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## NEWS FROM INDIA AND FRANCE

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### HAPPINESS

TV program, books in libraries and book-shops psychologists, lectures tell us how to be happy. It could be the famous Socrate's quotation "get to know yourself" (but it is often misunderstood). What you should do is forget about yourself and go towards others.

Why this philosophical introduction ? because those in charge of homes in India tell us how important it is for the children to become self-confident since these girls and boys have been through tough years where everything ends in failure and despair. They are eager to create something but all he learnt is to beg, use drugs and become delinquents ! Fortunately in these homes they are no longer victims of such behaviors.

The children are looking for happiness and "if the house of happiness was built the largest room would be the waiting room". Well this house is made of the homes we support. Respecting their origins, their religious and their sensibility we teach them how to discover self-confidence and cheerfulness and what's good deep inside themselves, so they can go higher.

Dear friends thank you for your help to pursue our ideal

Jean-Michel Couteau - Président

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## House of Knowledge

C'est un magnifique projet monté par deux jeunes étudiants auxquels nous laissons le soin de raconter leur histoire et leur rencontre avec SNEHASADAN.

"When we came back from India after spending one year in Mumbai, we decided to commit ourselves.

During 6 months, we participated to a NGO which is helping children and teenagers coming from the streets of Mumbai. The organization (Snehasadan) provides them a home and a stable family environment so that they can continue to study under the care of a husband (Uncle ) and wife (Auntie ) pair. Children attend public and private schools. They have spaces to play cricket or football and learn English. The aim of the Association is to promote their integration and social inclusion. At around 20 years old, diploma in pocket or first job landed they usually leave the home.

We have been so lucky to meet and befriend boys from all over India with incredible stories and eventually tough personal experiences. Snehasadan is a true place of care and love and as a family would do they are celebrating all types of festivals. Indeed, we have been invited to celebrate Holi together and had a blast!

We worked with them on their english communication skills.



**Merci Ankush, Ashish, Sachin, Mangal**



However, when we came back to France, we wanted to continue what we started in India. That's why we have created our own NGO **Gyaan Ka Char (House of Knowledge)**.

The goal of this organization is to create a Library at one of the home of Snehasadan in Mumbai. We think that education is the best way to grow up. Access to culture is a real chance.

Regarding their background (that can be tough) and our personal experience with them, we wanted to support their future projects. We want to be sure that they have the same chances to

achieve their projects. A crowdfunding campaign was set up and we were able to raise enough funds to build this library. It includes more than 600 books in Hindi and Marathi that come from donations and different bookstores in Mumbai. 100 other books must come from a Publisher in Delhi. All books are divided into 9 categories.





Inauguration of the library and snack with children

A snack was offered to nearly 100 children who shared their enthusiasm. We spent an exceptional time together.

Time to leave Mumbai which brings along a lot of emotion and joy looking at what we've already achieved together. We have no word except thanking you for having believed in us, for having guided us

*Simon and Baptiste*

## Ankush Prasad

"I'm Ankush Prasad, working as a developer. I have completed a degree in engineering in June 2018. All has happened because of Snehasadan.

From my experience, Snehasadan is the home of love, care and education. They are providing everything you need.

I came to Snehasadan in 2006 and live in house number 5. As I've started to work and my graduation is also completed I will move out by the end of 2019.



I met Simon and Baptiste at Snehasadan as they were coming twice a week to help us to improve our English and communication skills. We are planning to launch a library in Snehasadan (Gyaan Ka Ghar) because some of the children like to study, they have such incredible ideas, are looking to train for interviews or eventually planning entrance exams.

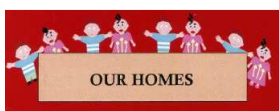
According to me Gyaan Ka Ghar is an opportunity for them to gain lots of knowledge which are not in the school or college syllabus. As we now so far, Snehasadan is dependent on donation and since Mumbai is such an expensive city, it proves how helpful donors are.

In Snehasadan, children are mostly coming from the streets, railway stations or poor families living in slums such as Dongri. So do I. I came from a railway station and started studying. Here I am ! I've completed a degree in engineering. It is like a life line for my future career.

**A big big thanks to Snehasadan and all its members".**







## OTHER NEWS FROM SNEHASADAN

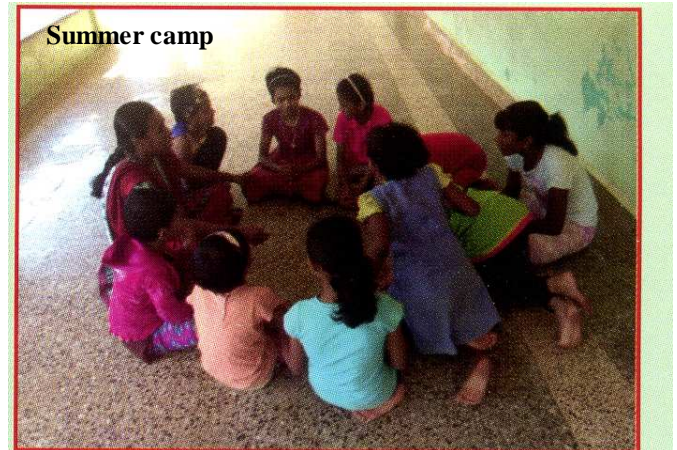
**Homecoming day :** like every year in the month of January, at Snehasadan they had their «homecoming day» for ex boys and girls now settled in society with their families. Around 150 of former boys and girls took part, together with their spouses and children. The seniors of the family mingle well with the juniors giving them tips to face the world. It is a one big family affair celebrating oneness with fun fare and concern for each other.



Photo of Isabelle Lecoq ,

### Summer camp :

On 15th April early morning 2 buses with 100 boys and volunteers left for Lonavala for 2 weeks, 80kms from Mumbai. Once the boys were back, the girls went for another 2 weeks. The camps were packed with activities such as trekking, indoor and outdoor games, talent exposure, self building sessions and arts and crafts sessions.



Summer camp

**House 7 and its creative look :** A group of young people called « Think Tank » have taken the initiative to repaint house N° 7. The creative look of the house makes the children and visitors feel welcome. Thanks a lot.

GIRLS				
S. N.	H. N.	NAME OF THE CHILD	COURSE / DESIGNATION	PLACE OF WORK
1.	8	Jyoti Yadav	Completed Bakery & Confectionary	YWCA (Bombay Central)
2.	8	Poonam Gupta	XI (MCVC) Commerce	SNDT (Malad)
3.	8	Laxmi Aade	XII (NIOS) + Bakery & Confectionary	YWCA (Bombay Central)
4.	8	Laxmi Mahanand	XI Arts	SNDT (Malad)
5.	9	Nirmala Ghor	XII (NIOS) + Training in Special School	Kruti Foundation
6.	9	Poonam Kamble	BAF. F.Y.	Valia College
7.	9	Sarita Pawar	XI Science	Divine Child College
8.	9	Yashoda Nair	GNM F.Y.	Holy Spirit Hospital
9.	9	Kiran Naidu	FYBA + Working	Queen Beauty Care
10.	9	Kajal Naidu	XII (NIOS) + Working	Queen Beauty Care
11.	9	Sujata Kale	ECCEd	SNDT (Malad)
12.	9	Sunanda Tandel	GNM T.Y.	Holy Spirit Hospital
13.	10	Sujata Das	XII Arts	St. Andrew's Bandra
14.	10	Sunita Dhotre	S.Y. B.A. + Working	Renaissance Hotel
15.	10	Vaishali Patel	XI Arts	Chetna College
16.	10	Laxmi Sarant	XII NIOS + Bakery & Confectionary	YWCA (Bombay Central)
17.	10	Salatoon Sheikh	Bakery & Confectionary	YWCA (Bombay Central)
18.	10	Deepa Jogani	Staff Nurse	Saifee Hospital
19.	16	Bharali Waghari	SYBA + Working as Teacher	Ramkrishna Mission School
20.	15	Kajal Chourasiya	XII NIOS + Tailoring	Clairim Institute
21.	15	Pooja Moriya	ANM F.Y.	Dayanand Hospital
22.	15	Kavita Shetty	XII NIOS + Working	Unisex Palour
23.	15	Madhuri Kamble	Working (Nurse)	MM Hospital Borivali
24.	15	Prasana Prabhu	ECCEd.	SNDT (Malad)
25.	15	Supriya Kamble	B.SC. S.Y.	Wilson College
26.	15	Pooja Malme	S.Y. B. Com. + Working	GNC India
27.	15	Poonam Bihari	Working	Tidal Waves
28.	15	Rachel Britto	XII Commerce	St. Rock's College
29.	15	Laxmi Kale	XII Arts	Gokhale College
30.	15	Godfreena Sylvester	D.Ed. S.Y.	Nalanda College

### School results of your godsons and goddaughters

The overall results were very good with 13 out of 15 children passing the SSC exams, with the topper Ramesh Chaurasiya securing 87,4%. 5 of our children secured above 80%. In the HSC exams 4 out of 5 children passed, with Poonam Kamble of our securing 71%. 7 of our children also passed the NIOS X STD. Now we are in the process of securing admission to colleges or technical/vocational courses for these children.





<b>BOYS</b>				
1.	3	Vinod Thokimager	3rd Year Apprentice Food Production	J.W. Marriott
2.	3	Shankar Sonawane	2nd Year Apprentice Food Production	Taj - Colaba
3.	3	Rajesh Salve	3rd Year Diploma Civil Engineering	Bandra Polytechnic
4.	4	Ashok Gowekar	Working/front office	Mirador Hotel
5.	4	Shyam Jadhav	Working / Chef	Blanco Restaurant
6.	4	Nitesh Bimbde	MVCV XII Cookery	Swami Vivekanand College
7.	4	Mahesh Kushwa	FYJC – Science	Ismail Yusuf College
8.	4	Arvind Kushwa	FYJC - Commerce	Ismail Yusuf College
9.	4	Shivaji Shinde	FYJC - Commerce	National College
10.	4	Ramesh Chaurasiya	FYJC - Science	Bhavan's College
11.	4	Manish Rajak	2 Wheeler Mechanics	Bosco Boys Home
12.	5	Ankush Prasad	Working	
13.	5	Bhakte Karki	T.Y. Engg. Elec. & Telecom	Xavier's Institute of Engineering
14.	5	Maresh Hanumanth	Working	
15.	5	Nachiket Ghophne	Apprenticeship Food Production	J.W. Marriott
16.	5	Sachin Kale	Working + S.Y. B. Com	J. R. Technologies
17.	5	Ashish Patel	BMM T.Y.	Dhanukar College
18.	5	Shubham Gaware	Cookery & Bakery Course	YWCA (Bombay Central)
19.	5	Susheel K. Mural	GNM S.Y. Nursing	Cardinal Gracious Hospital
20.	6	Bansi Dhavlu Jabar	AC Refrigeration	St. Joseph's Kurla
21.	6	Harlal Mohan	Plumbing	St. Joseph's Kurla
22.	6	Ajay Lokhande	ITI Electrician	
23.	6	Aftab Khan	FYJC Arts	Ismail Yusuf College
24.	6	Vijay Lokhande	Cookery & Bakery Course	YWCA (Bombay Central)
25.	7	Sanjeev Kumar	Working + S.Y. B.Com	Chinai College
26.	7	Mangal Khoda	Working + T.Y. B.Com	Bagarkar College
27.	7	Wasim Shiekh	XII Science	Valia College
28.	7	Shaukat Khan	Cookery & Bakery Course	YWCA (Bombay Central)
29.	11	Bhavesh Tandel	Apprenticeship Food & Beverage	Taj Lands End Hotel
30.	11	Prakash Sahu	Apprenticeship Food Production	Taj Colaba
31.	11	Hasnel Khan	Domestic Wireman Course	St. Joseph's Kurla
32.	11	Sameer Sheikh	Working	
33.	11	Surya Lallan	XII Science – Intern X- Ray Techni.	Cooper Hospital
34.	12	Akshay Suryavanshi	Working + BCA Correspondence	Valia College
35.	12	Satish Varma	FYJC Commerce	Valia College
36.	12	Shiva Ajay Singh	Working X (NIOS)	Merwans

## **NEWS FROM ARULOLI (PONDICHERY)**

(Extracts from report of Sr Angela october.-december . 2018)

Several educational workshops have been organized to animate the life of the home. Children exhibited their talents by making best things out of waste. We could see their creativity and innovative. Useful things were made out of newspapers, Ice cream sticks, broom sticks, coconut shells etc. Video shows on Self-confidence, self-esteem, health and hygiene specially during menstruation etc. Awareness was given on Ecology after which they wanted to grow plants. Each group was given freedom to do so. Now we have some plants around the building.

On the 29th of October Mrs. Faridha the daughter of Mr. Bernard Anthuvan visited our home with her little son Suchin Wagon. She interacted with our children; spoke to them about the Joy of Schooling and learning. Both the children as well as Faridha enjoyed their meeting especially with the little Wagon, it was a memorable moments.



We had a Home Management Committee meeting, along with our staff, District Child protection Officer, Child Welfare Committee member, Juvenile Justice Board members were present. They went through all the records, suggested few thing for the better functioning of the home.

On the 22nd December we had the suppose Christmas program for our children. For the first time we had invited the Government officials, a teacher from the school where our children studies and the parents or guardians of our children and our neighbors. Before the celebration we had the parents meeting in which we had to explain to the parents the functioning of the home, their responsibility and cooperation to bring up the children etc. Then we had the celebration, there were cultural programs, our children acted, sang and danced. The Government officials were surprised to see the talents of our children and appreciated much. And the parents were thrilled to see their children singing and dancing, some of them saw for the first time their children's performance. On the whole this program was enjoyed and appreciated by everybody. And following day most of them went home for Christmas holidays.



Things made out of waste



Christmas program





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BRIDES !

## Wedding of NATALHINE and PARSHU

We are happy to announce the wedding of 2 former children of SNEHASADAN, Nathaline et Parshu.



Isabelle and Guy LECOQ, our delegates for the South of France were at the wedding as the parents of Parshu couldn't come. A few girls from house 10 were there too and Father Pinot and Theresa the secretary of Snehasadan.

Parshu and Natalhine arrived very young at Snehasasan. They both have a job. Parshu works for Crusing boats and Natathine is an infographer.

You will know more about them in a next bulletin.







# NEWS FROM FRANCE



## News from Nantes

### Xmas Market at Grandchamp des Fontaines Saturday Decemer 15 th 2018

Our stalls were well provided and nicely decorated but few people came to visit us and we didn't make the money we expected. May be because of the rain and the wrong place (too far from the city centre). We will try again next year but in another place. Please help us to provide our stalls with hand-made trifles. Thanks to those who sent us knitted scarves and caps and paintings etc..



## News from Toulon

We warmly thank ISABELLE et GUY LECOQ our delegates for the PACA region (South of France). They do so much for us.



As every year they wrapped packages in two shores

Guy was at Maxitoys (La Ciotat) and Isabelle was at Casino (Le Beausset)

Congratulation to both of them !





## Nouvelle législation (rappel)

On May 25th 2018 the general statute for the Personal Datas (RGPD) is now in application. When you make a donation (you must fill the form). You agree that A.F.E.A use your personal datas to make our relations easier. So you agree that A.F.E.A get in touch with you if necessary for projects or calls for donations.

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