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OUR MISSION

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

Over 15+ years we have impacted over **2,45,657 lives** across rural India. Our initiatives span across Education, Community and Skill Development, Healthcare Services & Environment Conservation through our flagship projects - Anando and Jagruti.

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Tata Mumbai Marathon 2020



Like every year a strong contingent of 427 participants (students, team members, well-wishers & partners) from Light of Life Trust participated in the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2020 held on Sunday, 19th January 2020. It was a proud moment for LOLT to see our students successfully complete the race categories they ran in - 3 of our students ran in the Half Marathon race category and 7 Anando students ran in the 10 Kms race category. This year LOLT also setup a motivational zone during the marathon to motivate runners throughout the race and spread awareness about the social causes supported by LOLT. This zone was managed by the LOLT team along with 8 students of our Anant Programme. LOLT introduced its mascots during this marathon. They participated in the Dream run category which was led by our Founder & Managing Trustee, Villy Doctor.



GlobalGiving Recognition

Light of Life Trust has achieved recognition for transparency, adherence to continuous training and learning capabilities, exceptional crowd funding activity and verified visit to the project site by GlobalGiving.





You Make Us Proud

Service to the Nation

Mr. Nagesh Hajare from Kanhaiya Nagar Centre, Jalna District, Maharashtra joined the CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) as a Constable. He is currently posted in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra. After his posting he visited LOLT, interacted with the Anando Students and shared his experience & journey with LOLT from the time he was enrolled as an Anando beneficiary till his recruitment in the CRPF. He was a source of great motivation to the Anando students.



Recognition for Outstanding Work

On the occasion of Republic Day - 26th January 2020, the LOLT Team, Rajasthan was awarded a trophy for the outstanding work done by LOLT in the field of education by Mr. Mahesh Chandra Mann – Sub Divisional Magistrate of Bijolia Block. It was a significant achievement and a proud moment for LOLT to be recognised for the work done in establishing the programme in just 1.6 years since initiation of the programme in Bijolia Tehsil.



We are Happy to Share



Ms. Sarika Khulsunge, Mangrulpir Centre, Washim District, Maharashtra has been recruited as a Probationary Officer in Bank of Maharashtra, Jintur Taluka, Parbhani District, Maharashtra. Sarika, one of our first Anando students is an orphan child who studied under difficult circumstances (without electricity and other basic amenities) struggled against all odds to complete her B.E in Computers from Sammati Engineering College, Washim and further studied IBPS for three years at Akola. Her strong determination and persistence has reaped great rewards for her.

Star Marathoner

Ms. Vaishnavi Ahewar from Pardi Takmor Centre, Washim District, Maharashtra stood third in the women's 10 kms race category at the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2020 held on 19th January 2020. She went on to secure second rank at the Washim Marathon conducted by the Police Department, Washim on 31st January 2020 to support women empowerment, where she participated in the 3 kms race category and completed the race in 11 minutes. She was awarded Rs. 5000 along with a certification of merit in appreciation of her achievement.



You Did It !



Ms. Savitri Rathod from Alibaug Centre, Raigad District, Maharashtra successfully completed her bachelor's degree in Homeopathy medicine and Surgery and has become a BHMS Doctor. Savitri belongs to a migrated family from Karnataka, her parents work as labourers and she is the first girl from her village to complete her graduation and become a doctor.

Your Talents are Rewarded

Ms. Reeya Devlatkar, Ms. Reeya Perekar & Ms. Siddhi Nachare, Anant programme students from Alibaug centre, Raigad District, Maharashtra, successfully completed their second-grade classical singing exam conducted by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal.





Inauguration of The Women Empowerment Centre at Cuffe Parade, Mumbai

LOLT Founder & Managing Trustee, Villy Doctor inaugurated the Women Empowerment Centre at Cuffe Parade Mumbai on 28th January 2020. This centre is supported by Navneet Foundation. The other dignitaries present were - Ms. Mayuri Mistry from Navneet Foundation and Ms. Harshita Narvekar, local corporator along with LOLT CEO Mr. Ramesh Daswani, and other LOLT team members.



LOLT Sports - Formation of Football Team

The first football team was formed at Khalapur centre, Karjat Taluka, Raigad District, Maharashtra. Coaches from C4 Wellness facilitated the selection & formation of the team. Total of 18 boys and 18 girls respectively were selected in the team.



Participation in Mask Making Workshop

Students from Worli centre, Mumbai participated in the Mask making workshop organized by National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai on 27th February 2020. Certificates were awarded to the students after the completion of the workshop.



Participation in Spirit 2020 Event

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Mystic Events organised a wellness flea Spirit 2020 at the NSCIM Mumbai of which Light of Life Trust was the NGO partner. LOLT Founder & Managing Trustee, Villy Doctor, inaugurated the event and conducted a session on 'The Spirit of Wellness'. She also flagged off the Supercars Rally where women on wheels participated along with LOLT's girl child beneficiaries. Light of Life Trust showcased jewellery, cloth bags, etc made by the rural underprivileged women trained through the training programs at LOLT's women empowerment centres.



International Women's Day

On 8th March 2020, International Women's Day was celebrated at our centres, the theme being #EachforEqual where an equal world is an enabled world. Our girl beneficiaries and staff struck the #EachforEqual pose, to motivate others and to make International Women's Day THEIR day.



Water Wheel Distribution in Karjat

The Jagruti team of Light of Life Trust in collaboration with Rotary Club of Hanging Gardens has done some wonderful work during lockdown. They distributed 475 water wheels to marginalized women farmers across 14 villages in Karjat Taluka. All norms of social distancing were followed during distribution. These water wheels help farmers carry water to the fields as well as for irrigation purposes. This distribution was possible due to the support received from Mr. Ranganath Thota, President, Fuel Dream, Poddar International School, Worli, Mumbai and their Principal - Mr. Kaisar Dopaishu who collected the money for 415 wheels. The balance 60 water wheels contribution was made by Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Garden under the leadership of President Mr. Dilip Shah and water wheel project coordinator Mr. Amrish Daftari.



Donor Visit

Ms. Rita Steinau, Founder of partner organization Chance of Life, Germany visited children of the project supported by them at Karjat Taluka, Raigad District, Maharashtra over 2 days. During her visit she visited schools, interacted with school management and visited the homes of the beneficiaries she is supporting along with the LOLT team. She also interacted with the students of Mohili center.



Covid19

RELIEF WORK

The COVID-19 crisis has taken over lives and affected us financially as well as physically and mentally. At Light of Life Trust, we are constantly trying to reach out to the economically challenged class. Our founder, Villy Doctor has been a source of inspiration for all of us during these testing times. COVID-19 has spread a lot of panic across the world and it is pretty much the same story in India. While we are grappling with this contagious viral disease, we must also make sure that our people feel safe and secure.

For this we have introduced many ways and means through which we can reach out to our people and provide them with the best possible help.

Food Distribution

COVID-19 sees no barriers when it comes to contagion. However, some of us are more affected because of the side effects the disease brings along with it. We are talking about loss of job and daily wages.

With the help of our donors and team, we have managed to tie up with tehsil kirana stores, who send hygiene and grocery products to the village kirana store. Our social workers or parent representatives pick up the supply from the store and then make sure to distribute it to our beneficiary's family. The kit consists of 3 handwash soaps, 5 kg rice, 2 kg dal, 1 kg whole pulses, 5 kg wheat flour, 2 litres cooking oil and masala powders.

By providing food and hygiene products we are also building their immune system in order to fight this deadly virus.



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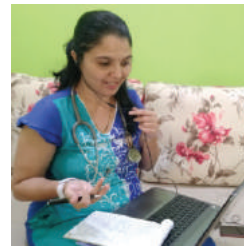
Online Lectures

School has been affected by COVID-19 as well. While classroom teaching has been suspended, their studies have also been disrupted. Well, necessity is the mother of all invention and Light of Life Trust made no delay in applying its mind and came up with a plan to teach online. Technology has certainly turned out to be a boon for our volunteers and students at Light of Life Trust. Our teachers have been conducting online lectures for our students. Surya Darji, a Mathematics teacher, of the Worli Centre, has formed a group of 10th standard students and he is conducting online lectures for them. These lectures are then solved by problem solving sessions online.

Not just academics, the use of technology can be seen in the arts field as well. The students of Anant programme (in association with Flowering Tree Inc., USA) have been practising their music and dance diligently at home.



Beneficiary Counselling Programme



There is a lot of news being circulated about the Covid-19. Some of it is true but we are subjected to a whole lot of fake news as well as rumours. The villages, especially, are at a complete loss, owing to the information they get from various sources. In order to help them out, we have started the Beneficiary Counselling Programme.

Two of our doctors – Dr. Geetanjali Rao Hajare (Karjat Centre) and Dr. Hemant Ghude (Murbad centre) have been at the helm of the affairs and are telephonically counselling villagers and trying to explain to them in a simple manner on ways to cope with the given situation. They have been relentlessly answering all queries about Covid-19.

Our Impact

