Mandeep has spent over ten years in a CCI in Jaipur. He was only 8th pass when he moved out of his childcare home. Due to lack of education, he had difficulties finding a decent job and had to work as a security guard to make a living. Night shifts were affecting his health badly and wages were not paid timely. He came to CLiC through some friends and approached us regarding the job. He's currently employed as a warehouse executive in a pharmacy retail chain and is making a good living and learning new things every day.



## Pintu Dube

He was found abandoned on a railway platform when he was 8 months old. From there he was taken to a boys shelter home where he spent all his life until 21 years old. There he was also

working as a caretaker. Pintu, an introvert, was concerned about his future plans after moving out. He was alone and had no one to guide him. Moving out after all these years was terrifying, and he had to manage everything by himself. He worked in Childline for over a year before leaving due to unpaid wages. Later, he got in touch with CLiC that helped him get a secure and respectable job in a pharmacy retail chain. He has won several best employee awards since his joining two years ago.



"I am thrilled to see the performance of Mandeep and Pintu, specifically in two areas (a) the passion they bring to the table. (b) the ownership they take. Both are the critical skills to succeed in Dawa Dost."- Co-Founder of Pharmacy Retail Chain

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