

# Inspiring Mothers of Oasis India

#### Dear all

We want to bring to your attention how mothers like Kamala in our communities are ghting to do the best for their children despite the many challenges that they face. Here's how you have helped them experience change through your support.

"My name is Kamala. I am 32 years old. I live in Halleguddadhahalli, Bangalore. When I was 12 years old, I dreamed of studying well and growing up to work in a big company but at that young age, my parents forced me to marry. My dreams died with my childhood. My children went to school and I dreamed once again, that they will go to school, learn and have a good life. My children also started attending the after-school programme at Oasis India.



Things fell apart when my husband's alcohol addiction got out of hand and he could not take care of our family anymore. His health was not good and I was not able to take care of all the finances alone. This led to both my children dropping out of school and they went on to take up jobs in the market to support me. I felt a big burden that I ruined my children's life. During this difficult time, Oasis India helped my eldest son complete his 12<sup>th</sup> grade exam. I see that my dreams can come true through my son. I will continue to fight for my sons to study and do well in life."

A mother's love is fierce and strong. We witness in our communities, mothers going out of thier way to help their children have all the things that they could not have as a child. One such mother is Sakina in Nalasopara who went against ageold traditions to ensure her child's right to education.



Sakina, 30, says, "Becoming a mother is one of the greatest things

that can happen to someone." She loves her four children and wants great things for them.

Sakina contacted Oasis India two years ago and wanted us to enrol her children in the informal education programme as they had not been to school. This was the norm in Sakina's community. Banjara Community women and children face many challenges as they are not allowed to go to school. Sakina could not go to school because of that. Although no child from her community had been to a school, Sakina pushed for her children to get education. With our guidance and support, she took them to a school and got them admission there. She says, "I felt like I achieved something great in life. I had no freedom when I was a child. But for my children, the sky is the limit. I give them the freedom to do what they need to do and never limit them. I hope that they will become good police officers in the future."

Sakina is also part of our change agent group inspiring the other women in her community.

Your support is very important for these women!

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### UPDATES FROM THE FIELD



"I am just a regular person but my dreams are big for me and my children." Read how Nu Tinkhoneng is moving towards a better life.

Read her story



#### Women of Tomorrow Award

Lions club of Adhya, Parivarthanam trust, and Marvel Global celebrated "Women of Tomorrow" by recognising and honouring women who are accomplished in the non-profit organisations. Sandhya, our Bangalore staff was also awarded in the event for her work in Oasis India! Congratulations Sandhya!



#### Project Sarika - Second Batch!

Our team in Chennai inaugurated the second batch of Project Sarika training for girls in Kannagi Nagar. These girls will be learning self-defense and life skills to protect themselves and to make informed choices and decisions in life. In this event, we also had project supporters, Inspector of police, Kannagi Nagar and officials from the Urban Livelihood Government Office, encouraging our community girls in Kannagi Nagar.



## Graduation in Nalasopara

41 students successfully graduated from the Basic Computer Course in Nalasopara, Mumbai. This batch of young minds are ready to take on interviews for employment and we are so proud of them!



# फुटबॉल विश्वात रत्नागिरी संघाचे धडाक्यात पदार्पण

चिपळूण (प्रतिनिधी)

फुटबॉलच्या राज्य संघटनेने नाशिक येथे आयोजित केलेल्या आंतर जिल्हा स्पर्धेत रत्नागिरी संघाने दमदार पदार्पण केले. १७ वर्षांखालील मुली या वयोगटात १२ मे ते १८ मे या कालावधीत झालेल्या स्पर्धेत रत्नागिरी संघाला प्रथमच निमंत्रित केले गेले होते. सरावासाठी डेरवण येथील SVJCT क्रीडा संकुलाचे संचालक श्रीकांत पराडकर यांनी मैदान व निवासाची सोय मोफत करून दिली होती. संघ ११ मे ला नाशिकसाठी रवाना झाला.

पहिल्याच सामन्यात रत्नागिरीच्या नवख्या मुलींनी नागपूरसारख्या मातब्बर संघाला पराभूत करून घडाक्यात सुरुवात केली. दुसऱ्या सामन्यात यजमान नाशिक संघाविरुद्ध



रत्नागिरी जिल्हा फुटबॉल संघातील खेळाडू व मार्गदर्शक.

पराभृत झाल्याने संघ १६ मे ला परतला. या संघात सावर्डे येथील श्रावणी भंडारी हिने कर्णधार पदाची भूमिका चोख बजावली. जिंदाल हायस्कूल, जयगड येथील श्रेया विभुते, श्रद्धा गाँड, श्रावणी जाधव; सावर्डे येथील प्रिया पवार आणि श्रद्धा चव्हाण तसेच दापोली येथील संचिता भाटकर यांनी उत्कृष्ट खेळून आपली छाप पाडली. संघ प्रशिक्षक म्हणून मुंबई येथील झुबीन झवेरी यांनी मोलाचे मार्गदर्शन केले. तसेच संघ व्यवस्थापक म्हणून प्रज्ञा परांजपे यांनी मुलींची उत्तम व्यवस्था पाहिली.

या स्पर्धेसाठी होणारा संपूर्ण खर्च संघटनेचे अध्यक्ष प्रसाद परांजपे यांनी स्वतः केला. 'फटबॉल असोसिएशन ऑफ रत्नागिरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट' संघटनेला ऑक्टोबर २०२१ मध्ये राज्य संघटनेची मान्यता प्राप्त झाली. त्यानंतर झालेल्या पहिल्याच आंतर जिल्हा स्पर्धेतील पहिल्याच सामन्यात घवघवीत यश मिळाल्याने रत्नागिरी जिल्ह्यातील फुटबॉल आनंदाचे वातावरण पसरले आहे. भविष्यात विविध वयोगटात होणाऱ्या आंतरजिल्हा स्पर्धांसाठी रत्नागिरी संघाची संघ बांधणी लवकरच करण्यात येणार आहे. अधिक माहितीसाठी संघटनेचे अध्यक्ष प्रसाद परांजपे यांना ९९२०६७४३०६, ८८५०२७७१४६ वर संपर्क साधावा.

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#### Happy News!

Kushi from our Nalasopara football team got selected in the under-17 Ratna Giri football team. They participated in the Maharashtra State Federation organised tournament in Nashik, Mumbai and won the first round against a very strong team! This is not just a win for Kushi but an inspiration for all our girls to work hard and dream big.

Your support is very important!

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