



Shishur Sebay  
To Not Feel Alone in the Universe

# LIFE AT SHISHUR SEVAY

Quarterly Activity Report October – December 2022

## OCTOBER

- Our quest for being inclusive continues. We have been trying more ways for Ganga and Bornali, two of our girls with cerebral palsy, to participate in teaching at the Children's Smart Centre.

On tobii, Ganga had expressed interest in reading stories to the children. She wanted to do it in her tobii voice and not that of one of the teachers' or her sisters' recorded voice. We were worried that the children might not find the mechanical sounding voice, without much intonation, as exciting for storytelling, but Ganga was clear that the computer voice IS her voice, when we had forgotten that. We are learning every day.



In the background, Ganga reading on tobii. In front our teacher is enacting the story while translating into Bengali.

We have continued these story-reading sessions.

The children are receiving a valuable lesson on inclusion namely that disability is a natural part of life. We are learning how to create opportunities and make these small adjustments to widen the participation.

- Celebrating Lakshmi Puja and Kali Puja/Diwali.



Arranging the diyas (L). Being carried out to watch the firecrackers (R).



Dr. Harrison performs some of the rituals for Lakshmi puja



# NOVEMBER

- Children's Day was celebrated at CSC and also at Shishur Sevay a few days later. Following our emerging tradition for children's day, the staff sponsored and cooked a meal for the children and staff at Shishur Sevay.
- Shishur Sevay received a Gold Seal from GuideStar India for our transparency and upkeep of our legal and financial compliances as an NGO.

The seal is valid till December 2023. We have been receiving the gold seal since 2017.



- Khusbu participated in the Uday Shankar Nrityotsav (dance festival), with her group mates from her dance school, Udayan Kala Kendra, run by famous dancer and Uday Shankar's daughter, Mamata Shankar. The dance festival was organized by the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal.



*Khusbu being felicitated after the program*

- Khusbu appeared for her three remaining exams for class twelve, through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). We are awaiting results. In the meantime she is studying to appear in Common University Entrance Test Admissions test (CUET), a national-level entrance exam for admission to undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs courses. She wants to continue her advanced dance training in college.
- For her 80th birthday Dr. Harrison chose to celebrate with her children and staff.



*Dr. Harrison with the girls and staff*



# DECEMBER

- Dr. Harrison was interviewed by Sheri Oz for Israel National News, on her life and journey, focusing on Shishur Sevay. Here is a link to the article: [https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/364291/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_content=1670851198555christmas](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/364291/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=share&utm_content=1670851198555christmas)



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## Jewish doctor rescues abandoned girls in India

She is second mother to 14 Indian girls nobody else wanted and she sold her house in the USA to be able to raise them to adulthood. "My girls are doing so well," she says. She wears a sari but her Jewish identity grew stronger in the Hindu country.

Sheri Oz / Dec 12, 2022, 2:17 PM (GMT+2) 7INN  
India Orphans Interview Sheri Oz



- Since 2019 we couldn't organize our annual picnic because of Covid. This year we went to Neeldeep Garden again. A big open grassy field was perfect for the girls to run around and play. The food was perfectly made as was instructed by us. They enjoyed to their heart's content and came back tired but content and happy. We had been waiting to break out of the routine to do something that was exciting and this was just that.



- Puja bagged a bronze medal at the 1st Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) National Karate Championship 2022-23 in Karate in her division from West Bengal held in Noida, in the National Capital Region of Delhi. More than 15 states all over India had participated. She had received her black belt last year and started working as a karate instructor at a private school in Kolkata. With this she adds another feather to her cap.



Puja, circle in red, with her bronze medal and other winners at the competition.





## THE IMPACT

- Shishur Sevay has promoted individualized education.
- Individualized Education has helped the children to identify their skills and set priority towards their future.
- Individualizing their upbringing has encouraged different interests. Diverse opportunities have enabled them to pursue meaningful careers.
- Today the girls are serving the underprivileged children in the community; a way of giving back to the community. The community had hoped for this and they appreciate the work of our girls.

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