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*Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...!*



Sai Ram—with his award (see below)



Anuradha— medical student



Girls in tailoring course

Welcome to our fourth newsletter and in our opinion, by far the most exciting one. Just over four years ago we started this Charity with a mission to create social waves by bringing hope and some dignity for the then 350 polio affected children in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

We are proud to report that they have started making some seriously big waves. These pictures tell you part of the story.

- Over 35 children have now had an opportunity of university education – all of them being the first members in their entire family's history to do so.
- Sajjan Dan — placed first in Jodhpur University exams — now a potential gold medallist
- Sai Ram — winner of the prestigious Dhirubhai Ambani (Reliance Industries) award
- Over 15 students have secured jobs and thus a brighter future
- 4 undergraduates will have jobs guaranteed as teachers
- 4 postgraduates are destined for teaching jobs



Satta Ram—Education with feet!

More importantly there are **MANY MORE TO FOLLOW** who already show signs of surpassing the above achievements

### Special Points:

- "Please tell our sponsors, wherever they are, that I will not let them down" Hema Rathod—Polio victim and an undergraduate
- "Please tell supporters of Polio Children thank you for not forgetting me...you may not realize what your support has done to my life" Nina Choudary—Polio victim and Tailoring student



Sajjan Dan final year Undergraduate (See above)



Girls on a tailoring course Destined for a future in their own hands



Shobha & Anu (both polio victims)- Undergraduates

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**BUT... BUT... BUT... PTO... !**

# We have a CRISIS : the FUTURE is UNCERTAIN



Boys awaiting their meal



Girls praying before a meal



Ever grateful for what they get...!

The future of over 400 children (all suffering from Polio/neuromuscular diseases and coming from extremely poor backgrounds) is very precarious.

There is an acute shortage of funds to buy their food.

- Rajasthan has not recovered from a severe drought
- Allowances granted to these children which in itself is very meagre are not readily forthcoming

- Inflation has hit the food prices – even essential items have gone up as much as 50% within 1 year

If these children are sent back to their homes there is **no chance** of any education whatsoever and thus **no future**. Many could have their lives reduced to begging.

**All they need is £10 (\$18) per month ...**

Armless Rameshwar taught to help himself...breaking bread and...



Rameshwar eating with his feet



**Polio Children has NIL administration costs. ALL your contributions go directly to those who need it most.**

## We need to ACT NOW

The annual food budget of SKSN is £40,000 (\$72,000) for 400 children.

It is Polio Children's mission to ensure that these children are not forgotten or sent home without an education.

Polio Children will therefore make every effort to ensure that SKSN receives support for the purchase of basic food essentials.

Only £10 (\$18) per month will secure the most essential food supply (and hence the future) for one child. Your support, big or small, is urgently required. Please complete the enclosed leaflet or send your donation to our address below. **THANK YOU.**

If you would like further information about Polio Children, or view one of our videos please contact us at:

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