Greetings from the children of Shelter Ark orphanage! Once again very glad to contact you through this e-mail. Trust that you and all at Child Care are fine and doing well and enjoying life.

Here we are all fine. The children at the Orphanage are also all fine and doing well. All of us are very glad for the New Year 2020 and thankful to the Almighty God for giving us another year to live and serve Him. The School reopened on the 2nd of January after the Christmas holidays, and all the children started attending the school and settled into their routine life.

On January 26th, the children partook in the Republic Day celebrations at the school. It is 71 years since our country got independence from the British, and it is mandatory for every educational institutions to hoist the Indian flag in its premises. The children gathered at the playground, sang patriotic songs, saluted the Indian flag, had march past, and a few students gave speeches about the history of Indian independence. The children enjoyed the day.

Winter had set in and the climate was quite cold. Nights and mornings were especially cold, and we had to procure new blankets and sweaters for the children to keep themselves warm. The children played outdoor games during their play time and enjoyed running and playing in the warm sunny afternoons.

Shruti who is now seven years old, came to us in June 2019. She comes from a broken family. Her father is addicted to alcohol and tobacco and is separated from the family. Shruti's mother has studied up to primary school and works as a domestic help. With her meagre earnings she supports herself and her sibling. They live in the slums of Dharavi in quite a miserable house. A social worker referred this child to us, and we accepted her in our orphanage. Shruti is happy to live in the orphanage and attend the Sharon English School. She has many friends in the school and is glad to live in a safe dwelling place.

We are once again very thankful to you for your continuous support, your love and care for these dear children, which has enabled them to live and grow in a happier

place where their needs are being met. They are grateful and pray for God's blessings upon the sponsors before every meal.

May the Lord always bless you with good health, keep and protect you from every evil, and prosper you all the days of your life.

With love and prayers, Rani

