Last month we celebrated the 25th year of our engagement with the communities in India. It was indeed a celebration that acknowledged a multitude of individuals, volunteers and partners who have joined hands through the years to transform communities.

We made a conscious decision to celebrate not just our journey but also the lives of those we have served. When we see their determination to overcome the difficulties
of life and progress towards their dreams, it is an inspiration for us to continue our work. There are several of them who have been in our programmes since 1994 who are doing outstanding work to help others and it is encouraging to witness that.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for being there with us through the years and also to those who joined us at the event. Even though Oasis India has existed for 25 years there is much work to be done in the next 25 and we need your support and encouragement to carry on. So, to our donors, partners, the government, former and present staff, please continue to stand with us as we move ahead. And, may the next 25 years be more fruitful.

I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Regards,
Mangneo Lhungdim
Executive Director
Oasis India

At the 25th celebration in Mumbai, we had the pleasure of having beneficiaries, donors, board members, partners, global staff, current and former Oasis India staff who filled the event with lots of love and memories. We also had the opportunity to look back at the history of Oasis India together with them. Here's a sneak peek at the event.
Oasis India has history dating back to 1994. Although it is difficult to capture everything, we have put together some major milestones of Oasis for you. Click the link below to watch the video!

**Watch video**

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**20 YEARS WITH OASIS INDIA**

Among the many that work tirelessly for Oasis, we have staff who have worked with us for over 20 years. We had the opportunity to honour them at the celebration.
Here's their response when asked about why they chose to work with Oasis for as long as they have.

I have always wanted to work with children and I find a sense of freedom in doing that. At Oasis, I worked without any pressure in any of the projects that I was a part of. My leaders trusted me and appreciated my work. Oasis is like family for me. I went through a lot of problems at home but through all of that my colleagues were a great pillar of support. When I joined for work at Oasis, I was in a difficult place in life but Oasis brought joy through work. It is still hard to believe that it has become 20 years already.

Rosy
Community Development Officer
Mumbai

It’s been a privilege to work with Oasis for the past 20 years. I am grateful for the warmth that I have received from the people around me at work and they have always supported me in many ways. I worked in different projects in Oasis under the guidance of different coordinators and I have learnt a lot from all of them. I worked very closely with HIV patients and that experience really moved my heart.

Sonu
Nurse
Mumbai
I’ve always been passionate about working with children and what caused me to stay is the good working environment at Oasis. The staff and line managers have always encouraged me to take up responsibilities and work across projects. There are many memories at Oasis that I will never forget but one memory that will always stay with me is when I went on a 48-hour train journey to Rauxhaul in Bihar to join a beneficiary at a nursing programme. En route we faced a lot of challenges but we became very close friends. She came with her son to the 25th celebration and it was a very happy moment for me.

Jane Pereira
Consultant
Mumbai

Oasis will always be special to me because I have seen lives being greatly transformed from absolutely nothing. All the staff in Oasis work together to bring these changes in our beneficiaries’ life. That gives me an immense satisfaction. One unforgettable memory at Oasis would be when I spent an evening at Oasis' Purnatha Bhavan (PB), a home for HIV/AIDS affected children at Igathpuri. I remember this boy called Vilas who was in his last stage of AIDS and that particular day he had a great time with us. The next very morning, he unfortunately passed away. This affected me very much but also pushed me to work towards supporting Oasis in their cause.

Harish
Vocational Tailoring Training Coordinator
Mumbai
To mark our 25th celebrations, we launched our book '25 years. 25 stories.' which is a compilation of inspiring stories of those whom we have worked with since 1994. If you would like to purchase this book please email communication@oasisin.org or contact Mercy Jennifer - 9600177764

Here are a few snippets from the book.
Surprise your loved ones with unique Christmas ornaments. These gorgeous fabric ornaments will add the perfect finishing touch to your Christmas Tree!

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