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Celebrating Our Women

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Here are some great success stories of the women in our communities who are doing everything they can to build their families and themselves.



Arbiya and her mother have teamed up to become successful entrepreneurs in their community!

Not interested in studying beyond the 10th grade, Arbiya wanted to pursue learning tailoring. She joined Oasis India's six-month vocational tailoring course at Hallegudhadahalli in Bangalore. Arbiya's mother is a tailor and had her own little tailoring shop.

After joining this course at Oasis India, Arbiya aced it and even learned to stitch her own dress. She developed great confidence and sews clothes for others. Arbiya is now helping her mother in her tailoring shop, which has grown immensely! She helps her mom with cutting, stitching, and discussing with the customers new patterns and designs according to their needs. In addition to tailoring, she has also learned to make jewelry—bangles, earrings, doormats from recycled sarees, and aari work—from Oasis India's hobby

classes. Arbiya says that learning all this has helped her be creative and motivates her to be the best. She says that because of the classes at Oasis, she is now able to earn money and help her family financially.



Indhumathi, 31, is a superwoman! She takes care of her big family of three children, her husband, her in-laws, and her sister-in-law's family in Chennai!

Indhu wakes up at 5 a.m. and makes sure that everyone has their breakfast and lunch packed for the day. Although she works tirelessly for her family, her efforts are not often appreciated. Indhu wanted to work, but she was not allowed to as she had to take care of the family.

Many women in the communities, like Indhu, toil in the kitchen, not discovering and developing their skills and talents. After a lot of contemplation, she realised the importance of being financially independent. This is when she decided to join the six-

month vocational tailoring course at Oasis India.

Indhu did not stop there; she start her own venture, a small tailoring business, and looks forward to creating a mark with her own identity. Indhu wants to provide for her children and herself without being dependent on anyone. She says that she wishes to look back at her journey and see how far she has helped build her family.



In Songpi, Manipur, Lamneihoi faces similar struggles as Indhu. She takes care of her sick mother-in-law and her five little children. Lamneihoi's husband is a daily wage labourer, and they struggle to survive only on his earnings. Therefore, Lamneihoi decided to join Oasis India's trainings in our Songpi hub in Churachandpur to learn about making everyday items used at home and generating income from them. She makes detergent, dishwashing liquid, and grows mushrooms, sells them, and uses that income to help meet her family's basic needs.

Lamneihei was bound by her situation, but she found a way! Many women in our communities are struggling but they find a way for accelerating the growth of not just their families but growth of their own self.

We need your help in supporting women like Indhu, Lamneihei and Arbiya. Join our monthly-giving programme, 500 club, to create more opportunities for women in our communities.

Join Our 500 Club

The Hair Project



Thank you, Zac Fennell & Giles Robins, for visiting us! The Hair Project supports the women in Oasis India, by helping them learn the skill of hairdressing and earn a living through it. During their visit, Zac trained the students in Chennai, Mumbai, and Bangalore on hairdressing, and Giles trained them on entrepreneurship. They also honoured the graduates who completed the 6-month training programme successfully and celebrated Women's Day with the ladies.

In the past year, over 200 young women from our communities across India have graduated from the hairdressing programme at Oasis India through the help of The Hair Project.

Thank you The Hair Project for everything that you do to uplift the lives of women in our communities!

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Together, we can!



Oasis India's team for anti-human trafficking held forum meetings in Chennai, Bangalore, Miraj and Mumbai, inviting over 120 delegates from like-minded organisations and individuals, creating important conversations on human trafficking in India. Our team invited experienced speakers who spoke about the prevention of trafficking, child protection, and the importance of creating safe spaces for women and children in our communities.

Awareness and unity is what leads to action! We look forward to leading more conversations on human trafficking with our peers and supporters.

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