



Dear all,

Did you know that India has the largest youth population in the world; around 66% of the total population (more than 808 million) are below the age of 35? And nearly 40% of the Indian population is aged 13 to 35 years (defined as youth in the National Youth Policy). How are we nurturing this group that will lead the nation tomorrow?

At Oasis India, we have hundreds of young people who are a part of our programmes across India. In this edition, find out more about what they learn with us and how it helps them.

Remember, your support makes this possible! Thank you :)



Kamali's

Dreams

Kamali dreamt of becoming a lawyer. She decided to study law after her undergrad but her family was deep in financial struggles. Kamali knew she had to leave her dreams behind and start working soon. A crushing reality stood in front of her. She had to help. Here's how the hairdressing programme helped her.

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Failure

is just a stepping stone, isn't it?

Before joining our course in Computer Training, Arbiya struggled in her academics and failed 10th grade. Determined to do better, she took up our training course to learn computer skills while she waited to take up the exam again. Here's how her life has taken a turn for the best!

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In the past years, we have had the privilege of working with many young people who come from slum communities, broken families and vulnerable situations. Through Blue Edge, our employment-readiness programme, youth in our communities have not only learnt skills for employment but also life skills, which plays an important role in helping them become brave, decisive, resilient and socially conscious individuals. Here's one such story. Read Shehnaaz's story from our '25 Years. 25 Stories.' book in the link below.

[Read Shenaaz's story](#)

A Hope

for tomorrow

Beula is a 12th grade graduate, residing in Basin Bridge, Chennai. She is timid in nature but has always been excellent at the tasks given, completing them sincerely. She was eager to join work as her family was struggling to make ends meet with her father's meagre earning.

After graduating from our employment-readiness programme, Blue Edge, she has now been placed as a telecaller in a well-known bank. She was one of the first few students in her batch who got placed in a job. Beula fought all odds as she faced opposition from her father for travelling a long distance for work. Her family wanted her to get married but Beula wanted to work and have an independent life before she settled down. Many girls in the community look up to Beula and her grit!



Sadhana walked into our Basic Computer and Tally class last year, looking extremely nervous. Our staff struck a conversation with her, wondering what she was so nervous about. Sadhana said that her parents did not approve of her joining the course and they have never supported her in anything because she's a girl. She said, "I want to continue studying but they don't support me. This is all new and scary for me."

In the training center students learn not just about computer but also life skills that help build their self-identity and personality. Sadhana says that she loved the sessions on overcoming adolescent-related issues, motivational sessions and life skills sessions which helped her become courageous and self-confident. She was a girl who was afraid to even cross a busy road but now she encourages her friends to overcome fear and be brave.

We were inspired by her story and invited her back to speak to our new batch of students. Sadhana made an excellent powerpoint presentation for the current batch and gave a very motivating and moving speech about the transformation that they can experience too!

We are so proud of Sadhana!



Common people stepping up to help during a crisis is powerful. Yokesh is one such kind-hearted individual who collected funds and distributed ration kits for 5

families struggling in Kannagi Nagar without ration cards to avail government relief. Yokesh has been providing relief support for needy communities in various parts of Chennai during this pandemic. He says, "Raising funds is not easy. Many people give instantly but others are very inquisitive about the work and it can be hard to find the ones that are actually willing. But the hard work was worth it. The experience of providing relief support for people who are in need and seeing their happy faces give us the satisfaction. There are no words to express that."

We are so thankful for volunteers like Yokesh!



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