





We're thrilled to bring you the latest updates and achievements as we celebrate three important events this month:

- International Day of the Girl Child
- Walk for Freedom event held in Bengaluru, Nalasopara, and Kalwa
- Mukthi Bike Challenge 2023

In the spirit of the International Day of the Girl Child, our projects blossomed with creativity, inspiration, and empowerment as young girls across various initiatives took center stage to commemorate this significant day.



In Bangalore at our Halle GuddadaHalli (HGH) project, young girls immersed themselves in artistic endeavors, wielding colors and creativity as they painted and drew, each stroke an expression of their aspirations and dreams. These artworks became poignant symbols of their hopes, dreams, and calls for the upliftment of the girl child within our communities.

Moreover, a special day was dedicated to discussing and deliberating on the critical aspects of empowering girls in our society. From sharing personal experiences to envisioning a world where every girl has equal opportunities, these discussions were

a platform for these young minds to voice their thoughts, ambitions, and the changes they aspire to see.

### ***Messages of Hope and Change***

At HGH Bangalore, each girl poured her heart and thoughts onto paper, crafting messages intended for the community on the International Day of the Girl Child. These messages encapsulated their desires for a world where girls are cherished, empowered, and given the chance to flourish. Each drawing and message radiated the passion and determination of these young minds striving for a better, more inclusive world.



**International Day Of The Girl Child**

**GIFT in REAL Life**

*Unveiling an Exclusive Video in Celebration of International Day of the Girl Child: [Watch Now!](#)*

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### ***Captivating Workshop for 21 Young Girls @Bangalore***

As part of the International Day of Girl Child Initiatives, Oasis India's dedicated team in Bangalore yesterday hosted a captivating workshop for 21 young girls at Auxilium, Rayapuram.

Our empowering session focused on Goal Setting and Overcoming Challenges, igniting the flames of hope and inspiration in these young hearts, and propelling them toward a brighter and more promising future.



### *International Day of the Girl Child Celebration @ Chennai*



To mark World Girl Child Day, a thought-provoking film was screened for tailoring and Aari beneficiaries in Chennai. The movie portrays the challenges faced by a newly married woman as she navigates the complexities of traditional society. This was followed by a discussion where participants shared their own experiences, shedding light on how some still grapple with patriarchal norms.



In Chennai, Kalyanapuram's sports students also engaged in a meaningful dialogue addressing the unique challenges faced by girls. They explored strategies for overcoming these obstacles and achieving success, utilizing visual aids to enhance their understanding.

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*Together, let's stand in solidarity with these young champions and ensure that their messages and dreams become a reality, not just on this special day but every day.*





### **Walk For Freedom - Uniting Against Human Trafficking**

Over 1300 citizens from corporations, colleges, and NGOs joined hands in Bengaluru, Nalasopara, and Kalwa, for the global 'Walk for Freedom' on 14th October 2023, led by Oasis India. This remarkable event aimed to raise awareness about the grave issue of human trafficking.

The event was part of the world's largest simultaneous walk against modern-day slavery, with participation from over 100 locations in India and more than 500 locations in 50 countries worldwide.

Esteemed attendees, including police officers, members of the Child Welfare Committee, school and college principals, representatives from the Municipal Corporation, and numerous other distinguished guests, graced the event.

### ***Pledge to End Trafficking***



Before embarking on the Walk, participants in Bengaluru, Nalasopara, and Kalwa as well as participants nationwide, took a solemn pledge to do everything within their means to combat and eradicate human trafficking. This collective dedication reflects our society's determination to make a positive change.

### ***The Harsh Reality***

The Walk for Freedom resonated with the grave statistics we face. Globally, over 49.6 million people are trapped in various forms of modern-day slavery, including exploitation for sex, labor, organs, baby selling, forced marriages, and domestic servitude, as reported by the International Labor Organization in 2022. Shockingly, this means that 1 in every 150 people globally is enslaved.

In India, the situation is equally alarming. The Crime in India Report by the National Crime Records Bureau in 2021 revealed that eight children were trafficked every day. These figures underscore the urgency of our mission.

### ***About Walk for Freedom***

The Walk for Freedom is a global event organized by A21, an international NGO dedicated to combating modern-day slavery. The event is nationally organized in India by The Movement India, a social-impact team based in Mumbai, with a focus on large-scale public advocacy to prevent human trafficking.



# **MUKTHI BIKE CHALLENGE 2023 LAUNCH:**

## **RIDING AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING!**



We're thrilled to announce the successful launch of The Mukthi Bike Challenge 2023 on October 28th. This year's journey spans over 1600+ kilometers, aiming to combat the grave issue of human trafficking.

From October 28th to November 4th, our riders will ride from Bangalore, Mysuru, Mangalore, Pune, and more, illuminating the urgency of this cause. Over the last six years, MBC has left an indelible mark, reaching countless cities, touching the lives of over 100 villages, and hosting several impactful events. Now, in our 7th year, our mission is to magnify this impact and raise awareness on an even larger scale. Stay tuned as we pedal towards a brighter, traffick-free future! Check out our social media platforms for latest updates.

# **Football For Life (FFL)**





At Teiseng village in Manipur, football was more than just a sport; it was a way of life. Every morning, before the sun even dared to peek over the horizon, young girls and boys filled the dusty field with their dreams laced with determination. They were part of the Football For Life (FFL) initiative, a program that aimed to nurture talent and ambition in the world of football.

Under the gentle morning sky, amidst the chirping of birds and the rustling of leaves, the children honed their skills. With the guidance of experienced coaches who had once dreamt similar dreams, they dribbled, passed, and scored goals, each touch of the ball echoing their passion.

The young footballers also enjoyed a fantastic friendly match at Songpi village on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

These young village girls' dreams are not just to become professional football players but to inspire other girls in their village to follow their passion for the sport.

In Chennai, a city bustling with life, a similar tale unfolded. Like in Teiseng and Chennai, FFL has become a platform where dreams take flight for many young girls and boys.

The story of Football For Life in Teiseng and Chennai had just begun—a tale of passion, unity, and the undying spirit of many young girls and boys.



*Some more glimpses of our activities and achievements this month*

### ***1. Medical Camp Success at Aruna Project***

Our recent medical camp, organized in collaboration with Larsen and Toubro, brought much-needed relief to our community. A total of 121 community members received vital tonics and medicines, improving their health and well-being.

### ***2. Green Initiatives***

We believe in fostering a greener, more sustainable community. To this end, we distributed Tulsi plants to 100 community members, who placed them outside their homes. This initiative, made possible with the support of two Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), not only contributes to a healthier environment but also fosters unity among community members.

### ***3. Strengthening Community Ties***

New connections are forming among the youth and women of our community. Recently, women working as Commercial Sex Workers (CSW) visited our project,



where we provided essential ration packets to support their well-being.

#### **4. Skill Development**

We're proud to announce that four students successfully completed our computer training program, earning well-deserved certificates. Additionally, 12 children have enrolled in our informal education programs, while 10 are participating in our after-school programs, further enhancing their educational opportunities.

***More Good news is coming from our vocational training centers***



#### ***Empowering Vulnerable Communities Through Skills Training***

##### ***Baking Training***

Our baking class welcomed a new student, and now we have two eager learners exploring the art of creating cakes, cookies, and sweets. Through life skills training, these students have not only honed their baking skills but have also embraced the values of cleanliness and tidiness.

We are thrilled to announce that one of our students has successfully completed the baking training, marking yet another significant achievement.

### ***Tailoring Training - Mira Road***

In Mira Road, we have a group of nine enthusiastic students who are mastering the art of tailoring. They are diving into different neck patterns, pant cutting, and various stitching techniques.

### ***Nallasopara - Pragati Nagar: Tailoring Unit:***

In Pragati Nagar, our tailoring unit is thriving with five dedicated students. They have been diligently attending classes and have learned essential skills such as stitching sleeves, kurtas, and necklines.

### ***Nallasopara - Dhaniv Bhag: Tailoring Unit:***

In Dhaniv Bhag, we continue to support the aspirations of nine students, with one recent addition to our tailoring program. The new student has already mastered hand stitching, and many others have learned how to take measurements, cut salwar, and create stylish pattyala dresses.

## ***Hairdressing and Beauty Care Training***





In our hairdressing and Beauty Care Training program, we currently have a total of 19 students, including two new additions. The newcomers have been eagerly learning various types of braids, while our seasoned students have been mastering techniques like blow-drying, layer cuts, and hair straightening.

Moreover, our students have not only gained expertise in hairdressing but have also imbibed essential life skills. Time management and hygiene practices have become second nature to them, thanks to dedicated training. Additionally, group counseling sessions have empowered our students, boosting their confidence and steering them toward a path of success.

### ***Rehabilitation***

Nirmal Bhavan, (Home for victims of trafficking, abuse, and those at risk of trafficking) is a place of healing and transformation for women in need. This month, we welcomed a new referral into Nirmal Bhavan, bringing the total number of

residents benefiting from our programs to five.

The impact of our work shines through the achievements of these remarkable women. Two residents have shown remarkable improvement in their math skills. Another two brave souls successfully appeared for their 10th-grade practical exams, demonstrating their determination and commitment to education.

Two women have completed our baking program with flying colors. Additionally, another girl has mastered the basic chords of a guitar and can now play a song, while another has learned the fundamentals of piano.



Through our counseling sessions, women have learned the value of gratitude and mutual support. They have developed healthy relationships, aiding one another during times of need and illness.

We were also visited by the Smile Foundation, expressing their intention to refer women to our shelter in the future. One of our residents has transitioned to a group home, where she is managing her life independently—a significant milestone on her journey to self-sufficiency.

### ***Group Counseling and Life Skills***

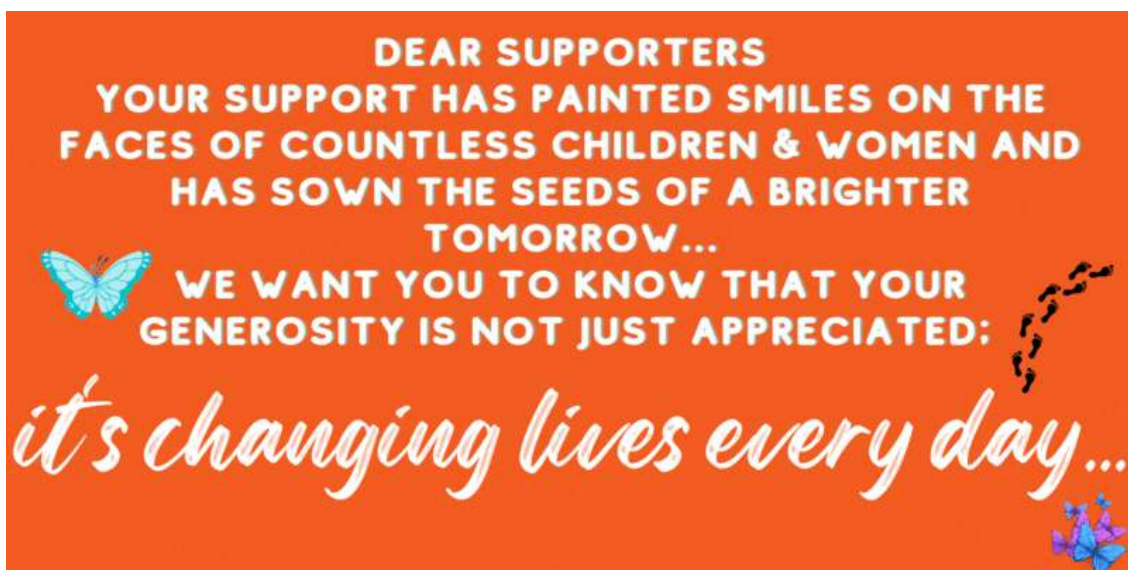
Our group counseling sessions have focused on building positive identities and self-



confidence among our students. They have learned to thrive and overcome peer pressure while shedding unwanted habits and behaviors.

***Exposure Visit – The first journey beyond their local communities for many***

Students from our Mira Road unit and Dhaniv Bhaag tailoring unit had the opportunity to embark on an eye-opening exposure visit. Thirteen students had an unforgettable experience as they explored a social enterprise in the garment industry. For many, this was their first journey beyond their local communities, and they gained invaluable insights into working in the world of garment manufacturing.



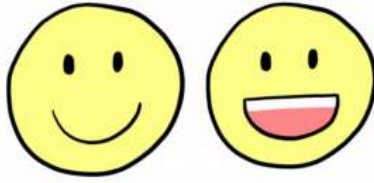
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Thank you for being a part of the Oasis India family.

Stay tuned for more updates, and feel free to visit our website and social media channels if you'd like to see more updates.

Once again THANK YOU for joining us in making a profound difference in the lives of

many individuals and communities across India as we collectively strive to make India a better place for women and children.



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