



# ***Oasis Movement Core Community Annual Retreat: January 2019***

*a program undertaken by Oasis Movement*

*Celebrating the annual festival of Oasis Movement  
**with 125+ hearts melting in one***

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## ***Oasis Annual Retreat: January 2019***



***We listen, learn, inspire, get inspired, laugh & cry together;  
Here love is in the air!***

## ● *Overview of OMCC Annual Retreat 2019*

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat of Oasis Movement Core Community was organized at Oasis Valleys from 11th to 13th January, 2019. Oasis Movement Core Community members, close friends, Well-wishers, youth & teenagers - some 125 people attended the retreat.

This retreat celebrated Misaal 2018 achievements, introduced a character Development Project of Oasis - Misaal Honourship Explorers & their journeys of fellows, launched new logo of Oasis Movement, Sharing of Regional achievements, Launched 6 new books of Oasis Publications and created an atmosphere of Love, Life & Friendship.

Annual Retreat attended by many guests including Mrs. Mala Ramadorai (Well-wisher, Mumbai), Sudhir Merchant (Well-wisher, Mumbai), Prof. Alaka Sarma (Pro. VC, U.S.T. Meghalaya), Vijay Dalal & Asha Dalal (Well-wisher, USA), Rajani Reshamwala (Well-wisher, Mumbai), and Principals & HOIs from Jammu & Kashmir etc. Main purpose of Annual retreat was to take note of the achievements and sharing of highlights of Oasis Movement during 2018. Heart touching stories & experiences shared by teenagers & youths instantly bond everybody and created a loving community.

It's not a secret that books have played a crucial role in Oasis reaching out to hundreds of thousands of people across the globe. This retreat was special in that regards with four new books taking Oasis Publications' books tally to 101. These books are: 'SadioNu Shaanpan - Sankshipt,' 'Jeevanni Bhet,' 'Adhyatma Ki Khoj Mein' and 'Likhitang – Tamara Bagadela Vidyarthio.'

A very heartwarming atmosphere was created at the end when all the guests shared their 3 days' experience of the Annual Retreat.



*Sharing*



*Enjoying*



*Learning*

## ● *Highlights of Day-1*

The retreat began with a simple game that symbolizes what Oasis stands for: the world with no strangers. With each member introduced to all in the expanding group – 2 to 4 to 8 and so on - in the end, all were introduced to all and we could clearly observe the difference in those smiles; they had just gotten a bit wider!



*No strangers here,  
only friends that  
haven't met yet*



**Day 1 ~ Overviewing the journey  
of Oasis Movement through 2018**





One of the major highlights of the retreat was the rebranding of Oasis Movement. It was marked by the launch of the new logo that symbolizes the organic evolution Oasis has undergone. The new logo designed by Jolly Madhra, chief designer of Oasis, symbolizes Oasis in every possible way. Hearts – resembling people – holding hand in hand to form one big heart, characterizing the character-building movement Oasis has transformed into. The logo was launched in the Oasis way with the youngest and newest as well as the founding members joining hands. The broad smiles on the faces of the founding members of Oasis depicted the incredible story they've written and, in their eyes, you could see the hope and aspiration for the story about to unfold.



***Oasis gets a new logo after 28 years***

2018 was truly a remarkable year for Oasis and it would be fair to say that the regional teams were at the heart of it. There were big teams with years of experience, there were teams beaming with the spirit and vigor of the youth and there were lone-warriors with almost zero experience, but one thing was common amongst them all and that was the inspirational stories they had.



Surat



Rajkot

### Sharing of inspirational moments by regional teams



Navsari



Bangalore



Kachchh



Ahmedabad

## ● *Highlights of Day-2*

Almost everyone knows that these days are three of the most important days in Oasis' calendar. It's the event when Oasis core team consisting of volunteers, regional leaders, patrons, and special guests from across the globe unites. Now think of any organization that would entrust 13, 14, or 15-year olds with the responsibility of such an event. As you could've guessed, Oasis is the answer here. MHE teens and youths headed the entire retreat and its every department. The intensity, the commitment, the excellence, and the creativity with which they worked were enough to drop the jaws of many. In the time when the society has written off the youth, Oasis sees nothing but hope in them. That's Oasis for you.



*Oasis proudly presents... Misaal Honourship*



"MHE is a coin with opportunity on one side and challenge on the other."

– Dinkal Gayakwad

**Day 2 ~  
Symbolizing the spirit of Oasis**

**Entire Retreat was  
managed by MHE  
youngsters**



Group of 15 representatives from J&K state attended the retreat. These included 15-year-old teens from the interiors of Leh-Ladakh and Kashmir who braved struggles to reach here as also senior principal-leaders aged 50+ years. They all won our hearts with their bright smiles, warm hearts and inspiring stories. They might not have much exposure of various programs of Oasis, but when you see the kind of life they're trying to live and the values they're trying to practice when you listen to their transformational stories; you could see what oasis Friendship Camps and Hu Chhu Jyotirdhar workshops mean to them. Who knows, they could be about to write a beautiful chapter in the most beautiful land on earth!

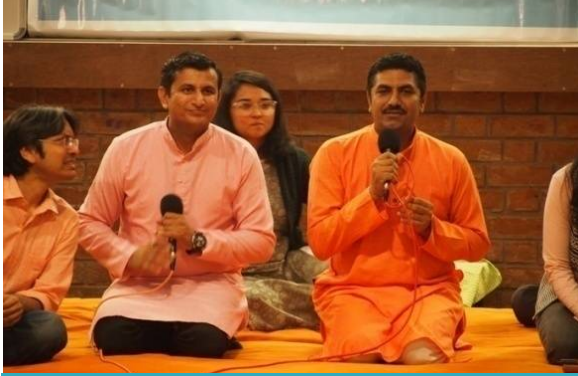


*"My life was a cup of tea,  
and Oasis added milk to it."*

*– Adnan, a Friendship Camp  
participant from J&K*



*Jammu, Kashmir & Leh teams win hearts*



*Transformation stories from  
Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan*



*"Jyotirdhar workshops help in  
balancing all my roles"*

“ઓએસિસ સાથે જોડાયા પછી પોતાની જાતનો અને પરિવારનો મતલબ સમજ્યો છું, તેમને પ્રેમ કરતા, તેમની ચિંતા કરતા શીખ્યો છું. માટે જ નક્કી કર્યું કે હું માવા-ગુટખા નહીં ખાઉં. મને અત્યારે ખૂબ જ સારું લાગી રહ્યું છે કે હું તેમાંથી બહાર આવી ગયો છું. સાથે શાળાના પ્રિન્સિપાલ તરીકે મારી શાળામાં એવું નક્કી કર્યું છે કે જે પણ શિક્ષકને કોઈ બાળકની ફરિયાદ કરવી હોય તો સૌથી પહેલાં તે બાળકના સારા ગુણ લખીને લાવે; પછી જ તેમની ફરિયાદ સાંભળવામાં આવશે. આ હું ઓએસિસ દ્વારા જ શીખ્યો છું.”

- ઘનશ્યામ લાડુમોર, શાળા-ટ્રસ્ટી, સુરત







*Pratik & Snehal Parmar, core team members of OM, and their two daughters shared their beautiful journey of pain & joy and how they became a happy family*

## **Gift Of family**

"પ્રતિકના ભુજ ગયા પછી હું અને મારી બે દીકરીઓ, અમે ત્રણે જ ઘર ચલાવ્યું છે. મારી બંને દીકરીઓ મારા માટે અરીસા સમાન છે. હંમેશાં મારી ભૂલો અને ખામીઓ મને બતાવે છે. આ ક્ષણે મને ઘણી ખુશી પણ થાય છે કે હું કંઈક ખોટું કરવામાંથી બચી જાઉં છું તો આ બાબત મારા માટે ગર્વ લેવા જેવી છે કે મને કોઈ ટેકવા માટે છે."

- સ્નેહલ પરમાર, નવસારી

ઓએસિસ સાથે જોડાયા બાદ એક પરિવાર કેવો સુંદર અને પ્રેમાળ બન્યો તેની ઝલક

**Beautiful Moment:**  
*Father giving confidence  
to his daughter*



## • Highlights of Day-3

### Day 3~ Young generation leading from the front



*Experiences sharing  
as L3 teen workshop  
facilitators*



**Youngest facilitator**

"आज का जमाना इतना इन्टलेक्चुअल है की उसके दबाव में आकर मेरा दिल जैसे बक्से में बंध हो चुका था। मैं इतनी परेशान हो गई थी कि मैंने फिर कॉलेज से ड्रॉप आउट लिया। उसके बाद एक महिना यहाँ आके रही, उस दौरान फॅसिलिटेटर बनने का मौका मिला, बच्चों ने मुझे इतना एक्स्टेंड किया की चार दिन के आखिर में बच्चें आके पूछते हैं कि दीदी आप को गुस्सा नहीं आता? गुस्से की जो मेरी सब से बड़ी प्रॉब्लेम थी वो कम हुई। जब दिल सच में बाहर आता है तब बड़ी प्रॉब्लेम भी छोटी हो जाती है। एक प्रॉमिस अपने आप को देना चाहती हूँ कि जो भी करूंगी वो दिल के बिना नहीं करूंगी।"

- रिया शाह, यंग फॅसिलिटेटर

*Community  
applauding the  
youngest facilitator  
for heart touching  
journey*





## Heartfelt sharing from the youngest L3 batch



"પહેલાં મારી આદત બહુ ખરાબ હતી કે કોઈ પણ વ્યક્તિની સારી બાબત હું જોઈ જ ના શકું પણ L3ની કાર્યશાળામાં શીખ્યો કે ધૂળમાં સોનું જોવું આ સિદ્ધાંતના આધારે હું સમજી શક્યો કે લોકોમાં રહેલી સારી બાબતો જોવી. આ રીતે જીવનલક્ષી બાબતો આત્મજા દીદી પાસેથી શીખવાની સાથે મારા ગોલ પૂરા કરવામાં જ્યાં પણ અટકી જાઉં છું ત્યાં આ મિત્રો મને ખૂબ સપોર્ટ કરે છે જેનાથી મને વિશ્વાસ મળે છે કે 'હા, હું પણ કરી શકું છું.'"

- યોગેશ બારિયા, નવસારી



**Oasis Publications  
going strong,  
101 NOT OUT!!**



"Now, Oasis Publications are printed in thousands & lakhs"

"ओएसिस पब्लिकेशन 1998 से शुरू हुआ। पीछले थोड़े सालों से मास प्रॉपगेशन की शुरुआत हुई है क्योंकि हमें लगता है की किताबों के माध्यम से हम ज्यादा लोगों तक पहुँच पाते हैं। सच कहूँ तो मैंने 101 किताबें हैं वो सब पढ़ी नहीं हैं पर लेखक किताब के माध्यम से क्या कहना चाहते हैं, किताब किस तक पहुँचना चाहते हैं वो सब मैं जान लेती हूँ। उसी के हिसाब से किताबें प्रिन्ट होती हैं और लोगों तक पहुँचती हैं। शुरुआत में दो-तीन-पाँच हजार तक ही किताबें छपती थीं पर समय के साथ हमारी टीम का विश्वास बढ़ा है और अब हम हजारों-लाखों में किताबें छपवाते हैं। इस काम की झलक आप 'हाकल' और 'एक्झाम की ऐसी की तैसी' के रूप में देख सकते हैं।"

- प्रीति नायर, ट्रस्टी ओएसिस

## ● *Reflections from Guests/ Volunteers*

यहाँ आके मूजे बहुत अच्छा लगा। oasis young generation को empower कर रही है। सामाजिक पुनः निर्माणकी प्रक्रिया Oasis की तरफ से हो रही है और oasis सामाजिक पुनः निर्माण प्रक्रियामें कामयाबी लाएगा।

- Prof. Alaka Sarma (Pro. VC, U.S.T. Meghalaya)

"Last 65 hours (at Oasis Valleys) were very inspiring for me. I learnt a lot from the youths and facilitators here. I am unable to put my feelings in words but I am experiencing them deeply."

- Satish Rajan (Bangalore)



“મને અહીં આવીને ખૂબ જ સરસ લાગ્યું. જ્યારે શેરિંગ ચાલી રહ્યું હતું ત્યારે અનુભવ્યું કે દરેક વ્યક્તિ પોતાની વાત કેટલી નિખાલસતાથી રજૂ કરે છે. કોઈને કોઈ જ પ્રકારનો અહંકાર નથી. મારા સપનાની એક અલગ જ દુનિયામાં આવી ગયો છું તેમ લાગી રહ્યું છે.”

- રાહુલ પૈડા (નવસારી)

“ઓએસિસમાં આવ્યા બાદ જાણે એક નવી જ તાજગીનો અનુભવ થાય છે. મારી આસપાસ હકારાત્મક વાતાવરણ છવાયેલું રહે છે. જે મને એક નવી જ દુનિયાનો અનુભવ કરાવે છે.”

- વનિતા શેખવા (કચ્છ)

## • *Book launching sessions in Annual Retreat*

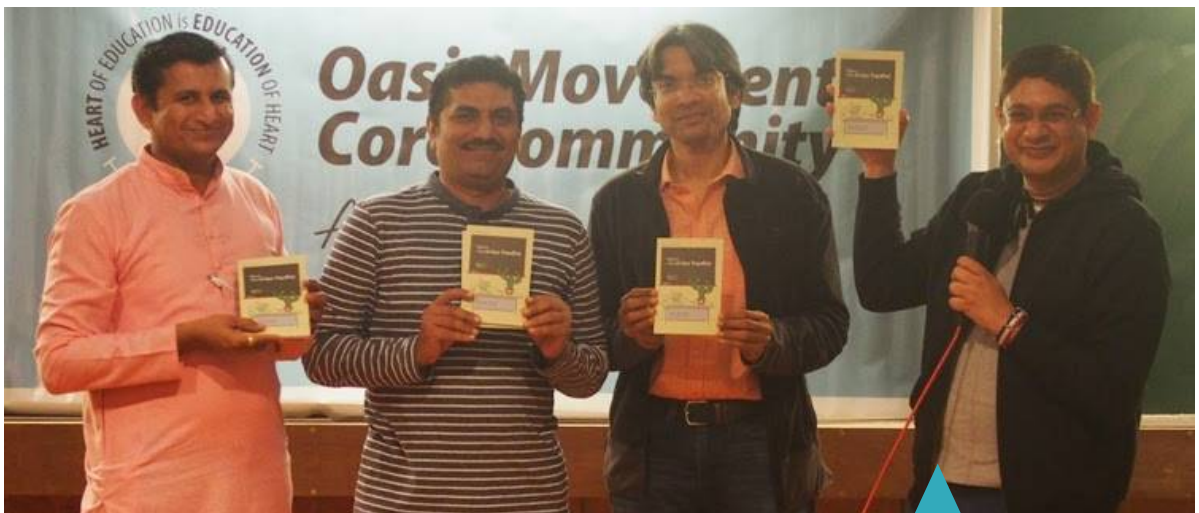
### *Day: 1*



*Jeevanni Bhet* (જીવનની ભેટ)

Book launch by - (centre left) Mahadevbhai Desai (Navsari) & (centre right) Gulzar Mir (School Principal & HOI, Kashmir) with Oasis team

### *Day: 2*



*Likhitang... tamara bagdela vidyarthio* (લિખિતંગ... તમારા બગડેલા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ) Book launch by - (from left to right) Ghanshyam Ladumor, Lalji Nakum, Siddharth Mehta with Sanjiv Shah





*Adhyatma Ki Khoj Mein* (अध्यात्म की खोज में)

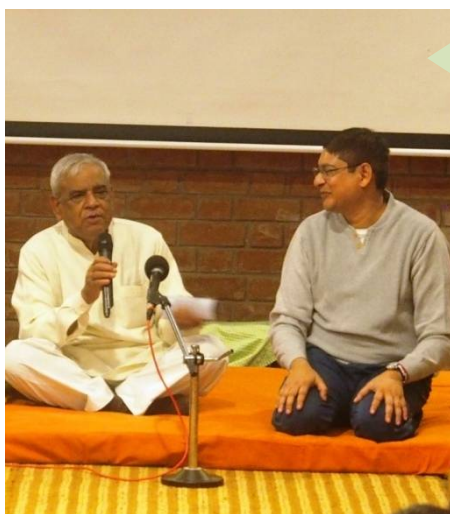
(Hindi translation of the original Gujarati book, *Adhyatmani Shodh ma*, written by Sanjiv Shah)

Book launch by – (in the centre) Mala Ramadorai (Mumbai), (3rd from the right)

Virendra Singh (translator, Ahmedabad), (2nd from the right) Sudhir Merchant (Mumbai) with (extreme right) Sanjiv Shah (writer of the book) and the team

## Century of Oasis Publications!

*This year Oasis proudly presents its 100th Publication in the form of 'Adhyatma Ki Khoj Mein'. This book is also a symbol of our 1st partnership with a prestigious national publishing house, Prabhat Prakashan, New Delhi which is headed by Piyush Kumar.*



"अनुवादक के लिए ज़रूरी हो जाता है कि जैसी किताब हो उस स्तर तक पहुँचे साथ में रचनाकार के व्यक्तित्व और कृतित्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए भाषा का इस्तमाल करे। मैंने भी ऐसी ही कोशिश की है और अध्यात्म का विषय था तो उसकी भाषा ऐसी हो जो धीर-गंभीर तो लगे, साथ में लोगों को समझने में तकलीफ न हो।"

- विरेन्द्र सिंह (अनुवादक)



## Day: 3



*SadioNu Shaanpan - Sankshipt* (সদীঅোন্‌ শাণাপণ - সংক্ষিপ্ত)

Book launch by - (from left to right) Prof. Alaka Sarma (Pro VC, U.S.T. Meghalaya) & the Creators- Jolly Madhra & Sanjiv Shah



*This book is a summary of all the religions of the world*

## • *Beautiful moments in Retreat*



*Presence of Parents to shower their blessings*



*Innovative way for time-discipline-  
Beat the drums to announce end of time*



*Happiness overloaded*



*Enjoying dinner with camp-fire  
at amphitheatre*



*All staff members are getting appreciated by guests*

**"LOVE IS GOD.  
IN THE TEMPLE OF LIFE,  
LET OUR FRIENDSHIP BE  
OUR PRAYER."**



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