



Light of Life Trust



Transforming rural communities



Our Vision

To transform lives of underprivileged rural communities in India.

Our Mission

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

Our Universe

At the centre of our projects are single parent, neglected, tribal and/or orphan children, youth and women from rural communities of India and their holistic development.

Genesis and History

20 years ago, the Founder, along with few like-minded and concerned individuals, came together to explore different avenues of initiating various supportive and sustainable programmes for reaching out to the most vulnerable sections of the Indian society, especially in rural parts of the country. Subsequently, as per their vision back then in 2002, the founding members acquired land in Tiware village, Karjat to develop a holistic community centre and in 'Uttan' village, Gorai to set up a hospice and a Research & Development centre. Followed by a need assessment study, Project Anando was finally launched in 2005 with 25 children in Karjat with the belief that no child should be forced to drop out of school, because it is these formative years that will ultimately determine the foundation of their future.



Ms Villy Doctor

Founder & Managing Trustee, LOLT

An excellent teacher, an educationist, a psychologist, and a therapist, Villy Doctor is the founder of Light of Life Trust (LOLT) and Satyavati Spiritual Foundation. She is the co-founder of 'Ormax', a market research company that ranks among the leading three in India today. The former senior lecturer, St. Xavier's College and former visiting faculty, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai, she held the position of Head of the Department, Psychology, at Sophia College, Mumbai, for a decade.

Compassionate, gentle, humble, giving and committed, Ms Doctor founded Light of Life Trust in 2002 with a vision to break the generational cycle of poverty - one life at a time. Since then, she has dedicated herself to transforming the lives of under-resourced rural communities, particularly women, children and senior citizens, thereby empowering them to live with dignity & self-respect.

Current Projects and Programmes

Light of Life Trust, a non-governmental organization established in 2002 and registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 was founded by Villy Doctor, with a vision to transform the lives of under-privileged rural communities in India through Education, Livelihood and Skilling programmes and Primary Health Care services divided under our two main verticals:

1. Project Anando - Initiated in 2005, sustains probable secondary school dropouts and equips them with skills to live in mainstream society, thus contributing to their all-round development

2. Project Jagruti - Initiated in the year 2009 supports the holistic development of underprivileged rural communities through three major programmes covering livelihood training, healthcare and environment conservation.

Project Anando



Education

Since 2005

Sustains probable secondary school dropout children in rural India with its holistic 3E approach of 'Educate, Empower and Equip for Employability'.

- Enhance the child's personality
- Build capacity and develop leadership skills
- Equip for employability
- Involvement of parents, community and teachers in the child's growth

School Empowerment

Since 2012

Creates an ecosystem for quality education in rural secondary schools.

- Training of teachers in effective classroom processes
- Modern teaching techniques
- Ensure cohesive support system to prevent children dropping out



Project Jagruti



Livelihood Training

Since 2009

Equips underprivileged rural women and unemployed youth through livelihood training programmes.

- Enhancing income generating skills
- Attain financial independence
- Support to set up small businesses



Primary Health Care

Since 2012

Provides primary health care services to remote rural parts and tribal hamlets having no access to any kind of medical facilities.

- Health awareness camp
- Eye Care, Dental Care & Cardiac Care camps
- Attacking malnourishment in primary Zilla Parishad schools



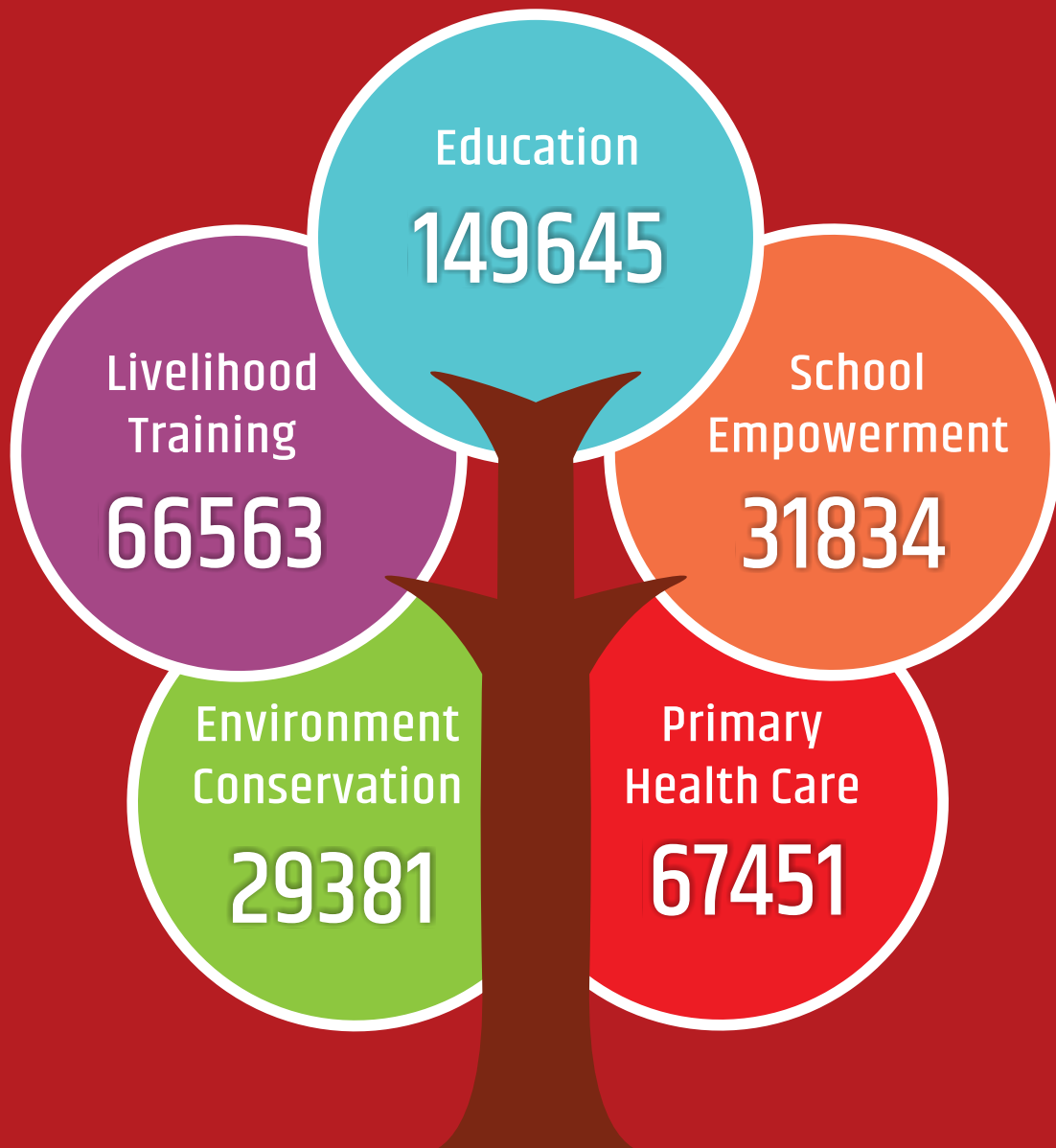
Environment Conservation

Since 2015

Provides additional source of income to poor farmers with the distribution and close monitoring of fruit bearing plants to them.

Our Impact

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Success Stories



Gautam Hatagale

Hailing from a small farmer family in Mantha, Jalna district of Maharashtra, it was a memorable moment for Gautam and entire LOLT family when he cleared the Armed Forces exams in 2015 and got the opportunity to become a part of the Indian Army. He was neglected as a child but with the right support and conditioning at LOLT he found the courage to dream big and also completed his graduation in Arts. Currently, he is posted in Uttar Pradesh as a "Buddy" and is earning Rs. 27,000 per month. He got married in March 2018, constructed his own house in UP, and is now supporting his wife to complete her graduation.



Nirguna Thombare

Nirguna's story is one of grit, determination, and inspiration. Before joining LOLT she was a separated, semi-literate woman without skills leading a life of difficulty. She joined LOLT's vocational training courses and put those income generating skills to use thereby becoming financially independent and confident to support herself. She now earns Rs. 12,000/- every season by cultivating nurseries of saplings and vegetables. Short term courses in Toran, Mehendi and Jewellery designing help her to earn Rs. 3000 to Rs. 3500 per month. Today she mentors other women and girls at the centre and is supporting her family of three.



Ragini Chapte

Two and a half year old Ragini during one of our health camps was diagnosed with Congenital Talipes Equino Varus or Club Foot. Ragini was referred to a medical mega-camp at Kashele Rural Hospital organised in collaboration with MGM Hospital. Ragini was then treated with the application of plaster cast. However, this was not the treatment and only made things worse by adding to Ragini's distress and discomfort. With LOLT's constant support and guidance, Ragini's father admitted her to the Vignaharta Hospital where she underwent surgery. Currently, the toddler is recovering well and will soon be able to walk with a normal gait.

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