

# MUSKAN FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020 Edition

### An Overview

As we are adjusting to the "New Normal", Muskan Foundation has taken steps to continue its program and services online. We officially re-opened our online programs & services from June 15 after a short summer break. We believe in the continual progress and development of our Children with Multiple Disabilities. Hence while being in the safety of our homes, our Special Educators are conducting online classes providing one-to-one child-teacher ratio so that each child receives individual attention. Also now that lockdown has been partially lifted, many working parents have resumed their work or have started working from home, making it difficult for some children to avail online services. Despite of this issue, Our Special Educators are collaborating with the parents, adjusting when the smart phone is available and conducting online classes. With the hard work of our Special Educators and the constant support of our parents, our children have been able to progress steadily. Our children have progressed in the area of reading & writing, learning ADL skills, improving cognition and fine motor skills.

## NEWS & UPDATE

The WHO in collaboration with Autism Speaks organised Caregiver Skills Training programme through Ummeed which our Special Educators were very grateful to attend. The WHO CST consisted of nine group sessions which focused on training the caregiver on how to use everyday play and home activities and routines as opportunities for learning and development. The sessions specifically addressed communication, engagement, daily living skills, challenging behaviour and caregiver coping strategies.







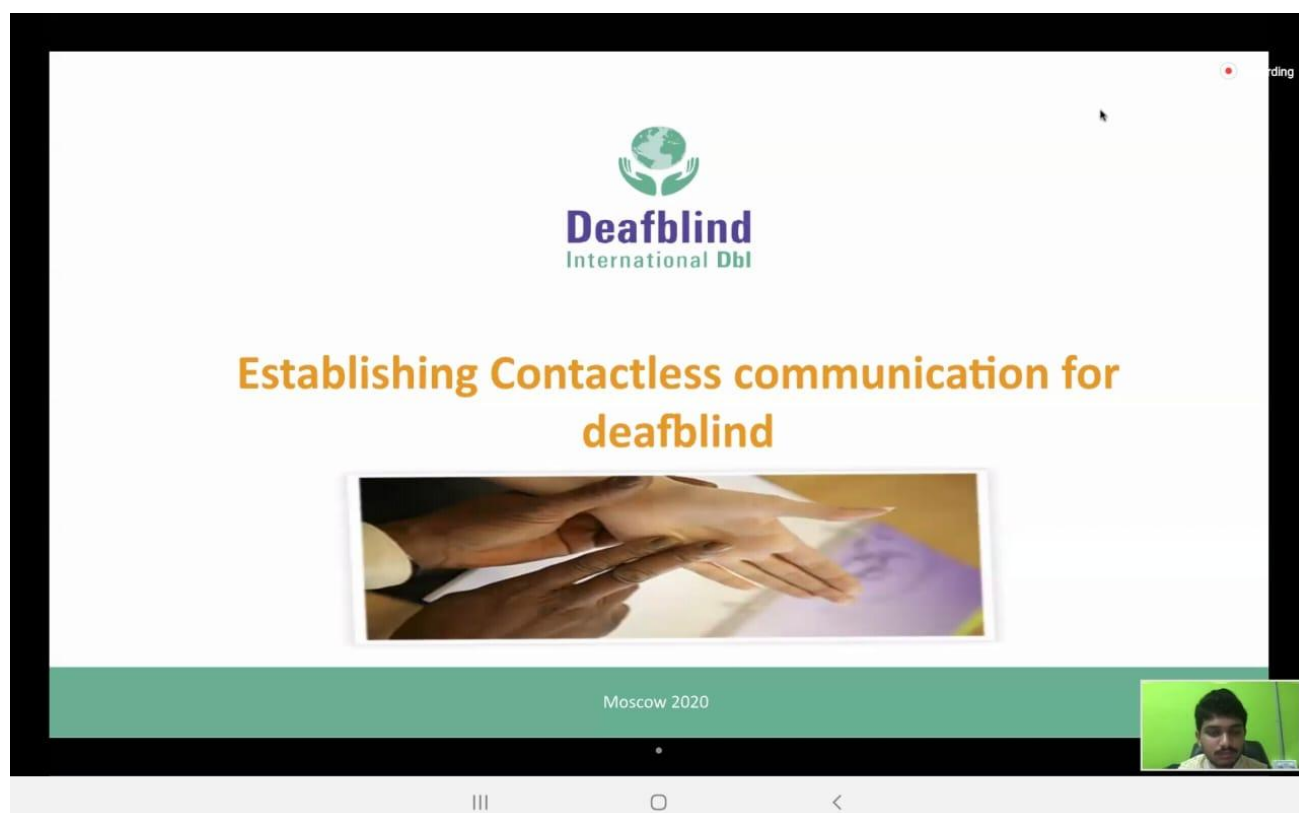
## Future of Fundraising

Monday, June 22, 2020

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#ArthanBuildingCSOs

In India, there are 5 million people with deafblindness and Muskan Foundation is one of the organisation which rehabilitates children with deafblindness through its programs and services. Muskan celebrated Helen Keller day, a deafblind American Activist by attending a webinar on 'Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities'. This webinar was organised by Sense International India along with NIEPVD which was attended by Muskan's Special educators along with our Program Coordinator Mrs. Reeta Shrivastav and our Founder Director Mrs Dipti Gandhi.



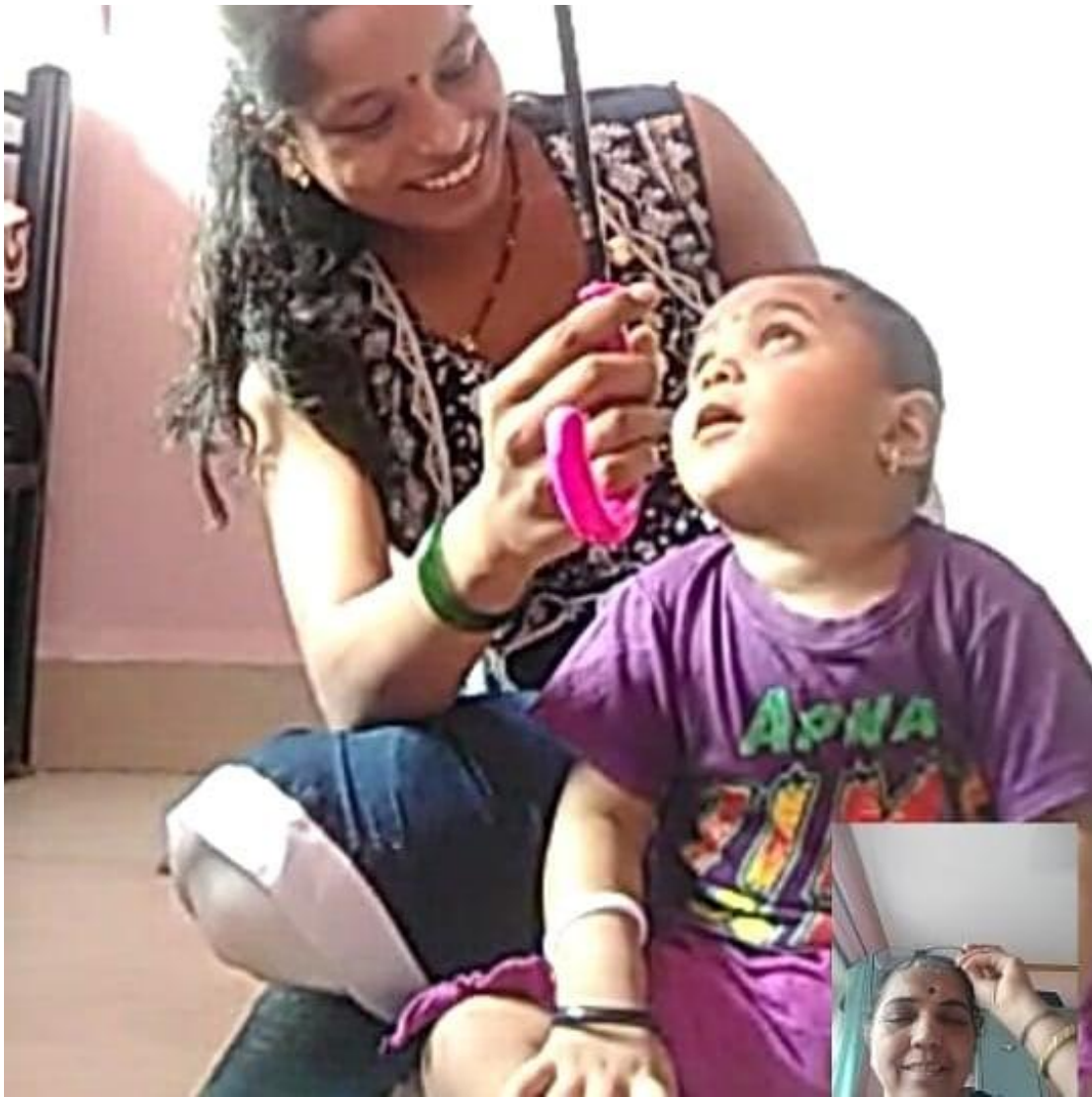
Recognizing the urgent need to improve the way in which the civil society, government and donors act and interact within the broad spectrum of social impact, our Founder-Director Mrs Dipti Gandhi, Chief Operating Officer Ms Madhavi Talekar and Resource Manager Ms. Shubhada Bhatnagar attended a webinar on 'Building Civil Society Organisations of the Future', the 'Future of Fundraising' organised by Arthan on 22 June, 2020.

Webinar on 'Inclusion of Persons with Deafblindness'	
Topic: Speak for Inclusion of PwDb	
"Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it." — Helen Keller	
Organised by: sense International INDIA	Powered by: nepvd
27 June 2020   1100 Hrs -1200 Hrs (IST)	
11 AM	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR. AKHIL S. PAUL</b> Executive Director, Sense India
11:10 AM	<b>ADDRESS BY DR. HIMANGSHU DAS</b> Director, NIEPVD Dehradun
11:20 AM	<b>ADDRESS BY MR. NACHIKETA RAUT</b> Associate Professor (Speech & Hearing) NIEPMD, Chennai
11:30 AM	<b>MS. SHRUTILATA SINGH,</b> Advocacy Officer, Sense India (PwDb's Perspective)
11:40 AM	<b>MS. POLY CHAKRABORTY</b> KSEDA, Kolkata (Parent's perspective)
11:50 AM	<b>MS. DIPTI KARNAD,</b> Clarke School, Chennai (Educator's Perspective)
12 NOON	<b>VOTE OF THANKS BY MR.UTTAM KUMAR,</b> Director - Programme, Sense India
Session Moderator: Mr. Parag Namdeo, Head - Advocacy & Networks, Sense	

Our Founder-Director Mrs. Dipti Gandhi attended first Deafblind International webinar series from 22-26 June 2020 around the theme 'Living with Deafblindness in a New Reality'. The purpose of the webinar was to provide individuals from the field of deafblindness to share knowledge & learn from each other and connect with others around the world. The webinar consisted of five courses each day, on a wide range of topics including accessible technology, communication, home-based routines and online support.



# A Snapshot of our Programs continued at home



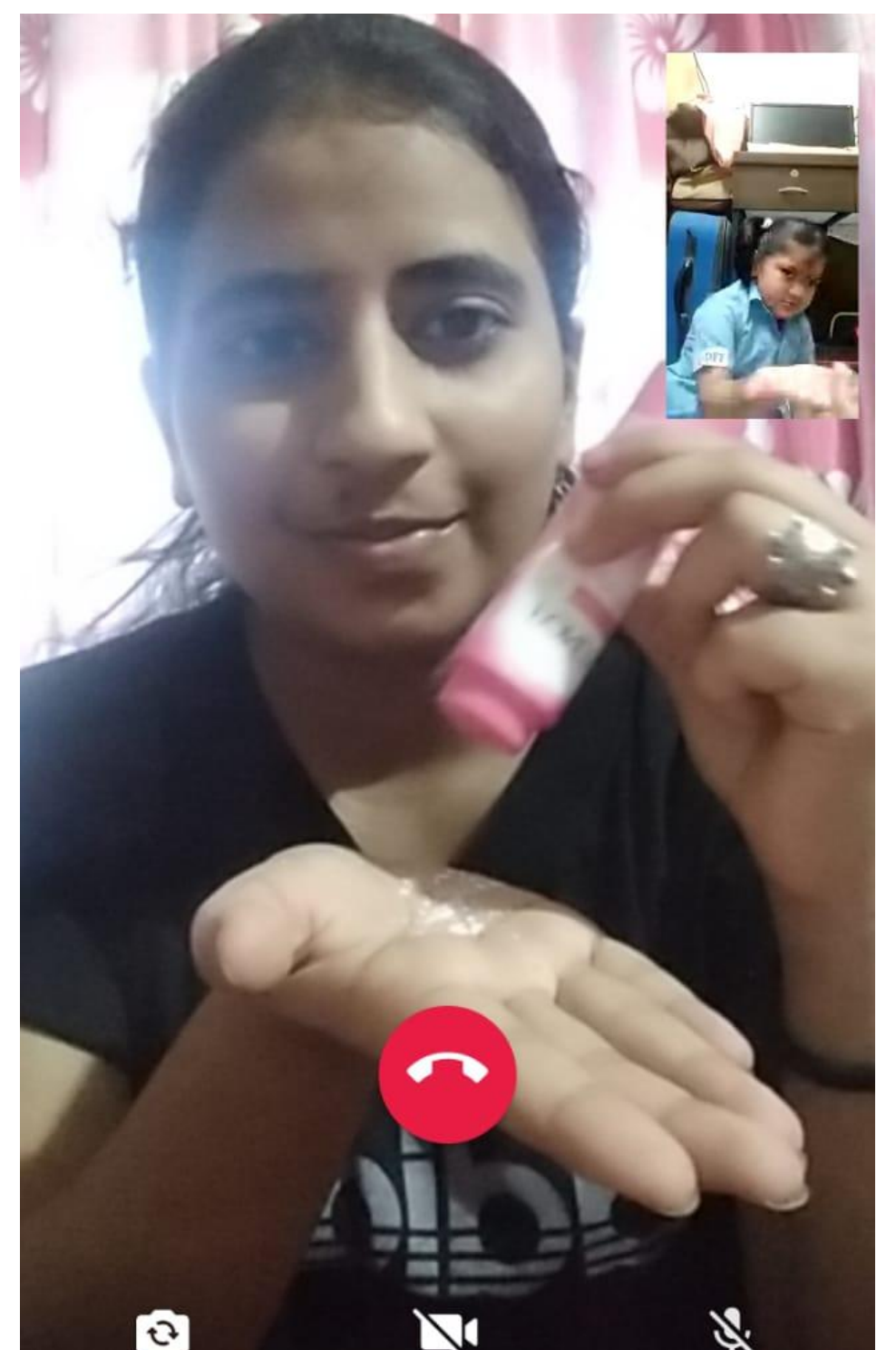
***A Mother toddler Program in session***



***A Special Educator conducting stimulating exercise***



**In session with a Special Educator**

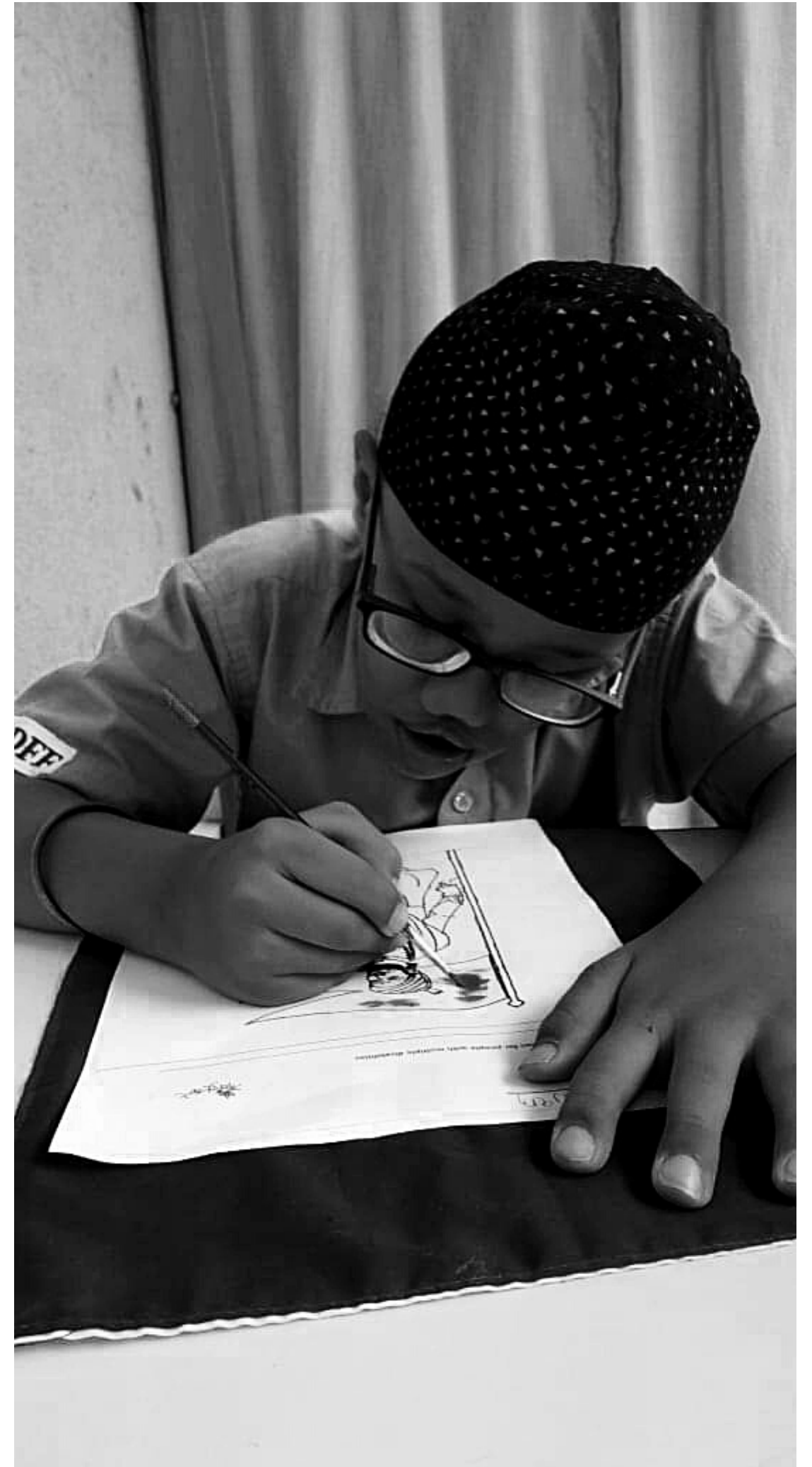


***A Special Educator teaching how to groom to her student***



## HELP US CHANGE A STORY

- 92% of our parents come from marginalized populations for e.g.: vegetable vendors, housemaids, auto-rickshaw drivers.
- They don't have any income during this unprecedented situation. In spite of this, they have to pay for expensive anticonvulsant medications, doctor's visits and manage their rations.
- We are doing our **BEST** by modifying our programs and extending our services but we need **YOUR HELP** to continue our support to help these families lessen their financial burden.
- You can help by Sponsoring the livelihood of below poverty line family at just Rs. 1000 per family. We provide a livelihood to 100 below poverty line families every month.
- You can support Special Education Program of 100 children with multiple disabilities by Sponsoring a Child's Monthly Education Program at Rs 5000 or Monthly Therapy Sponsorship at Rs 4500.
- You can also Sponsor Counselling session at Rs. 500 per session as these sessions provides emotional guidance to 116 parents in these difficult times.
- CLICK ON: <https://rzp.io/l/Vr7KhNQ>
- Help us to spread Muskan on our children's face. Donate Now.



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