











BY THE CHILDREN OF CHINGARI, No. I

CHINGARI CHILDREN LAUNCH BAZOOKA

Well, today's juicy news is that we Chingari children have decided to make our own newspaper and I am the chief reporter. Here goes.

The weather is getting hot. One day Abdullah arrived at Chingari wearing shorts which were cut off from a pair of jeans. So Sanjay Sir says, I want some like that, can you show me how to make them? Abdullah started laughing and with gestures indicated that if Sanjay Sir cuts his trousers, then Poonam Madam (Sir's wife) will beat him.

Yesterday there was a foul-up between a truck and a motorbike. The truck driver was drunk.

Next thing we know an auto rickshaw has run into a shop at Oriya Basti. It's a hit and run. The auto driver legged it and packets of biscuits and other stuff were left spilled in a drainage ditch.

-SHYAM BABU

Soumya put mum's nicely ironed clothes in the washing machine - again. Then she hid herself in the fridge for a while.

-MUTAHIRA

Yesterday I went to my grandpa's house, where I played cricket with

my uncle. My grandpa gave me ten rupees which I gave to my mum.

-MANNAN

Yesterday we played kabaddi on the roof of our house and my team won. So I took all the bigger girls into my team and put all the smaller boys in the other team.

Every day I pray four times but today I missed the first time because I was too sleepy to wake up.

Almost every day I see people fighting on the roads for petty reasons, which I don't like.

-KAUSAR

Yesterday I found a mobile phone. No one claimed it, so I handed it over to Deepa Madam. Then I went to visit my granny who isn't very well.

-SHIFON

Yesterday my aunt came to visit from Shobhapur and we had a lovely time.

-ALISHA

TABISH SIR TO GET FIRST CLASS MAKEOVER

We went to Tabish Sir and told him that he should think of improving his dress style.

TABISH SIR: How, children? SHYAM BABU: Sir, you don't buy good clothes. Come with me and I will get you good clothes. I will make you buy jeans and belt like me - blue jeans with faded patches and a black belt with a shining silver buckle.

TABISH SIR: What else will you have me buy?

SHYAM BABU: Goggles worn by Salman Khan in the movie Dabang. Plus, Sir, do you have your name written on your hand?

TABISH SIR: No.

SHYAM BABU: Sir, I will get it done. Sir, I notice that you wear short socks. You should wear knee length socks.

TABISH SIR: And shoes?

SHYAM BABU: Sir, I'll get you shoes with lights in the heels that flash while walking.

So Tabish Sir said thank you children for your help and went away laughing.

-CHIEF REPORTER SHYAM BABU





At first his name is just a sound without meaning, the sun only a dazzle and the singing of birds a beautiful mystery. Slowly, so slowly, the lovely flower scents, the tickle of grass between his toes, cool drops of water on his face and the rustle of wind stirring leaves come together and begin to make sense and he learns that he is alive and life is good and he knows his own name and will answer with a smile.



