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The Kalji Trust - supporting
the work of Care &
Compassion Home, Goa, India

Christmas Newsletter 2018



Christmas Greetings from the Kalji Trust to all at Care & Compassion Home. And thanks and best wishes this Christmas to all our friends and supporters here in the UK and overseas.

There are currently 9 girls and 9 boys in the Home (in separate accommodation).

Sushant, Sonu and Riya are in the 10th grade - that is the final year of School. They will be taking their Board examinations which prepares them to go to the higher secondary studies for two years.

Diwali (The Festival of Light) is celebrated throughout Goa.



During the Diwali break from school the children attended a Vacation Bible School for five days. The new term has since begun.

Alongside all the study that is expected of the children... *you might remember we have previously commented on the importance of education...*through the generosity of local hotels, volunteer groups and from abroad, the children have great experiences, fun and games too.

Here are some of the events they were invited to:

The Grand Hyatt Hotel hosted a day of fun and games for the children to celebrate Holi Festival (Festival of Colours)



The children were invited to share in birthday celebrations for another child at the Marriott Hotel. A day of food, a magic show, a talent show and prizes!



A volunteer came in to share Yoga day with the children earlier in the summer

Four bicycles were donated to the Homes (2 for the girls, 2 for

the boys) at the Taj Hotel – sponsored by a local group.



The Kenis Hotel hosted The Penguin Theatre Company from the UK who entertained the children.

It also introduced the youngsters to performing arts and they were able to take part in some drama.





Indian Government rules are being tightened up and requirements for redecoration and CCTV in both Homes have led to additional costs.

It has come as somewhat of a shock that the Government has now insisted the Boys' Home is not suitable and Prince must look for new accommodation within 30 days.

This is a challenging time for Prince and Sujatha as they seek to do the best for the children in the Homes.

Consequently, also to fulfil Government stipulation, there are now bunk beds for all the children (previously they slept simply on bed rolls).

Desks and chairs suitable for study have now been provided.

Alongside internal painting of the Homes, cushions and chair covers have been renewed.



As well as inspecting the fabric of the Homes, the Government has also issued restrictions on taking children from out of Goa state and especially if their Guardians are out of state too.

This has meant that Shilpa and Priyanka have returned home to their family. After several years with Care & Compassion it will be a big change for them. We pray for their safety and wellbeing.

Do remember all the changes and challenges which face Care & Compassion.

Prince and Sujatha have recently moved into their own home, which is much nearer the Girls' and Boys' Homes.

Here in the UK we are thankful for those of you who take an ongoing interest in the work and who give.

As a small charity with limited funds we are not in a position to have high profile advertising, and fundraising tends to be with relatively small groups of interested groups.

If you are not already planning to give to Kalji this Christmas, would you be able to donate money, or indeed give a Christmas gift to your friends and family to provide:



A desk (£45)



A cushion (£15)



A cushion cover (£10)



A chair (£15)

Please speak to Kevin (in Bicester) or Rowena (in Worcester Park) – via the

kaljitrust@talktalk.net email if you would like to give a gift to others in this way.



<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/kaljitrust>

There are no fundraising activities planned before Christmas. If you have ideas for future events do let us know.

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