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Dear Friends and Donors,

With an update on our activities at Deepam, we would like to sincerely thank you for your continuous support, which we greatly appreciate.

End of Year Reflection



It has become a lovely tradition at Deepam to gather in a circle with the children and our team on the last day of the year and share what was especially meaningful to each person over the past year. This year, it was particularly moving to witness how even those who are nonverbal or speak only a little expressed themselves in their own way. Alongside personal events - such as illness or loss within their families - the children also spoke about what had been especially important to them at Deepam.

Here is a brief summary of what was shared: At Deepam, they have made friends, improved their reading and writing skills, and learned new craft techniques. The boys especially enjoy carpentry and gardening. The older ones are proud to support the younger and less able children.

Our team members emphasized how much progress all the children have made and how well several new children - especially the three youngest - have integrated into the group. They value the professional development and personal growth that Deepam makes possible. They are also grateful for the support they receive from colleagues and management in times of illness or other personal challenges.

This kind of “sharing” helps all of us to cope better with the challenges in our work and personal lives, and to appreciate even more the strong sense of community at Deepam.

A Warm Welcome for Miroslava

“Having actively supported Deepam for years within the circle of friends in Karlsruhe, I was finally able to take a few months off from my therapeutic work in Germany and experience Deepam in person.

Thanks to the warm-hearted team and the children, I immediately felt that I belonged.

Deepam is a shining example of how great things can be achieved through commitment and perseverance. It is a place where children and young people with disabilities feel comfortable and, through targeted support, can develop their full potential – which is by no means a given in India. They are truly fortunate!





In addition to competent and individually tailored therapies, they receive educational opportunities, creative activities, medical care, and healthy meals – and above all, a great deal of acceptance, understanding, and affection.

It is wonderful to see how the children leave Deepam in the late afternoon with smiles on their faces after a structured and eventful day. During my time here, I was able to observe how they blossomed, made progress, and became more confident.

It touched me deeply how much gratitude and appreciation the staff showed toward their workplace at Deepam.

I was especially delighted to take part in two wonderfully organized outings.

I will miss the Deepam family very much and will certainly return.”

Happy Faces



Our annual outing in February took us to the world-famous Crocodile Farm in Mahabalipuram. Crocodiles and other endangered reptiles are housed there, including the four most deadly snakes that live in the region: the spectacled cobra, the saw-scaled viper, the Russell’s viper and the highly venomous krait. We were able to watch local tribal men extract their venom right before our eyes, which is used to produce anti-venom. After some time, all the snakes are released back into the wild.

For lunch, we enjoyed delicious food prepared by some of our staff members, who had started cooking as early as four in the morning. Everyone enjoyed the lemon rice, potato sabji, and egg curry.

In the afternoon, we visited a heritage museum where traditionally built Tamil Nadu houses, complete with original furnishings, can be explored and local handicraft techniques are demonstrated. Afterwards, we stopped at a beautiful beach by the sea, and on the way home we treated ourselves to ice cream.

Our shared outings are always special, but this one felt particularly harmonious. It was pure joy to watch the younger children especially – many of whom were spending a whole day out with us for the first time - enjoying and absorbing everything around them.

We hope that you are well and send you our warmest greetings from all of us,
Miroslava Kraft, Angelika Ehrle, Lawrence Selvi and our team and children.

