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Dear Readers,

As people are stepping out, some with trepidation, some with optimism, we at IAPA are hopeful of a better period ahead. Even as we worked from home for most part of the pandemic period, we kept in touch with our children and families over phone and video calls.

Webinars were a valuable aid for enhancing knowledge on different subjects. 'Bridging the Generation Gap' was one such webinar organized for adoptive parents. ANMOL - our WhatsApp group for adoptive parents, also helped exchange ideas and experiences amongst its members.

We share our grief on losing Mrs. Sulbha Surve during this period. One of our valuable foster mothers, she nurtured and shaped the future of several infants under her care.

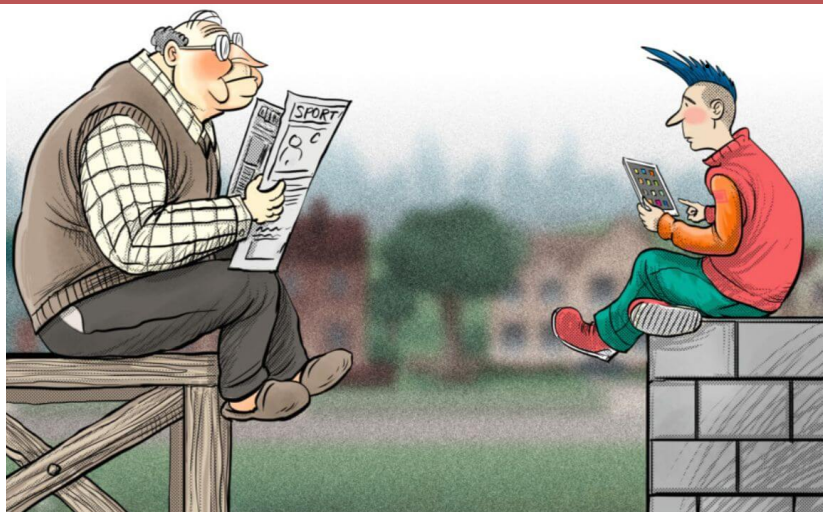
Children and families under our programs continued to battle bravely against the challenges thrown at them. IAPA floated a 'Covid Relief and Rehabilitation Fund' for the second time during the pandemic, bringing about a tremendously positive response from our well-wishers. THANK YOU !!

Students at the threshold of Board and University exams were evaluated as per the rules declared by the Education Ministry. It was most gratifying to find that many of our students scored extremely well, providing a bright ray of hope and validating the trust placed by their families. We look forward to your feedback on iapacw1970@gmail.com

With Best Wishes, Team IAPA

"BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP"

Bridging the Generation Gap, a challenge existing since time immemorial, was taken up in a webinar organised by IAPA on 5th June 2021. Attended by around 40 participants, it was resourced by experts Ms. Anuradha Prabhudesai- Consultant Psychologist, Disha Counselling, Ms. Sneha Jadhav - School Counsellor and Ms. Nanda Purohit-Clinical Psychologist and member Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Seeking to discuss and suggest ways to reduce the generation gap, it focused on ways of improving communication amongst different generations of family members, especially parents and children. Identifying and dealing with different behavioral issues of children was part of the sharings. An important factor in communication with adopted children would be helping them deal with their negative feelings of being surrendered to another family through adoption.



HOW TO REDUCE GENERATION GAP

- Communicate clearly, explaining your view point
- Try to see the child's view point too, even if you do not agree with it
- Do not reject anything put forward by them, without evaluation
- Develop the art of negotiating well and fairly
- Do not compare them to other children you relate to
- Be open to learning their language, trends, career choices and the like
- Do not expect your child to be just like you
- Use technology to bridge the gap
- Do not let your ego come in the way
- Keep Love as the cornerstone to overcome all challenges
- Let maturity, patience & understanding prevail through the process

BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP

Common behavioral issues in children

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD)

Conduct disorders

Strategies for developing positive behavior in children

Designing a routine

Assigning tasks

Taking breaks

Praising positive behavior

Staying calm when asking them to do something

Making your instructions clear and age appropriate

Laying down consequences for undesirable behavior

Having openness to seek professional help !!

Helping an adoptee deal with the concept of being 'surrendered by' birth mother during adoption

- Explain this matter slowly, with choice of appropriate words
- Make the child understand that the birth mother did not 'give up' the child; she took this step for ensuring a better future for her child
- Do not imagine that everything will go wrong
- Never try to force these matters or rush things

*In adoption, a child is not
GIVEN UP.*

*A birth mother **GIVES** life,
a child a family, unconditional love.*

*She **GIVES** a part of her heart
that will never feel whole.*

*She **GIVES** another mother a part of her
heart that was always missing.*

*An adoptive mother **GIVES** a life and family to this child.*

*She **GIVES** unconditional love.*

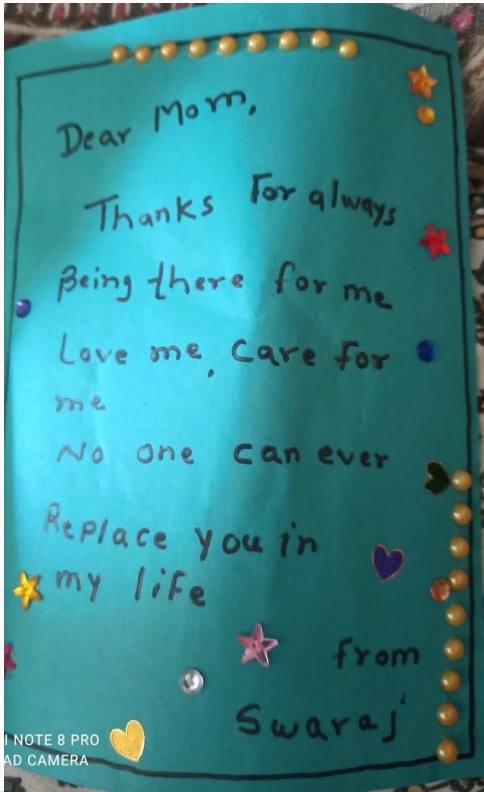
*She **GIVES** a part of her heart to another mother.*

*You **GIVE** a lot--just never **GIVE UP** -Terra Cooper*



**A moment in
my arms,
forever in my
heart**

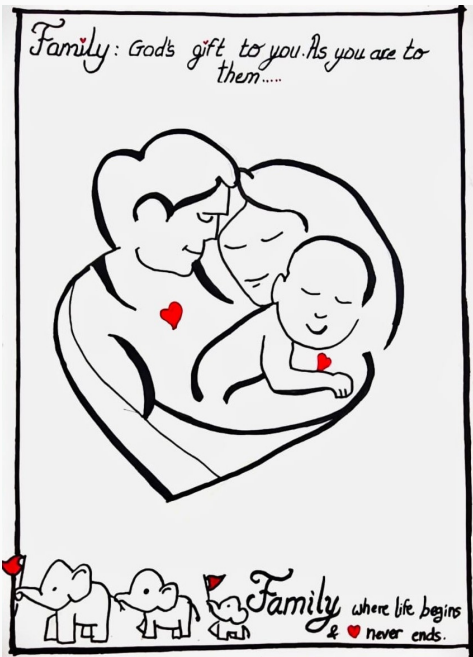
AN 'ANMOL' GIFT !!



7 year old Swaraj Sachin Soman who has made this lovely card for his mother Sayali, also says- "Mum you are my biggest inspiration. I am so proud to be your kid. I LOVE YOU !!"



These amazing creations are made by 10 year old adoptee Master Siddh Dhiresh Jain, who wants to spread the message of love and forgiveness to one and all. A peace loving person, Siddh believes that we must always forgive people who hurt us... also forgive our parents who scold us out of their love for us !!



HATS OFF TO OUR STANDARD X (SSC) TOPPERS !!

Sakshi Bhilare

91%

Sakshi's fantastic scores validated her prowess as an all-rounder. Having secured admission in the Science stream, this vivacious girl also wants to crack the National Defence Academy exams in the future !!



Shreya Narvekar

88.80%

Shreya, an intelligent and hard-working girl, has gained admission in a reputed college. She aspires to become a Company Secretary or a banker !!



Feroze Shah

82%

It's been a major achievement for Feroze to secure an excellent score, despite having to assist his father in selling snacks. He is looking ahead with hope, having secured admission in Science stream!



Jidnyasa Bhoir

82%

A budding artist, Jidnyasa has taken admission in the Arts stream. With the support of her family and IAPA, she has taken the first step in pursuit of her dreams !!



KEEP IT UP STANDARD XII (HSC) ACHIEVERS !!



Aditi Durge
90% (Commerce)

Aditi , a down to earth girl, is seeking admission for F.Y.B.Com. There is no limit to her father's happiness, who works as a security guard !!



Mitali Karanje
86.33%
(Science)

Mitali, aspires to graduate in Science stream, followed by post-graduation and even a PhD !! Her father, a fisherman, is fully supportive of his daughter's ambitions !!

Neha is pursuing Bachelors in Account & Finance (BAF) degree course This is a proud moment for her mother, a single parent, living with her children in a small area on a building's terrace.



Neha Kamble
86% (Commerce)

Nisha secured admission for Bachelors in Management Studies (BMS) degree course. She will also be training in MSCIT & Tally computer courses !



Nisha Abgul
85.50%
(Commerce)



Isha Temkar
84.33% (Science)

Isha is all set to pursue her Bachelors in Engineering (IT). She resides in Mumbai with her grandparents, while her parents stay in their native village.

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR SSC & HSC TOPPERS IN OUR RURAL PROJECT !!

Rutuja Velnaskar from village Bhopan secured first position in Bahujan Hitay Vidyamandir , Agarvayangani with 92.80%. An active participant in our Life Skills Training program, she has taken admission in Science stream !!



Sayali Shigvan from Terevayangani village achieved first rank in HSC securing 85.80%. Having lost her father to Covid in April 2021, it was IAPA's assurance of support that encouraged Sayali to continue higher education and opt for Science with specialisation in Agriculture !!

Saloni Pande scored 87.20% in HSC in Science stream. She has managed to get admission into GNM (3 years diploma course in Nursing), a highly reputed course which offers job security after completion !



OUR GRADUATES HAVE DONE US PROUD !!



Ayushi has achieved an excellent score in this specialised graduation course, without assistance of coaching classes. Understanding the challenges faced by her mother, a single parent, it is Ayushi's dedicated efforts and academic aspirations that have brought her this far. She now works in a leading accounts firm !!

Ayushi Chauhan
94% (BAF)



Diksha More
93% (B.Sc)

Ankita has battled against all odds to pursue education. Although working part-time since HSC to support the cost of higher studies, this plucky girl has managed to secure outstanding results !!



Ankita More
93.66% (B.Com)

Diksha lost a major support in life when her mother passed away last year. It is mainly her balanced and focussed approach that has enabled her to achieve her goal. Now staying with her paternal uncle's family, she plans to pursue Masters in Science (MSc) !!

Akash Meher
88.30% (B.Com)



Akash has proved the adage that when you have strong will & perseverance, you are sure to hit your target. Having secured admission in CMA he wants to realise his dream of becoming a Cost Accountant !!



Suyog Lad
88.30% (B.Com)

Suyog has been shouldering family responsibilities, even as he has been pursuing academics. His grit and hard work have paid rich dividends. He is now seeking suitable employment to be able to support his family !!

Obituary



We share with deep sorrow that **Mrs. Sulbha Surve** passed away on 15th May 2021. IAPA's dedicated foster mother since 1987, she has nurtured each child placed in her care, as her own. When Niranjana, a physically and mentally challenged boy placed with her couldn't get adopted, she continued fostering him as a family member, with full support of her family. This was despite her own struggles in bringing up two sons amidst difficult circumstances. Her absence will be greatly felt by Niranjana, now 26 years old. We pray for strength and solace to him and all her family members. **Om Shanti !!**



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