



NITYA SEVA NEWSLETTER

News & Activities from the children`s homes in Bhopal



Welcome to the first edition of this newsletter. Long in making, the newsletter has finally taken shape. We hope to keep our friends and supporters updated about the activities at the three

Nitya Seva Children`s homes in Bhopal, India. The newsletter is intended as a periodic publication.

It is hard to ignore the fact that this first publication is coming out during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our world has changed in the blink of an eye. Covid-19 has spared none from its impact including the children`s homes and the city of Bhopal. This edition is dedicated to the Covid-19.

All precautions are under way to keep the children safe from Corona virus

To Nitya Seva, first and foremost is the safety of our children in these times. The children`s homes are complying with the lockdown. The children strictly remain inside the campus. The government has declared the children`s home services as essential services and all staff members including the milk and vegetable vendors have been given curfew passes. Cooking and cleaning staff who come daily must sanitize their hands and wear a face mask.

The bigger challenge is to keep the children occupied all the time. Yes, you guessed it, there is no school.

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Nitya Seva pitching in with relief efforts for poor communities hit hard by the Covid lockdown in Bhopal.

Working in concert with the Commissioner Bhopal Division`s office, Nitya Seva has joined in the relief effort being carried out in communities financially impacted by the Covid-19 lockdown.

The lockdown in India started on 3/25/2020 and as expected it meant the loss of daily wages for many that would literally translate into starvation.

The Government of India, State governments, NGO`s, Corporations and private individuals are all

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The staff has stepped up and several activities have been arranged. These include team sports, painting, dance, videos, films, cartoons and yes LESSONS. The gravity of covid-19 has



been explained to the children. At least the older kids seem to understand this as well as the spirit of helping others who are in need. Despite everything, they seem to be having a good time.



The older children are enthusiastically volunteering in the relief effort. From chopping veggies to kneading the dough for puris in the kitchen to packaging the food and more. They are also helping load the trucks.





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Relief Effort

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contributing to provide relief to the people. Nitya Seva joined in by providing prepared meals as well as hard grocery items; flour, rice, dal, oil and potatoes for a family of 4 to last 5 days. Nitya Seva will deliver 1000 such packages. Such a delivery to a single-family weighs 20 Kilos!

The kitchen staff stepped up to prepare the food. The older kids helped the kitchen staff in a very big way and packaged the food for distribution. 200 meals have been committed every single day from 4/3 to 4/15.



Major General (Retd.) Shyam Srivastav led the delivery team which included our project director and staff members. The older children were a big help in loading the trucks. A first long, hard delivery day started at 9:00AM and last delivery finished at



6:00 PM. Asha and Claus are managing all the logistics of purchase, packaging, and delivery long distance from Germany. It has been hectic! Nitya Seva's regular grocery store "Best Price" made the first order of groceries available overnight!



For the pictures of the relief effort, please go to the next page.

A sincere vote of thanks to our donors, well-wishers and friends of Nitya Seva



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