



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

39 Valley Way, Exmouth EX8 4PD

Tel: 01395 276148. Email: admin@novisurvrat.org

Web-site www.novisurvrat.org

Newsletter 083 June 2024

Summer is upon us, so they say, but here in my part of Devon we have had mixed weather conditions with cooler than normal temperatures especially at night but less rainfall than most. This is to be expected now the cricket season has commenced!

Those in Goa are enjoying the pre-monsoon rains that will bring the temperature and humidity down.

Day Care Centre.

The centre continues to flourish despite the extreme temperatures that precede the monsoons making the work of the physiotherapists very difficult.

At present we have thirty-six children attending for Physiotherapy, thirty-one for Recreational therapy and thirty for Occupational therapy.

On 21st March 2024 the centre hosted an event to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day when Ms. Avila Kane, a trained and licensed Zumba instructor, held a one-hour session with the staff and patients.

I am often asked what ailments befall our patients – two new patients, a 5-year-old boy patient, named Kiyansh, is suffering from Nemaline Rod Myopathy, Schaff Yang Syndrome together with Bronchopneumonia. (I had to ‘Google’ these to find out what they were!), and a 4-year-old boy, Ojas, who is recovering from a recent operation for a cleft lip and palate, has development delays.

Those of you who know Sonali, who is a member of our staff, will know Durgesh her son, who is also a patient at the Centre. Durgesh had a seizure and was admitted to the GMC hospital on 1st April where he remains supported by a ventilator. We all wish him well.

Starting Point School.

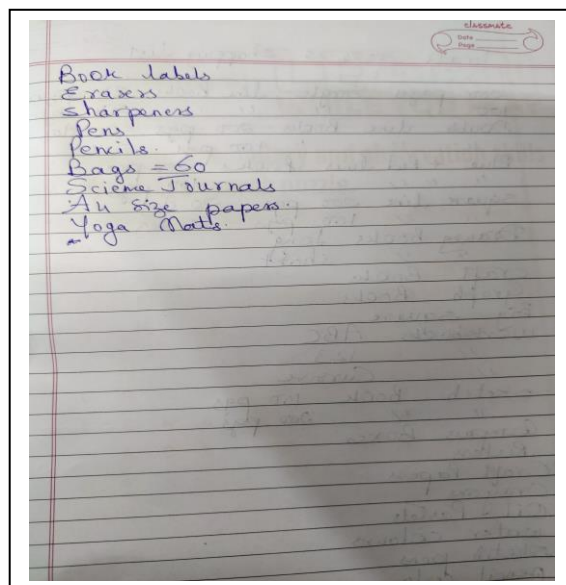
Like all schools in Goa, Starting Point has been closed for the summer holidays and has been preparing to welcome some new children as well as those who have been in attendance in previous years totalling 38 children.



Some of the new starters. This photo was taken today Monday 10th June first day at school!

The students have been on their summer break since mid-April and will all be preparing to resume their studies at the various universities, colleges and schools.

To give you an idea of what is involved these photos show Jane's shopping list of items she has to purchase to distribute to the students. In addition to the 168 dozen (yes 168 dozen!) exercise books, Jane must buy 60 pieces of all the other items listed – one big shopping spree!



Outreach Work.

Sponsors and supporters.

Best wishes to you all.