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Inclusion, Creativity, and Community

July was a month of remarkable achievements and heartwarming moments at FMR India. From the successful Asha Niketan, Nandi Bazar approach road project to a vibrant carnival in Chennai, we thrived.

Our Bangalore meeting paved the way for productive discussions, and Kolkata's 50th-anniversary preparations are underway. Asha Niketan Asansol continues to excel, and our commitment remains unwavering. Inclusion, creativity, and community defined our month, making July truly special.

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Subin Varghese

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
FMR INDIA



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Celebrating Achievements, Embracing Growth

FMR India has achieved significant milestones, including the successful completion of the Asha Niketan, Nandi Bazar approach road project, and a thriving carnival in Chennai. A workshop on Canva and photographic skills received accolades in the recent leadership training. The commitment of all involved remains unwavering and inspiring.

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Dr Premanand M E

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
FMR INDIA



From the desk of the President, L'Arche FMR INDIA

BY DR PREMANAND M E

Dear Members,

I hope this note finds you in good health and high spirits. It gives me immense pleasure to update you on the remarkable activities and achievements of the past month at FMR India. Our commitment to our mission and the unwavering dedication of the GC team and the caregivers in each of the 5 communities continue to nurture and support our Core members giving them a significant and meaningful impact in their lives..

Asha Niketan, Nandi Bazar Approach Road Project:

I am thrilled to announce that the efforts to connect Asha Niketan, Nandi Bazar with an approach road to the national highway have borne fruit. This crucial development will undoubtedly enhance accessibility and open up new opportunities for the community. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the Minister, MP, MLA, Chairman, and GC members for their steadfast support and strategic guidance throughout this endeavour. Equally commendable are the Core members, long-term assistants, and all those who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this project.

Asha Niketan, Chennai Carnival:

The recent Carnival organised by Asha Niketan, Chennai was a resounding success. I extend my warmest congratulations to the GC, assistants, and Core members for orchestrating a truly grand event. The Carnival not only brought joy to the community but also showcased the collaborative spirit and dedication that define FMR India.

Bangalore Meeting:

I am pleased to report that the GB and AGM held at Snehadaan, Bangalore on 29th and 30th was a smooth and productive affair. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who attended, contributing their insights and perspectives. Your active participation is the cornerstone of our success, and I am grateful for your ongoing engagement.

Upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration at AN Kolkata:

As we look ahead, an exciting milestone awaits us - the 50th anniversary celebration at Asha Niketan Kolkata. This momentous occasion promises to be a fitting tribute to five decades of unwavering commitment and impactful work. Let us join hands to make this event a truly memorable one. The next National Council and GB Meeting is also proposed to be held at Kolkata. This will enable maximum participation from all communities too.

Asha Niketan Asansol Update:

I am delighted to share that Asha Niketan Asansol continues to thrive and make a positive difference in the lives of its residents. The dedication and compassion exhibited by the team serve as an inspiration to us all.

Workshop on Canva and Photographic Skills:

Our recent workshop focusing on canvas and photographic skills was a resounding success. I extend my sincere gratitude to Subin Varghese for skillfully conducting the workshop. Special mention also goes to National Leader, Bharathi and Himel (GC member, AN Chennai) for their exceptional contributions to the success of the workshop. Let us remain steadfast in our dedication and enthusiasm as we move forward.

Warm regards



Dr Premanand M E
National President
L'Arche FMR India.



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In July, the second in-person training session focused on Evaluation, Feedback, Formation, and Growth. Participants crafted insightful PowerPoint presentations showcasing practical applications from the previous session. Subin led an engaging lesson on Communication Essentials, while Alex covered accounting. Thanks to all contributors, including Larche, the National Team, and participants. The July 29-30 Annual General and Governing Body Meetings in Bangalore discussed policy, finance, welfare, and welcomed new board members.

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Bharathi Gopalakrishnan

NATIONAL LEADER,
FMR INDIA



Leadership Capacity Building

The second session of the in-person training was conducted in July during which all participants created a PowerPoint presentation to showcase their insights and the practical applications they derived from the previous session. This session focused on Evaluation, Feedback, Formation and Growth.

Subin, the communications coordinator, conducted an engaging and informative learning for the team on Communications Essentials and tools. It was a captivating learning experience. Alex, the financial assistant of FMR India conducted a session covering accounting and auditing procedures.

I extend my appreciation to Larche, the National Team, the board chairs, Himal, and all the participants for their contributions in making this achievable.



The Annual General Meeting and Governing Body Meeting took place on July 29th and 30th in Bangalore. During these sessions, discussions revolved around policy matter, financial affairs and on welfare of the members of FMR India. We also extended a warm welcome to a few members joining the board.

Members of the Governing Body

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Asha Niketan fosters a thriving community where Core Members and Assistants lead fulfilling lives. Through interreligious prayers and shared values, they promote love, peace, and compassion. The residential unit supports holistic development, encompassing life skills, creativity, and well-being. The handicraft workshop cultivates artistic abilities and community spirit. Garden work provides sensory stimulation, skill growth, and mental well-being. Inclusive activities like dance performances reinforce connections and celebrate achievements.

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Sibhasish Mondal

COMMUNITY LEADER,
ASHA NIKETAN ASANSOL





Group photo of the month



Different activities at the Daycare

Our Stall at an exhibition organized by Asansol Club received a great response.





candle are being made at workshop



Dipu with the doormats which he has made



various activities at garden



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In July 2023, Mr. Sagar Kumar Prajapati joined Asha Niketan as a day worker, bringing energy and positivity. Students from St. France College volunteered weekly, engaging with core members through dance, games, and gardening. National leader Ms. Barathi's visit improved community life, and her birthday was celebrated. Ms. Himal and Mr. Subin's visit on July 31st was enjoyable.

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Charles

COMMUNITY LEADER,
ASHA NIKETAN BANGALORE



Energetic and creative, Mr. Sagar Kumar Prajapati joined us on July 7, 2023, as a day worker. Hailing from Wilson Garden, he adds a vibrant touch to our community with his joyful demeanor and artistic talents.



Every Friday, a fantastic group from St. France College lends a hand, engaging in dance, games, and garden upkeep with our core members. Their recent project added beauty and flavor to our community as they planted 2 coconut and 2 guava trees near our dining area.





A memorable month with our national leader's insightful visit, uplifting our community spirit at Asha Niketan. Her birthday celebration added joy, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to our shared growth.



A delightful day on July 31, 2023, as Ms. Himal and Mr. Subin graced our community with their presence, sparking joy and connection. Their visit brought smiles and warmth, creating cherished memories for us all.



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In July, Asha Niketan Chennai had a vibrant month. They hosted a stall at St. Anthony Church's carnival, promoting entrepreneurship and community engagement. Birthday celebrations fostered togetherness. A lively carnival on July 16 brought joy and unforgettable memories. Movie day and a dinner invitation from Sacred Heart College added to the month's warmth and connection.

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Lozilo Kikon

COMMUNITY LEADER,
ASHA NIKETAN CHENNAI



On July 2nd, our Craft Centre created a buzz at St. Anthony Church's carnival, selling lucky draw tickets and fostering community joy. The stall not only offered a chance to win prizes but also taught core members entrepreneurship and forged unforgettable bonds.



July 10th marked a heartwarming celebration, uniting our community through 3 months of collected birthdays. The joy of sharing moments and building strong connections illuminated our amazing journey together.



July 22nd lit up with cinematic delight as Miss Rashee's generosity treated our community to an unforgettable movie day. Laughter, juice, popcorn – a perfect blend for a cherished cinematic experience.



On July 16th, a remarkable carnival journey unfolded - dazzling floats, infectious beats, and boundless laughter. Our hearts hold onto the magic of this unforgettable day, eagerly awaiting the next year's festivities.

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In July, Asha Niketan Kolkata facilitated an engaging exchange with Sasha NGO. Our blockprint workshop was explored by the visiting NGO, followed by a collaborative candle making session. As part of our outreach activities, a puppet show training session was conducted, fostering creative collaboration between the two organizations.

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Smritikana Mondal

COMMUNITY LEADER,
ASHA NIKETAN KOLKATA



Photo of the month



Sharing Light:
Guiding Another
NGO in Candle
Making.



Exploring Creativity:
Buyer NGO
Explores Our
Blockprint
Workshop.



Serenity in Prayer:
Remembering
Sister Cyril



Collaborative Creativity:
Welcoming Sasha NGO to our
Workshop for a Candle Making
Exchange.

Engaging in
Outreach Activity.



Strings of Learning:
Engaging Puppet
Show Training
Session.



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In July, Asha Niketan, Nandibazar bid farewell to intern Ms. Anouke, who boosted donor connections. Welcome to Mohammed Shanid, showing zest for soap making and household tasks. Actor Surya's fan team celebrated his birthday with us, and a new baby cow joined our farmhouse, adding joy to the community.

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Lilly Rose

COMMUNITY LEADER,
ASHA NIKETAN NANDIBAZAR



With a flair for women's studies, intern Ms. Anouke bridged connections with donors and sponsors, bolstering our financial strides over four months. Bid farewell in style, we celebrated her journey and wished her success in future endeavors.



Actor Surya's Fan Team Marks His Birthday at Asha Niketan.



Welcoming a Precious Arrival to Our Farmhouse.



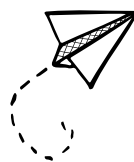
Meet Mohammed Shanid, our newest core team member, who's ignited with passion for soap making. Shani's commitment to household tasks, as mentioned by their proud mother during the parents' meeting, reflects their dynamic role at Asha Niketan.





Thank you!

We look forward to sharing more exciting news and stories with you in the coming months.



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