

Dear Donor,

The month of November came up with the festival of lights and the most special occasion for us Indians. Our children across the nation were even happier to celebrate this auspicious occasion this year as it fell on the same day as Children's Day. All the villages made sure that children enjoyed this day. Several activities were organized and the day was made fun. Apart from this, many other activities were also conducted for the development of our children and communities.

Happy reading!



### **Celebration of National Homemakers Day**



On 3rd November, National homemaker day was celebrated in SOS Children's Village Tirupati for the mothers who keep our households running by their hard work and sacrifices towards the SOS family house. The day was devoted to appreciate our SOS mothers who do all work in homes including cooking, buying groceries, taking care of children and manage their personal works on a daily basis. In order to appreciate mother's commitment, co-workers decided to arrange evening refreshment and make them feel relaxed.

### **SOS E-Tarang celebrations 2020**

SOS Children's Villages of India was delighted to host its annual cultural festival – SOS Tarang virtually this year due to the ongoing pandemic. A range of nail-biting competitions, an exclusive talent showcase, and many other incredible events were held and streamed live on 26th November. A series of inter-zone activities and performances ranging from dance to music were also uploaded on various social media platforms. On the final day winners were bestowed with a token of appreciation.



### **SOS Tirupati supports children who can't access education**



320 million and counting that's the number of children impacted by COVID-19 in India according to UNESCO. Although online classes have started but there are millions of children who don't have accesses to computers smartphone or even internet and electricity at home. To battle this fight, SOS India started tuition support programmes for the underprivileged children to bridge the gap of online classes. The tuition centers are functioning in closed school verandas and other open spaces in the community, in small groups following all COVID prevention protocols supported by volunteers and tutors appointed by SOS. The tuition centers also work as an umbrella against child labor, child marriages and a forum to educate children Covid prevention and child rights. Foreseeing the recession and economic crisis emerging from Covid situation SOS also supporting families of these children with additional livelihood options to ensure the child care is not interrupted by the economic crisis.

### Awareness raised during Child Safety Week

Child Safety Week was aimed to raise awareness and encourage collective action towards addressing the issue of Child Sexual Abuse. This year 14th Nov to 20th Nov was marked to do the event. On 18th Nov 2020, SOS Children's Village Puducherry organised the event in association with Child Line Puducherry. The Village Director welcomed the Chief Guest & explained the importance of the event to SOS mother and children. The awareness programme conducted through drawing & speech competition respectively, "My Happy World & Safe Childhood, Safe Diwali". Mr. Asokan, Director- Dept of Women & Child- Govt. of Puducherry participated as a Chief Guest for the event. The children's were presented their speech on Safe Childhood, Safe Diwali in front of Mr. Asokan. Ms. Jinifer, Co-ordinator, Child Line, has given speech on types of child abuse & how we need to be preparing ourselves from the risks. End of the event, the Chief Guest given prizes to the winners & certificate to the all the participants.



### One-day Police Station In charge (Station House In charge) Girl Child from SOS Varanasi



On the occasion of International Child Rights day, one of our child Jhanvi aged 15 years, studying in class X from HGS Varanasi was invited by Mr. Sanjay Tripathi, SHO of Choubeypur Police Station for being in charge of the police station for one day. He welcomed Jhanvi by introducing her to other police staff and by giving her a full tour of the police station including the camera room, the complaint room, the file room, Jail and office staff building. She also handled a case of a missing child who ran away from her house and had been traced via child line and brought to the police station and later handed over to her parents. Jhanvi also accompanied the police staff in their visit to the Ghat on the eve of Chhat Puja celebration to carry out inspection on the safety and security measures being taken for the devotees. Later, Jhanvi was also

presented with a photo frame on behalf of Choubeypur Police Station officials. Jhanvi said that her dream to become an IPS officer was half lived in one day and now she is very feels very much motivated to work towards achieving her dream.

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