

# Light of Life Times

# Vol. 24

# **OUR MISSION**

# To break the generational cycle of poverty, one life at a time.

Over 18+ years we have impacted over **5,48,039 lives** across rural India. Our initiatives span across Education, Community and Skill Development, Healthcare Services & Environment Conservation through our divisions - Anando and Jagruti.

# January 2024

#### **OUR BOARD**

- Ms. Villy Doctor
  Founder & Managing Trustee
  Ms. Gayatri Ruia
  Trustee
  Mr. Jitendra Mehta
  Trustee
  Mr. Punit B. Anand
  Trustee
  Mr. Ashdin Doctor
  Trustee



Javed Ali, Live in Concert

On 3rd November 2023, Light of Life Trust organised a musical event, Javed Ali, Live in Concert at Tata Theatre, NCPA, Mumbai. The highlight of the show was the participation & performance of the Anant students at the start of the programme followed by a fantastic performance by the versatile musician, Javed Ali.

Mr. Aditya Puri, former CEO of HDFC bank and his wife graced the occasion as Guest of Honor to support LOLT's cause. Also, present were Mr. Vivek and Dr. Suhani Mendonsa from Mendosa Foundation & Lawrence & Mayo, Arch. Kiran Kapadia from Kapadia Associates and Dr. Anjana Laungani from Physio Rehab.





#### You make us proud



Anando Plus students, **Mr. Nayan Lobhi**, Mohili Centre, Karjat and **Ms. Deepali Kshrisagar**, Kondiwade Centre, Karjat, successfully completed their B.Sc. in Optometry from ITM University, Panvel. Mr. Nayan Lobi has started working at Lenskart, Thane and Ms. Deepali Kshrisagar is now an Optician at V.A. Mayekar Optician, Panvel.

A seminar on "Street Harassment"

On 8th October 2023, Light of Life Trust in collaboration with Red Dot Foundation, organized a seminar on "Street Harassment" for the students of Swami Vivekanand Vidyamandir, Khalapur, Raigad District. Topics such as Good Touch, Bad Touch, Sexual Harassment, Physical Harassment, Online Harassment and Cyberbullying were covered by Ms. Pragati from Red Dot Foundation.



Shriram Automall India Limited, awards scholarships every year for the students who secure more than 60% marks between Std VII - IX and specifically whose parents work as drivers (including rickshaw, truck drivers or owners). Light of Life Trust feels proud to announce that this year, Ms. Deepa Rewale from Std XI and Mr. Samek Maruti Shinde from Std IX from Janata Vidyamandir Prashala, Dahivali, Karjat Tehsil have been awarded certificate and scholarship for their academic performance from Shriram Automall India Limited.

#### **Celebration of National Mathematics Day**



On 22nd December 2023, National Mathematics Day was celebrated in the memory of renowned Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan across all the Anando centres of Light of Life Trust. Various activities like quiz competition, speeches, teaching aid preparation, exhibition, and film screening on the life of Srinivasa Ramanujan was undertaken for the students. Academically bright students in Mathematics were also awarded certificates and gifts.



2



#### **Celebration of World Sight Day**

On 12th October 2023, Light of Life Trust & SBI Foundation's Sanjeevani – Cinic on Wheels, Murbad Tehsil celebrated World Sight Day by organizing an online session for 138 beneficiaries from Dhasai village in collaboration with Lakshya Eye Hospital, Badlapur.

A similar event was organized on the same day, by the LOLT – CHI MMU, Karjat in collaboration with Nair Super Specialty Eye Hospital, New Panvel for 243 beneficiaries from RZP schools of Hedavali, Kundlaj, Posari – Tiware, Wadap and Arwand. An awareness session on Eye Diseases and Eye Care was undertaken by Dr. Ghute – Jr. Consultant & Mrs. Shubhangi Patil – Senior Optometrist, Nair Super Specialty Eye Hospital, New Panvel.



#### Light of Life Trust: 1st Prantiya Adhiveshan (Anando Plus Task Force Convention)

Light of Life Trust for the first time organized a two-day residential Convention of its Anando Plus Task Force Members at Dr. N. Y. Tasgaonkar Technical Education Campus, Chandai, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Raigad on 25th and 26th November 2023. The agenda of the convention was on "Strengthening Task Force and ensuring the impact of Task Force".

The inauguration of the convention was done by Ms. Villy Doctor, Founder & Managing Trustee, Light of Life Trust.

The convention hosted 351 participants from Raigad District (Karjat, Alibaug, Mangaon, Khalapur), Mumbai (Worli) and Nandurbar District (Taloda, Dhadgaon, Akkalkuwa). This programme was entirely organized by Anando Plus Task Force members. The main objective of the programme was to foster a sense of organization belonging, and ownership among Task Force members. The programme included presentations on roles and duties of the Task force members and the Journey of the evolvement of the task force, display corners, cultural and social awareness activities by and for the Task Force members.





Livelihood & Skill Development Centre, Shivar, Akola – New training courses introduced



From 17th October 2023 onwards, a new training course in Welding was initiated with 20 students at Jagruti Division's Livelihood & Skill Development Centre at Shivar, Akola.

Similarly, from 8th November 2023 the first batch of 10 beneficiaries successfully completed training in Cake Making course, which primarily aimed



at providing a Small-Scale Business opportunity to the beneficiaries. Starter Kits were distributed to beneficiaries of the first batch after the successful completion of the training.



#### Expansion of Anando School Empowerment Programme in Uran

In partnership with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Light of Life Trust has initiated its Anando School Empowerment Programme (ASEP) vertical in 3 schools in Uran Tehsil, Raigad District thereby expanding its reach to an additional 350 students & 21 teachers.



#### Light of Life Trust receives award from Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited

At the annual regional meeting held by MKCL at Amravati, 700 individuals representing their computer institutes from Amravati, Akola, Buldhana, Washim & Yavatmal Districts participated in the event. Light of Life Trust's Livelihood & Skill Development Centre Shivar, Akola District received the award from Mrs. Veena Kamat, Managing Director and Appellate Authority (Under RTI), Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL) for the Best Institute in Placement Services for MKCL Learners.



#### Environment Conservation -Under the vertical in total 570 water wheels were distributed to farmers

Under the Environment Conservation vertical 670 Water Wheels were received with support from Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Garden on 23rd November 2023 at the Tiware Centre, Karjat.

On 25th November 2023, 16 students from Billabong High International School – Juhu, distributed Water Wheels to 97 women farmer beneficiaries at Tiware Centre, Karjat.

On 3rd December 2023, 472 women farmer beneficiaries were distributed water wheels by Ms. Vandana Mehta, and Mr. Amrish Daftari along with 35 volunteers from the Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Gardens. In addition to the distribution of water wheels, Home-Based Solar systems were also given to 74 farmers.





#### Career Counselling in collaboration with Mentoria



Light of Life Trust has collaborated with Mentoria Programme which is a unique and holistic career discovery platform that enables students (from Class 8 to 12 and College) to discover themselves and their ideal careers that they will truly enjoy and excel at and handholds them till they start their first job. Currently more than 1000 children from Anando and Anando Plus verticals are supported under this initiative.

#### ITM student's volunteering



Five students from ITM Institute volunteered for 100 hours with Light of Life Trust. They created a database of probable donors across various industries, PSUs and government schemes. They also visited the Anando centre in Worli and the Livelihood & Skill Development Centre in Cuffe Parade to understand the programmes and interact with the beneficiaries.

#### Light of Life Trust's participation in Christmas Bazaar

During the Christmas season, Light of Life Trust displayed its products made by women through the Livelihood & Skill Development production units, on various platforms.



Cathedral and John Connon School, Fort







ONE BKC, Bandra (E)

The products received a huge response form the audience and around Rs. 40 thousand worth products were sold during these events.





Employees from HDFC Credila under its employee engagement programme visited and interacted with the students of Janta Vidyalay, Lowjee under the Anando School Empowerment Programme (ASEP) vertical on 9th December 2023.

### Strategic Collaboration with the UBS



On 20th November 2023, Light of Life Trust hosted a group of 20 NGOs along with Prof. Brigadier GPS Cheema, Program Director, Undergraduate Programme, Universal Business School, Karjat to discuss and collaborate with all for the betterment of the communities in and around Karjat region at Livelihood and Skill Development Centre, Tiware village, Karjat Taluka.

Universal Business School also assured that they would contribute their resources and add value to all the good work the NGOs are doing. The local government authorities also have assured their support to accelerate the impact of the social organizations.

5



## Partner's Visit



Mr. Ashwin Subramanyam, representative from partner Auto Desk Limited, on 28th November 2023 visited Padirwadi village, Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District and

interacted with the farmers under the Environment Conservation Vertical. He personally inspected the farmers plots and inquired about any further requirements from the farmers for the cultivation of the fruit bearing saplings.



On 20th of December 2023, Ms Leena Rajan, Deputy National Lead-CSR, Ms Sarika Harke, Deputy Manager -CSR, Ujwala Patil Assistant Manager-CSR from the Bajaj Finserv, CSR Team visited Light of Life Trust's Head Office at Mumbai BKC for six monthly programme and financial review.

# CONTACT

#### **Head Office :**

ONE BKC, C - WING, Unit No.: 1519, Plot No.: C-66, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra(E), Mumbai - 400 051. Tel.: +91 22 6904 7470 Email:connect@lightoflifetrust.org

# **Branch Offices :**

MAHARASHTRA : Ahmednagar • Akola • Alibaug Jalna • Karjat • Mangaon • Mumbai • Murbad Nandurbar • Washim • Yavatmal **GUJARAT :** Kukarmunda **MADHYA PRADESH :** Seoni RAJASTHAN: Bijolia • Sikar ODISHA: Angul

www.lightoflifetrust.org

+91-9820 689 131







O.



**Contribute to Light of Life Trust on Paytm** Make online contribution to Light of Life Trust.

#### Support My Campaign: Tata Mumbai Marathon 2024



#### Dear Supporters,

I hope this message finds you well. In the realm of education, we believe that it serves as a powerful journey from darkness to light. At Light of Life Trust, we are driven by the conviction that education holds the key to eradicating poverty and fostering employment opportunities. Through our division -Anando, we are committed to providing comprehensive support to underprivileged rural children who might otherwise become school dropouts. Our mission is to not only enable them to complete their secondary education but also to nurture their holistic development. Over the years, our unwavering efforts have touched the lives of more than 192,000 children across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Odisha. Today, it brings us immense joy to witness the positive transformation - our educated rural youth are securing starting salaries ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹12,000, a stark contrast to the less than ₹5,000 earned by their parents. This heartwarming evolution has been eloquently captured by our parents in the phrase, "Light of Life, Way of Life." In pursuit of our vision, I am reaching out to you to seek your valuable support in raising funds for our cause. Our goal is to empower 1000 children who are part of the first generation in their families to access education. By contributing, you become an integral part of our mission to provide educational resources and break the cycle of poverty that has persisted across generations. Your generosity knows no bounds, and every donation, regardless of its size, is genuinely a blessing. Together, let us take a stand and collectively dismantle the chains of generational poverty. One life at a time, let us radiate the light of education, the light of employment, and ultimately, the light of a fulfilling life.

With heartfelt love and blessings,

**Villy Doctor** Founder & Managing Trustee Light of Life Trust

Contribute Now !

paytm



https://m.paytm.me/LOLT