

OUR MISSION

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

Over 15+ years we have impacted more than **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 – Villy Doctor – Change Legend 2019 & 2020

Dear Friends,

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” At Light of Life Trust, we believe that education is the means through which we can eradicate poverty & generate employment & we are doing this through our flagship program, 'Project Anando'.

Over the years, we have had plenty of success stories of children who have turned their life around despite the circumstances. Sarika, an orphan child, completed her BE in Computers & further studied IBPS despite all odds. Today, she is a Probationary Officer with Bank of Maharashtra. There are more instances where LOLT has turned around the lives of these children.

Today LOLT's educated rural youth are earning ₹10-12000 starting salaries, whereas their parents are earning less than ₹5000. This process of transformational change has been described by our parents through the slogan “Light of Life, Way of Life”.

I am raising funds through these difficult COVID - 19 times, to continue our work in empowering the first generation of educated youth as well as provide them with resources for online education. In a world struck by pandemic, we want to encourage our beneficiaries to use digital means of education. Please support me in this endeavour.

Donate generously to the poor. Every donation is a blessing, and no amount is too small. Let us together bring this big change!

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The Light of Education
The Light of Employment
The Light of Life

Love and Blessings
Villy Doctor



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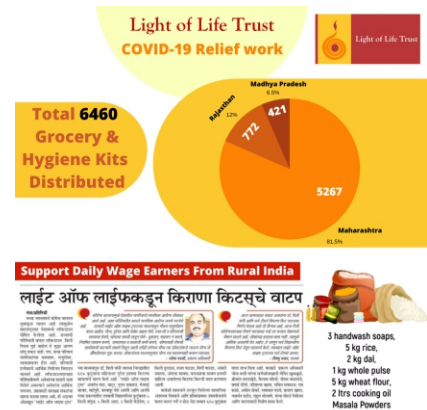
Relief to our Rural Beneficiary Families

All LOLT beneficiaries belong to families from low income groups who suffer the most during a pandemic.

With the Covid - 19 pandemic our beneficiaries were in a crisis due to their inability to earn daily wages during the lockdown period.

Light of Life Trust made concrete efforts to tackle the challenges posed by the COVID - 19 situation and its consequent socio-economic impact on our beneficiaries and their families.

6460 needy beneficiary families across all our projects were supported through:



A) Health Care:

1. Helplines: Two helplines were set up for information sharing, awareness building, counselling etc. about Covid - 19 and its effects. The doctors on call supported callers with any other additional information as required.
2. Provision of Hand wash soap.

B) Food:

Food packets containing commodities like rice, wheat flour, daals, pulses, masalas and cooking oil were distributed. LOLT ensured the last mile logistics as the lockdown makes it difficult for relief work to happen. Kirana shops were identified at the Tehsil level who transported the grocery kits to the local village Kirana shop. LOLT Social worker / Parent representative from that village ensured the delivery of the individual grocery kit to beneficiary families from that village.

GUIDESTAR INDIA CERTIFICATION



GuideStar India Certifications: Gold FY 2017-18, Platinum FY 18-19

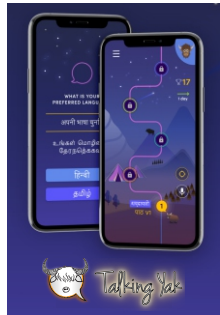
LOLT receives GuideStar India Certification Champion Level-Platinum:

GuideStar India is India's largest and most reliable online information repository with over 10000 NGOs. On 13th August 2020, Light of Life Trust was awarded the prestigious GuideStar India Champion Level- Platinum certification for 2020 and has joined India's largest pool of credible NGOs after undergoing a rigorous due diligence process. GuideStar India's Platinum Certification is the Champion Level certification indicating that high levels of accountability and good governance procedures are adopted by the organisation. It shares in the public domain, its tax returns filed within due date, audited annual accounts and auditor's report submitted to tax authorities for two years and that there are no material qualifications in its audited accounts.

To view our profile at GuideStar India, please visit
<https://guidestarindia.org/Summary.aspx?CCReg=941>

Collaboration with Talking Yak, Bengaluru to learn the English language through an app

Light of Life Trust partnered with the Talking Yak English Learning Private Limited a company who has developed a mobile application to facilitate the learning of the English Language. This online app has been offered free of cost to all Anando Plus programme students and the LOLT Team members. This learning app will help gain proficiency, confidence, and fluency among learners who want to develop their proficiency in English Language. 300+ Anando Plus students and LOLT team members have started this learning process which is being closely monitored by the partnering organization.



Partnering to Educate Children, Light of Life Trust & Alekhya



Light of Life Trust is proud to be associated with Alekhya to enable donors to contribute towards the education of children, by way of expression of creativity – artwork. Please find our extensive and exclusive collection on: <https://alekhyadotcom.wordpress.com> and support us to purchase these paintings through the below link: <https://rzp.io/l/AlekhyaLOLT>

Palladium celebrates its 11th anniversary with supporting education of children



The Palladium Mall, Mumbai on its 11th anniversary organized #ShopWithYourHeart festival from September 25th to 27th, 2020. A percentage of proceeds from this event will support education of LOLT's Project Anando beneficiaries.

Online Summer Vacation Programme for Anando students

Online activities were organized during the summer vacations across all regions where the Anando programme is operational over a period of seven days. For the first time an innovative method was adopted due to the national lockdown where social workers recorded each of the activities and shared the same with the students on the Whatsapp groups. In some regions some sessions were undertaken through video conferencing on Google Meet. This was followed by students learning new methods and implementing the same. Some of the activities undertaken were Traditional Hand Art (Mehndi), Essay Writing (Epidemic - Corona), Drawing (Awareness Covid - 19), Clay art, Rangoli, Effective Handwriting, making Mask at home, Best out of Waste, Paper Craft & Others.



Mastek Foundation partners with Light of Life Trust

A new partnership has been forged with Mastek Foundation who has joined hands with LOLT to work towards educating and empowering 100 students under Project Anando.

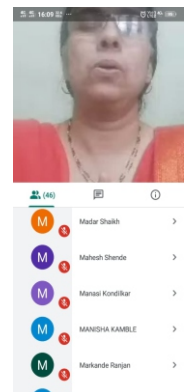
Distribution of Sanitizers

50 litres of sanitizer were received from Rallis India Ltd for distribution to the beneficiary students in and around Dhasai, Murbad Taluka. The same was also distributed at the Primary Health Center, Gram Panchayat Office, Dhasai village, Murbad, Thane District.



Guidance Session – for Anando Plus programme students

Light of Life Trust in collaboration with Gravitas Foundation, Pune organized 2 guidance sessions with Anando Plus students on 22nd & 23rd of July 2020. The session was based on 'Stress Management – in adolescence age (especially in the COVID - 19 pandemic situation). This session was conducted by Mrs. Aasha Khedkar and Mrs. Shivani Kulkarni, counsellors from Reflection Counselling and Psychological Testing Centre, Pune. 82 Anando Plus students participated in the session which



covered the following topics - Corona pandemic and its impact on social, economical and educational field, how to tackle the COVID - 19 pandemic in a positive way, and mental health and its balance in the adolescence age.

Anant Programme – Online Classes

Anant programme (in partnership with Flowering Tree Inc., USA) is conducting the programmes through online sessions with innovative methods to retain the student's interest in music. Anant teachers are using different methodologies which involves usage of online apps and offline instruments to deliver the sessions in an intuitive and creative manner. On 11th September 2020, an online Dance workshop was organized for the Anant Programme students in collaboration with Artscape. This session was facilitated by Artscape Founder and Managing Trustee, Ms. Kamalika Guha Thakurta along with Anant programme dance teacher from Karjat region. In this session students were also taught about different features of video conferencing app, Zoom. This will enable them to use technology at their best and help them in collaborative learning.



Sanitary Napkin Distribution

On 17th, 22nd & 23rd September, 2020 the Medical Mobile Units (MMU) in Karjat & Murbad distributed 336 sanitary napkin packets donated by NGO Akshara to adolescent girls and women in Dhasai village, Murbad and Varne, Varne Katkarwadi, Navsuchiwadi & Lobhewadi villages, Karjat Taluka, Raigad District. This activity was undertaken after the awareness session on Menstruation & Menstrual hygiene conducted for the adolescent girls and women belonging to these areas.



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It was a proud moment for Light of Life Trust when Ms. Indu Upadhyay's pro bono research which was part of MRSI's The Community Program (TCP) for Light of Life Trust won her this years "Making A Difference – Gender Equality Award" by ESOMAR Foundation. Ms. Indu Upadhyay, Research Executive, Public Affairs & Social Research, IPSOS, along with Sheela Iyer, Lead - Marketing, Light of Life Trust, then presented the award-winning paper at the ESOMAR Insights Festival on September 16, 2020.

The Community Program (TCP) is Market Research Society of India's (MRSI) initiative to give back to the community by identifying small organisations working for a social cause at the grassroots level and partnering with them to make available to them world class research and insights to help them magnify their impact on the society. The program aims at harnessing the ideas, skills and the energy of the young research professionals, coupling them with the resources of MRSI's member companies and channelling these to help solve the key questions/challenges being faced by the partner social organisations.

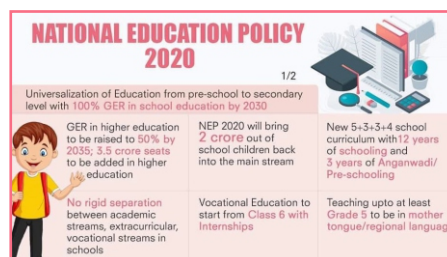


Workshop

Workshops have been the backbone of Project Anando which has resulted in imparting important personality development oriented and information-based learning. It has always been a one to one interactive session throughout the years. But this pandemic taught us how to adopt innovative ways in continuing the planned workshop activities for the academic across all LOLT regions. Anando Plus task force played an especially important role in recording the planned sessions and distributing it to students. Methodologies like video conferencing, session video recording and distribution through offline methods, online video streaming and feedback & discussion through WhatsApp and over the phone were followed.



Capacity Building Webinar on Understanding National Education Policy 2020



A webinar was organised for all the staff and team members of LOLT on 11th August 2020 to understand the NEP and its implications on our work. The webinar took place in the form of a panel discussion in which experienced and senior team members of LOLT took the lead to present different sections of the policy to the participants, whilst sharing their perspective on how the policy will be applicable and relevant to LOLT. The daylong session ended with valuable inputs on the way ahead from Ms. Kamal Damania, COO, LOLT and Mr. Ramesh Daswani, CEO, LOLT who guided the team on important aspects of overall impact and implementation strategy.



Recognition of Work – Well done Team Rajasthan!

During the Covid - 19 August Kranti Week, undertaken by the Rajasthan Government – LOLT's Rajasthan team was awarded a citation & appreciation on 23rd September 2020 by the Bijolia Block Sub Departmental Officer (SDM) Mr. Mahesh Chandra Mann and District Coordinator Committee, for the food grain packet distribution undertaken for its beneficiaries and the excellent work done by LOLT as Corona Warriors at Bijolia Block level.



You make us proud!

Sixteen students after successfully completing their sewing and tailoring course at the LOLT Livelihood Training Centre, Dhasai, Murbad Taluka were recruited by Technocraft Industries (India) Ltd in Murbad.



Yavatmal Region – Completion of 1 year

The first anniversary of Light of Life Trust's presence in Yavatmal District was celebrated on 29th July 2020 and on this occasion, Mr. Dipak Bijamwar & Mrs. Bijamwa sponsored 40 sets of 10th standard textbooks worth Rs. 26000/- for the Anando programme beneficiaries. A small distribution ceremony at the LOLT Yavatmal project office was organized where the books were distributed to the students in the presence of the dignitaries following all the social distance norms and necessary precautions.



2nd Anniversary of Miyawaki Forest

Light of Life Trust celebrated the 2nd anniversary of its Miyawaki forest at Tiwari, Karjat on 1st September 2020. Miyawaki is a technique that helps build dense, native forests. The approach is supposed to ensure that plant growth is 10 times faster and the resulting plantation is 30 times denser than usual. We are feeling extremely happy to share that within 2 years the height of the plants has reached up to 20 feet and some of them have even started flowering. This project is implemented under the initiative of the Environment Conservation Programme of Light of Life Trust.



SSC & HSC RESULTS

SSC Results

We are happy to announce that the SSC results of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan state have been declared in the month of July 2020 and the region wise results are as follows : Maharashtra state - 95%, Madhya Pradesh state - 78% & for Rajasthan state is 86%.



Arjun Annasaheb Waghmare
93.80% - First Ranker
Mantha I Centre - Jalna



Ishwari Tukaram Gharat
93.20% - Second Ranker
Mohili Centre - Karjat



Sanika Pandurang Chavan
92.08% - Third Ranker
Mantha II Centre - Jalna



Sahil Baliram Borade
92.20% - Fourth Ranker
Diksal Centre - Karjat



Asmita Kishor Devale
92.00% - Fifth Ranker
Manora Centre - Washim



Priya Vinod Mule
92.00% - Fifth Ranker
Shelubazaar Centre - Washim

HSC Results

We are happy to announce that HSC results of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan state have been declared in the month of May 2020 and the overall HSC result is 87.66%. Stream-wise result break-up is as follows, Science - 90%, Commerce - 96% & Arts - 81%.



Ms. Komal Narayan Phoke
91.53% - Commerce
Jalna



Ms. Farheen Ashraf Shaikh
84% - Commerce
Worli



Ms. Saniya Kalaam Shaikh
83.38% - Science
Jalna



Ms. Shama Umar Sidhiqi
82.61% - Science
Karjat



Ms. Aarati Ulhas Rathod
82.15% - Arts
Jalna

Founder's Birthday Celebration

Light of Life Trust's Founder and Managing Trustee, Ms. Villy Doctor's birthday was celebrated on 25th of August. This was the first time the entire LOLT team came together on the video conferencing platform for the celebration. Anant programme team and students gave vocal and dance presentations and steered the mood of the audience.



Volunteer activities by Rallis India Limited

On 10th September 2020 at Worli centre of LOLT, Rallis India Ltd conducted Drawing competition for the students. The topic was 'Save the Tree & Save the Water', where 23 students participated.



On 17th September 2020 at Livelihood Training Centre, Dhasai, Murbad, Rallis India Ltd team conducted an awareness session on 'Covid - 19 and Menstruation Hygiene' where 164 participants participated through online and offline modes from Murbad, Karjat and Mumbai-Worli & Cuffe Parade centres of LOLT.



On 17th September 2020 Rallis India Ltd conducted Tree plantation activity online where 52 students participated. Students shared their knowledge about their plants to the volunteers and enjoyed the interaction with them regarding this activity. Each student planted a tree near their home as part of the activity.



On 21st September 2020 Rallis India Ltd conducted an online session on 'Capacity Building and Business Development' for the women beneficiaries of LOLT from the rural and remote areas. 158 beneficiaries across the LOLT centres attended this seminar.



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