

Stories of Change

Bhayalakshmi thanks SOS India for helping her live her dreams

I **STARTED** my journey with SOS Children's Villages of India in the year 2000 when I was just 6 years old, unaware of social ethics and life. My brothers and I became a part of Family Home in the Bangalore Village. I was very small to accept the situation but the organisation and my SOS mother accepted me as their own from the moment I joined SOS Children's Village. I had the best memories and learnt so many things here. Slowly, I started accepting the situation no matter how challenging it was. It has been possible just by the support of the organisation and my mother's continuous motivation. I started my life with zero but grew up with a very beautiful and blessed life. I have learned many things from my mom Selvikumari, like how to help others, how to care for people, how to respect elders, how to love younger ones, how to live life happily no matter how the situations are. She has taught me many things and showed me the rights and wrongs of life. My mother has always guided me in the best way possible.

I completed my schooling from a well recognised institution without any regrets. Then for higher studies, I moved to



M a n g a l o r e and completed my engineering in the Dept. of Electronics and Communication from Karavali Institute of Technology in the year of 2016. Further, I started my career as a Sports Analyst at Nielsen for one year, then moved to Hewlett Packard (HP), Whitefield, Bangalore, as a customer support engineer in the year 2018 with the CTC of 3.5L. While pursuing my career at HP, I learned many things and got the best future opportunities. On October 29, 2020, I got married to Rakesh who works at a reputed organisation. I am very happy that I got such a loving husband and a great family who supports me in my career and personal interests. His family treats me as their daughter and have happily accepted me the way I am. My heartfelt thanks to the entire SOS family and especially my SOS mother Selvikumari for making me what I am today.

SOS at Work

Workshop with Youth on Employability Skills



A **FIVE-DAY** workshop with Young People on Career Guidance and Job Placement Assistance was organised with support from SOS Bangalore team where 24 youth from 8 project locations participated. These youth are in the transition phase and completed their higher education/vocational training last year but couldn't be placed in jobs due to market slowdown as an impact of COVID-19.

SOS India's case study adjudged as the best case study



IN THE Sitaram Rao Livelihoods India Case Study Competition 2019, SOS India's case study was considered as the best case study. Mr Siddharth from Family Strengthening Programme Begusarai received a memento and certificate from the dignitaries of Sitaram Rao Livelihoods at a glittering function held at Hotel Le Meriden in New Delhi.

Brightest stars of SOS India shine again



OUR SETTLED YOUTH – the shining stars from SOS Bangalore – Ms Archana and Ms Chetana are national Kathak and Bharatnatyam dancers who recently received the Karnataka prestigious award of 'Kannada Seva Ratna' which is awarded by the Kannada Sahitya Parishat. It was a proud moment for the entire family of SOS India.

Road safety walkathon in Shillong



THE COMMUNITY outreach programme in Shillong organised a walkathon to observe road safety. The programme was organised in collaboration with NHA and was sponsored by NHA. The local police also joined the walk to showcase their support for this cause and its purpose.

Hot off the Press

Empowering the girl child The Times of India, New Delhi

On National Girl Child Day, Rau's IAS Study Circle, in collaboration with SOS India and The Times of India, organised an interactive session to create awareness about the importance of education for girls, at SOS Children's Village Faridabad.



SOS India extends help to affected families in Uttarakhand

SOS India Emergency Response team have responded promptly to the distress in Uttarakhand, supporting 117 families in Karcho, a remote village in Chamoli district. Besides providing relief kits to families, SOS India has set up a Child Learning Space to keep children engaged.



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