



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Jyoti Kalash Supporters, Partners and Friends,

Jyoti means light. Kalash is a clay pot of Blessing. Our motto 'Igniting Lives, Changing Futures' has inspired us to work towards a transformation in the lives of each one of our beneficiaries. Our objective is to make a difference in the lives of the marginalized in today's changing world. We serve in the most "at risk" districts of Mumbai and in the most low-income areas in Goa.

Jyoti Kalash is a Charitable Trust Registered in Mumbai and was founded in 2003. Since then, we have run Day Care and Night Shelters in the red light areas of Mumbai for children who were in need of care and protection. We have conducted Play & Art Therapy programs for children in distress in various high-risk areas in Mumbai. For fourteen years, Jyoti Kalash ran a Residential Care Home for girls licensed under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. We have collaborated with international organizations that provide training for the staff and caregivers of children at risk worldwide. Jyoti Kalash facilitates specialized Capacity Building and Training for NGO staff caring for survivors of trafficking and abuse. We, at Jyoti Kalash continue to rekindle the Vision and are pursuing newer initiatives.

Financial Year 2020- 2021 was perhaps the most challenging until date with COVID-19 causing suffering of unprecedented proportions. The severe impact of the pandemic overwhelmed health systems and devastated both lives as well as livelihoods. Survival and wellbeing rightfully became the foremost priority for all – individuals, institutions, and communities at large. Very few events have redefined so dramatically the way we live and work, as the COVID-19 global pandemic.

TOUCH CENTRE (Bright Light Pre-School) and ASHADAI KENDRA, our Pre-schools and Community Development projects serving in low-income communities in Goa, were severely impacted and the Pre-schools have been shut down temporarily. The community project yet made a great impact in their communities by serving meals and providing groceries to those in need during lockdown times!

Although we were confronted with unprecedented challenges, the Team actively pursued new initiatives. I would like to thank our leadership team for their talent, vision and conviction to relentlessly persevere during this adversity. I am also grateful for the support and stewardship that the Board members have provided through this past year. We appreciate all who have served and generously donated to Jyoti Kalash. Your time and generosity have truly made an invaluable difference in many lives.

Together, let's continue to make a difference and fulfil our motto 'Igniting Lives and Changing Futures'!!

Leena John  
Executive Director

# WHAT WE DO



Jyoti Kalash's objective is to make a difference in the lives of the marginalized in today's changing world. We serve in the most "at risk" districts of Mumbai and in the most low-income areas in Goa.

A. **After Care Program** – We care for "at risk" girls, and provide for their higher education as they work towards becoming self-sustainable.

B. **Programs for Women & Children in Distress** - We care for women & children who are survivors of Human Trafficking. We network with like minded NGOs to make a difference in the lives of these survivors.

C. **Play & Art Therapy** – We conduct sessions on play and art for children at risk to help them cope with stressful and traumatic experiences. These forms of psychotherapy aid in healing children who have faced early childhood trauma.

D. **Foster Care Initiatives** – We are working towards a shift from Institutionalized Care to Family Based Care for children from hard places. This involves legally placing children at risk in stable families rather than orphanages.

E. **Capacity Building & Training** – We collaborate with like-minded NGOs to provide Training and Building Capacity for the staff and caregivers in the Child Care Institutions across the city of Mumbai.

F. **Early Childhood Education** – We run Pre-Schools in Goa that provide quality education for children from low-income communities.



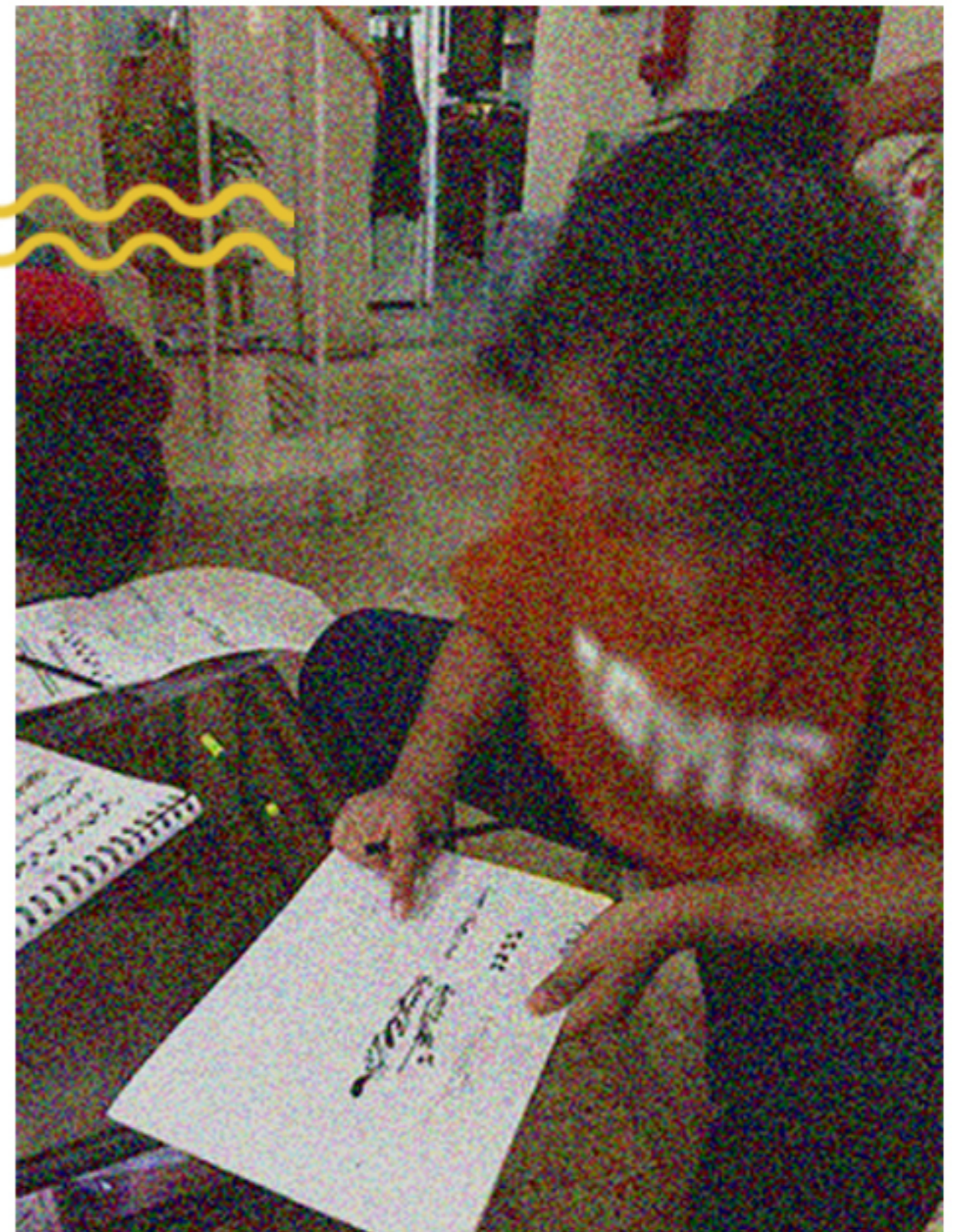
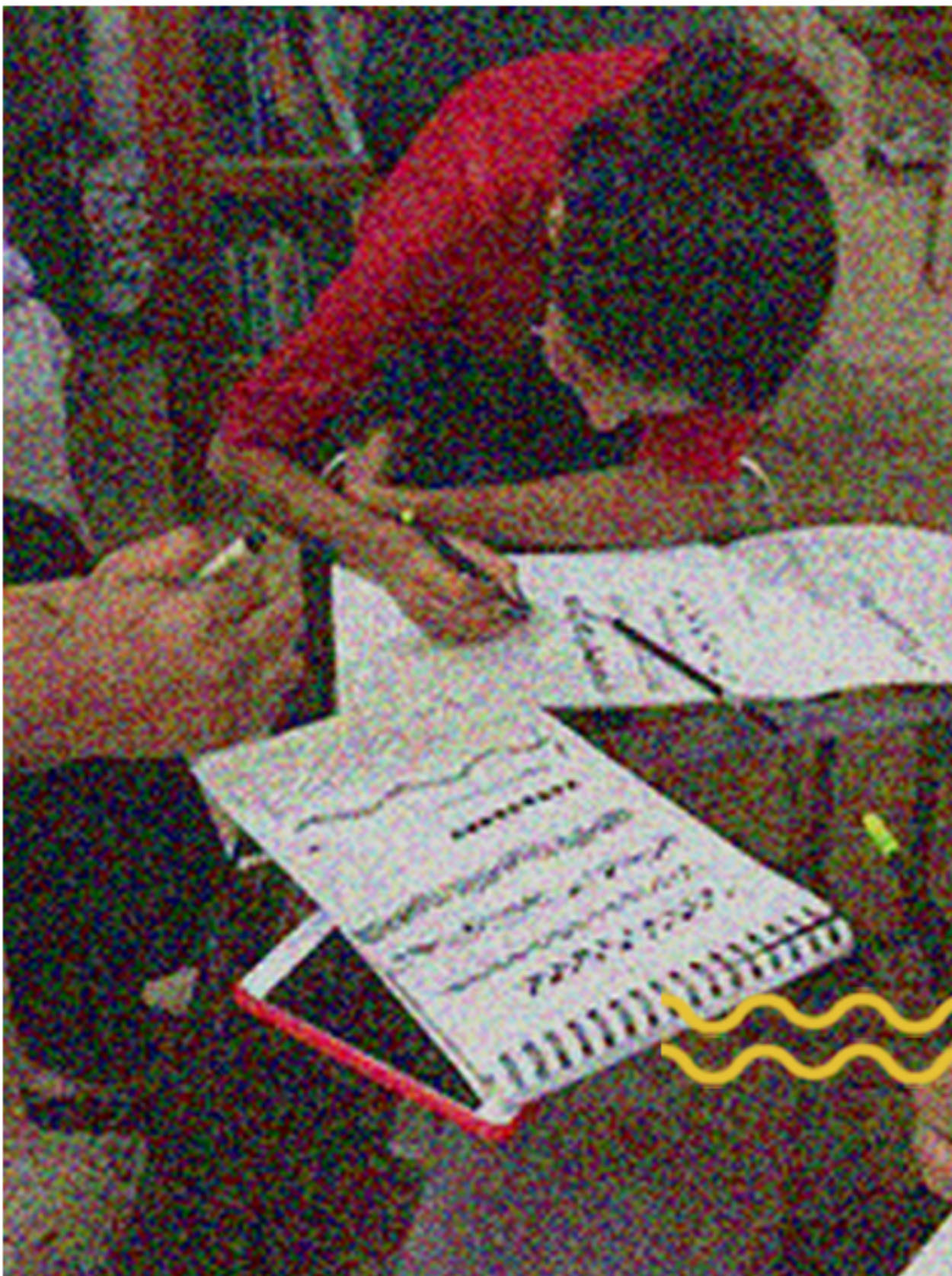
# MUMBAI PROJECTS



## After Care Program

We care for “at risk” girls and help them pursue their higher education as they work towards being self-sustainable. All the girls from the Residential Care Home are presently in safe facilities and are overseen by Jyoti Kalash.

Due to the pandemic, two of our girls in the hostel facility had to move to safe housing as the lockdown hit hard and they were asked to vacate the hostel. Jyoti Kalash intervened into the situation and placed them in a paying guest facility throughout the lockdown.





During this period we initiated a program for our girls. Program TIK TIK.... derived after the seeds that burst when put in water with a tik sound and hereby release more seeds and flourish. Under this program various workshops were organised, one of them was on Finance and Investment conducted by a Chartered Accountant. This enabled our girls to gain knowledge and information on how important it is to start saving at an early stage and steadily as they pursue work it would help them to become financially secure too. It was indeed a great opportunity for some of our young working girls to explore further into saving investment banking, and similar topics. With the impact of Covid 19 on banking and the high chance of crisis & troubled finances, educating our young adults is the need of the hour. Another such workshop was about handcrafted items such as quilling, 3D bookmarks, thread and beads work, card making. The resources / stationery was provided by Jyoti Kalash and a task orientated workshop was organised virtually for the girls to put their hands to creativity. Once the lockdown eased, the girls met more regularly and continued to put their ideas into action. girls to put their hands to creativity. Once the lockdown eased, the girls met more regularly and continued to put their ideas into action.

During this period Jyoti Kalash helped the girls with designated funds for a few months of groceries and toiletries. Our highlight was that our JK family stood together and made it through the storm in good and sound health.

## Here are a few success stories from our After Care Program:

One of our girls graduated with a Degree in Social work from a renowned college in Mumbai. She thereafter started work with an NGOs serving in hard places. She is grateful for the better future prospects and desires to serve with NGOs and be part of the rescue and restoration of women and children who are victims of trafficking.

Two of our girls successfully cleared their interview with an organisation that provides transformative Aftercare services in terms of housing, therapy, medical care, education, job readiness and community integration. This organization will assist them in their further education, life skills and self-sustainability over a period of time. Both our girls were transferred to this facility.

New normal set in and a lot just changed for each of us and our work. Yet JK was able to organise a day out as a Christmas event and Luncheon get together. Each one enjoyed meeting and sharing their transitions to the new normal... and spent the day in fun and fellowship and a delicious meal.



# HAPPENINGS!



## Fundraiser (14th Feb '21)

As a team JK decided to raise funds for the future projects and give a platform for the creative work of our girls to reach out to the community around us.

Agro Garden announced their yearly fair. We took the opportunity to set up a stall. This was a good platform to showcase all our talents - beautiful knitted and crocheted items, handmade cards, paintings, delicious homemade chocolate and tapioca cakes, and chocolates. As the word spread around neighbours and others donated books, thrifted clothes and came forward to help at this event.



**JYOTI KALASH**  
IGNITING LIVES CHANGING FUTURES

Fundraiser for NGO Jyoti Kalash. Do come one and all and enjoy our cakes, clothes, cards and other handcrafted items. SHOP FOR A CAUSE IN 2021. You can make a difference

**14TH FEB . TIME-9AM -1PM**  
**VENUE-AGRO GARDEN .SEC 9 .CBD**

[WWW.JYOTIKALASH.ORG](http://WWW.JYOTIKALASH.ORG)

*Love never fails*

On 14th Feb 2021 with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm we put up the stall. There were other stalls selling handcrafted and environmentally friendly products as well. Our products were well appreciated and the food items flew off the shelf. The thrifted clothes were quite a rage. Some of our girls came forward and helped in the event. There were other interesting programs like a skit on environmental cleanliness, nature trails as well as music. The various people we met and interacted with was very encouraging. Everything went smoothly and we achieved all that we set out to do.

## Foster Care Initiatives

**EVERY CHILD NEEDS AND DESERVES AT LEAST ONE SUPPORTIVE ADULT IN THEIR LIFE.**

The two couples fostering babies have continued with the Pre-Adoptive Foster Care doing a commendable job of parenting during these most difficult times.

This program, as well as a few others were put on hold during the pandemic.



## Capacity Building & Training

In the past, we have collaborated with international organisations that provide training for staff and caregivers of children at risk worldwide. The most urgent need is for trained staff to care for children who have faced early childhood trauma. Building the capacity of caregivers is essential in order to help them meet their key responsibilities and serve with diligence in their respective roles. The Jyoti Kalash team attended training on Zoom conducted by experts from World Without Orphans (WWO), Europe. This has helped the team to get equipped and utilize their skills towards development of a program which will facilitate specialised Capacity Building and Trainings for NGO staff caring for survivors of trafficking and abuse..

***There is HOPE that with the right intervention and care, children who are otherwise on a trajectory towards destruction can be restored to LIFE!***



## Goa Projects

### **ASHADAI KENDRA IN THE BAINA SLUM COMMUNITY**

The adjusting and re-adjusting has made life very challenging. In March 2020 when we were required to honour lockdown conditions and close the pre-schools, we sustained ourselves in the hope that the next academic year in 2021 June would be something to look forward to and allowed ourselves to rest physically and emotionally.

### **TOUCH CENTRE IN THE BIRLA SLUM COMMUNITY**

We had every intention to start online classes for the kids of the underprivileged families in the BIRLA slum community. The challenges were too many under the covid constraints and we eventually caved in to fears of a 'covid breakout' in the community. To date the Government has not relaxed conditions and the onus for the safeguard of the health of the children is totally on the school authorities. Closer to the start of the school this seemed like too much of a risk to take on and so here also we have given up the housing, and stored all the benches, chairs, tables and assets of the school in a storage place.

We are hoping and praying for conditions to return to normalcy after which we can put our minds together again towards the education of these children.



During this season the families in the community were helped with groceries and essential items.

# OUR MISSION STATEMENT



## Touch Centre's Mission

To provide a holistic approach to the social and educational development of women and children in need.

## Ashadai Kendra's Mission

To establish a centre that promotes the intellectual, moral, physical and social development of children to prepare them for a productive future.

## Jyoti Kalash, Mumbai's Mission

- To be a voice for the voiceless and the exploited
- To protect vulnerable children in Mumbai
- To restore and transform the lives of children in distress, through education and therapy

# VISION



**TO RESTORE  
AND TRANSFORM  
THE LIVES OF THE  
MARGINALIZED  
WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN OF INDIA**

**We are committed to being a voice for the voiceless**



# BOARD MEMBERS

## NAME

## GENDER

## DESIGNATION

Sanjay Anchan	M	President
Susan Jacob	F	Vice President
Florence Selvan	F	Secretary
Maria Pamela E Souza	F	Treasurer
Stella Bokare	M	Member
David Luke	M	Member
Leena John	F	Member
Narendran Narayanan	M	Member

## NAME & ADDRESS OF AUDITOR

R.K. KHANNA & ASSOCIATES

402, Regent Chambers, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021

Tel No: (022) 22833590 / 22834262

## NUMBER OF BOARD MEETINGS – VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

07/07/2020 - Board of Directors

31/07/2020 - Annual General Body Meeting

09/02/2021 - Board of Directors

30/03/2021 - Board of Directors

## NAME OF BANKS

HDFC BANK, Vashi Navi Mumbai | Jyoti Kalash - Head Office

HDFC BANK, Nerul, Navi Mumbai | Projects - Mumbai

HDFC Bank, Vashi, Navi Mumbai | Jyoti Kalash - FCRA Account

HDFC BANK Vasco, Goa | Project - Ashadai Kendra

Union Bank of India, Zuari Nagar, Goa | Project - TOUCH Centre

Bank of Baroda Vasco, Goa | Project – Goa FCRA Utilization Account



# AUDITED STATEMENTS

THE MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950  
SCHEDULE IX [ Vide Rule 17(1) ]

## JYOTI KALASH

Registration No. F 30345 (Mumbai)

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

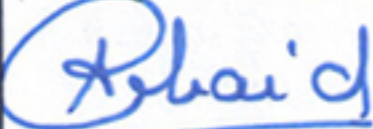
EXPENDITURE	Rupees	Rupees	INCOME	Rupees	Rupees
<b>Expenditure in respect of Properties</b>			<b>Rent</b>		-
Rates, taxes, cesses	-		<b>Interest</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance	-		On Securities	-	
Salaries	-		On Loans	-	
Insurance	-		On Bank Accounts	6,468	6,468
Depreciation	-		<b>Dividend</b>		-
Other Expenses	-		<b>Donations in Cash or Kind</b>		11,68,371
<b>Establishment Expenses</b>		2,02,083	<b>Grants</b>		-
<b>Remuneration to Trustees</b>		-	<b>Income for Other Sources</b>		
<b>Remuneration (in case of a math)</b>		-	School Fees	52,500	
<b>Legal Expenses</b>		-	Training Centre Fees	22,000	
<b>Audit Fees</b>		20,000	Fund Raising (Net)	18,337	
<b>Contribution and Fees</b>		-	Interest on Income Tax Refund	526	93,363
<b>Amount Written off</b>			<b>Transfer from Reserve</b>		-
Bad Debts	-				
Loan Scholarships	-				
Irrecoverable Rents	-				
Other Items	-				
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>					
<b>Depreciation</b>					
<b>Amounts transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds</b>					
<b>Expenditure on Objects of the Trust</b>					
Religious	-				
Educational (Schedule A)	12,66,819				
Medical Relief	-				
Relief of Poverty	-				
Other Charitable objects	-	12,66,819			
<b>Surplus Carried over to Balance Sheet</b>		(2,20,700)			
		<b>12,68,202</b>			<b>12,68,202</b>

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS : Per Schedule "B"

Per our report of even date attached to Balance Sheet:

For R. K. KHANNA & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants  
(Firm Regn. No.105082W)



MOHAMMED OBAID ANSARI  
Partner  
(Membership No.116304)

Mumbai ;  
Date : 29th July 2021



  
SANJAY ANCHAN  
President  
  
MARIA PAMELA E SOUZA  
Treasurer  
  
LEENA JOHN  
Trustee

INR 12,68,202  
= USD 17325.16  
(USD INR 73.20)

# REGISTRATIONS



**Society Registration Act, 1860**  
**Reg. No.: GBBS 169/2004**  
**Date of Registration: January 2004**

**12A Registration No.: TR/ 38732**  
**Date of Registration: November 2004**

**Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950**  
**Reg. No.: F30345, Mumbai**  
**Date of Registration: June 2006**

**Income Tax Exemption Act, 1961 -- 80 (G)**  
**Order No.: DIT (E) /MC/80G/2399/2009-10**  
**Date of Registration: December 2009**

**Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976**  
**Registration No. 083781169**  
**Date of Renewal: May 2021**

# DONATIONS



## YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A ONE-TIME INVESTMENT

Indian donations are entitled for tax exemption under section 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961  
Your tax-deductible donation can be sent online to:

Name: Jyoti Kalash

Bank name: HDFC

Account No: A/C No. 02581000020382

RTGS/NEFT IFSC: HDFC0000258

Branch, Code: Nerul, 258

Foreign donations can be sent by wire or check, contact us for more details

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