



NITYA SEVA NEWSLETTER

News & Activities from the children`s homes in Bhopal



Children Home Pipalner

Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh graces Pipalner with his presence.



On 17th November 2021 Pipalner Children's home hosted a very distinguished guest, Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. The children welcomed him with pomp and pageantry. A salute on arrival by our National Cadet Core team was followed by a tour of the premises. The Children then presented a very well-orchestrated cultural program that they had been practicing for at least a couple of weeks. The program consisted of group dance performances in classical Indian styles and group songs. The program was very well enjoyed by the chief minister, the other dignitaries present, and the Nitya Seva staff and children. In between we also heard the very touching story of Radha Dangi from her mouth in her own words, story of how a young girl escaped being a child bride. Radha currently nineteen, a second-year college student, came to Nitya Seva at age fourteen. Finally, the distinguished guest was invited to the dais. He was presented with bouquets by some children while others tied suraksha-bandhans on his wrist.

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Thereafter, the Chief Minister addressed the children and the guests. He congratulated Nitya Seva's founders Ms. Asha Gopal von der Fink and Claus von der Fink for their effort. He said that this achievement would stand out from amongst the list of their many accomplishments. He expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation for the work done, noting the emphasis on education and the opportunities that it opens for the children. He congratulated the children on the cultural program presented, noting that the quality of the program would match any of the finest institutions in the country. He encouraged the children to dream big and expressed his confidence that with an Institution like Nitya Seva behind them, they can achieve anything they want in life.

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In return, THE CHIEF MINISTER AND HIS WIFE MRS. SADHNA SINGH TREATED THE CHILDREN TO A DINNER AT THE CHIEF MINISTER'S RESIDENCE ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2021. The children had a great time. Mrs. Singh presented each child a sweater of their exact size, courtesy of Nitya Seva staff who provided the size information to Mrs. Singh's staff.



Watch the video of a dance performance by our girls at www.nityaseva.org



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Nitya Seva USA mourns the loss of two of our longtime supporters.

With a heavy heart we inform that this past January Nitya Seva USA lost two of its avid and longtime supporters.

Raj (Avdhesh Kumar) Nigam had been an ardent supporter since the inception of Nitya Seva USA in 2010. Raj personified all that makes a human being great. He had unsurpassed empathy and compassion which extended to the Nitya Seva Children. His generosity went beyond donations to active participation. During the covid pandemic, he provided one-to-one instructions to three Nitya Seva children by zoom for nearly two years. These children, a twelfth grader and two eleventh graders had unique needs requiring different skills in instruction. All three began to love and admire Raj for his pedagogical skills and caring, and the life lessons and values he instilled in them.

Dr. Ram Prasad Srivastav was associated with Nitya Seva USA since its very inception. A teacher par excellence, he saw many generations of students cross the threshold of SUNY at Stony Brook in Long Island where he was a professor. Before coming to USA, he taught Mathematics at Indian Institute of technology (IIT) Kanpur in India. Three of our board members were amongst his students, the relationships that turned into deep friendships over time. His checks arrived regularly, without fail during our winter fund drive and in between as well. "Just a little extra for the children" he would say.

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State Bank of India gifts to Nitya Seva



The State Bank of India (SBI) presented Nitya Seva Society Bhopal with a 41-seater Tata CityRide Skool bus under their Corporate Social Responsibility Program. Mr. C S Setty, Managing Director from SBI Corporate Center in Mumbai cut the ribbon at a formal function held at Pipalner on 19th March 2022. Also present were Mr. Binod Kumar Mishra SBI Chief General Manager for Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh States and General Managers Gita Tripathi, and Sundip Kumar Dutta and S. Giridhar from SBI Bhopal Zone. Our old 24-seater bus, a gift from a Swiss organization, was getting too small for our needs. It was mor15 years old, and its maintenance was getting challenging. A new bigger bus was surely needed.

Our sincere thanks to State Bank of India!



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This recently launched MP government program seeks partnership from private parties (individuals, organizations, industries, and corporations) to provide financial aid to children from economically distressed families, typically families who have lost the earning parent to covid. With this novel approach, the program addresses the gap left by earlier government schemes aiding children orphaned by covid. Under the Private Sponsorship Program, private parties who agree to participate deposit two thousand rupees per month in the child's bank account for at least one year.

Nitya Seva has joined the program and will help twenty such children in Bhopal. Thirteen of these children have been identified and aid has already commenced while the process for seven more is under way. **Nitya seva will not be limiting the aid to the one-year period, it will continue till the child turns eighteen.** In fact, Nitya Seva has already gone beyond the requirements of the program. **We have done our own Needs Assessment for every child. Based on this assessment, we are providing more help in cash and kind for those children/families where the two thousand rupees per month is found to be insufficient to meet their needs. Nitya seva will also maintain contact and continuity with the children's families to provide the much-needed family support and love to ensure program's success.**

Festivities at the Homes



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