

KRIPASARAN CHILDREN'S HOME

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CONSTRUCTION

Happily, the delay caused by the government's new financial regulations has been resolved, and the builders are now back on site with work in full flow.

Rapid progress has been made on the final phase of building, which will create a new two-storey structure containing a larger, more modern kitchen and a central office as well as accommodation for Pema Bhantey; the monk in charge of the Home. The ground floor is already up, and the covered walkway between the kitchen and dining room, which will provide protection from the elements during the monsoon season, is well underway.



HEALTH & WELL-BEING

The dental camps have now expanded into whole-day events, when volunteer dental surgeons carry out important treatment as well as distributing medicines and vitamins to the children. They have also initiated an awareness programme on how to maintain good oral hygiene.



Eye camps continue to offer valuable check-ups both children and staff, and regular yoga lessons help to keep the children fit after the emotionally testing last couple of years. Other supportive activities that have also taken place include a live fire drill for all staff and children, an orientation on Human Trafficking by MARG NGO, and lessons on girls' hygiene given by Rotary Club Darjeeling and Darjeeling Prerna.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

This continues to be enjoyed by many young people, including four older girls undertaking nursing training, six students on the local beauty training course, and ten new students taking an 18-month training programme at the Food and Craft Institute. The results of this vocational training have been outstanding, with many graduates securing jobs in the tourism industry, including in cities and on cruise ships.



NEW SUPERVISORS AT KBM

At the beginning of 2023, DCT supported the appointment of two new supervisors for the Children's Home to ensure that the children continue to be well looked-after. After conducting interviews with the candidates who had applied for the positions, Sangam and Jigten were appointed as the male and female supervisors, respectively. These deserving candidates are already working diligently, having quickly become familiar with the Home, and are adding a great deal of value to the children's day-to-day lives and well-being. An exciting few months at KBM with many positive developments!

