



Love All - Serve All with Love & Kindness

DEAR JJA FAMILY

The ashram continues to observe the recommended controls for Covid-19, as per the guidelines of the government. Life has returned to normal. The premises are thoroughly sanitized weekly. Our facility currently houses over seventy children, five senior citizens and twenty staff members. Construction of the new facility has started. However, we are well behind our goals for raising funds for the construction. **We urge members of our community to please step up to help us meet our goals. Please email us at jjashram20@gmail.com if you want to help.**

"Happy Birthday to Rani, Chinmayee, Payal, Pinaki, Sridevi, Swati, Rakhi, Liza, Puja and Priyanka. We wish everyone lot of happiness."

"The Most Important Lesson that man can learn from life, is not that there is pain in this world, but that it is possible for him to transmute it into joy."

- Rabindranath Tagore

We are proud to announce that two of our residents have entered college programs. Payal Priyadarshini has enrolled in the Bakery and Food Processing program at the **Government ITI**. Chumuni has joined the two-year Arts program at **Satya Sai Womens' College**. Janaki and Smruti have successfully completed their first year at **KIIT** and have started on the second year in their respective programs. We thank their sponsors from the **USA** for making it possible for them to continue their education.

Two of our residents, Roma and Dipti, who are enrolled in the nursing assistant's training program at **Hi-Tech Hospital** in Bhubaneswar, have been offered placement upon completion of their program in February 2023.

Girls aged twelve and older attended a training program on Self Defense at the Government Police Academy.

A new academic teacher, Miss Priyanka, has joined the Ashram. She will teach the tiny-tots and primary class students. We are still searching for teachers for sewing and modern dance classes. At present the children are practicing the sewing skills they learned in spring from their prior instructor. The students enrolled in computer classes took their certification examination in this quarter. The certificates will be awarded at a small ceremony on November 14, 2022.

The following construction projects are planned this year:

- Repair to the main hall, which was badly damaged by Cyclone Fani and not usable, is progressing; the construction of the exterior walls has been completed and the roof will be poured soon.
- Progress on the construction of the boundary wall for the ashram's permanent facility had to stop in June due to the arrival of the monsoon. Construction is expected to resume in November.

We would like to express our gratitude to our monthly online donors as well as several one-time contributors, from Odisha and the USA, in this quarter. In addition fifty nine families stepped up this quarter to sponsor events at the ashram to recognize birth, marriage or death anniversaries of their family members. Food was served after a short prayer on each occasion.

The following festivals were celebrated at the ashram this quarter following which lunch was served to all the attendees:

- Snahan Purnima of Lord Jagannath was celebrated in July.
- Rakshya Bandhan was also celebrated on our campus in August; the children made beautiful rakhies for the visitors.
- Independence Day was celebrated on August 15th with a flag hoisting performed by our Special Guest; the kids participated in several competitive events in music, art and dance.
- **Ganesh Pooja was celebrated on our campus on August 31st. All our children received new clothes to wear for the occasion. They enjoyed the day by offering puja to Lord Ganesh. This was followed by lunch for all the children and guests.**
- Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 5th. The children presented a cultural program during the event.



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