

# Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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#### Newsletter 087 September 2025.

Welcome to our September 2025 Newsletter. After a very hot dry summer here in Devon we are now getting some very much needed rain transforming the brown grass back to lush green.

Goa has been experiencing very heavy monsoon rains which by now should be easing.

Schools are now back, and the holiday resorts of Devon are now much quieter now the majority of holiday makers have returned home.

### **Day Care Centre.**

The Physiotherapy unit continues with 33 patients whilst the Recreational Therapy unit has 34 patients. However, this does fluctuate during the monsoons as children are often sick, or travel is disrupted due to the rains. Improvement in the children's progress takes a lot of time and patience but one small boy Gyaneshwar has improved sufficiently for him to be able to go to school independently. He can sit and walk with minimal support and to ask for assistance to go to the washroom when needed.

# **Educational Sponsorship Scheme.**

Although we are no longer taking new children into this scheme, we still have 37 students who are attending various schools, colleges and universities.

Four of the students who have completed their studies have obtained internships with holiday resorts, another is working in a pharmacy and one young lady in a designer boutique.

# **Starting Point.**

We continue to sponsor Starting Point, that is a school to 40 young children. One of the new girls Jhanvi likes school so much she doesn't want to go home, cries and has to be dragged out! Normal schooling is from 9.00am until 1.00pm for academic subjects but in addition to this they now open from 2.00pm until 5.30pm where they hold activities such as painting, singing, dancing, music, art & crafts, cooking and yoga. At present they have 18 children under the age of 10 attending.

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#### Outreach.

We continue to support 30+ families who, due to health or economic problems, are unable to fully fend for themselves. This takes the form of rations to sustain them for 50% of the month; the rest they have to supply. This means they do not become totally reliant on us.

In addition, the slum families continue to receive fruit each month. During the monsoons there is reduced availability so this month we were only able to give papayas, pomegranates & apples.



This photo shows how lush and green the slums become at this time of the year, the downside being the flooding and increased mosquito population but thankfully Goa has been Malaria free for a number of years.

## **Sponsors & Supporters**

Thank you all for your continued support which will ensure that the children receiving financial aid for their education, and can do so up to obtaining their school leaving certificate and possibly some further education.

I see the shops are gearing up for Christmas despite it only being September and Halloween & November 5<sup>th</sup> has yet to be faced!

Best wishes to you all.

Clive.