

Dear Friends and Supporters of our Project,

we are sending lots of warm greetings to all of you!

2023 was an intensive year for the association and our work in the project, full of challenges and changes. Therefore, it took us a little bit longer to prepare this current newsletter for you.

School graduation

In India, we've passed the most significant milestone since the founding of our association. Eight of our protégés, two girls and six boys, whose life and educational path we have been accompanying for many years, took their final school exams in April 2023.

In case of two of them, it was very questionable whether they would pass the exam. With great dedication and great motivation, each of the youngsters has been preparing for the final exams for months. Now we are very proud and happy to announce that all eight have successfully graduated the school! Some children came to us at the age of 6 or 7 and have spent their whole lives with us ever since. Others joined later, and one of them was included in our educational program first in the Corona pandemic. The children have now become young men and women, whom - with heavy hearts - we said goodbye to in May. All of them continue their education in colleges in Bangalore or Kolar since this summer and are now living there with their relatives or in hostels. We are in regular contact with them and, where possible, try to support them with their expenses for school materials and books.

Tuition classes

The significant increase in prices and the small decrease in donation revenues mean that the available resources do not allow us making new commitments. For the six vacant places at Children`s Home Guttahalli (CHG), we initially accepted only two new children, in addition to the four remaining boys. In our educational program, we currently cover all school fees and expenses for uniforms, transport and books for 7 girls and 8 boys, grades 1 to 10. In addition, we have an overwhelming number of requests for afternoon care and after school tutoring in the village. There, every day from 16:00 to 18:30, we take care of a maximum of 20 girls and boys, offering them help and support with homework and exam preparation, and often with meals and snacks. For many, it is like an island and escape outside the reality of the most cramped and frightening domestic circumstances.

Change of Management Board

Here, too, in Germany, a significant change has taken place. After ten years of her work in the board, as announced two years ago, due to her age and in the year of her 70th Birthday, Ingrid Kuhlmann has resigned from her position as a chairperson. THANK YOU INGRID FROM OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR WONDERFUL WORK OVER SO MANY YEARS! Ingrid will of course continue supporting us in the project. The new board member is Aleksandra Kapejewska (43), who has been a member of the association for two years and works as a project manager in the cultural sector in Monheim am Rhein. WELCOME ALEKSANDRA! Michael Hoffmann remains as a member of the management board for the eleventh year. Michael will also return to India and visit the project again this winter.

New Homepage

Our new homepage at the same address www.seeds-online.org has been available for several weeks now. There you will find an overview of our work, a photo gallery, as well as the latest issues of our newsletter for download. It would be of great help to us, if you could share our work with your friends and acquaintances.

Now we look forward to present you the next pages with new photos and information about our work on the project in Guttahalli, India. Finally, we would like to share with you the announcement for the next year. In September 2024, SEEDS e. V. is organising an “open doors day” – an event in Oberhausen, to which we invite you today already. We will send you detailed information about it in the next newsletter.

On behalf of our kids and their families, we would like to thank everyone for continuing to support our common cause in India with your donations.

Ingrid Kuhlmann, Aleksandra Kapejewska and Michael Hoffmann



School graduation

Congratulations on the passed final exams!



Megha

Congratulations! Hopefully, you'll be perfectly healthy soon!



Pradeep

How wonderful, that you made it, even though only a few had the faith in you. However, you believed in yourself!



Nikhil

Thank you, that you made us laugh soooo many times. Well done!



Martin

*With all our hearts – all the best for your future lives!
All possibilities are open!*



Rohith



Ganesh

Despite your serious health issues in 2020 and 2021 you have never given up! And you gave the best of you. What a success!



Ranjini

*Best performance! Very well done!
Super, Hemanth, how you've always encouraged and supported the others.*



Hemanth (right)

The final examinations are one-week long central exams, which take place in the whole region of Karnataka simultaneously and to which we apply as the most important exam in India for the chances of the students in the future.

Hemanth and Ranjini with the best results (max. 625 points):

**Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board
SSLC Main Examination Results - 2023**

Name: HEMANTH KUMAR T A
Reg. No.: 20230049618

Part A

Subject	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks	Grade
KANNADA	25	095	120	A+
ENGLISH	20	074	094	A+
HINDI	19	071	090	A+
MATHEMATICS	20	074	094	A+
SCIENCE	20	080	100	A+
SOCIAL SCIENCE	20	072	092	A+
Total Marks				590

Part B

SUBJECT	GRADE
Physical and Health Education	A
Attitude and Values	A
Work Experience	A

**Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board
SSLC Main Examination Results - 2023**

Name: RANJINI C
Reg. No.: 20230640537

Part A

Subject	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks	Grade
KANNADA	25	097	122	A+
ENGLISH	20	079	099	A+
HINDI	20	080	100	A+
MATHEMATICS	20	075	095	A+
SCIENCE	20	055	075	B+
SOCIAL SCIENCE	20	076	096	A+
Total Marks				587

Part B

SUBJECT	GRADE
Physical and Health Education	A
Attitude and Values	A
Work Experience	A
Art Education	A

Result: PASS
CGA: A+



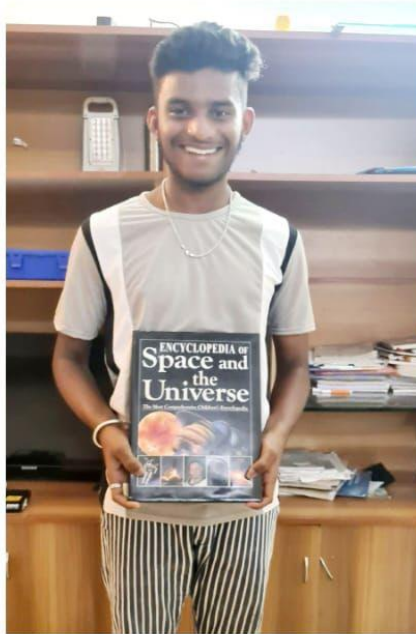
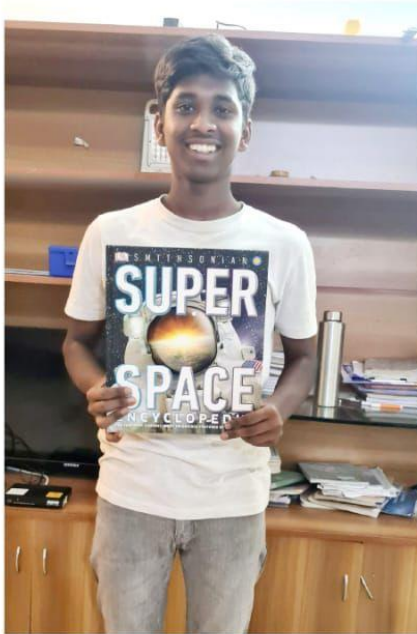
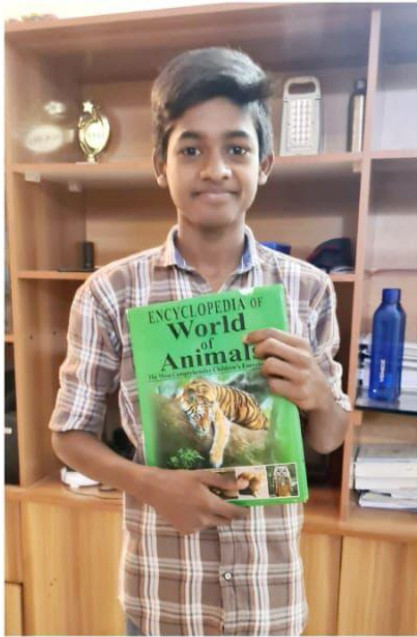
All our candidates

From left: Ranjini, Megha, Hemanth, Rohith, Ganesh, Martin, school friend, Pradeep, Nikhil

Farewell trip the day after the exams:



*Our farewell gifts for Ganesh, Rohith and Hemanth (top row) and
Martin, Pradeep and Nikhil*



Stars Garden, area of the Children's Home Guttahalli (CHG)



Repairs



Complete inspection of the deep well



Preparation and planting of the new mango trees



*The first fresh shoots
of the newly planted
mango trees*



...and a little calf is born



In the Children's Home Guttahalli (CHG)



Harish (9th grade),
Emmanuel (8th grade),
Cheran (7th grade) and
Thomas (8th grade).

A day in the tuition classes



“Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world!”
(Nelson Mandela)

Handover of the new schoolbooks

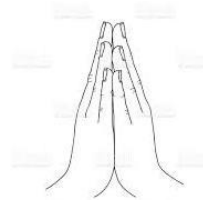


The next generation ...



Only with your help and support, we are able to continue our work in India. Please, help us to create better opportunities for those who live without any prospects for a good future and who have not been given the same chances as we have in life.

Best wishes and many many thanks to all of you!



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