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IN EACH QUARTERLY EDITION, WE WILL SHARE:

- **Success Stories:** Discover how individuals and communities are breaking barriers and achieving their dreams with the help of our programs.
- **Spotlight on Impact:** Dive deep into the tangible results of our projects, from improved healthcare access to enhanced livelihood opportunities.
- **Feedback and Engagement:** We value your input and engagement, and we invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas with us.

Dear TAP (The Anugraha Project) Friends and Supporters,

We are delighted to welcome you to the very first edition of our quarterly newsletter, dedicated to the remarkable journey of empowerment and positive change happening in communities across Bangalore, India, through the initiatives of TAP. This newsletter serves as a testament to our unwavering commitment and the incredible impact we've achieved with your generous support.

In these pages, you will find stories of resilience, progress, and transformation as we explore the various initiatives and projects that are changing lives in Bangalore. From healthcare programs to urban education initiatives, our efforts are far-reaching and designed to create a brighter future for every individual we touch.





A TRIUMPH FOR TAP: SCHOOL REOPENS TO JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS

In a momentous event on 9th October 2023, we joyfully reopened the doors of our school, thanks to the unwavering support and funding from our dedicated community members. The day was marked with a formal inauguration, complete with ribbon-cutting and festive celebrations that reflected the profound significance of this occasion.

Impactful Reopening: More than Just Education

The impact of the reopening has been transformative, creating a safe haven for over 40 young children, all under the age of 6. This initiative not only welcomed back existing students but also attracted new enrolments, showcasing the positive influence of our mission. Beyond academic benefits, the school has become a cornerstone for our community, allowing mothers to return to work with the confidence that their children are in a secure and nurturing environment during the day.

Prioritizing Safety: A Community's Responsibility

Child safety is at the forefront of our mission, driven by concerns over risky unsupervised play near busy roads. This worry was further emphasized by a tragic incident in another community, where the closure of a school due to lack of funding led to unsupervised children tragically drowning in a nearby swimming pool. This heart-breaking event fuelled our determination to reopen promptly, emphasizing the critical importance of safety in our mission.

A Secure Space for Growth and Well-being

With our dedicated teacher and helper back at work, the school not only provides education but also serves as a secure space for the children's growth and well-being. We are proud to be a catalyst for positive change in the lives of these young minds and the broader community.





TAP'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS SCORE BIG WITH CRICKET COLLABORATION

In our commitment to providing accessible opportunities for personal growth within the community, TAP's Enrichment Programs have struck gold with the introduction of a dynamic cricket initiative.



Empowering Young Athletes: A Platform for Success

Our collaboration with CSE- Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence has propelled young cricketers from our community to new heights. The expertise of CSE is now an integral part of our programs, creating a holistic environment for the growth and development of aspiring athletes. Recent successes, including reaching the finals of a prestigious tournament with one of our boys securing victory, underscore the positive impact of this partnership.

We are dedicated to nurturing and refining their skills, ensuring ongoing support for their development. Recognizing and celebrating these achievements is crucial for boosting morale and motivation.

UNLEASHING CREATIVITY: ADITI ART CLUB INSPIRES YOUNG MINDS

Our Enrichment Vertical has been buzzing with creativity as we engage children of various age groups in enjoyable and imaginative activities. Recently, the Aditi Art Club orchestrated a captivating half-day session with 12 enthusiastic children. The session focused on color mixing techniques, empowering the children to express their creativity through beautiful paintings on canvass.

Our goal is to weave this engaging activity into the fabric of our programs, turning it into a recurring event that sparks joy and nurtures artistic talents.

Art for a Cause: Framing Dreams, Supporting Futures

The masterpieces created during these sessions won't just be confined to memories; they will be framed and made available for sale. The proceeds generated will contribute to the well-being of our children, aligning with our commitment to providing ongoing support for their needs and endeavours.

This initiative is not just about art; it's about creating a sustainable cycle of creativity and care within our community.





QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

• Nutritious Food for Bright Minds

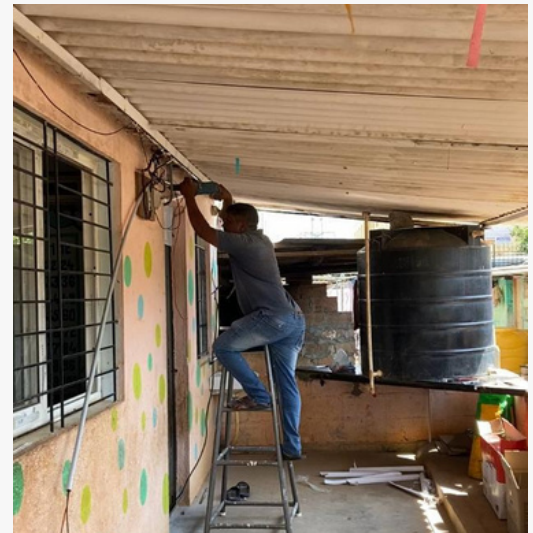
Partnering with an NGO, Sampoorna Ahara, India's first whole food plant based enterprise, we're enhancing the nutritional well-being of our students. This initiative aligns with our broader healthcare efforts, addressing educational and health-related challenges in our community. By focusing on a balanced diet, we're nurturing the physical and cognitive development of our young learners.

• Empowering through English Proficiency

Teaming up with Aarunya Foundation, we've launched a spoken English program for 22 children aged 8 to 12. This after-school initiative spans four years, aiming to enhance language skills crucial for employability, education, and self-confidence. Bridging the gap in primary and secondary education, this program sets a foundation for a brighter future.

• Lighting up Futures with Solar Power

As part of our commitment to environmental responsibility, TAP, in partnership with the Menda Foundation, has completed the installation of solar lighting systems, for the school. Approximately 100 children engaged in after-school studies will benefit from extended study hours, overcoming constraints posed by sunlight availability. Future plans include lighting up play areas for enhanced safety and usability.



ENGAGING WITH TAP: A HEART-WARMING TREND

Families are increasingly joining our community, participating in special occasions like birthdays and Diwali celebrations with the children. A notable instance involved a couple celebrating their daughter's 21st birthday by involving the kids in pot painting and planting activities. The plants, diligently cared for by the children, instil a sense of ownership and environmental appreciation among the children.

In another heartening event, a different couple chose to mark Diwali with the children, contributing backpacks and other items. The community eagerly anticipates two upcoming events where a generous individual plans to donate uniforms to the children, accompanied by a special lunch, in honor of her husband's first anniversary.

These initiatives showcase a growing trend of TAP gaining popularity among other NGOs and individuals. Collaborative efforts and positive engagement with families underscore the community's appeal and the meaningful impact it is making on the lives of these children.

As we conclude this inaugural issue, let us embrace the spirit of unity, gratitude, and shared impact, knowing that together, we are building a brighter future for TAP community.

Warm regards,

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