

Light of Life Trust
is a non-governmental organisation.
It was established in 2002 and
registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950.

GENESIS & HISTORY

The Founder and Managing Trustee of Light of Life Trust, Villy Doctor along with a few like-minded people came together and started Light of Life Trust. The vision was to transform the rural communities and the mission was to break the generational cycle of poverty, one life at a time. The hypothesis was that education would be the way to alleviate poverty.

Following a need assessment study of the local community in Karjat, Project Anando was launched in the year 2005 with 25 children in Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District, Maharashtra State, based on the belief that no child should be forced to drop out of school.

The founding members focused their energies on establishing a community centre for women, a senior citizen home, a children's home and a medical diagnostic centre through Project Jagruti and a hospice and a Research & Development centre through Project Aangan.

Vision

To transform lives of underprivileged rural communities in India.



Mission

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





FOUNDER TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE



VILLY DOCTOR

Founder of Light of Life Trust
(LOLT) and Satyavati

Spiritual Foundation (SSF).

Dear Friends,

I welcome you to an evening of 'music for a cause' performed by Sanjeevani Bhelande and her troupe. These ever-green melodies from the Golden Era of Indian Cinema are penned by legendary poets like Majrooh Sulatnpuri, Shailendra and Bharat Vyas.

A multi-faceted talent, Sanjeevani is a playback singer, an author, a trained Kathak dancer, and the first ever winner of the talent show 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa'. When Sanjeevani ascends the stage, you are mesmerised by her sweet trained voice, gentle humour and graceful movements. We hope this evening of soulful music brings you the same happiness, that you have bestowed to the lives of so many under-privileged children and their families.

Light of Life Trust was founded with the purpose of bringing light to the lives of the under-privileged of our country, through its holistic 3E approach of "Educate, Empower and Equip for Employability", and today we have impacted the lives of almost 4 lakh people across the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan. Project Anando has an integrated school quality development programme with school authorities and teachers at the National level to ensure 'quality education to all'. All students in our Anando programme come from families with a household income of less than Rs 4500 per month and it gives us immense satisfaction to note that today over 2437 Anando beneficiaries are employed and sustaining themselves and their families.

I believe if we all come together, we can enable many more beneficiaries to break the generational cycle of poverty. Diwali is round the corner and I pray to Goddess Laxmiji to bless you with abundance of happiness and prosperity, as you bring to the lives of the less privileged.

In the words of Norman B Rice, "Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light."

With love & Blessings,

Villy Doctor Founder Trustee





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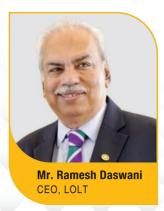






Light of Life Trust - Senior Management —





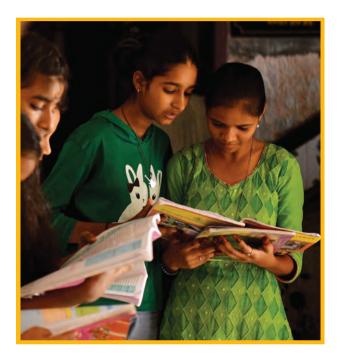




PROJECT ANANDO

Light of Life Trust, through Project Anando directly supports the secondary education of many underprivileged children in rural communities of India.

Project Anando, initiated its Anando Programme in 2005, works towards uplifting underprivileged rural secondary school children by reinstating and sustaining them in schools and equipping them with skills to become independent and productive citizens. The goal is not just literacy but all round development of each child through a 3E Approach, i.e. Educate, Empower & Equip for Employability, thus empowering the beneficiaries to embrace life changing decisions, by choosing appropriate career paths.



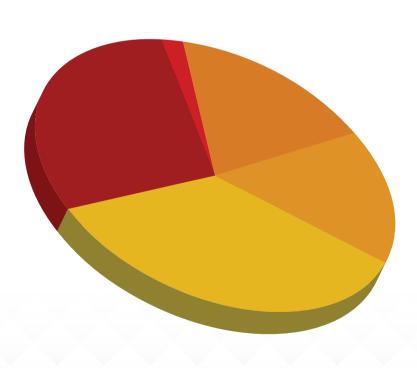




ANANDO AT A GLANCE



18107 | Beneficiaries in 17 years



2%

children are orphans

17%

children belong to Adivasi / Tribal communities

16%

children of single parents

30%

selected owing to an evident history of school drop-out in older siblings

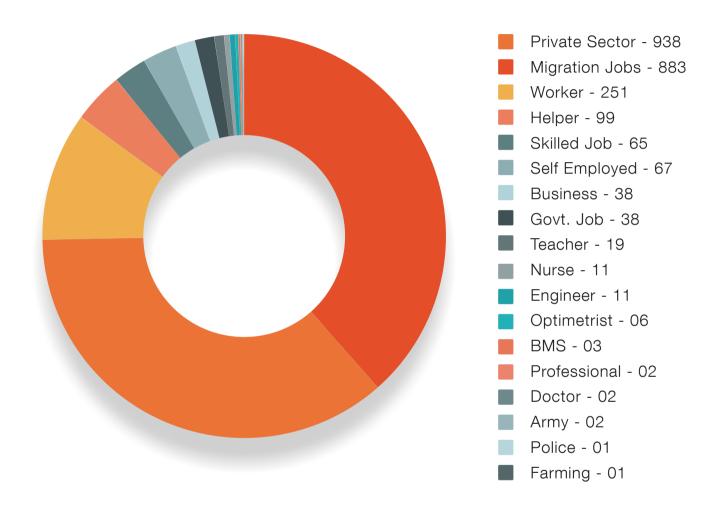
35%

selected due to severe negligence in family

All students enrolled in Anando Programme belong to rural families whose total household average income is less than ₹4,500 per month.

EMPLOYMENT

Diverse career options chosen by beneficiaries - Even though majority of children are in junior college, graduation, diploma or vocational training, the diversity in career options chosen by LOLT children is very clearly visible & much higher as compared to the options chosen by their classmates.



2437

Anando beneficiaries are employed.

IMPACT



Economic Impact

Parent - Beneficiary Comparative Income Distribution

- 93% of parents earn a monthly income below ₹4,500/-
- 63 % of employed beneficiaries earn monthly income between ₹5,500/- to ₹50,000/-
 - 43%: ₹5,500/- to ₹7,000/-
 - 46%: Above ₹77,000/- upto ₹15,000/-
 - 9%: Above ₹15,000/- upto ₹25,000/-
 - 2%: Above ₹25,000/- upto ₹50,000/-



Social Impact

- Age of marriages:
- 16 years is the average marriage age in the areas of intervention
- 22 years is the average marriage age of female beneficiaries of LOLT
- 531 students are a part of the task force, undertaking various activities to address existing social issues in their areas



Academic Impact

Rural girls pursuing higher education

- 3605 plus female beneficiaries of LOLT are pursuing higher education currently
- 692 Tribal children are pursuing higher education due to LOLT intervention
- 51% of LOLT female beneficiaries are pursuing higher education, in comparison, the Maharashtra State percentage in the districts of intervention is 27%

ANANDO - STORIES OF CHANGE



Rahul Balu Kakade, Bachelor in Computer Engineering, Mohili Centre, Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District

Rahul lost his father when he was a child. His mother a daily wage labourer raised him in trying circumstances. When he was in Std VIII, Rahul's mother enrolled him under the Anando programme. LOLT team encouraged this bright child by guiding and motivating him to pursue his academic development. Rahul scored 80% in Std X and thereafter pursued a career in computers.

Continued support from LOLT saw him graduate in Computer Engineering from Yadavrao Tasgaonkar Engineering College. Rahul today, works in a big IT company in Mahape as a Java Developer thus earning for himself and his family a very handsome remuneration.





Akansha Hemant Patil, Bachelor in Electronic and Telecommunication, Alibaug Centre, Alibaug Tehsil, Raigad District

Akanksha belongs to the Koli community and from a very orthodox family in Alibaug. She was discouraged to interact with fellow classmates which made her a very shy and reserved person. Since her family income was not sufficient to prioritise her education, she enlisted with LOLT.

Her grit and determination changed her life. At LOLT centre, her personality improved exponentially and guidance from the LOLT team encouraged her to complete her diploma in Electronics & Telecommunications. She was inducted as a Trainee before her results were declared. After earning for a while she continued her quest for a degree course in no time. Today she works with the biggest player in Telecommunication as a CAC Engineer.





PROJECT JAGRUTI

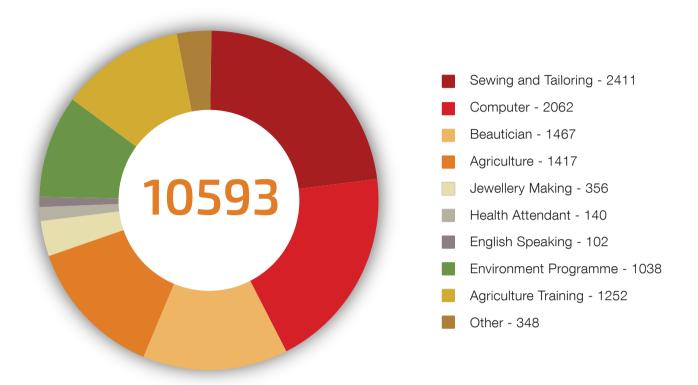
Project Jagruti, initiated in 2010 aims to advance, develop, and empower rural underprivileged communities with special focus on women and young girls through three critical programmes – Livelihood and Skill Development, Primary Healthcare & Environment Conservation.







JAGRUTI AT A GLANCE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT (SELF EMPLOYED / PLACED)





LIVELIHOOD & SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

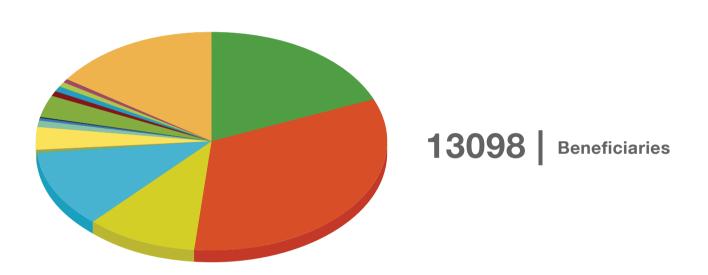
Spread across Jeevan Asha Community Centres:

Maharashtra State

- Tiware Kadav Kashele in Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District
- Dhasai in Murbad Tehsil, Thane District
- Taloda in Taloda Tehsil, Nandurbar District
- Cuffe Parade in Mumbai District
- Shivar in Akola Tehsil, Akola District

Rajasthan State

• Ramgarh in Ramgarh Tehsil, Sikar District, Rajasthan



- Sewing & Tailoring 2452
- Computer 4303
- Agriculture 1340
- Electrician Course 19
- Jewellery Making 428
- Mobile Repairing 95

- Beautician 1502
- BPO 49
- Retail 13
- Bike Repairing 104
- English Communication 95
- Goat Rearing 62

- Short Term Courses 438
- Nursing Attendant 126
- Journalism 49
- Poultry Farming 07
- Thane Center
 Beneficiaries 2016

JAGRUTI - STORIES OF CHANGE



Ashwini Rajesh Thakare, Aged 34 years, Entrepreneur, Dhasai Centre, Murbad Tehsil, Thane District

Ashwini lost her husband when she was only 34 year old. With the responsibility of bringing up two young children studying in Std VIII & X on her young shoulders her in laws were not prepared to support her or her children. She was left with no choice but to move back to her mother's house. Not having completed her education and no earning option in sight she was worried for her children's future.

Accidentally she came across 'Livelihood Training Centre' of LOLT in Dhasai and quickly registered for the beautician training course. Her joy multiplied when she completed the course and received the starter kit along with the training completion certificate.

The starter kit was a saviour and she started providing beauty services from her home. Currently she makes more than what her family previously earned and that has made her believe in education. She has enrolled to complete her BA programme and soon intends to start her own beauty parlour.



Jyoti Ainakar, Aged 38 Years, Entrepreneur, Kashele Centre, Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District

Jyoti Ainakar lives in a remote village, around 12 kms from Kashele village. Her husband works as construction labourer where work is irregular and seasonal. As a result her family's financial condition was critical and distances between villages was long.

She enrolled for the sewing & tailoring course in Kashele and despite difficulties attended and acquired the skill. After course completion she bought her own sewing machine and started her business from home.

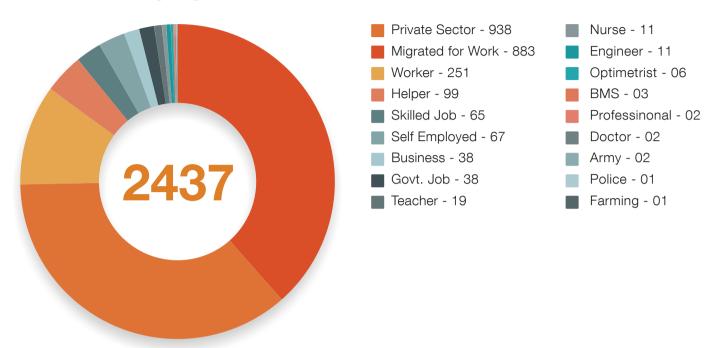
Her grit and determination just didn't rely on the stitching demand around her locality. She went a step ahead and started tailoring classes at home. She taught her students to stitch blouse, uniforms, masks, etc. This way she was able to even survive the pandemic with her husband unable to find work during the lockdown.





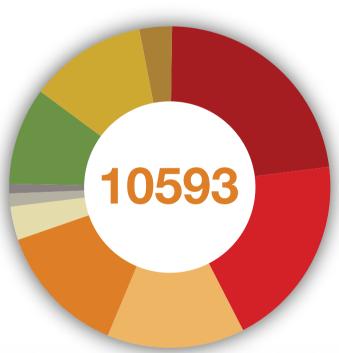
OVERALL LOLT EMPLOYMENT

Anando Employment



Jagruti Employment

- Sewing and Tailoring 2411
- Computer 2062
- Beautician 1467
- Agriculture 1417
- Jewellery Making 356
- Health Attendant 140
- English Speaking 102
- Environment Programme 1038
- Agriculture Training 1252
- Other 348



13030
Overall LOLT Placement

HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR SUPPORT?

A commitment of Rs.31,500.00 / year.

Your donation will sponsor **THREE** rural underprivileged children of 12 years age, studying in Class VIII in Raigad district.

These children are unable to continue their education due to financial pressures. We convince parents of secondary school drop-outs to GET BACK TO SCHOOL by offering to look after their supplementary education, books & periodicals, school bag, uniforms and accessories till they finish their basic tenth grade exams. We enable them to pursue vocational training or higher studies.

A commitment of Rs: 52,500.00/ year

Your donation will sponsor **FIVE** rural underprivileged children of 12 years age, studying in Class VIII in Raigad district.

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Your contribution will help us support such deserving students.

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PRESENTS

Sunhere Alfaaz II

A musical fundraiser for Light of Life Trust

Evergreen melodies penned by Majrooh Sultanpuri | Shailendra | Bharat Vyas

By Sanjeevani Bhelande with Chirag Panchal & Vaibhav Vasishtha



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Sanjeevani Bhelande - Sunhere Alfaaz II



Indian Cinema has been fortunate to have had lyricists that have penned words, that make our songs both meaningful and soul touching. Light of Life Trust presents a musical tribute to celebrate 3 poets that have penned some unforgettable melodies of Indian Cinema. These include the genius of Majrooh Sultanpuri, Shailendra and Bharat Vyas.

Presenting this charity concert are renowned playback singer Sanjeevani Bhelande, who has performed in over 2000 live concerts across the globe, with Vaibhav Vashishta & Chirag Panchal, both versatile singers. They are accompanied by a live acoustic band featuring 25 talented instrumentalists.

All proceeds from this musical fundraiser are a contribution for charity towards the rural underprivileged.

Playback singer Sanjeevani Bhelande is a name that represents high quality in the music field. Her first playback song 'Chorichori Nazrein Mili' for Vidhu Vinod Chopra's film Kareeb got her global recognition. Sanjeevani is a multi-faceted artiste. Besides singing she is a trained classical dancer (Kathak), has authored a book, comperes her live shows and is a TV celebrity.

Vaibhav Vashishta is a young dynamic singer who has given playback alongside some of the most famous Bollywood singers like Sony Nigam, Shaan etc. He has also sung in Jodha Akbar on Zee TV.

Chirag Panchal is a classically trained singer and is the winner of Saregama Juniors when the show was hosted by famous Bollywood singer Sonu Nigam. Chirag is known as a versatile singer, music arranger and keyboard player.

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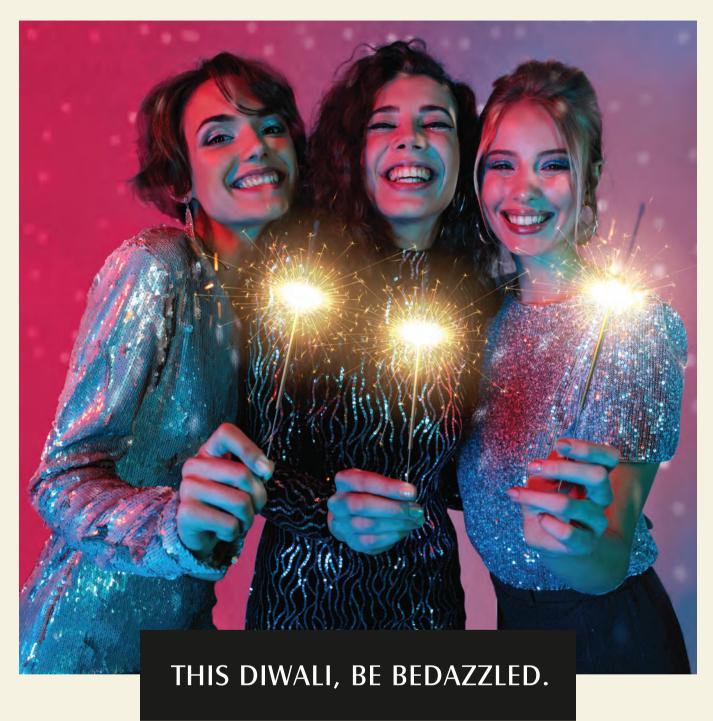
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In 1996, Mumbai, the financial capital of India, witnessed an event that would shape the future of the city's underprivileged. It was the year of inception of the Mendonsa Foundation.

Taking inspiration from their illustrous father, Isidore Cincinnatus Mendonca, Robert Mendonsa, Joseph Mendonca and Michael Mendonca have taken forward the resolve to serve millions of needy people, over the past few decades by:

- Ensuring mental wellness across all age groups
- Reaching out to shelter homes and families of police killed on duty
- Training students in Optometry, Speech Therapy & Audiometry
- Providing women with a source of entrepreneurship through the Don Bosco Development Society
- Contributing to children with cleft lip palate through a collaboration with ABMS
- Conducting Health Camps in rural and urban India
- Distributing daily essential kits to the economically deprived during Covid-19

The Mendonsa Foundation also selected 7 Nominees for their outstanding work during the Covid-19 pandemic for the prestigious Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship and Karmaveer Chakra Awards, in partnership with the UN.

The Mendonsa Foundation will continue to create a life-changing experience for the needy, in every aspect of their lives, leading to fulfill their mission of creating a better-equipped and more empowered nation.



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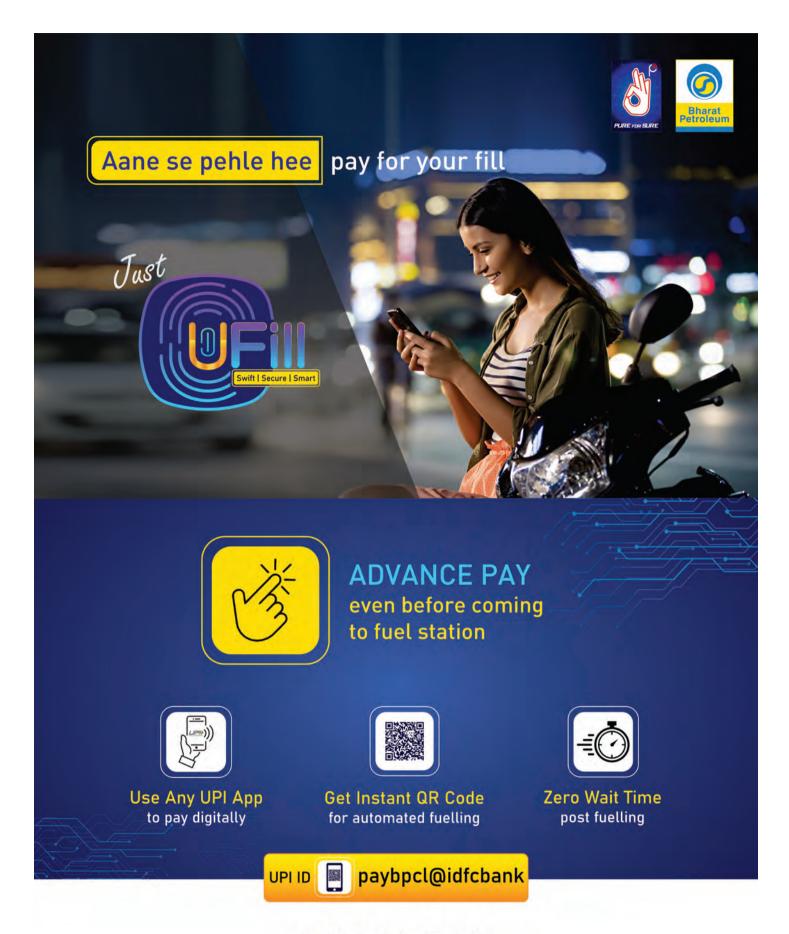




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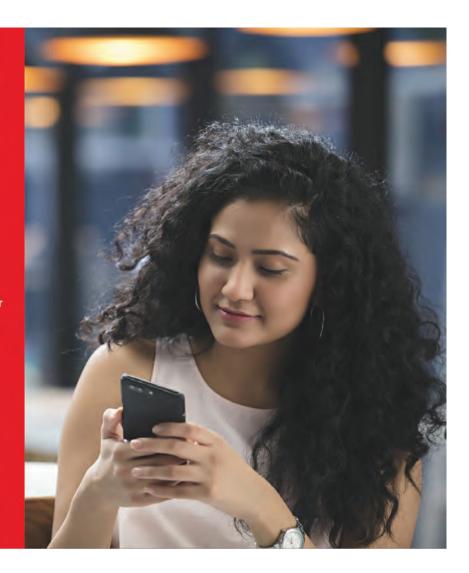


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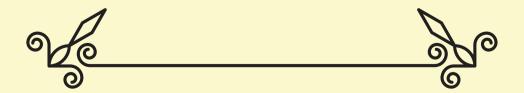




We are proud to be partnered with Light of Life Trust with the initiation of their Anando School Empowerment Programme in 3 schools reaching out to 975 students and 27 teachers in Chandrapur District.

Chandrapur is one of the Backward Districts in Maharashtra and we hope this partnership will help in the development of this District.

We look forward to a long & fruitful partnership



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Our sponsors, advertisers and donors for making today's event a reality.

LOLT Board of Trustees, the Advisory Committee and our Mentors Committee for their continued association and direction to our vision.

The team of Satyavati Spiritual Foundation for their unstinting support in all our efforts.

The talented and versatile Sanjeevani Bhelande as well as Vaibhav Vasishtha, Chirag Panchal and the 25 gifted musicians for giving us a melodious, memorable evening.

The young beneficiaries from Light of Life Trust's Anant programme for their beautiful songs that added to the magical evening.

Sapna Kar and the team at Burgundy Consultancy, especially Bhavi Jhaveri for conceptualising and executing this fundraiser.

Our outdoor partner Selvel for adding to our promotional efforts and Farnaz Advertising for ad support.

The team at Nehru Centre for their unstinting co-operation.

Last but not the least, the team of Light of Life Trust that has worked relentlessly behind the scenes to make this event happen.

All other persons who in thought, word and action have contributed to our activities, who we may have inadvertently forgotten to mention - our thanks!!

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