

## The Month of Love, Light, and Togetherness

Dear Friends,

October was a month full of colours, laughter, blessings, and light. It was the time when we celebrated Nepal's two biggest festivals, **Dashain** and **Tihar**. Though we couldn't go back to our homes, we celebrated both festivals with lots of excitement, fun, and love right here at our shelter home.

The atmosphere was filled with joy, songs, and the warmth of togetherness. Each one of us has special memories to share from this festive month.

## Festival Reflections

### ● Asha

“Both Dashain and Tihar were exciting and fun for me. Even though I was far from home, I felt so happy and heart-warmed celebrating with my friends. We got new clothes from the staff, and they came to put tika on us, give blessings, chocolates, and money. We had Dashain and Tihar celebration programs too, where we danced and ate our favourite foods. *I especially loved Kukur Tihar because we worshiped our dog, Jackie.* He is very special to me, and seeing him happy made me happy too. Overall, both Dashain and Tihar were beautiful, it felt just like celebrating at home with my family.”

### ● Kamana

“Even though we were away from home, it didn't feel like that because we had so much fun together. During Dashain, we got new clothes, received tika and blessings, and enjoyed delicious food that we prepared ourselves. On the day of our Dashain celebration, we danced, laughed, and shared happy moments together.

During Tihar, even though it was a holiday, our staffs came to visit us every day, and we did many fun activities. *We also made colourful rangoli, and everyone helped, that made it even more special.* Both festivals went beautifully and made me feel loved, cared for, and truly at home.”



## • Maya

“This Dashain and Tihar were full of fun and happiness. I enjoyed every part of it, but Tihar was extra special for me. I love art, so making rangoli with everyone was one of my favourite moments. During our Tihar celebration program, *we wore traditional dresses and performed dance together. We also played Deusi Bhailo and even earned lots of money.* The staff visited us, gave us gifts, and celebrated with us. Doing all the rituals from puja to Deusi Bhailo made me feel like I was celebrating in my own home. I felt very happy, loved, and grateful.”

## • Rani

“Both of the festivals were very nice. I liked Tihar more because I danced, sang songs, played with my sisters, watched movies, and ate yummy foods. In Dashain, *I got a new dress like a princess and it made me so happy.* Everyone put tika on me and loved me. I also loved Kukur Tihar because we gave our dog Jackie yummy food, and he looked very happy. Our home was decorated with lights and looked so beautiful. I had lots of fun in both Dashain and Tihar.”



This October was not just about celebrating festivals, it was about celebrating love, unity, and family.

Though the girls couldn't go back to their own homes, they found the same warmth, care, and happiness within each other. Through dances, decorations, laughter, and shared blessings, Dashain and Tihar filled the shelter home with colours of joy and the light of togetherness.

**Here, every smile reminded us that home is not a place, it's the people who make you feel loved.**



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