

Light of Life Times



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OUR VISION

Transform lives of underprivileged rural communities in India.

OUR APPROACH

Economic upliftment through Education & Skilling for employment.



Ms. Gayatri Ruia's
Trustee Message
Light of Life Trust

Being part of the LOLT family over the last 13 years is one of the most energising, inspiring and humbling journeys I have undertaken. The vision and magic of Villy Doctor, our founder and the immense quality of work and dedication from our team helmed by Kamal has helped us move mountains in a short time frame. It's a privilege to be a part of LOLT and I welcome all those with a genuine desire to make a change in our world for the better to join hands with us.

OUR BOARD

- ▶ **Ms. Villy Doctor** - Founder & Managing Trustee
- ▶ **Ms. Gayatri Ruia** - Trustee
- ▶ **Mr. Manoj Murarka** - Trustee
- ▶ **Mr. Jitendra Mehta** - Trustee
- ▶ **Mr. Punit Anand** - Legal Advisor




Mr. Sudhir Gajbhiye
Associate Chief Operating Officer
Light of Life Trust

My journey with Light of Life Trust began on 23rd March 2005, and was fortunate to attend the first Board of Trustees Meeting chaired by Hon. Ms. Villy Doctor, our founder Chairperson. "Every human being in the world should lead a life with dignity but unfortunately billions are helpless and are unable to do so and that is why trusts such as ours can make a difference." Her reasons for starting the Trust reinforced my decision of trying to give back to society through Education and making a difference. Light of Life Trust supports under privileged children from rural Maharashtra who would have otherwise dropped out from school and leads them on the path of completing their education. Planning and executing such interventions has been a fulfilling experience for me.



Our Founder and Managing Trustee featured in the TV channel Sahaj Samachar during the Educational Material Distribution Programme 2018, in Karjat. To view the interview please check the link https://youtu.be/6_PrW26UTgg

HSC Pass Percentage

Nandurbar		100%
Mangaon		98%
Washim		97%
Alibaug		90%
Jalna		86%
Karjat		67%



Karuna Gaikwad - (Karjat)
79.53% (MCVC)



Vijay Thakare - (Washim)
79.00% (Arts)



Naina Kamble - (Jalna)
78.61% (Science)



Dipesh Palkar - (Mangaon)
75.53% (MCVC)



Kavita Gulale - (Nandurbar)
74.00% (Science)



Sapana Udand - (Alibaug)
70.76% (Commerce)

Our Top Scoring SSC Student



Due to SFSEP classes conducted under Anando programme, I got help to enhance the academic performance and develop interest in my studies as well as by participating in the workshops I could develop my overall personality "Light of Life Trust has not only provided the educational support to me but have also given major boost in my overall personality".

-Shama Siddiqui - Worli Centre, Mumbai - 93.06%

Philosophy of Giving

Giving is often seen as a daunting task. Where do we give? How much? Whom is it going to? Who needs it more? The considerations seem unending. Our answer to this is simple: start small, stay long. Start with small amounts and choose a particular cause you relate to, or spread it over a number of them. Then pledge to continue this tradition over a long period of time. The impact of your donation may not be visible immediately or even directly. But surely, over a period of time, you can be assured that you are changing the world for the better.

Students from Seoni Dist., Madhya Pradesh



Reena Karsarpe

Reena Karsarpe and Kirti Dhurve, from Seoni District, Madhya Pradesh have scored 99 out of 100 marks in Mathematics in their 10th board exams.



Kirti Dhurve



Jeevan Asha Community Computer course in collaboration with Kohka Foundation

More than 700 students have benefited from the Computer course which focuses on MS Office as well as internet based knowledge. It is a 20 days basic computer course. Course includes working knowledge of e-commerce platforms and social media sites.

OUR IMPACT



Education

1,09,900
Beneficiaries



School Empowerment

13,586
Beneficiaries



Environment Conservation

19,485 Beneficiaries



Primary Healthcare

30,729
Beneficiaries



Livelihood Training

34,787
Beneficiaries



Lives Transformed
2,08,487

Our Presence



833 Villages

Amber Dave's Poem



In life there are battles we all need to fight,
We need to stop being mere spectators if
we want to spread the light, How can we lift
up those people, who may be on the verge
of hitting abysmal lows?



How can we give them endless
opportunities, so that the happiness in their
life continuously grows?

An answer to this is to empower and
educate, Only then will the underprivileged
walk through prosperity's gate,

तो चलो हाथ मिलाकर देते हैं अपने देशवासियों का साथ ।
ताकि कोई भी भारत में ज्ञान से वंचित होकर ना रहे अनाथ ।

Anando Plus updates

Career Guidance and Exposure visit

Exposure visits were organised for Anando Plus students, to renowned Industrial Training Institutes. The main purpose for these visits was to open their minds to new possibilities and explore careers in fields of their interest. Approximately 29 students along with a few enthusiastic parents joined to learn about the courses offered and their benefits.



Career Guidance session conducted at our Worli centre by Ms. Shruti Malgundkar proved to be very useful for all the students.

Volunteer Feedback



I started volunteering with LOLT again in June this year. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The freedom to conduct activities, workshops, revisit my own Math and English skills to teach the children. I never got bored! Even though my Hindi isn't the strongest, the children would help me teach when I was at a loss of words and would always joke around and be eager to learn. That's what motivated me to go every day and looked forward to those two hours. I gained a lot as I learnt patience and communication skills because I had to explain and teach the 8th, 9th and 10th graders and be able to resolve their doubts as well. It felt amazing and was sad that it ended. I'm glad I made the right decision to carry out my Community Service Programme, as required by my university, with LOLT.

-Rishika Gupta, - Hill Spring International School, Mumbai

Parent's meet at Tiwre and other centres

The past two months saw multiple Parents' Meetings across our centres. The number of parents attending these meetings has been steadily growing, and so has their active participation.



Success Stories: Mr Chandrakant Pernekar



The first Anando Plus beneficiary from Karjat to become a police constable. Chandrakant lives in the remote village of Sandashi along with his family. He joined LOLT when he was in 8th standard. His father's meagre income as a construction worker was not enough to support Chandrakant's education. Once LOLT intervened, Chandrakant not only completed his SSC but went on to complete his graduation and brought about a transformation in his overall personality by participating in various activities of the Anando programme. After graduation he decided to make his career in the Indian Police Service and started preparing for the Police Recruitment Examination. In April 2017 he cleared the exam with flying colours, securing 92.5%. Chandrakant is the first Anando Plus beneficiary who cleared the police recruitment exam and now works as a police constable in Navi Mumbai. In the future he aspires to become a PSI.

Summer Vacation Programme

Summer Vacation camps were conducted in all Light of Life Trust centres over 10 days in June, to keep students engaged during the holiday period, and given the opportunity to enhance their skills and acquire new ones.

Activities included paper bag making, agriculture-based sessions, dance sessions, guest lectures, self-defence classes, embroidery, gardening and more.



Partner visits

Partner visits to centres at Worli and Karjat - 30th June & 11th July 2018

- Members of the Satya Saibaba Trust visited our Jeevan Asha Community Centre to understand the work under taken by Light of Life Trust.
- Mr. Anil Tayde (Areas Sales Manager of Navneet Publications) visited our Washim centre to know more about our work and donated a set of SSC Digest books, for which we are extremely thankful.



Light of Life Trust Mentors Committee Formation

One of this year's initiative was the setting up of the Mentors Committee. This committee of 12 mentors will support Light of Life Trust in expanding operations through ideas, connects and resource mobilisation. July saw the first meeting of this committee, where commitments were made by each mentor following a lively session of idea-sharing.

A warm welcome to our committee members.

Ankit Ajmera, Rajiv Mehta, Mahendra Thacker, Dharmendra Gurshaahani, Suresh Rao, Sanjiv Swarup, Principal Amarsingh, Parizad Mazda, Hema Subramanian, Heena Kapadia, Mandir Tendolkar, Melvin Louis.



Anando Plus Education Material Distribution

We are in deep gratitude to Bajaj Finserv for their consistent support for 1,265 children through programme Anando Plus which supports higher education and skill training for students and guides them for career development in regions of Karjat, Washim and Alibaug.



Launch of The Tata Harvard Cookstove Project

The cookstove project in collaboration with Dr. Ashok Gadgil's Lab was launched in July 2018 in 2 villages in Karjat (Vithalwadi & Bhopalwadi) as an experiment to gauge the possibilities of villagers using the Berkeley cookstoves as replacement to traditional chullahs saving on excessive use of fire wood & cooking time. Ms Samantha Hing, PhD student under Dr. Ashok Gadgil at Berkeley University efficiently led the experiment.



Omkar Foundation



Omkar Foundation has been associated with LOLT for last 1 year on Skills, Health and women empowerment initiatives. We at Omkar are impressed by their delivery & dedicated teams. We feel confident that this collaboration will bloom into a purposeful long-term association for both parties to be proud of. This year

the focus is in ensuring the optimum utilization of the funds in the pre-defined areas listed by Omkar. My good wishes to LOLT & team in all their endeavors and offer our support for a bigger and brighter future in what we jointly do for the uplifting of the rural poor

- Venkat Rolla – Head CSR, Omkar Foundation, Mumbai.

Share & Care Foundation

Ms. Shreya Mehta - representative from one of our partners, Share and Care Foundation, USA, visited our office in Mumbai and SCF supported centres in Alibaug Taluka. She interacted with students, parents and visited a few homes. Her visit and sharing motivated the students.



The Cathedral and John Connon School

Students of The Cathedral and John Connon School have been supporting LOLT over the years. Last year 20 children ran the marathon and raised support for the secondary education of 104 children from rural Maharashtra.



**Nandurbar District :
6 Centres with Aditya Birla Capital**

We thank Aditya Birla Capital for supporting 6 new centres in the very challenging and remote regions of Nandurbar district of Maharashtra and supporting the education of 390 students over 3 years.



Ms Aashi Sanghvi's visit



Ms. Aashi Sanghvi (Senior Executive, Coca-Cola) supporting Mohgaon centre in MP visited the centre and at the same time felicitated students of the Turia school who cleared their board exams

successfully. Since most of the students in the school come from economically backward families, her sponsorship of some of their future education and donating 5 laptops to students who scored more than 75%, will go a long way in furthering their dreams!

Ms Tiasha Banarjee's visit

Global Giving representative, Ms. Tiasha Banarjee, took out time to personally talk to the Light of Life Trust field teams at our Karjat office, to know more about all our programmes and projects.



OUR MAIN PARTNERS



EVENTS

Nicolai Friedrich, Mentalist

Satyavati Spiritual Foundation presents the world-renowned Nicolai Friedrich, Mentalist and a Master of Illusion, to India on August 14-15th, 2018. This event is going to be a mixture of visual artistry, fantastic comedy and a lot of mental magic.

Event details: www.bit.ly/bmslolt

We have special seats for our friends and supporters. Please contact sheela@lolt.in for details.

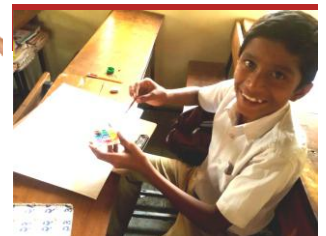
Tata Mumbai Marathon 2019

Light of Life Trust will be participating in the Tata Mumbai Marathon in January 2019. Run the marathon for Light of Life Trust to further our mission to Educate, Empower and Equip for Employability.

Art Competition



This event will start in August and culminate in September. This is a unique event in which we get all our 3000 children to participate in a drawing competition. With 3 elimination rounds the finalist will display their pieces of Art along with renowned artists and this will be showcased and auctioned in an Art Gallery in Mumbai.



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