



OUR MISSION

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

Over 19+ years we have impacted over **626312** lives across rural India. Our initiatives span across Education, Community and Skill Development, Healthcare Services & Environment Conservation through our divisions - Anando and Jagruti.

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The Free Press Journal – 'Angels of Mumbai' section featured Villy Doctor



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN RURAL INDIA

ANGELS OF MUMBAI
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POOJA PATEL

For over two decades, Bandra resident Villy Doctor has been on a mission to break the generational cycle of poverty in the villages of India. In 2002, she founded Light of Life Trust (LOLT) with this aim and has been transforming lives of underprivileged rural communities in five states.

"Children are suffering today because of lack of education and opportunities to grow and develop themselves. We visualise that in the villages when we have education for the secondary level, then they will be able to complete the board exams and pursue a career," explains Doctor.

The NGO's work helps rural children to pursue education and pick a profession according to their aptitude, abilities and interests, creating sustenance for themselves as well as for the family. The aim is to move rural families away from living under the poverty line.

LOLT's work started with just about 25 children in Karjat, and today has benefited 600,000 kids in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. With two main verticals, Anando and Jagruti, the NGO has helped rural people with education and made them independent.

"Through project Jagruti, we have helped create empowered communities with children who are trained in vocational skills as well as life skills," explains the founder and managing trustee.

Their Anando project is all about the joy of education. It gives children educational possibilities after class eight, which is when most students drop out. "They are reinstated back into the programme, and they continue till they complete the 10th standard board exam," she explains. Post that they are guided with a particular profession or a skill training programme and are nurtured to continue, enabling them to become salary-earning professionals.

Project Jagruti focuses on development and empowerment of the communities in the villages of India. "The word Jagruti means awakening, and this is exactly an awakening that is needed in rural India. So we have life skill training and vocational training programmes like computers, tailoring, sewing, beauticians' training, auto repairs, air conditioning repairs, etc. These are relevant and useful in rural India," explains Doctor.

The NGO provides mobile medical vans at several locations that move around the villages creating a doorstep health service, a useful intervention in villages where people walk miles to reach a clinic or a hospital.

The NGO also provided villagers assistance in farming. "The existing produce was suboptimal and so we shared newer information and techniques and gifted them fruit-bearing saplings that help generate a substantial income," she explains, adding that 6,000 farmers have benefited from this.

ENDORSEE: KUBBRA SAIT,
actor, host & writer

What stands out for me is the effort and energy that Villy Doctor personally puts in along with her entire unit with the focus on education, teaching people life skills, teaching people skillful work. Her work not only has enabled rural people to get educated, but has also equipped them with life skills, which ensures sustainable livelihoods.



In the September 9, 2024, edition of **The Free Press Journal**, **Ms Villy Doctor, Founder & Managing Trustee of Light of Life Trust**, was featured as a 'Hero' in the '**Angles of Mumbai**' section. This recognition is a testament to her exemplary work transforming the lives of underprivileged rural beneficiaries in rural India. Her interview, available on the FPJ YouTube channel, further highlights the profound impact of her work. This recognition is a proud moment for Light of Life Trust and all its supporters.

You can watch the video on the following link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wstfXpit2M>





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**Inauguration of the Livelihood & Skill Development Centre at
Ghothavde Phata, Mulshi Tehsil, Pune District, in partnership with Tata Chemicals Limited**



On July 12, 2024, Light of Life Trust, in partnership with Tata Chemicals Limited (Tata Chemicals Society for Rural Development), inaugurated the Livelihood & Skill Development Centre in Ghothavde Phata, Mulshi, Pune. This centre will offer skilling programmes tailored to the local community's needs, supporting them in gaining employment in the rapidly mushrooming nearby corporate offices & factories as needed. Some courses will also help the trainees look at starting their entrepreneurial ventures.



**Inauguration of the new Healthcare Unit {Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) in Barshitakli Tehsil,
Akola District}, in partnership with BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited)**



On July 29, 2024, Light of Life Trust inaugurated its 5th Healthcare Unit, which will be operational in the Barshitakli Tehsil, Akola District, covering approximately 35 villages in and around a 50 km radius of the tehsil. Mr Vivek Sharma, BPCL Territory Manager, Akola; Mr Aman Jaiswal, Manager, BPCL, Akola; Mr Ravindra Arya, Tehsil Health Officer, Barshitakli; Mr Umesh Gujar, Representative from Rallis India Ltd, Akola; Mr Pankaj Ingole, Medical Officer, Rural Hospital, Barshitakli, Mr Gautam Kanoje, Chief Manager, Jagruti Division, Dr. Geetanjali Hajare,



Sr. Medical Officer, Healthcare along with the LOLT the Livelihood & Skill Development team. Akola District was present at the inauguration function.

**Light of Life Trust honoured with the Social Impact Award in the Education category
by the CSR Universe in New Delhi**

On September 12th, 2024 the **CSR Universe** awarded Light of Life Trust the "Social Impact Award" in the 'Education' category during the 4th edition of the **Social Impact Conference & Awards (SICA)** 2024 at the **Indian Habitat Centre (IHC)** in New Delhi. This award recognizes Light of Life Trust's remarkable work in the education category for underprivileged beneficiaries in the rural regions of India through CSR initiatives. Ms Sheela Iyer, Head of Resource Mobilization, and Mr Bharat Machhi, Assistant Manager, Anando Vertical, Nandurbar, received this award on behalf of Light of Life Trust.



Bringing Smiles to Light of Life Trust's Children through 'Chhoti Si Aisha' Initiative

On July 15, 2024, the Light of Life Trust's Worli Centre became a hub of joy and excitement as Mimi Saurajen, the founder of the heartwarming 'Chhoti Si Aisha' initiative, visited the centre with her enthusiastic team. Operating under the Dipak Agarwalla Charitable Trust, the initiative is dedicated to fulfilling children's small yet meaningful wishes and nurturing their dreams and hobbies.

During the visit, approximately 55 children from the centre were overjoyed with a variety of gifts tailored to their unique interests. From guitars to cricket kits, bicycles to cameras, study tables, smartwatches, drawing kits, and more, each gift sparked a profound sense of joy in the young recipients. Mimi Saurajen and her team's generosity brought happiness and planted seeds of hope, inspiring the children to pursue their passions with confidence.

The 'Chhoti Si Aisha' initiative, with its mission of spreading happiness and fulfilling dreams, continues to uplift and support the next generation. The Light of Life Trust expressed profound gratitude for the visit, and the gifts are sure to play a pivotal role in shaping the bright futures of these young individuals.





Comprehensive Field Visit to Education Institutions in Bodhgaya and Hazaribagh Districts

From 7 August to 12 September 2024, Mr Sudhirkumar Gajbhiye, Head of Education, and Mr Bharat Thombre, Senior Research Officer from Light of Life Trust (LOLT), conducted a detailed field visit to numerous educational institutions across Bodhgaya Tehsil (Gaya District) in Bihar and Hazaribagh District in Jharkhand. The visit aimed to assess the current state of education and gather insights for future interventions under LOLT's Anando School Empowerment Programme (ASEP).



In Bodhgaya, Mr Nirad Pano, Manager of NBJK, accompanied the team, while in Hazaribagh, they were joined by Mr Rajiv Singh, Senior Manager of NBJK, and Mr Abhay Amrit, Senior Supervisor. The team thoroughly evaluated the challenges and critical observations from the educational institutions visited.

A primary recommendation from the visit is to extend the current ASEP project to four years to ensure a long-term, sustainable impact. The findings also highlighted the need for a more diverse recruitment process for teachers, reflecting the distinct needs of the Science and Arts faculties, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) guidelines.

The LOLT team presented their final findings to Mr Girija Satish, President, NBJK, and to the Secretary, NBJK, during a concluding session.

Educational Material Distribution Programme across all the Anando centers



Educational Material Distribution Programme was undertaken for the beneficiaries at the beginning of the new academic year across all Anando Division verticals Anando, Anando Plus, Anando School Empowerment Programme in the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Gujarat.



Divion Jagruti: Vertical Environment Conservation – Annual Fruit Bearing Sapling Distribution: Total 7600 saplings, 175 farmers



Distribution of 1500 Fruit bearing saplings in collaboration with Advanz Pharma

On July 5, 2024, Light of Life Trust, in collaboration with Advanz Pharma, distributed 1500 fruit bearing saplings to 75 farmers across three villages: Nimarwadi, Burujwadi, and Pokharwadi under LOLT's Environment Conservation vertical. 90 volunteers from Advanz Pharma, worked tirelessly to plant 400 saplings in Nimarwadi village during this distribution. Their contribution was led by Mr Pranav Parekh, Head—CSR, Advanz Pharma, and Ms Liny Thomas, Facilities Management, Advanz Pharma.

Plantation of 100 saplings with the support of the Social Centre, Ahmednagar



On September 8, Light of Life Trust, in collaboration with the Social Centre, Ahmednagar, planted 100 tree saplings at Shri Ram Devsthan, Shi Ram Gad, Karanji, Pathardi Taluka, Ahmednagar District, with the help of 28 Anando Plus Vertical Task Force volunteers.



Distribution of 6000 Fruit bearing Saplings in collaboration with Everest Kanto Cylinder Limited

Light of Life Trust, in collaboration with Everest Kanto Cylinder Limited, distributed 2000 fruit-bearing saplings to 100 farmers on July 11, 2024, in Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District and 4000 fruit-bearing saplings to 200 farmers on July 12, 2024, in Murbad Tehsil, Thane District under LOLT's Environment Conservation vertical.



You Make Us Proud

Ms Achal Rajbhar secures First Place at District-Level School Weightlifting Competition 2024

Ms Achal Rajbhar, an Anando School Empowerment Vertical beneficiary from Janta Vidyalay, Dahivali is a shining example of How support, attention and encouragement at the individual level leads to achieving success - She secured the first position in the 40 kg category at the district-level school Weightlifting Competition 2024, Her achievement brings pride to school, her family and herself and is a beacon of hope for all other students inspiring them to strive towards achieving their dreams.



Mr Hemendra Bale successfully cleared the District Court, Yavatmal Clerk post exam

Mr Hemendra Bale, a beneficiary of Anando Plus vertical from Wai Centre, Washim has achieved a significant milestone. Despite the challenges of having disabled parents could not support him with his studies, he completed his MA in Political Science Amravati University and cleared his SET examination through the career guidance support from Light of Life Trust. His dream of securing a government job took materialize. He has now secured a Class 4 employment with District Court Pune.



Mr Dhiraj Patil was recruited as a constable by the Raigad Police

Mr Dhiraj Patil an Anando Plus beneficiary from Nehuli Centre, Alibaug has been selected for the position of Constable, Raigad Police. His dream of a career in the Police force Has been achieved after he has surmounted various challenges. With support from LOLT , Dhiraj has been able to overcome many challenges and inspired by the LOLT team has pursued his goal against many odds and emerged victorious.



Mr Amit Kambli joins the Royal Caribbean International cruise liner fleet as a COMMIS – 2 with an initial remuneration of \$1030 per month.

Mr Amit Kambli, an Anando Plus beneficiary from Salav Centre, Alibaug, has been selected by the Royal Caribbean International cruise liner fleet as a COMMIS - 2. He will be working from Miami, Florida, USA. Amit completed his BSc. in Hospitality Management from Shree Ram Raje College, Dapoli, Ratnagiri, with support and guidance from Light of Life Trust. Mr Amit Kambli worked for three years in various hotels in Mumbai as a Cook, proving himself to be diligent and hard-working before leaving to conquer wider horizons in Miami, Florida, USA.



Light of Life Trust's Karjat Students Shine at Ashayein Competition



On July 27, 2024, students from the Anant vertical of Light of Life Trust's Karjat zone participated in the prestigious Ashayein competition at Vile Parle, Mumbai. The event, which focused on singing and dance performances, saw participation from numerous talented individuals across the region, making it a thrilling challenge for all.

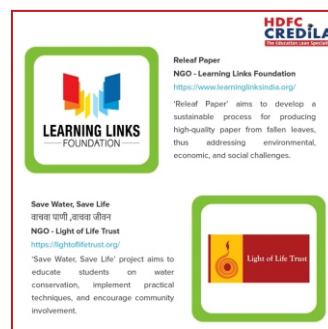
Amidst the fierce competition, our talented singing students rose to the occasion and proudly secured third prizes, a remarkable achievement in such a challenging environment.

Light of Life Trust's 'Save Water, Save Life' Project Shines at HDFC Credila Innovate-a-Thon

Light of Life Trust's 'Save Water, Save Life' project has been short-listed in the prestigious HDFC CREDILA Innovate-a-Thon competition, an exciting environmental sustainability contest for students across India. The competition, supported by HDFC Credila's CSR initiatives, inspires young minds to address critical environmental challenges in their schools and communities.



This year, the Innovate-a-Thon received an overwhelming response, with 15 outstanding proposals submitted from schools across the country. Six proposals were shortlisted for their innovation and potential impact, and Light of Life Trust's project was proudly among them.



The 'Save Water, Save Life' initiative, designed by five passionate students and two dedicated teachers from Janta Vidyalay, Lowjee, a school supported by HDFC Credila through their CSR initiatives and is a part of the Anando School Empowerment Programme vertical of Light of Life Trust. It aims to educate students on the importance of saving water, implement practical techniques for water conservation, and foster active community involvement to make a tangible difference.



Letter of recognition received from the Mangaon Police



Light of Life Trust received a letter of recognition from the Mangaon Police for the work of LOLT in the Mangaon Tehsil, which has resulted in the community experiencing a positive change regarding their children's educational

and other needs. One of the Anando Plus vertical beneficiaries, Ms Deepali More, who joined the Police force in 2016 as a lady Constable and has been working with the Mangaon Police Station, played an instrumental role in bringing the work of Light of Life Trust to her seniors.

'Prantiya Task Force Adhiveshan' in Washim District



On August 17th & 18th, 2024, under the LOLT Anando Plus vertical, the Prantiya Task Force Adhiveshan' was held at the Tuba Palace, Mangrulpir, Washim, for 348 passionate and dedicated Task Force members from Washim, Jalna, Akola, Ahmednagar & Yavatmal Districts. The two-day event was designed to strengthen the Task Force and amplify its impact on community development. It featured engaging activities and sessions that fostered collaboration, learning, and strategic planning. Ms Villy Doctor, Founder & Managing Trustee of Light of Life Trust, & Ms Kamal Damania, COO of LOLT, attended the event online. The Adhiveshan was pivotal in LOLT's mission to empower youth and foster sustainable community development. The event demonstrated the Task Force's commitment to social progress and laid a solid foundation for future initiatives that will continue to uplift and empower rural communities.

Partner Visits



Visit by Ms Shiraz Kanaga, CEO, Light of Life Charity (USA) to Division Jagruti, Tiware, Karjat

On Friday September 13, Ms Shiraz Kanga, CEO, Light of Life Charity (USA) and Ms. Villy Doctor, Founder & Managing Trustee, LOLT visited Division Jagruti, Tiware Village, Karjat Tehsil and interacted with the Division Jagruti team and the beneficiaries of the Livelihood & Skill Development Center giving valuable guidance regarding entrepreneurial opportunities. She motivated the beneficiaries and the team to think out of the box to achieve success.

Visit by Swati Suyal Yadav - Mrs Galaxy 2024 to LOLT's Worli Centre



On August 9, 2024, Mrs. Galaxy 2024, Swati Suyal Yadav, visited LOLT's Worli Centre and interacted with the students there. Forty-two students were present at this interactive meeting and shared their

aspirations. In turn, Mrs Galaxy 2024 guided the students on committing and passionately working towards achieving their goals.

Share & Care Volunteers Conduct Google Docs Workshop at Worli Centre



On 22nd July 2024, the Light of Life Trust's Worli Centre welcomed four dedicated volunteers from Share & Care Foundation, USA, who conducted an informative and engaging workshop on Google Docs for 35 students.

The volunteers walked the students through the fundamentals of creating, editing, and sharing documents, equipping them with skills crucial for academic purposes and their future professional endeavours. The day was a success, and the students were excited to explore Google Docs' possibilities further. This partnership exemplifies collaboration and shared knowledge's impact on young learners, opening doors to more excellent academic and professional growth opportunities.



Light of Life Trust partners for the musical event, 'Pancham & Jazbat'



Light of Life Trust has partnered with the musical event 'Pancham & Jazbat', which was conceptualised and designed by Kajol and Sujoy and held on August 31, 2024, at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hall, Vile Parle (East). Light of Life Trust's Founder & Managing Trustee, Ms Villy Doctor, was felicitated during the event, and she gave a brief overview of the activities and programmes of the Trust to the audience seeking their involvement and participation in strengthening the work being undertaken by LOLT.

Light of Life Trust joins as an NGO partner for the musical event, 'Khumaar'



Light of Life Trust was the NGO partner for the musical event 'Khumaar', presented by Bipin R. Pandit on September 21, 2024, at St. Andrew's Auditorium, Bandra (West). Light of Life Trust's Founder & Managing Trustee, Ms Villy Doctor, was felicitated during the event. A display counter was dedicated to showcasing LOLT's work and products.

Light of Life Trust participates in the Rakhi Exhibition organised by Pfizer Limited



Light of Life Trust participated in the Rakhi Exhibition held on August 13, 2024, by Pfizer Limited at its corporate office in BKC, Bandra (East). LOLT showcased the Rakhis and other products

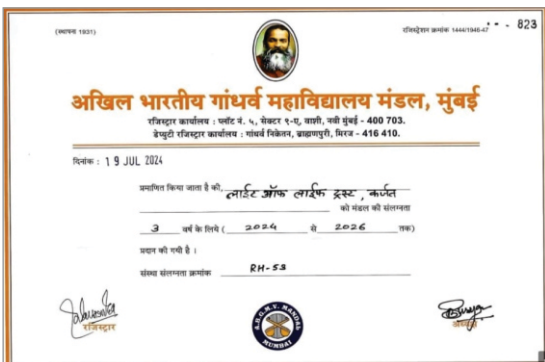
made by the women beneficiaries of the Livelihood and Skill Development centres at the venue and received good responses from the company's employees.

Light of Life Trust participates in the Pre-Navratri & Diwali Exhibition cum Sale organised by Garima



Light of Life Trust participated in the Pre-Navratri & Diwali Exhibition cum Sale on September 28 & 29, 2024, organised by Garima, at Karmveer Sports Club, Andheri (West). Light of Life Trust showcased various products made by the women beneficiaries of the Livelihood & Skill Development Centers under Division Jagruti.

Officially appointment as examination centre for Gandharva Mahavidyalaya music exams



Light of Life Trust has become an official centre for conducting Music Examinations in partnership with the Gandharva Mahavidyalaya. This achievement, a significant milestone in our efforts to promote Anant – an initiative promoting fine arts, in partnership with Flowering Tree Inc., USA since 2007. The Anant Team has worked with full dedication over the years to be awarded this recognition by Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, .

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