Light of Life Times



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OUR MISSION

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

Over 20+ 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.

July 2025

OUR BOARDMs. Villy Doctor- FounderMr. Ashdin Doctor- Managing TrusteeMs. Gayatri Ruia- TrusteeMr. Jitendra Mehta- TrusteeMr. Manoj Murarka- Trustee

Mr. Punit B. Anand - Trustee







Innovation Unleashed: Manthan at Symbiosis, Pune

The Light of Life Trust (LOLT) launched its **22nd Capacity Building Programme, Manthan 2025**, at Symbiosis Skill University, Pune from 12th to 14th June 2025. This year's edition marked 20 years of LOLT's impactful journey spreading education, skilling, healthcare, and environmental awareness in more than five states. Over 197 team members came together for interstate collaboration, reflection, and ideation aligned with **LOLT's Vision 2030**.

Key Objectives of Manthan 2025

- Foster an integrated approach and inter-divisional collaboration.
- Align targets, goals, and mission with Vision 2030.
- Train and transform the LOLT family with skills and tools of contemporary times.
- Promote value-based living among the communities we serve.
- Build a robust organizational identity.

Villy Doctor, enlightens about the path ahead



The programme was inaugurated by Villy Doctor, Founder of Light of Life Trust, who delivered a heartfelt keynote tracing LOLT's two-decade journey. She urged the team to be guiding lights for those facing adversity, stating, "What started as a spark has become a flame, lighting thousands of lives and creating a national movement to break the generational cycle of poverty one life at a time."-



In a deeply moving session, Managing Trustee Mr. Ashdin Doctor emphasized the value of organizational culture built on shared values, stories, and integrity.

- 1. Whose life will I transform today?
- 2. How will I contribute to the vision of LOLT today?

Actionable Steps Proposed:

- Weekly cross-functional team pairings
- Monthly"Vision Circles" for alignment
- Culture of continuous learning



Empowering Through Financial Literacy



Ms. Alpa Shah, finance expert, led a powerful session on financial planning, tax savings, and wealth-building, aiming to foster financial freedom among all team members. In the contemporary times, financial freedom is the ultimate independence especially in a women's life.



Mr. Akash Kadam from AI University demystified Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for NGOs, emphasizing the value of data accuracy, visualization, and user-friendly tools. The session focused on integrating AI and Generative AI into daily workflows to boost productivity while ensuring checks on plagiarism and data duplicity.

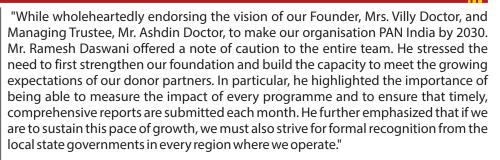


Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis University, delivered an inspiring keynote on the importance of vocational education for youth. She emphasized the need to bridge the gap between academia and industry, reinvigorating respect for skilled professionals. She clearly mentioned how women should break the preconceived notion of predetermined jobs and skills assigned to them based on their gender and take up jobs and skills based on their caliber.



Ms. Snigdha Sahal conducted a high-energy workshop on effective networking, dispelling myths, addressing challenges, and sharing actionable strategies for meaningful connections. She encouraged everyone to build a good social capital which leads to increase a person's social circle, benefitting him/her professionally.

Leading by example



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Wings to Fly 2030: Setting the Course



In the strategic "Wings to Fly 2030" session, LOLT's leadership and senior teams envisioned a bold and purpose-driven future. Key focus areas included national expansion and digital connectivity, deeper partnerships with government and donors, enhanced visibility through publications, webinars and forums, the development of robust MIS and training systems, and the strengthening of quality human resources backed by sustainable funding.



The event concluded with a heartfelt Awards Ceremony, recognizing:

- Outstanding contributors from all divisions
- Team members completing more than 5 years of dedicated service

With renewed energy and alignment, Manthan 22 concluded, empowering each team member to walk together towards Vision 2030 with hope, purpose and unity.



Mr. Kenneth Ng, LOLT's international donor from NT Assets, visited the Karjat branch on 19th June 2025 to understand the impact of our work. He was accompanied by Mr. Vikas and Mr. J.B. During the visit, they explored the Dahiwali Centre and multiple ASEP (Anando School Empowerment Program) schools for a comprehensive view of the program. The delegation was joined by LOLT's on-ground and senior staff, including Mr. Sudhirkumar Gajbijye, Mr. Gautam Kanoje, Mr. Ramesh Daswani, Ms Sheela Iyer, Ms Kanchan Thorve and our Managing Trustee Mr. Ashdin Doctor who offered insights and guided the visit.



The month of June 2025, leads to the start of Education Material Distribution(EMD) across the state of Maharashtra covering regions like Washim, Alibaug, Mangaon, Pune, Uran and Yavatmal. The material distributed covered bags, notebooks and compass boxes. The students and parents expressed their heartfelt gratitude for receiving educational materials at the beginning of the academic year.





On 12th May 2025, the senior management of Light of Life Trust, comprising the CEO, Mr. Ramesh Daswani, COO Ms Kamal Damania and Chief Manager of the Jagruti Division Mr. Gautam Kanoje visited CSR Head of Rallis India Ms Jignyasa Kurlapkar. The meeting was a conversation based on future goals, objectives and upcoming projects.



LOLT's Anant students reached the finals of National Tabla Competition. Their sheer perseverance and determination over the course of a month payed quite handsomely. The competition was among 600-700 participants which was conducted online. A perfect blend of teamwork and coordination between onsite team and our participants led to such remarkable results.





Villy Doctor has been a beacon of hope for all the underprivileged rural children in India. This year in the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2025, she raised a remarkable amount of Rs. 1,09,32,405 crores for the cause of philanthropy with a sense of compassion. Villy Doctor was named as Change Legend and awarded during the charity night.

Light of Life Trust's proud partners Visible Alpha inaugurated Smart Classrooms Gaulwadi Madhyamik Vidyalaya under Anando School Empowerment Programme (ASEP). These schools received important material upgrades such as Classroom painting & flooring, Book library, Digital interactive panel, Science labs. These infrastructural upgrades are an important step towards rural education.



Strengthening ties with Sarla Education Trust



The meeting commenced on 9th May 2025, for renewal of their support for our projects. Sarla Education Trust has been a consistent long term partner for Anando Division.



Light of Life Trust have been engaged with Rotary Club of Bombay on several fronts. On 21st May, Mr. Ramesh Daswani and Ms Sejal Shah got confirmations for the support of 100 children in LOLT's Anando project. Light of Life Trust will implement their adult literacy programme for 400 adults for adult literacy. We genuinely look forward for this collaboration as it shall lay a stepping stone towards children and adult education.



Chhoti si Aisha in collaboration with Light of Life Trust organizes wish gift distribution programme. A total 765 students from Alibaug and Mangaon center received their wish gift which included sewing machines, guitar, cycles, tabla sets, keyboard, dholki, smart study tables, make up kits and cricket bats. The true reward were the smiling faces of children while receiving the gifts they desired.

CBHFL: Partners for skilling for a better tomorrow



LOLT believes that along with education, skilling based on livelihood opportunities is essential. Our proud partners, Cent Bank Housing Finance Ltd. distributed sewing machine kits to the beneficiaries. These kits shall transform their living standards through income generation.

25 Anando Children gets Educated

Set the child right and you shall set the world right. LOLT's Anando programme gives a unique opportunity to sponsor a child's education for an entire year. On 25th May Light of Life Trust in collaboration with Rotary Club of Bombay Central got support for 25 Anando Children.



Turn Around store in collaboration with LOLT



Turn Around store is India's one of the social impact destinations, selling small impact enterprise products. Proceeds from their donations which is a sale of preloved items also goes to various charitable organizations. LOLT benefited from the sale and the platform that Turn Around had to offer.

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LOLT part of international conference on TVET and skill development



Light of Life Trust (LOLT) was invited to an insightful conference powered by UNESCO that brought together industry partners, academia, NGOs, and government stakeholders on a common platform to discuss current challenges and the path ahead. Key topics included technological hurdles and the significant skill gaps in today's

workforce. Mr. Ramesh Daswani represented LOLT, alongside representatives from YES BANK, JP Morgan Chase, Capgemini, and Tata. Industry leaders expressed strong commitment to supporting rural youth through training and skill development. The host, Symbiosis Skill University, extended heartfelt thanks to all dignitaries present.

LOLT in service of the nation

Light of Life Trust is immensely proud to share the inspiring accomplishment of Mr. Rajratna Kamble who will be joining the Indian Army as an AGNIVEER (GENERAL DUTY). Rajratna's journey wasn't an easy one, coming from an extremely poor family, his parents are laborers. His elder brother had to drop out of school to support his family. Despite the hardships, he



strived and scored 84% in HSC examinations. He further went on to complete his graduation from Washim. A crucial part of Rajratna's journey was the guidance, mentoring and resources which LOLT provided to strengthen his resolve to join the armed forces. Hearty congratulations and big salute to Rajratna from team LOLT.

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