



ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25



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OUR LEGACY

A Journey of a Thousand Miles...

I want to see the day when the journey of a thousand miles which had begun with a single step becomes a cavalry of steps...

I want to see the day when the arms that were once stretched out for alms are raised in salute...

I want to see the day when our girls shine as beacons and become the brightest stars in the dark velvet sky...

I want to see the day when our girls become an inspiration for our younger girls who in turn aspire to be like their didis...

I want to see the day when our girls hold the hands of others to guide them up the path...as Ghar has done for them...

I want to see the day when whenever the chips are down and our girls are bruised...they know they have Ghar to clasp them to her chest...and to help them get back on their feet...

I want to see the day when our girls spread across the land...and yet their umbilical cord with Ghar...their home...remains strong as ever...

I want to see the day when our girls decked in bridal wear throw rice over their shoulders during their vidaai for prosperity and happiness in their home...Ghar...

I want to see the day when our girls begin their new journey with a profound belief that their maika will always be there for them...

I want to see the day when our girls carry Ghar on their shoulders and care for the next generation of girls with the same passion, dedication...and love they received...

It is then the legacy of Ghar will be realised...and the journey of a thousand miles will reach its destination...

And it will...

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)
Founder



She is pure in intent and purpose...pure in her very idea and vision...pure in her inception and present...and her future...pure in her affection and feelings...pure in her desire to carry her children up the tallest mountains and to see them carry her torch in times to come...to shoulder her as they stride on the path she had embarked upon...

She is a journey...a caravan that now has a melee of people who are carrying her forward...our well-wishers who shoulder her as she canters up the path to a bright future for her children...

The onerous path to her realisation is eclipsed by her ambience...of feelings...and love...a family...

She is indeed making a difference to the lives of people...

She is Ghar...



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our third year has gone by at a gallop - a year stuffed with smiles, of stories of hope and of immense happiness for our girls. It's with a great deal of satisfaction that I present our Annual Report for 2024-25 which showcases this journey through the year.

Ghar has carried on in her journey with perseverance and a will to do all she can to see her girls evolve into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults who will impact and make a difference to the lives of others in times to come. We envisage that in their own ways, our girls will help others climb up the tallest mountains as we are doing for them.

Our conviction emerges from our belief that nature creates all of us as equals. There's no difference between children of well off and underprivileged families except differences on account of opportunities. Inequalities on account of birth, circumstances or societal norms is what we in our own way are bridging, since we look at humans from the eyes of nature that created us - as equals. It's this belief that will spur our girls to reach out to others in times to come.

Bonds and feelings have deepened along the way and happiness and the fragrance of love is all pervasive. Ghar has cradled her daughters as her very own.

Our girls do see a bright rainbow in the sky - the rainbow of hope, of opportunities, of a caring family and love. Their confident demeanor and smiling faces reflect their inner state of happiness and belongingness.

Our well-wishers have been our biggest support for the cause we have undertaken - of making a difference to the lives of people. We are indebted to them. A big thank you for your support and blessings.

Our profound gratitude to our teachers, volunteers and all those in the wings who have been an integral part of the eventful journey of the year gone by.

Best wishes, love and fair winds!

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)
Founder



OUR VISION

To make the lives of orphan, abandoned and vulnerable children, the differently-abled and the elderly secure, productive and fulfilling.

To be an incubator of fulfilling, purposeful and meaningful lives who in turn will learn to use that to make an impact and a difference to the lives of others; about our children growing into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults who care.



WHAT WE DO

We have set up and integrated 'homes' for children, differently-abled women and the elderly wherein each component complements the others, and created an environment of a home that nurtures belongingness, security, good education, hope, a sound future, care and affection and above all love.

Ghar is a joint family of three generations - daughters, mothers and grandparents and their bonding as we have in our own families.

Ghar is an incubator of fulfilling, purposeful and meaningful lives and about them learning how to use that to make an impact and a difference in the lives of others; about growing into conscientious adults who care.

We hold the hands of our children and help them climb up the tallest mountains; our children too would do so likewise in times to come.

We also support the education of marginalised non-resident children through educational scholarships.

OUR DECISION MAKERS

We have always followed the highest standards of due diligence in accounting and financial audit. The mandated Audit Reports for every financial year are filed before the Office of the Charity Commissioner, Pune and the Audit Report (Form 10BB), Income Tax Returns and Form FC-4 in respect of FCRA are filed before the concerned authorities. Form 10BD listing the details of donors and donations received is filed as prescribed under Income Tax rules. None of the authorities have raised any observations in respect of our audit reports, tax returns and forms.

Due diligence of our work and our registrations and financial audit was ratified by the following reputed organisations:-



Our trust was awarded Gold Certification by GiveIndia which is the highest seal of trust awarded to NGOs.

Our trust is certified as eligible for corporate giving programs and received CSR support from several corporates during the year.

Our audit reports, tax returns and forms are available for scrutiny.



PRESIDENT
Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)
B.Sc, B.Tech, MPM



VICE PRESIDENT
Colonel Ashun Bahl (Retd)
B.Sc, B.Tech, M.Sc, MBA



SECRETARY
Commander Girish Konkhar (Retd)
B.Sc, M.Sc (Def Studies), MMS



TREASURER
Sanjiv Moti Gidwani
B.Sc

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gudi Padwa Celebrations

09/04/2024

The beginning of the New Year – Gudi Padwa was celebrated with prayers and celebrations.



Visit to INS Shivaji

13/04/2024

A visit to INS Shivaji, a prestigious training establishment of the Indian Navy located in Lonavala. A wonderful day it was for our girls - a motivating interaction with those in white uniforms. A learning experience dovetailed with plenty of fun. The girls fired rifles (simulators) and entered the bowels of a replica submarine. A new world they got to see.



Visit to CISCO

17/04/2024

A fun filled yet educational visit to CISCO, a Fortune 100 company. An exposure that enlarged the spectrum of future possibilities in their young minds. Activities galore. A scramble for arranging a cake when the youngsters of CISCO learnt that it was the birthday of one of our girls – a wonderful gesture on their part.



AFMC POP

23/04/2024

They grow on you - so they had with some youngsters of AFMC with whom they had developed a sisterly bond over the years. Eagerly they had waited to attend their Passing-Out-Parade. Didn't miss a chance to pose with the young cadets, now smart officers! A hearty congrats to the young officers and best wishes for a wonderful career ahead.



Founder's Day

26/04/2024

Welcome to Ghar they echoed excitedly while handing over a rose to the arriving guests and clasping their hands to guide them to their seats. Our enthusiastic little birds indeed played their role with aplomb.

Our second Founders Day was celebrated with much aplomb with a large number of well-wishers in attendance.

A welcome speech by our eldest girl was followed by dance performances and felicitation of our well-wishers. The cutting of a cake by our youngest girls was followed by the girls hitting the floor with full gusto!

They looked so beautiful in their sparkling attire and their coloured lips! It was their show from start to finish, organised and conducted by them in its entirety.

You made us feel so proud of you! Well done!



Dental Camp

04/05/2024

Dental hygiene and cleaning and polishing of their teeth - D.Y. Patil Dental School organised a dental camp at Ghar.

Visit to Workday India

17/05/2024

A wonderful day spent at Workday India Pvt Ltd, a US based IT Company. A fun filled visit with activities and new learnings. The management simply loved interacting with our girls who even danced in their Conference Room to the delight of everyone.

Author Andrea Caschetto at GHAR

26/05/2024

Andrea Caschetto, author and traveller visited Ghar and spent some enjoyable time with our girls. He's visited more than 1000 orphanages in more than 100 countries. A person with some 2.42 lakh followers on Facebook and 48,000 followers on Instagram, he epitomised simplicity and love for children.



Visit to NDA

02/06/2024

Sēvā paramō dharma - Service Before Self, the motto of the National Defence Academy (NDA) embellished on a large NDA crest mounted on the Trishakti gate.

The girls were bemused at the display of tanks, aircraft and a naval vessel as they entered the portals of NDA to step into an iconic institution - the only tri services training academy in the world which trains cadets to get commissioned as officers in the Army, Air Force and Navy.

Screening of a movie on NDA covering the history, training, ethos and valour of the Academy through the years followed by a well conducted tour of the towering Sudan Block, Museum, Cadets Mess, Officers Mess, Echo Squadron ('Eagles') and the Equestrian Lines made the day very special and motivating for our girls.



Summer Camp at BEG

03/06/2024 to 15/06/2024

Ghar ki ladkiyan.

When will the Summer Camp start they would time and again ask with anticipation and excitement.

And so it did. Over 13 days they played, rode horseback, swam, did yoga, performed dance, did craft work and a whole lot of other activities, made new friends and woke up early in the morning to leave for a day of fun and learning. A meticulously planned Summer Camp that our girls simply loved.

Their on stage yoga and dance performances during the closing ceremony were much appreciated. Our girls won several prizes in sports, yoga and dance.

Amongst the milieu of nearly 170 children, our girls were known as Ghar ki ladkiyan.

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We Aspire!
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Dhruv International School Visit

15/06/2024

Fun and activities. 60 Students and teachers of Dhruv International School visited Ghar and conducted various activities with our girls.

Workday India Leadership Visit

03/07/2024

The Vice President and senior management of Workday India Pvt Ltd visited Ghar. They were shown the facility and briefed about our work.

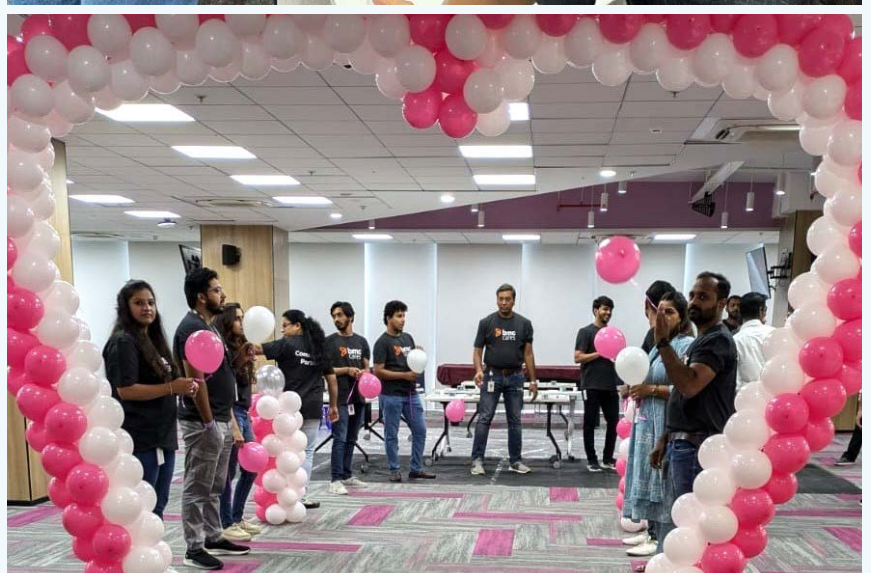
Visit to BMC Software

28/07/2024

Connecting Hearts.

The journey that had begun with an enthusiastic team of BMC Software, a US based IT Company visiting Ghar several months back, maturing into a partnership over time, continued with our girls visiting their office to an affectionate welcome by their team. Encouraging words by their CEO, activities and games galore - a wonderful exposure it was for our girls. They made our girls feel special.

The screen on the stage flashed - Connecting Hearts. Indeed it was!



Salon Day Out at Bizarre

04/08/2024

A wonderful experience of grooming with hairdo and manicure in Bizarre Salon organised by a well-wisher for 11 of our girls. Our girls simply loved it. Thank you!

Hum kisse se kam nahi!

National Robotics Competition

12/08/2024 to 13/08/2024

Five of our girls participated in a National Robotics Competition held at MIT University, Loni. A good exposure it was for them and instilled in them a desire to learn more.

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Not in the
clamour of the
crowded street;
nor in the
plaudits of the
throng; but in
ourselves lie
triumph
and defeat
”



Independence Day with Symbiosis

15/08/2024

Ghar - Independence.

Our founding fathers sacrificed their today for our tomorrow. Millions of common people heeded their call and came out in droves for independence.

We at Ghar are also common people who seek independence - independence from inequality, from a lack of opportunities, independence from the denial of basic rights and necessities and human dignity.

We strive for equality and justice and for opportunities for all.

Ghar symbolises this Independence.

Flag hoisting at Ghar was followed by a well spent day at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) to celebrate the Independence Day with the bhaiyaa's and didi's of SIMS. Some made friends with the kiddo boys of another orphanage who were also present.



Flag Hoisting at APS School

15/08/2025

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd), Founder and President was invited as the Chief Guest by the Army Public School, BEG for flag hoisting and a cultural programme on our Independence Day.

Janmashtami Celebrations

26/08/2024

Janmashtami was celebrated with the breaking of a Dahi Handi earthen pot filled with goodies for our girls followed by fun and celebrations.

Programming.com Visit

05/09/2024

A team of Programming.com visited Ghar and conducted activities and a session on women empowerment.

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*Ham Honge
Kamyab!*

”



Trip to Aga Khan Palace

08/09/2024

Our girls visited the famous Aga Khan Palace and Museum - a monument of national importance which is closely linked to the Indian freedom movement. It was an educative and enjoyable visit and was organised by Angel World Tourism.

Ganesh Chaturthi

06/09/2024 to 11/09/2024

The girls had eagerly awaited the arrival of Lord Ganesha and had creatively decorated the hall in which his sthapana was done. Aarti was performed twice daily. Ganpati visarjan was carried out by immersing the idol of Lord Ganesha in the nearby river.

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Seasons have changed and spring is in the air

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Farewell to BEG Commandant

15/09/2024

Ghar is cocooned by Bombay Engineering Group and Centre (BEG) from two sides. The lush greenery of the expansive Centre qualitatively enhances the serenity of our surroundings.

The unstinted support we get from BEG significantly impacts our girls. The Bombay Sappers have always lived up to their motto - Sarvatra.

Our girls organised a cultural programme to bid adieu to the officer at the helm, Brig Dilip Patwardhan, Commandant. Fair winds Sir!

Workday India Visit

20/09/2024

The CSR Head of Workday India Pvt Ltd and their team visited Ghar and conducted fun filled activities for our girls.

Lt Gen Vikas Rohilla's Visit

28/09/2024

Lt Gen Vikas Rohilla, SM** from the Army HQ and the Colonel Commandant of the Bombay Sappers visited Ghar. He was shown the facility and briefed about our work which he deeply appreciated.



Zoo Day Out

28/09/2024

They were excited for their day out at the Katraj Zoo. Luckily the weather held on. Breakfast and lunch was served at the Zoo courtesy Tata Communications Ltd who had arranged the excursion. Disappointed they were with the white tiger because he refused to awaken from his deep slumber.



Indus School Visit

05/10/2024

Students and Teachers of Indus School spend fun filled time with our girls with plenty of enjoyable activities.



Bhondla Celebrations

05/10/2024

A wonderful Bhondla festival was organised by the Rotary Club of Poona North and celebrated with full fervour with songs and dance. The cultural significance of the festivities was well articulated by a well-wisher. Home cooked puran poli complimented dinner and was relished by one and all.



Garba with Saksham NGO

06/10/2024

A fun filled Garba session was organised by an enthusiastic team of youngsters of Saksham NGO. Our girls were taught the basic steps of Garba and were quick learners.



Musical Evening

06/10/2024

A wonderful musical evening was organised by members of the Rotary Club of Amanora with plenty of fun and frolic.



Sorigin Dandiya Night

10/10/2024

Sarvotsav - Celebrating Unity.

An invite for our girls to the 'Sarvostav' Navratri Celebrations organised by the Sorigin Group, a leading partner in renewable energy. An evening of Garbah, dandiya, fun and frolic. Our girls mingled and danced to rocking music and savoured every moment.



Heart Surgery Journey

11/10/2024

The youngest and amongst the first to make Ghar her home, she was just 4.5 years old when she strode in, nervous and apprehensive. In just a few days she found her moorings and became us.

Our senior doctor realised at first that she had a heart problem. Regular check-ups and tests followed. She was finally operated in the Army Institute of Cardio Thoracic Sciences and a device inserted in her heart.

Hale and hearty she is with her very own fan club of well-wishers!

Dussehra Celebrations

12/10/2024

Dussehra was celebrated with much enthusiasm with the burning of the effigy of Ravana, rangoli and garba dance.



Align Technologies Visit

17/10/2024

A team of Align Technologies, a US based global medical device company visited Ghar and spent quality time with our girls. They conducted various games that were enjoyed by all.



Rotary Musical Evening

19/10/2024

A melodious musical evening was organised by the Rotary Club of Singhagad. A wonderful evening that was enjoyed by our girls and senior citizens.



BMC Software Diwali Visit

21/10/2024

The leadership team from the USA and about 100 employees of BMC Software India Pvt Ltd visited Ghar and donated colourful dresses to our girls for Diwali. They organised various games and spent quality time with our girls. It was an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Workday India Fun Day

22/10/2024

A team of Workday India Pvt Ltd visited Ghar and conducted various fun-filled activities for our girls.

Rotaract Diya Painting

27/10/2024

Members of the Rotaract Club of Viman Nagar visited Ghar and conducted a diya painting session for our girls.

BEG Diwali Mela

29/10/2024

Diwali Mela! The girls had a gala time at the Diwali Mela in BEG & Centre, an Army establishment that has always wholeheartedly supported our girls. They enjoyed playing various games and had a tummy full of snacks.



Diwali at GHAR

31/10/2024

Painting of diya's, rangoli, Diwali lanterns and decorations - the girls had prepared well for celebrating the festival of lights!

They looked lovely in their colourful new Diwali dresses!

With dance and plenty of fireworks and Diwali sweets, the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Coffee Experience at 7 to 9 Grams

02/11/2024

A wonderful day out for some of our girls - learning about an array of coffee and its preparation. They loved the spectacle of its fancy preparation and downed their burgers and cakes with delicious coffee. Grateful to the owner and team of 7 to 9 Grams Coffee and our well-wisher who made it happen and who expressed "The girls are such a delight to have! Their demeanour, curiosity, joy and gratefulness truly left the team astounded".



Air Force Station Visit

07/11/2024

They're called Flankers by our enemies.

Thrilled they were, curious and wide eyed as they listened to the young, handsome pilots in their flying suits. They touched, felt and smelt numerous flying machines and witnessed two of them taking to the skies.

The Sukhoi Su 30 fighter jets of the Air Force Station, Lohegaon had our girls all around them during a very well conducted educational visit to the Air Force Station. Called Flanker by enemy forces, these flying machines are truly majestic and imposing.

Inspiring words by all those who briefed our girls - who knows some may well take to the skies in times to come. They have the encouragement and support of their family of Ghar to dream and to achieve.



Dr Dinesh Shahra at GHAR

09/11/2024

Dr Dinesh Shahra, entrepreneur, author, motivational speaker with some one million followers visited Ghar and gave a very meaningful talk to our girls. An illuminating session with songs of the Dalai Lama sung by him with our girls in chorus.



Visit to BEG Commandant's Office

12/11/2024

19 months bygone five of our girls had been bedazzled by the splendour of the office of the Commandant, BEG & Centre and the graciousness of the Commandant himself. Seven of them got to partake in the thrill of being welcomed by the new officer at the helm and to be enamelled by the rich heritage of the Bombay Sappers. An inspiring visit it was for our girls - an exposure that inspired and inculcated in them pride in our Armed Forces.



Rareshwar Trek

23/11/2024 to 24/11/2024

Super excited they were!

An overnight trip and a trek to Rareshwar Temple and Kenjalgad Fort located 94 km away by nine of our girls - a cold night in field tents, layers of clothing to ward off the chill, new acquaintances, friendship with four canines, trekking up the mountains, fresh breeze, aching bodies and yet plenty of fun and a desire to explore the mountains again.

How happy they were - plenty of stories to tell, the other girls now yearning to explore the mountains.

The strenuous climb did lead to a beautiful destination - they too will find their calling and reach their destination in times to come.

On the journey to the top, they found joy in every step and we found joy in seeing their gleeful and excited faces.

Well done girls!



Nick India Christmas

12/12/2024

A team of Nick India (Cartoon TV Network) came from Mumbai to spend an early Christmas with our girls. They conducted games and distributed gifts to our girls. The girls enjoyed themselves. The event was covered by a large media contingent and was widely publicised on visual media.



COAS Veteran Achiever Award

19/12/2024

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd), Founder and President was conferred with the Chief of Army Staff Veteran Achiever Award by General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, Chief of Army Staff in a ceremony in South Block, Army HQ. The ceremony was attended by a large number of senior officers.



Christmas with Playology School

21/12/2024

50 teachers and toddlers of Playology Preschool celebrated Christmas with our girls with Santa Claus and plenty of games and fun.



Jai Hind Project Filming

21/12/2024 to 22/12/2024

A team of Jai Hind Project came down from Dehradun to shoot a video on Ghar to air the story of Ghar.



Absolute Concepts Christmas Eve

24/12/2024

A team of Absolute Concepts Events And Entertainment Pvt Ltd celebrated Christmas Eve with our girls with Santa Claus, games and dance.



Christmas with Symbiosis

25/12/2024

Students of Symbiosis Institute of Business Management celebrated Christmas with our girls with games, dance and activities.



Christmas Lunch at Poona Club

26/12/2024

We will conquer!
So what if we don't have the lineage of the privileged? So what if we were the underbelly of society? We will conquer!

And we rock!

Wonderful moments at the lunch hosted by their magnanimous 82 year old volunteer teacher in Poona Club.



Guru Shishya Bonding

27/12/2024

The Guru Shishya bond with their tutor saw our girls having a fun-filled afternoon with their tutor.

They loved it.

Despite their mischievous pranks, they simply grow on you. So they did it with their tutor.



DBS Bank Christmas

27/12/2024

Christmas celebrations seemed to have no end - the rejoicing continued for several days with a team from DBS bank celebrating Christmas with our girls.



Fergusson College Science Fest

28/12/2024

How quickly they make friends! In no time they befriended two canines - a photo session with them followed.

It was fun and learning at the Science Festival in Fergusson College. A good exposure for our 8 years old and above girls.



New Year Eve at GHAR

31/12/2024

The New Year was heralded in with plenty of rejoicing and dance. They are life!

Taj Blue Diamond Visit

02/01/2025

A team of Taj Blue Diamond, the oldest Five Star Hotel of Pune visited Ghar and spent quality time with our girls followed by lunch served by them.

RSB Transmissions Visit

02/01/2025

A team of RSB Transmissions, a manufacturing company, visited Ghar and spent quality time with our girls.

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*Making a
Difference to
the Lives
of People*
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Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute Visit

04/01/2025

An educational visit to the Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University Rajiv Gandhi Institute of IT & Biotechnology.

Fun and learning - an educational yet fun filled visit to the institution. They were given an educational tour of the laboratories and witnessed several experiments.

They were enthralled seeing microorganisms on their fingers through a microscope and realised the importance of washing hands before having meals.



Know Your Army Mela

05/01/2025

Our girls visited the "Know Your Army Mela 2025" organised in the Pune Racecourse. They witnessed the display of Army equipment and weaponry and learnt about the indigenous capabilities of the Armed Forces.



Musical Evening with Rotary Poona North

05/01/2025

A fun filled musical evening organised by the Rotary Club of Poona North. Thoroughly enjoyed by our girls and senior citizens.

Lohri Celebrations

13/01/2025

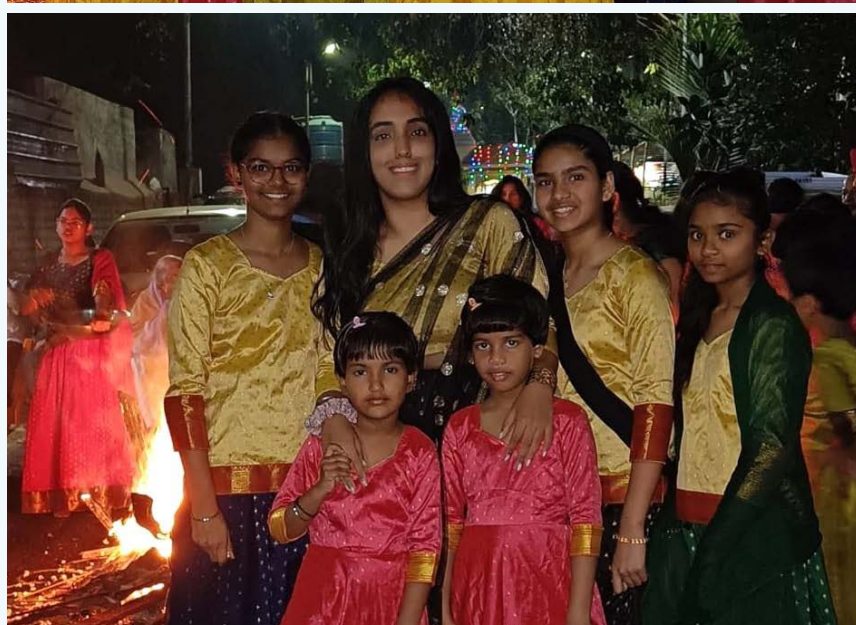
Longer days are here again
- Lohri to herald the same!

Lohri was celebrated with full gusto and the traditional Lohri fire. Our girls and senior citizens enjoyed an evening of fun and frolic and plenty of dance.

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*The clouds
have cleared
and twinkling
stars are up
there in the
dark velvet sky
- reach out to
them and
dream*

”



Army Day Parade

15/01/2025

Their chests swelled with pride as they looked in awe at our soldiers and NCC girls contingents march in an immaculate show of precision with Sukhoi jets and helicopters flying overhead and a mesh of drones hovering over the parade ground.

The Chief of Army Staff reviewed the parade in the presence of numerous past Chiefs, senior officers, foreign dignitaries and our girls.

Overwhelmed by the spectacle of the Army Day Parade held on 15 Jan in BEG & Centre - a culmination of months of hard work by all those who made it happen.



MIT College Visit

19/01/2025

Students of MIT College visited Ghar and conducted enjoyable activities with our girls.

BMC Software Visit

20/01/2025

A team of BMC Software India Pvt Ltd visited Ghar and conducted a session of activities for our girls.



Republic Day Celebrations

26/01/2025

A day of pride for us all. Our Republic Day was celebrated with flag hoisting and singing of the National anthem and patriotic songs followed by a dance performance by our girls. The Chairperson and members of the Child Welfare Committee -1 participated in the celebrations.

Our girls were invited by Hotel Blue Diamond for their Republic Day celebrations. They performed on stage and won the hearts of the audience.



BEG Commandant's Visit to Ghar

26/01/2025

Brig and Mrs PS Jyoti, VSM, Commandant BEG & Centre visited Ghar. The Commandant presented the BEG memento to Ghar.



Sports Meet by Inner Wheel Club

09/02/2025

They participated, enjoyed themselves and some won medals.

A sports event organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central had nine of our girls participating in it. It was an enjoyable day for our girls.



Universal Wisdom School Visit

15/02/2025

A fun filled morning with students and teachers of Universal Wisdom School, Balewadi, an International school. Their girls loved it, so did ours.



Workday India Leadership Visit

25/02/2025

The senior leadership team of Workday India Pvt Ltd including five members from the USA visited Ghar and spent time with our girls. They were briefed about our work. They were enthralled with our confident girls, one of whom presented a memento to them.



Vrikshit Foundation and Situs AMC Visit

25/02/2025

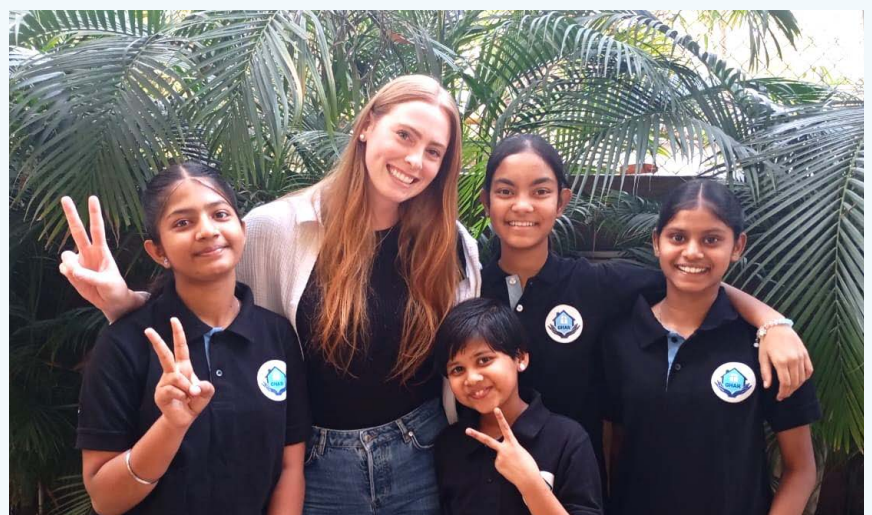
The senior leadership team of Situs AMC comprising five members from the USA and UK accompanied by a team of Vrikshit Foundation visited Ghar and conducted some fun filled activities for our girls. They relished every moment they spent with our girls, so did our girls.

From far and wide they had come - their simplicity and care had our girls enjoying an evening of fun and frolic with them.

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Ghar is a kaleidoscope of relations, of feelings and emotions, of equality and opportunities

”



Women's Day at Blue Diamond Hotel

08/03/2025

On the occasion of Women's Day, our girls were invited by Hotel Blue Diamond who organised various activities for our girls.

I loved the bathtub - I wish I could lie in it the whole day. I loved the cosy bed - how I wish I could spend a day here. The trip was too short - next time make it at least 10 hours they said!

Their 4.5 hour visit to Hotel Blue Diamond was indeed a memorable one. New learnings - they were shown every part of the hotel and briefed about every department. The birthday of a girl was celebrated in the hotel.

I want to do Hotel Management exclaimed some of our girls on their return. Yes you will!



Women's Day with ISC Projects

08/03/2025

The Chairman and team of ISC projects Pvt Ltd celebrated Women's Day with our girls in Ghar. They organised a magic show and conducted various activities.

Holi Celebrations at GHAR

13/03/2025

They were looking forward to the festival of colours and made the most of it. Not a care in the world they have – well cared for they are.

“
*Hum kisse
se kam
nahin!*
”



Astronomy Night

14/03/2025

The moon looks so beautiful with its craters they exclaimed! Four orbiting moons of Jupiter cradling the gas giant in a straight line were a sight to see!

They looked in awe through a high powered telescope at the celestial sky and gauged into the depths of the Solar System.

A session on astronomy by a team of Antariksha Amateurs Astronomers was indeed a wonderful and educative experience for our girls.



Holi with Prayaa Foundation

15/03/2025

Members of Prayaa Foundation celebrated a belated Holi with the younger girls with fun and games.



DY Patil Hospital Stay

17/03/2025 to 19/03/2025

A stay in the Dr D.Y. Patil Ayurved Hospital & Research Centre for inpatient medical check-ups and Ayurvedic Panchakarma turned out to be a picnic for 17 of our smaller girls and entertainment for the hospital staff.

Plenty of dancing in the Paediatric Ward in which they were housed to the immense delight of the audience who were truly amazed with our girls. Who would have thought that the floor of the ward would become a dance floor! Surely our girls impressed one and all!



Bharati Vidyapeeth College Visit

22/03/2025

85 students and teachers of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering visited Ghar and conducted a playful session of fun and activities with our girls.



BMC Software Visit

28/03/2025

A team of BMC Software India Pvt Ltd visited Ghar, created awareness about social media and conducted activities.



Gudi Padwa

31/03/2025

Our girls love celebrating festivals. Gudi Padwa was celebrated with full gusto - rangoli and a visit to an adjacent temple followed by a sumptuous meal with puran poli and Maharashtrian delicacies that they relished.

Spring is in the air and we shall soar to new heights!



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Soaring to
new heights
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THE YEAR GONE BY

Ghar provides a secure and nurturing environment for girls in need of care and protection, those without homes and family ties and those who are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. During the year, 46 residential girls and four non-residential children received support through this initiative.

We have provided our beneficiaries good amenities, healthy nutrition, good healthcare, recreational facilities and quality education and counselling and are doing what it takes to make them grow into well informed and responsible adults, empower them and mainstream them in society as productive and conscientious citizens.

Ghar is a home of warmth, encouragement and learning where children dream and reach for the stars; the quintessence of happiness and aspirations, of hope and a sound future; of opportunities to realise one's potential.



Education

Quality education in good schools was imparted. Except for five older girls, all other girls are studying in English medium schools viz Army Public School, St Joseph's Convent School, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Chetan Dattaji Gaikwad English Medium School.

Extensive in-house tuition was imparted by a team of tuition teachers. Volunteers chipped in with regular classes in conversational English and subjects in which the girls needed more attention. Regular training in computers and online education on computers was imparted to all girls.

A wide array of educational visits were organised to reputed institutions and defence establishments and places of learning and interest to widen their horizons and raise their aspirations.

Our girls were encouraged to participate in all activities in school and in Ghar in order to make them confident and capable to participate and compete in all activities.



Sports and Games

Participation in field games was encouraged to build character, team spirit, initiative and courage. Coaching in football and basketball was imparted during the summer vacations. Table Tennis coaching was regularly imparted on weekends.

Our girls participated and competed in sports and games in their schools and in competitions that were organized by various organisations. Several of them won medals in these competitions.

Extracurricular Activities

Participation in extracurricular activities was encouraged. 23 girls participated in a 13 days Summer Camp organised by BEG & Centre, an Army establishment wherein they performed various activities viz field games, swimming, golf, yoga, tree plantation, craftwork etc. They performed dance and yoga on stage during the closing ceremony and won several prizes.



Yoga and Dance

Development of body and mind was facilitated with regular yoga training on Saturdays and Sundays by a qualified yoga teacher. Many girls excelled in yoga and qualified in various tests in yoga. Periodic meditation classes were also conducted.

Regular dance classes were conducted in semi classical dance forms once a week. Our girls performed dance in front of large audiences several times.



Workshops and Activities

Workshops covering a wide array of activities viz craft work, drawing, painting, self-defence, Garbah dance etc were conducted on weekends for new learnings, increasing awareness and holistic development.

A Robotics course was conducted for all girls in multiple batches. Regular robotic classes were conducted for selected girls. Five girls participated in the National Robotics Competition 2024 organised by Robotex India.

A session on Astronomy was conducted by an experienced team of Astronomers. Our girls viewed planets and their moons through a high powered telescope.

Our girls were encouraged to organise and celebrate all festivals to foster patriotism, team work, initiative, creativity, confidence and a sense of responsibility. Our Founders day was conducted entirely by our girls with performances, felicitation of well-wishers and compering done by them.

Corporates, schools, colleges and various organisations conducted numerous activities of learning, play and fun during the year.

Recreational activities were organised. Several musical evenings with a live band and magic shows were organised for the recreation of our girls. Motivational talks by senior Army officers and people of eminence were organised.



Adventure Activities

Eight of our eldest girls undertook a two days overnight trip to Raireshwar, 94 kms from Pune, camped overnight in tents and trekked up to Raireshwar Temple and Kenjalgad Fort. They learnt about the historical significance of these places and had a very eventful experience.

Healthcare and Counselling

Quality and timely healthcare was provided to our girls. An under seven years old girl with a heart complication underwent a heart operation wherein a device was inserted in her heart. A nine years old girl who had undergone a cornea transplant in September 2023 was provided a special Scleral lens for improving her vision.

Several girls underwent dental root canal procedures. Treatment for braces is undergoing in respect of three girls. A complete health checkup was carried out for 17 girls as in-patients in a reputed hospital.

A dental camp and lectures on healthcare, menstruation and good and bad touch were conducted. Counselling by a Psychologist and IQ Tests of some girls were carried out.

A healthy and nutritious diet was provided for good health and physical development. All our girls are in good health.



Living with Love

The good standard of living and quality of life provided to our beneficiaries in itself is a motivation for them to strive to succeed in life. Strong sisterly love and bonding is encouraged amongst our girls.



LEARNINGS

Children of all strata of life are the same. What differentiates them are opportunities which largely depend on the financial status of their families. If underprivileged children are provided the same opportunities that the children of well off families get, they too can realise their potential and excel. We provide the same opportunities to our girls as we provide to our own children, be it in quality education, nutrition, healthcare, holistic development and care and affection. Many street children have shown remarkable progress in education and aspire to become Army officers, IPS officers, doctors and the like. We are highly motivated to do the best we can to ensure they realise their dreams; we are confident they will.

Every child should grow up in a family. Institutionalization is a measure of the last resort. Our constant endeavor has been to identify, counsel and restore those girls who have families who are capable of looking after them. Over the years we have restored several girls to their families.



OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Ghar was conceptualized as a family and has tackled the many problems that we face with the very approach that parents adopt for their children. Good education and healthcare, counselling, a healthy and nutritious diet, participation in various activities, conducting activities that foster team work and a feeling of belongingness and above all abundant love and affection are amongst the methods adopted to overcome the challenges faced and to make our girls genuinely feel a part and parcel of the family of Ghar. Newly admitted girls are taken under the wings of older girls who help them settle down and feel loved and cared for. The management and staff deal with the girls likewise and provide realistic feedback that helps us in understanding the problems, behavior and conduct of individual girls and in doing what is needed to course correct them.

The primary need of most children is a sense of belongingness, security and a feeling of being loved. Children pine for love and affection. Their initial sense of insecurity is largely overcome with the sense of warm welcome and belongingness they feel right from the first instance. Having a clear picture of the background of a child and the trauma she has undergone helps in understanding a child's behavior and what needs to be done to bring her on track and amalgamate her as a member of the family of Ghar.



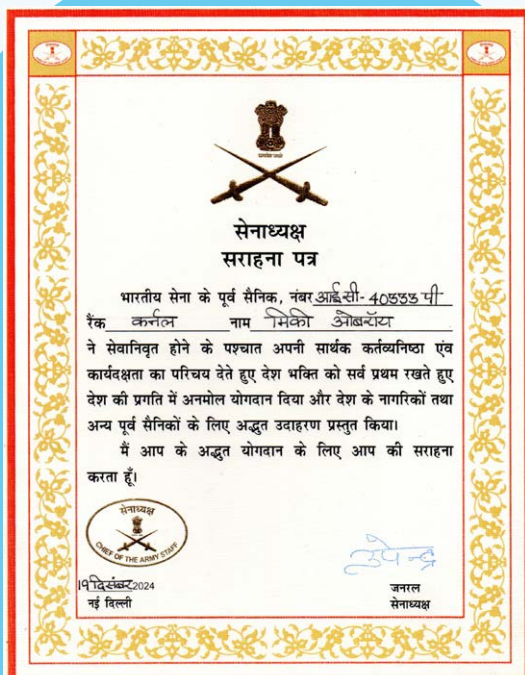
WAY FORWARD

Ghar is an incubator of fulfilling, purposeful and meaningful lives and about them learning how to use that to make an impact and a difference to the lives of others; about growing into good human beings who care.

We are fully geared up to realize our vision of our girls growing into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults who will impact society in a meaningful manner in times to come.

AWARDS

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd), Founder and President was conferred with the Chief of Army Staff Veteran Achiever Award by General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, Chief of Army Staff in a ceremony in South Block, Army HQ, New Delhi.



REFLECTIONS

Ghar has carried on in her journey with perseverance and a will to do all she can to see her girls evolve into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults who will impact and make a difference to the lives of others in times to come.

Bonds and feelings have deepened along the way and happiness and the fragrance of love is all pervasive. *Ghar* has cradled her daughters as her very own.



Why not?

She had spent her nascent years by the roadside...she now has a warm hearth and a cosy bed. *Why not?*

She had stretched out her arms for alms...she now has arms reaching out to her, arms that care, protect and love. *Why not?*

She had spent her days gazing into nothingness...she now sits in a classroom learning maths and science. *Why not?*

She had gaped at children rushing to schools...she now sits alongside children in some of our finest schools. *Why not?*

She had been reckoned to be a child of a lesser God...she now has people thumping her on her back and blessing her. *Why not?*

Her hands will be raised one day with pride and humility to return a salute. *Why not?*

We will salute her for her triumph...her fruition in substance and soul. *Why not?*

We share our experience and knowledge with those bereft of means and opportunities. *Why not?*

In her own little way *Ghar* is making our world a better place. *Why not?*

The ones who had disparaged her will one day raise a toast to her...*it is then the vision of Ghar will be realised!*

Why not?

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*Our past is behind us,
we live our present to the fullest...
we are the future!*

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We envisage, nay we know, that our girls will impact society in a meaningful manner in times to come - in their own ways help others climb up the tallest mountains as we are doing for them.

Our conviction emerges from our belief that nature creates us as equals. There's no difference between a child born in a well-to-do family and a child born in an underprivileged family. The only difference is in opportunities.

Inequality on account of birth, circumstances or societal norms is what we, in our own little way, are bridging because we look at humans from the eyes of nature that created us - as equals.

This belief is being naturally imbibed in our girls by what they experience in *Ghar* and in their upbringing - the unadulterated care and affection and opportunities they get immaterial of their backgrounds. There is no gap between them and us - they are us.

It is this belief that will spur them to reach out to others in times to come. And they will!

Her eyes moistened, so did ours.

She had lost her father a few years back, a mother she did have, being cared for by an NGO in another city that looks after mentally ill people.

Her mother, unaware of her child's whereabouts, broke down when we told her that her daughter is with us. She was normal but her family had washed their hands of her.

At a crossroad we stood - the future of the child was bright if we sheltered and cared for her. But was it fair to deny the child the natural love and affection bestowed by a mother-daughter relationship?

The moment for parting had come.

We watched with immense happiness as the mother embraced her daughter - three years had gone by since she had held her.

As we released her from our embrace her eyes moistened, so did ours.

In the one month she had stayed with us, she had become one of us.

Adieu lil' girl - we'll miss you.

She sobbed as he held her close to his chest.

*Didi please mummy se panch minute ke liye baat karao...*she would every now and then plead with our staff.

In the lap of a staff member she would lie and cry...*mummy ko milna hai.*

*Mummy aur papa hospital mein hai...*her belief since she was just three years old.

Years had flown by since her parents had crossed over to the next world, in a short span of time COVID had torn apart a happy family and left a three year old and her sisters bereft of their love and care.

Two years back they had made *Ghar* their home.

Time flew by. She grew and blossomed in *Ghar*. Her belief that her parents were alive remained undiminished. The time had come to reveal to her the truth.

He held her closely in his arms and softly whispered to his child, his daughter, that mummy and papa will never be coming back.

Tears streamed down her cheeks. He felt the pain and yet it was a moment of relief for him.

Emotions engulfed him, he felt from within the immense responsibility he had towards her - of being her mummy and papa as they would have been had they been alive.

He felt an urge, a strong resolve, to do everything for her to scale the tallest mountains.

As he held her to his chest, the words of Edward Hale resounded in his mind.

"It is wonderful what one person can do when he is dedicated to doing it.

I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something.

And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."

She aspires to become an Army officer. Her aspirations may change over time but our resolve to see her one day stride as a young successful lady with purity in her heart, shall never waiver.

We shall forever hold your hand lil' girl, that's our promise to you and to ourselves.

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*Ghar is an emotion,
a feeling,
a yearning,
a journey,
about
changing
the course
of rivers -
about
making a
difference*

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Somewhere along the journey things changed.

Conceived she was as a family - a home for orphan, abandoned and vulnerable girls...*Ghar*.

Along the way feelings developed, the very motley lot who made *Ghar* their home became us.

They pined for love.

Along the journey relationships changed, they became our daughter's, accentuating our efforts to do all we can for them to blossom into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults.

The journey has had its pitfalls. When a girl walked off the path of trust, immense grief tore apart our hearts.

The pain lingers but life must go on, so many more to care for.

A beehive of emotions, of feelings and of love she is.

She is our home, our family...*Ghar*.

They held each other and cried inconsolably.

Her grief had taken its toll. In a small dingy room she lived. As we stepped into the adjacent unused room in a small by lane in her village, the sounds of happiness and laughter that the walls once echoed ricocheted in our ears.

Tumare papa kaam par gaye hain she kept saying to a sobbing child crying inconsolably while she held her to her chest. The grief of the child and an old frail lady who had lost her old son and his wife nearly four years back was unbearable. We looked on with tears streaming down our cheeks.

Years had gone by since she had set her eyes on her granddaughters.

Memories came flooding back. The very room in which she had spent her happy childhood, her home, was now dilapidated and engulfed in a smog of palpable sadness. The bed on which her mother had breathed her last lay as it was.

Chastened we were by the grief we saw and felt, and the huge responsibility we have towards our daughter. We are now her world as she is ours.

As we sat in our vehicle to return, she put her head down on the lap of her sister and sleep engulfed her.



Mein Ghar wapas aaungi na?

She ran across the room into his arms. They held onto each other as the clock ticked away, emotions engulfed them and all those around.

A long drive it was, tucked away in a remote corner of a small hamlet, surrounded by lush fields, the orphanage which housed her.

She had been one of us, and still is. Unfortunately, some wrongdoings had occurred. She had felt the need to stay away for a while, correct herself and return. She did realise she had betrayed the trust we had reposed in her. It was time for redemption.

Mein Ghar wapas aaungi na? she asked time and again.

She knew her future, her dreams, lay in Ghar. She felt the calling within her to shed the part of her that had created a cauldron in *Ghar* and to be back anew, to regain the trust we had reposed in her.

Mujse milne aaoge na? she kept asking, with longing and sadness in her eyes as we let go her hand to head back.

She kept waving till our vehicle turned the corner.

We will be back, girl.

So will you.

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*Let's together
change the
worlds of those
'one person's'...
yes we can...
yes we will!*

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A lil' girl once extended her arms for alms and drenched her hands in garbage for rag picking.

Those very hands won her the first prize in the English handwriting competition held in the reputed English medium school she studies in. Those very hands today write with grace and aplomb and pen down the answers that emanate from her sharp mind.

An intelligent and diligent girl, she is very good at studies. Her teachers have only good words to say about her, a doctor she aspires to be.

Ghar will always be there to hold your hand and encourage you all the way to your destination lil' girl.

Well done!



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Helping one person may not change the whole world; but it can change one person's whole world.

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Birthday Wish.

They were once the underbelly of society.

Orphans who had no willing one to look after them, abandoned lil' ones who survived on streets.

Vulnerable girls whose very future was blurred, lil' girls who walked the streets seeking alms with their incapacitated mothers.

And then *Ghar* embraced them as her very own and they became us.

They saw the brilliance of twinkling stars in the dark velvet sky. A new world they got to see, aspirations were raised.

It is when these girls stride the path of success, compassion, truthfulness, and when they in turn in their own ways hold the hands of others and help them climb up the tallest mountains and show to others the brilliance of stars in the dark velvet sky, it is then my birthday wish will be fulfilled...

That day will come, it's the birthday wishes of that day I look forward to.





3 Idiots - best sisters forever.

A few months apart they were born, each distinctly different from the other. One bubbly, full of life, childlike, lots of potential, yet forever enshrouded with umpteen complaints. The second, innocent, lazy, complaints galore about her, yet lovable. The third, fire and fury, flash anger, tears in a flick, studious.

Our three 12 year olds, completely different backgrounds, different circumstances that brought them to *Ghar* and yet bonded as best sisters forever.

In times ahead they'll move away to make their own nests, yet remain best sisters forever, and the daughters of *Ghar*.

They call themselves 3 Idiots and best sisters forever.

Two hundred rupees is what she earned as she walked the streets with her arms stretched out to support the alcoholic lady who had taken her in. Bruised and beaten she was when *Ghar* embraced her.

Can't help but smile when we see her confident demeanor and her lovely smile. She has completely shed her dreadful past and emerged anew, and indeed become the rainbow in the sky.

She's enamoured us all and her teachers in the reputed school in which she studies. An Army officer she aspires to become.

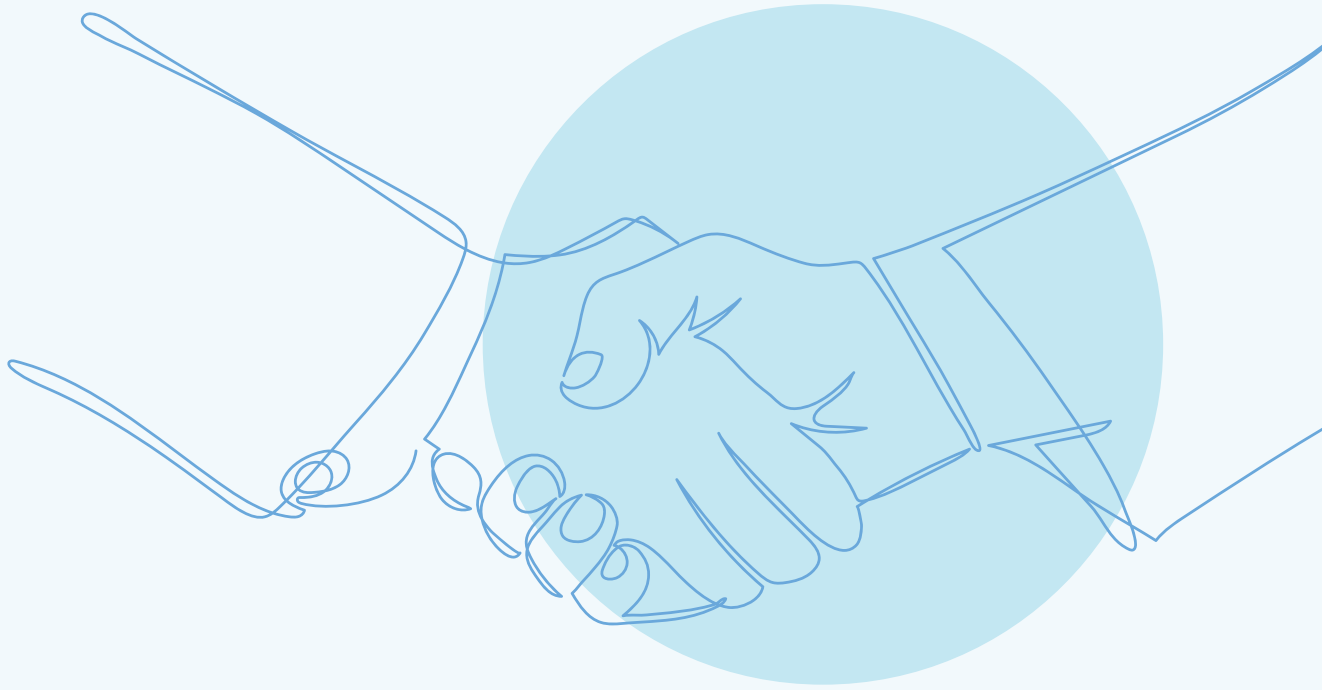
The ultimate tribute to *Ghar* will be when, in times to come, she realises her dream.

And when she does, which she will, she'll reinforce our belief that nature creates all of us as equals and only opportunities differentiate the haves and have not's.

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*A diverse band
they are -
they are life*

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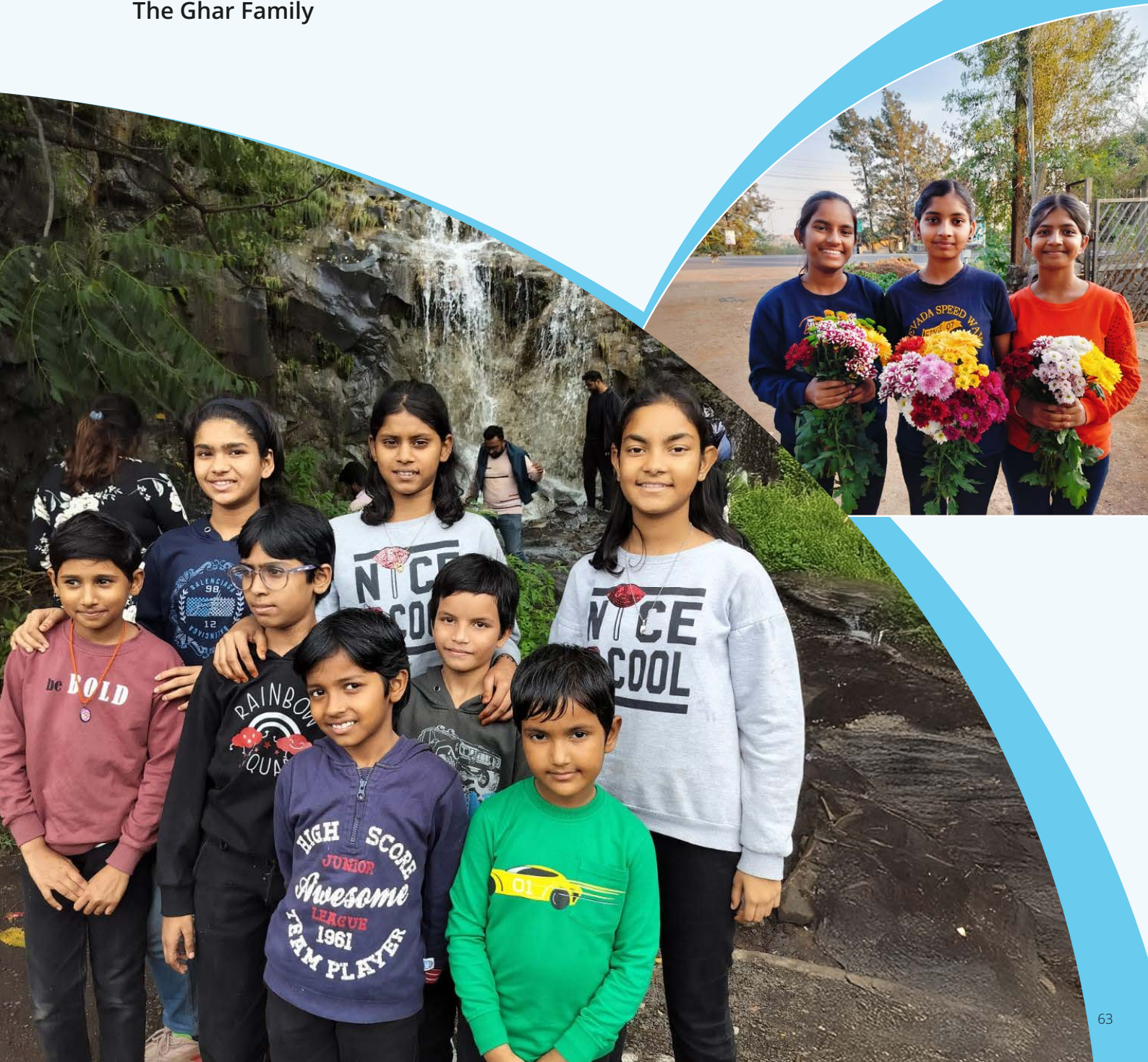
THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Well-Wishers,

Our journey is proceeding along its path because of your unstinted support and blessings. We have lit a flame - a flame that is being carried to its cauldron with the encouragement of seen and unseen faces along the way.

Thank you for being a part of our journey of holding the hands of our girls and helping them climb up the tallest mountains.

Warm Regards,
The Ghar Family





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