



# *Novi Survat Charitable Organisation*

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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## **Newsletter 084 September 2024.**

Here in Devon summer is on its way out and Autumn is approaching.

Many parents are rejoicing that their children are returning to school.

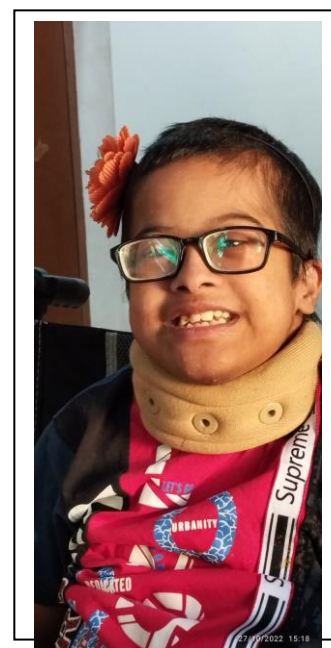
For sports fans it has been very good with the Olympics completed, the para Olympics in progress, Wimbledon, a good summer for English cricket and the start of the football leagues.

We complain about the amount of rain we get but this is nothing to the amount that has fallen in Goa during the ongoing monsoons which to date has reached 150 inches with another month of monsoon rains still expected! The rain gauge at Valpoi recorded the highest amount of 189 inches up to August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Day Care Centre.**

There are 34 patients attending for Physiotherapy, 28 for Recreational Therapy, and 33 for Occupational therapy. Progress with these patients takes a lot of time and patience but I am pleased to receive reports from the staff of the small milestones that are achieved.

I am very sad to report that Durgesh, who has been on life support since April, lost his fight for life at the end of July. Many of us have very fond memories of Durgesh who would have been 15 years old in October and express our condolences to Sonali and her family.



### Educational Sponsorship Scheme.

Those students who attend formal schools returned to their respective schools in June after the summer break and those in further education are mostly awaiting their exam results to know what their next move will be.

I am delighted to tell you that Apika, the student that qualified as a doctor and married Dhanesh in March 2019, gave birth to a little boy on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Apika and baby are both doing well. His name has not been disclosed until the Naming Ceremony has taken place. I look forward to seeing them both in October.



### Starting Point.

There are still 40 children in regular attendance although some are finding it difficult to get used to sitting still and being in a school environment. This is always a problem with new attendees as they are only used to being outdoors with no routines.

In the very heavy monsoons, the school was struck by lightening and most of the appliances (fridge/freezer, Water purifier, CCTV etc were damaged) when the main power cable was burnt out.

The repairs have now been carried out so life can continue as normal.

In addition, due to the very heavy rainstorms causing flooding, many of the children could not get to school and on one day only 6 students were in attendance.

### Outreach Work.

We continue to supply basic food requirements to 30 families who, because of medical or physical problems, are unable to work and provide for themselves.

### Sponsors & Supporters.

My thanks to all of you who continue to support our work in Goa. The projects are slowly but surely becoming self-funding which bodes well for the future as they will become less reliant on our U.K involvement.