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**THERE IS A
CHILD IN
EACH ONE
OF US.**





MD SPEAKS

Dear IPEans,

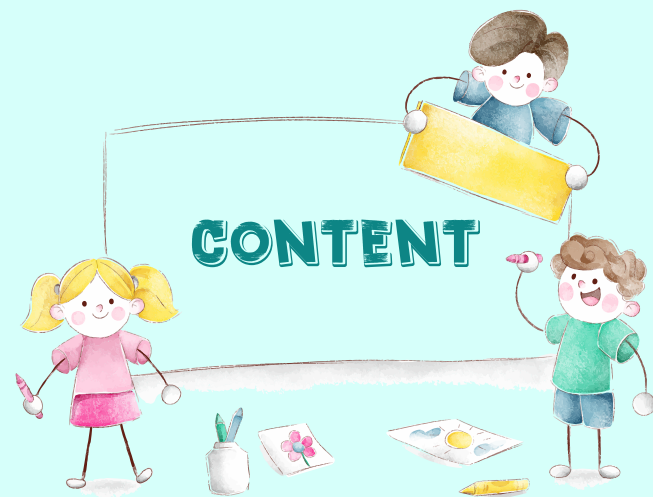
Rabindranath Tagore had famously said, “Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.” In the month when we celebrate Children’s Day (in India on November 14 and globally on November 20), let us pause and reflect on what the qualities that make a child, ‘child-like’.

Energy you may say; or enquiry; or even learning; making mistakes; retrying... perhaps a long list of such attributes that we have sadly dropped along the way. But if you ask me, the prime child-like quality is WONDER! It makes the child curious, interested, energetic, experimental; a learner, a doer and a cheerful optimist!

India and the world are facing tremendous environmental challenges at present. We need a ‘child-like’ approach of wonder and possibility-thinking, to come up with newer solutions for these.

IPE Global is also like a child- filled with wonder, energy and passion, taking up the most challenging problems, discovering possibilities - and developing newer ways to succeed! May all of us keep our inner child-like spirit alive. And may IPE Global - despite touching 21 years soon - retain these ‘child-like’ qualities to battle the developmental challenges, with growth and success.

Best wishes
Ashwajit Singh



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INTRODUCTION

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." - Nelson Mandela

Universal Children's Day, celebrated annually on 20th November, brings along the goal to improve child welfare worldwide, promote and celebrate children's rights encouraging togetherness and awareness amongst all children. Universal Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

This year, with a strong intention to build the sense of "Go Green", let us all collectively make an effort to teach our children and, the ones around us the importance of greener living and how protecting the environment can mark a positive impact on our lives.



**AGE IS JUST A NUMBER!
OUR YOUNG CRUSADERS ARE
PROOFING IT JUST RIGHT!**

For a while now, young firebrand climate change-makers like Greta Thunberg from Sweden have been demanding action to protect the environment on a scale never seen before. In India, too, change-makers are drawing attention to climate change in their own communities. The new faces of climate activism are vocal, young, and in school.

S for Strike > S for School?



“I remember watching people protest against sand mining, but I was never an active participant. One day, I just decided to talk about the issue.”

KAVYA S



At the age of 17, daughter of a fisherman, Kavya has been protesting against sand mining in Kerala’s Allapad. She posted a short video on social media explaining how unscientific sand mining has led to erosion in her village of Azheekal in Kerala’s Alappad.

Taking cognisance of the video, which went viral, the National Green Tribunal sought a report from the district administration post which it formed a committee to determine the compensation to be recovered for the damage caused to environment due to excessive mining.

While the world is going gaga over Greta Thunberg’s thought-provoking speech on rising emissions, few are aware that an 11 year-old Indian girl was among 16 child petitioners who filed a complaint to protest against the lack of government action on the climate crisis at the United National Climate Action Summit 2016.



RIDHIMA PANDEY

“If we as consumers stop using plastic, companies will stop manufacturing it.”

“I have participated in many tree plantation programme. I love when people turn up and that we can talk about protecting our environment.”

ELANGBAM VALENTINA



At a tree plantation drive thronged by hundreds, Manipur’s Green Ambassador takes a sapling and plants it in the soft, moist earth. A few hours later as evening falls, she hurries back home. There is homework to do, the ambassador is just 9 year-old after all.

With a first-hand experience of what climate change can do to a community, this 13 year-old comes from an erosion-hit Pentha village in Odisha’s coast, where people are often made to migrate thus forcing children to drop out school and help their parents earn. So far she has convinced at least 22 environmental refugee families to get their children readmitted to schools.



SUBHASHMITA TRIPATHY

“Most dropouts were working in the fields with their parents or catching fish and crabs in the creeks near Pentha. Now they are reading in school, just like others. I tried to convince their families of the importance of education and many listened.”

OUR KEY PROJECTS

The well-being of children is associated with numerous outcomes on their physical, mental, social, and economic development. IPE Global works in various fields to ensure the overall development of a child, majorly the underprivileged ones. Here are some of our projects which have directly/ indirectly impacted the lives of many mother and children.

CIFF/ GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN (GOR): RAJKOSH: RAJASTHAN INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND CHILDREN, (2018-2019)

The programme presents a catalytic opportunity - for a relatively modest financial contribution from Government of Rajasthan & CIFF - to build sustainability of welfare programme for millions of women, girls and children in Rajasthan through innovative financing approaches and improved effectiveness of government spending.

The project has primarily worked to improve the effectiveness of spending through 'scheme rationalisation' exercise; operationalised the 'Special Purpose Vehicle' (SPV); and raised financial resources by end of the investment period.

UNICEF: EVALUATION OF THE CARD AND UNICEF CASH TRANSFER PILOT PROJECT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA (2017-2018)

The Council for Agriculture and Development (CARD), Cambodia supported by UNICEF, designed a pilot cash transfer project in 2013 targeting pregnant women and children under-five from the poorest quintile to improve the financial ability of poor households to provide adequate nutrition. IPE Global undertook a formative evaluation to assess results and foster learning to improve the cash transfer mechanism. A cost-effective analysis was undertaken along with an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the CARD-UNICEF Cash transfer pilot project versus other cash transfer interventions in Cambodia, such as those implemented by The World Bank and Save the Children.

VRIDDHI - SCALING UP INTERVENTIONS IN REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEONATAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (RMNCH+A) PROJECT (ASSAM, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, CHHATTISGARH, HARYANA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JHARKHAND, MADHYA PRADESH, MANIPUR, MEGHALAYA, MIZORAM, NAGALAND, ODISHA, PUNJAB, TRIPURA AND UTTARAKHAND), INDIA (2014-2021), USAID

Supporting scale up of high impact RMNCH+A interventions across the country, with an aim to reduce morbidity and mortality among women and children. Partnering with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (GoI) and state governments to catalyse change, innovate solutions, build collaborative partnerships, and contribute to policy to expand the reach of RMNCH+A services through various national programmes. Vriddhi is impacting population of 328 million people including 8 million pregnant women, 7 million newborns, and 28 million children, through continuum of care initiatives for improving maternal, new-born, child health and family planning.

CIFF: POLICY SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO NITI AAYOG AND MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (MWCD), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR ROLL OUT OF CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS (CCTS) IN 100 PILOT DISTRICTS (2017)

The Government of India introduced Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) to address operational leakages, poor quality of food materials and high transaction costs to deliver Supplementary Nutrition Programme under the Integrated Child Development Services programme. IPE Global worked with the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) and the Government of India through the NITI Aayog and the MWCD to structure conditional cash transfers (CCTs) and the incentive mechanisms to improve maternal and child nutrition.

UNICEF: SITUATION ANALYSIS ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN MYANMAR, (2014-2015)

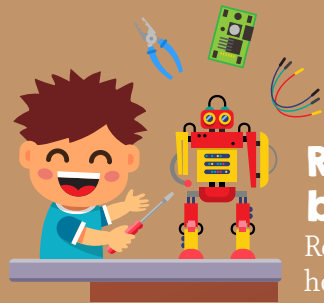
According to Article 7 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), ratified by Government of Myanmar, children with disabilities shall fully enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with other children. To this end, IPE Global conducted Situation Analysis (SitAn) on children with disabilities in Myanmar. As part of SitAn, we analysed and gathered evidence on the extent to which the rights of children with disabilities in Myanmar were being fulfilled, in accordance with the CRC (Convention on Rights of Children) and the CRPD (Convention on Rights of Person with Disabilities).

GREEN LIVING: IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

There's no time like the present to teach children to respect their environment and be willing to stand up to protect it. But the best earth-friendly practices require the co-operation of everyone in the household. Engaging your kids in this way will get them to start thinking about how their individual efforts affect the world they live in, and how little changes can - and will - make a difference.

Some outdoors are not miles away.

Start in your own backyard with your kid! Indulge your kids in planting a garden or tree, setting up bird feeders, a birdbath, and birdhouses, cleaning out and refilling the bath daily. These are small things that would matter once put in habit.



Recycle what you don't have in hand, but in trash.

Recycling is easy, and teaching your kids the same is easier. Tell them how all recyclables can be placed in one container, while others can be sorted into separate containers. Leave the creative part on them!

Drink from your own bottle.

Remember when your parents asked you to eat and drink from your own box and bottle? Well, the time haven't changed. Teach your kids to always carry their own bottles with them. Bottled water is not only expensive, but also adds up to the heaps of generated plastic waste.



Save energy more than your money.

Tell your kids to turn off lights when they're not in use, power down computers, turn off the TV when nobody's watching, and resist lingering in front of the refrigerator with the door open.



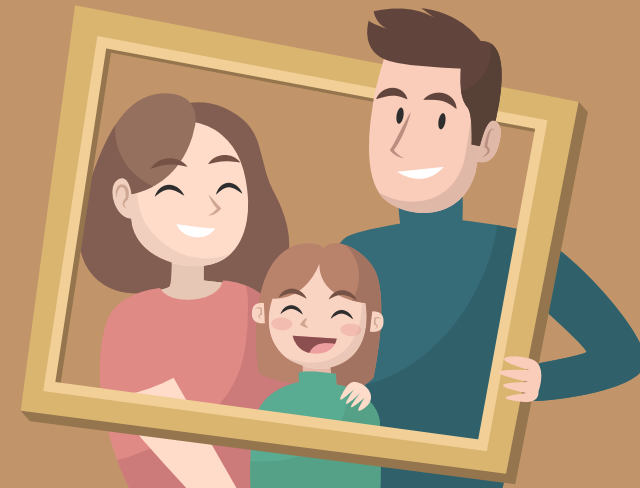
Pass the old, for some it's gold.

Ask kids to gather toys, books, clothes, and other goods that they no longer use or want for donation to local charities. Have them ride along for the drop-off so they can see how groups such as Clothes Box Foundation and the Uday Foundation use wearable old clothes donations to help children in need.



Hey kid, could you lend a hand?

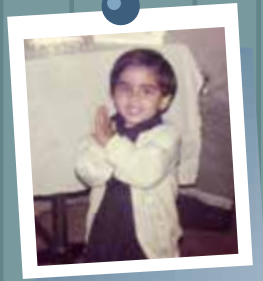
Many communities sponsor green activities, like pitching in to help clean up a local park or playground. Encourage your child to participate in such event that helps in sprucing up.



GONE ARE THE DAYS NOT THE PICTURES



The only thing better than singing is more singing.



"It's only me I listen to."



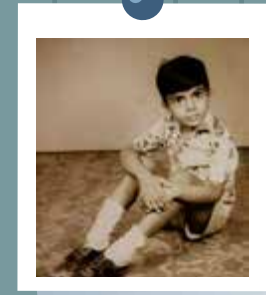
I was making my *Niti* right from day one!



Maintaining a stoic silence since '83.



Game of *Clones!* Creativity can be contagious!



Sharing even the littlest of success!



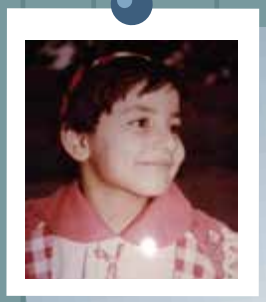
Testing our Creative Spirit!



Double Bonanza! Like father, like son.



Living life Kingsize!



Sweet dimple on the chin, spicy within.



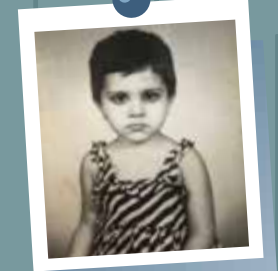
Staying strong! Making them wonder how you're still smiling...



Her dreams are as tall as her.



Native to the Scotland of the East.



Always carrying hermione's bag with a world in it!



Looking through the LENS!



Head over heels with the media

GONE ARE THE DAYS NOT THE PICTURES



Hey! Even the cat could NOT kill my curiosity!



I am Nicer when I Like my Outfit!



It's just the beard! I am still that cute 😊



I spy with my Innocence!



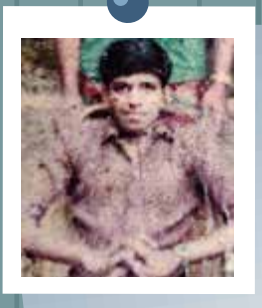
Picking up Khasi. She is the Girl from Guwahati!



I don't forget to help myself while helping others.



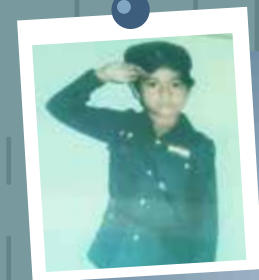
The 3 fastest means of communication: Twitter- Telephone & TELL ME!



A lot can happen over a glass of beer 😊



Promoted from being just a Mom to a Grandmom!



Dandy from Trivandrum!



Carbohydrates give us energy to work and work!



Shhhh...here is a department with a Personnel Touch!

NOTE: The one who "Packs the Max" of correct guesses in their pocket, takes away a prize home! Send in your responses to us at connect@ipeglobal.com

Know the REAL who's who in the next edition

TURNING PAGES...



Kawaljit Singh

“‘Conduct: Not Good’ was something my school report card in 1938 said when I, very unknowingly, spun a cardboard slate right on a girl’s cheek. **Though I was always in a ‘good-boy category’ my entire life but this little ‘red mark’ stills helps my children even today to not step back from reminding me that I have done my piece of mischief too!** 😊

And I remember how I carried this report card to St. Joseph’s 150th anniversary as my entry ticket. Mistakes are a part of life, and we are only humans. The best way to help ourselves, is to learn from our mistakes and act smarter if the same situation re-appears. So, the next time I whirled a slate, I always made sure that there was no girl standing nearby. 😊

“As my childhood memories jingle across my mind, the ones with my mom ring first. **Most of my recollection comes from our ‘Mom’s day-out’, and I can certainly muse upon them for the longest.** I still remember how, even after living in Mumbai for the longest time, the only trip I had to the very sacred ‘Hazi Ali Dargah’ happened with my mother. The first and the last! Now that most of us sit miles away from our parents and families, growing up...it feels like going back. That’s when these childhood memories act as the only souvenirs of our uncalculated and carefree days.”



Dakshini Bhattacharjee
Education & Skild Development



Sheetal Trehan
Accounts

“Back in our days, most of our memories were around our grandparents and I still remember how close I was to my grandmother. It was only when I was in first grade that my grandmother started to teach me to be always ready for life. Back then, **I was not ready for my next homework even, Life was a big word!** But now when I look back at it, it all made sense. Imperatively, a child should be given small learnings in every step so that you both don’t miss on any in the run of life.”



Satvika Saxena
Human Resource

“Andaz Apna Apna has given me so many memories with my brother, could probably write a memoir on that!

Recalling one of the most epic scenes from the movie where Salman Khan rode pillion with Aamir Khan on a moped, was something we had imitated our whole lives. *laughs* Childhood was all about soaking the best part of everything that our eyes saw, our hands touched, and our hearts felt. Wish we could do the same now that we have grown up.”

“As I begin to revive my childhood memories, I picture myself as a very mischievous kid; which most of us were! I remember from my school days when I was pursuing my first grade that I broke the glass of the auto-rickshaw I used to drive in to school. The auto-wale bhaiya never knew the culprit. Few months back, when I visited my hometown, I met him and tried recalling the incident. **He simply smiled back at me as I revealed the ‘20-years back mischief-holder’.** It is nice to see how these helpers do not hold grudges no matter what loss they bear, especially because of us children.” 😊



Mohsin Gossain
Urban



"I always had an excellent energy for devilry! But at the same time, I was an active and sincere 'stage-person' in school. I was just a 6th grader when I hosted events in the school annual day for the first time. During our last day rehearsals, I got extremely breathless on the stage. **To my school principal, I looked like a last-minute misfit!** So, she came running on the stage and powerfully slapped me as the whole school stared at us. I was mostly broken. Later in the evening, she walked up to me and apologized for the punishment, to which she also softly added, "A person at any stage of his life does not stop getting lessons from his mistakes. It is only the person himself who stops taking the hints. I hope you won't." It's been 12 years to the incident, and my cheeks still pain." *Guffaws* 😊



Mukta Chauhan
Corporate Communication



Binesh Kumar
Accounts

"Even at an age when the child forgets everything, still remembers his way back home.

I was a 5 year-old lad when I ran from my home for fun. Leaving home seemed quite a thrill. I walked 5km through five different blocks, when I finally decided to settle at my Nani's (maternal grandmother) place. I hogged the whole day, watched TV, played and then (forgetting all the grudges) I singed my way back home where I was welcomed with a heavy dose of scolding from my parents. My good cry called it a day. But these little things only make life worth relishing, a childhood worth laughing back at. Isn't it?"



TEST HOW SUSTAINABLY YOU LIVE!

- Which uses less water, washing a full load of dishes?**
 - By hand
 - Dishwasher
- Appliances that are turned off don't use any electricity**
 - True
 - False
- Approximately how much global electricity output is produced from renewable sources?**
 - 1 percent
 - 5 Percent
 - 10 percent
 - 20 percent
- Increasing the air conditioning from 70 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit (21.1 to 20 degrees Celsius) saves you about how much on your electric costs?**
 - 1 percent
 - 10 percent
 - 5 percent
 - 20 percent
- Hybrid cars are slower and less safe than conventional cars.**
 - True
 - False
- It is better to leave a lamp with a compact fluorescent light on than to turn it on and off several times a day.**
 - True
 - False
- About how much money do you save by replacing a single incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light (CFL)?**
 - <70
 - 350
 - 1000
 - >2000
- During a long trip, you conserve more fuel by driving fast and getting to your destination sooner than you do by going the speed limit.**
 - True
 - False

**THE IPEAN FAMILY CONTINUES
TO MAKE US PROUD...**

Congratulations!!

Tisya Verma
Daughter of Rachna Verma, EPFM

Class: 5, DPS RK Puram,
Achievement: Received 1st prize in Inter School Competition on 3R for making a Projector mostly out of recycled material.



Sri. Kunj Bihari Das
Father of Himanshu Shekhar, ICRG project, Bihar

Achievement: Was awarded Sahitya Ratna Samman and selected for Honorary Doctorate degree by Vikramshila University, Bhagalpur Bihar for his contribution in Hindi literature.

Samarth Agrawal
Son of Ritu Agrawal, VRIDDHI

Achievement: Studying at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, USA



IPE IN NEWS



Ashwajit Singh, MD, IPE Global invited to Delhi School of Social work, University of Delhi for Leadership Talk on “Social Entrepreneurship”. Addressing Masters’ Students on how to dream and build social ventures, the talk had an enthusiastic participation.



As Knowledge Partner for the Outlook Speakout 2019, celebrated the achievements of women in various walks of life; brought together minds who discussed and debated on the theme What Women Want in order to be safe, secure and healthy.



Organised workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to encourage community participation in sub-centers development and bring all the key stakeholders under one platform. The objective of the workshop was to share the ICT component and platform with the community. This workshop encouraged the community engagement in ger area development.



Gets mentioned in more than 10 media coverage for ‘Work Progress on Smart Roads’. Prajapragathi, Tumkuru Varthi, Udy Kala Kannada, Kannada Prabha, Vartha Bharathi, Vendor Zone, to name a few.



Article co-authored by Neha Saigal- "A District Collector and A People's Movement" gets featured in Outlook India on how Angul in Odisha is winning the malnutrition war.



Support to NDMC in providing the smart city solution for the 'Package 2 of Planning of Smart Roads and Markets in NDMC area' gets presented in the Intergovernmental Twelfth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia, organized with the theme "Achieving Smart and Resilient Cities through Low-Carbon and Intelligent Transport System".



Hired candidates and closed 230 positions across India for Centre for Knowledge and Development (CKD), with interviews held in Sikar, Rajasthan.



Governor, Chief Minister and Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh visited and appreciated the handicrafts displayed by the Community trained under IPE Global implemented IDIPT Project.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AT IPE OFFICES: A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND TOGETHERNESS



BAMBOO PRODUCTS BY COMMUNITY TRAINED UNDER IDIPT PROJECT, SHIMLA



TOWNHALL AT IPE GLOBAL



IPEans' PARTICIPATE IN DELHI HALF-MARATHON



“A child’s imagination is more important than his knowledge”



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