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HAPPY NINGS

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SOS Children's Villages India, India's largest **self-implementing childcare NGO** has empowered over **65000 children**, positively impacting over **83000 lives**, in the past year alone through our specially designed programmes and initiatives with an objective aligned with each child's best interest.

SOS Children's Villages India provides curative and preventive services to vulnerable children without parental care or are at the risk of losing it, through a value chain of quality care services that go beyond childcare alone, ensuring holistic child development.

Whipping up his dream culinary career

Siddheshwar Aundhkar, from Jalna district, Maharashtra, lost his parents very early. After this, his extended family enrolled him in a Child Care Institution.

From a very young age, Siddheshwar demonstrated a passion for culinary arts while working in local hotels and food stalls. With this dream, Siddheshwar reached out to SOS Children's Village India, expressing his interest in pursuing a Diploma in Hotel Management under the After-Care Project. Following this, a comprehensive assessment was done and Siddheshwar was admitted to an hotel management institute in Maharashtra.

He has completed his diploma and recently got an incredible job opportunity at Hilton Hotels in Dubai. Speaking about his journey, Siddheshwar shares - "It was a dream for me to complete my education, but fortunately I came across SOS India. They have supported me not just with my future but have also inspired me to achieve more. I thank them for believing in me and helping me have a promising future."



Aparna steadily strides towards her aspiration of becoming a Doctor

Aparna was welcomed at SOS Children's Village, Bhopal, when she was 8 years old. From a very young age, Aparna was very good in her studies and always aspired to be a heart surgeon.

She pursued Biology in her higher education and completed 12th STD from CBSE Boards with a 90.2%. Further she worked hard for her dreams and scored 523 in NEET 2023 exams.

Aparna's dream was further enabled when she became a recipient of 100% Scholarship (tuition fee waiver) by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh under the "Mukhiya Mantri Medhavi Vidhyarti Yojna" and got admitted to a top medical college in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

She also got an opportunity to meet the Chief Minister and thank him for the support and encouragement.



Highlights of the month

A one-day exposure trip was conducted for the girls of **SOS Children's Village Bangalore** on **life skills and agriculture** sponsored by **Rotary Bangalore Central Club**. They visited vegetable and flower farms, cooked food in the field and participated in various interactive and fun activities.



SOS Children's Village Bangalore received the **ICPS grant** of INR 47,33,398 for the Financial Year (FY) 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.



Family Strengthening Programme Bhopal organised training on **positive parenting and child safeguarding** for the caregivers of **Kinship Care Programme**. The session was led by an ex-CWC member with an objective to educate and sensitise our programme participants on the matter.



Five boys from **SOS Youth House Bangalore** and **four girls** from **SOS Children's Village Bangalore** got selected for the '**Guardians of Dreams Scholastic Awards 2023**'. Each child will receive INR 25,000 under this scholarship.



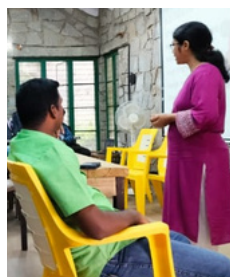
The **Family Strengthening Programme** team conducted a **health camp** at **Guwahati, Chennai and Visakhapatnam** for caregivers, children and community members in collaboration with regional hospitals. After the checkup, all the participants were provided with free medication as per their health conditions.



SOS Children's Village Rajpura youth house boys designed a working model of **Chandrayan-3**. Following which, they got an opportunity to represent the model at the **Institution of Engineers (India)** Chandigarh on Engineer's Day. They were rewarded for their design and concept.



Child-centric Disaster Risk Reduction training was organised by **NIMHANS & NIDM, Govt of India** at **SOS Children's Village Bangalore**. The Bangalore Village facilitated the orientation session for the participants at the campus. Co-workers from **Bangalore, Chennai, Pondicherry and Nagapattinam** also attended the training.



Family Strengthening Programme Bangalore conducted an **Eye Checkup Camp** in collaboration with the **Aloka Vision Programme** by **Zeiss**. A total of 250 programme participants along with the community members got their eyes checked. People with severe eye conditions were referred for cataract operations and those with long and short eyesight issues were provided with free spectacles.



Children from **SOS Children's Village Guwahati** participated in the **Talent Hunt** organised by the **National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST)** and got selected and were featured in top 15 institutions. Now they will be showcasing their project in front of eminent jury constituted by NIST. All the operational cost for this will be borne by NIST.



Family Strengthening Programme, Latur celebrated the **National Poshan Maah 2023** in collaboration with **ICDS** and the local primary school at Harwadi Cluster. The objective of this was to educate caregivers and community members about the importance of nutritious meals in shaping women's and children's mental and physical health. An informative training session was conducted for the programme participants.



Children of the **Bal Panchayat** along with the members of the **Self-Help Group** from **Family Strengthening Programme Bawana** conducted an awareness campaign at the Shahbad Dairy cluster. They raised awareness within the community on **climate change** through a rally and street play. They also creatively reused plastic waste to make utility items such as fans and posters.



Family Strengthening Programme Begusarai, programme participants have succeeded in availing the benefit given by the government under the scheme of the **E-shram Card**. A total of **23 girls**, studying in high school, have received monetary funds for purchasing cycle. Also, **4 boys** received INR 10,000 each for securing 60% and more in their 10th exam. Apart from this, the family will receive INR 50,000 after the girl reaches the eligible age of marriage.

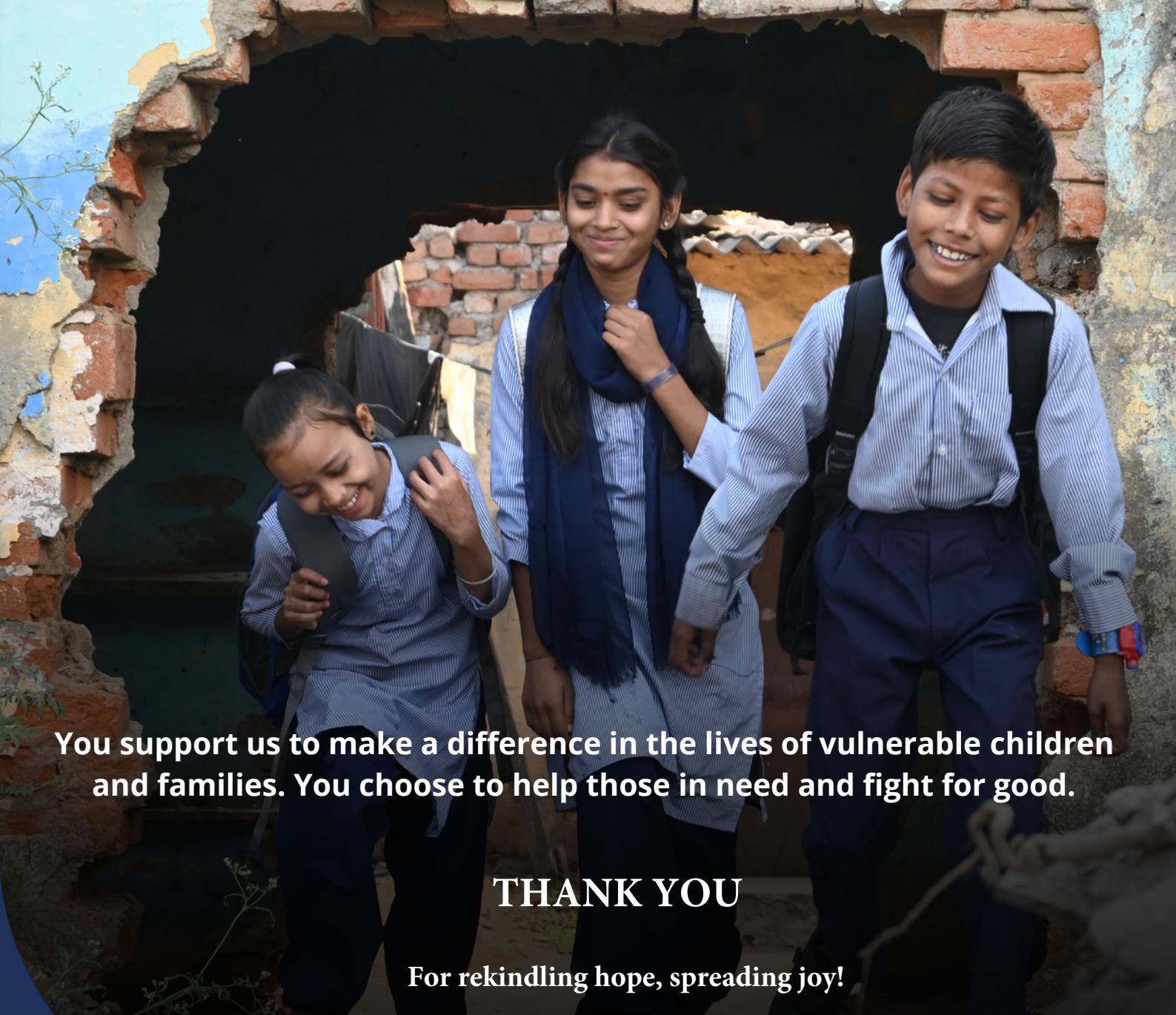


Family Strengthening Programme Chennai conducted a session for the children of the **Bal Panchayat** on **Climate Change** in association with **Hindu College**. The session aimed to raise awareness, encourage sustainable practices, and foster a sense of responsibility towards the environment among the participants. They also organised a 'Community Cleaning Drive' with the support of 'Tambaram Corporation' and the local ward members of the community.



Youth House boys from **SOS Children's Village Rajpura** got a chance to watch the **live ODI World Cup Match** in Mohali between **India and Australia**. A total of **26 youths** including the staff of the village got free tickets for the match. It was an amazing experience for the children.





You support us to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. You choose to help those in need and fight for good.

THANK YOU

For rekindling hope, spreading joy!

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions and relentless support in helping those impacted by the pandemic. You have been our constant companion in making a difference to the communities we operate in. With you by our side, we will continue to empower the lesser privileged, helping them sail through these turbulent times. A little can change a lot. Do your part to help them out during these trying times.

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