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# **OUR MISSION**

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

Over 15+ years we have impacted over **3,44,874 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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# Light of Life Trust proudly presents its Inaugural Edition virtual Marathon event Run for Education – I RUN They LEARN



On 29th and 30th January 2021, Light of Life Trust will host its inaugural edition of virtual Marathon; Run for Education - I RUN They LEARN

## FACT: 42 million are secondary school dropout in rural India

This year LOLT will run to send 1000 children back to school

Make a difference, join us for this very special virtual Marathon, RUN FOR EDUCATION to spread the message of Education for All

Light of Life Trust's Run for Education will bring together people and runners from all over the world who are inspired to run to educate children from rural India and raise awareness for education



Join us to RUN for EDUCATION

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# Secret Santa – fulfilling the wishes of underprivileged children



In the month of December 2021, LOLT invited corporates, restaurants, establishments, and individuals to become secret Santas through displaying a Christmas tree with Wish Tags asking for donations towards Educational Material for Anando students. LOLT has been overwhelmed with the participation of many showing a keen interest in supporting this cause.







# **World Sight Day Celebration**





On 12th October 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) from Karjat in collaboration with Nair Super speciality Eye Hospital, New Panvel, conducted an online awareness session on Eye Diseases & Eye Care. 20 participants took part in this online awareness session which was led by Dr. Santosh Kumar Nair, MS (Ophthalmology), DHA, Medical Director, Mrs. Priyanka Raorane, Faculty & Senior Optometrist, and Mrs. Vijayshree Patil, Administrative Director from Nair Super speciality Eye Hospital, New Panvel.

On 14th October 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) from Murbad in collaboration with Isha Netralaya, Thane, conducted an online awareness session on Common Childhood Eye problems & Screen time. 41 beneficiaries participated in this awareness session which was conducted to celebrate World Sight Day.

#### **Awareness Session on Handwash**





On 16th October 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) team from Murbad conducted awareness session on handwash techniques with 22 beneficiaries from Kharshet village. They were informed about the benefits and were showcased the correct ways of handwashing.

On 16th & 18th October 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) team from Karjat conducted awareness session on hand wash techniques. 8 students from the Computer Training batch and 47 students from the Regional Zilla Parishad schools of Arwand and Posari participated in this awareness session.

# Training on Vegetable Cultivation at Gulshan Learning Centre, Sun N Sand Hotels, Shirdi



On 13th November 2021, Light of Life Trust's Agriculture Team began its first consultative project in collaboration with the Gulshan Learning Centre, Sun N Sand Hotels, Shirdi with a three day intensive training for Sun N Sand Hotel dedicated employees on Vegetable Cultivation. Seven employees of the Sun N Sand Hotels participated in the training on the use of effective methodologies to cultivate vegetables in the winter season. The first batch of leafy vegetables was harvested in the month of December 2021.



#### **Awareness Session on Nutrition**



On 20th & 21st October 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) team from Murbad conducted awareness session on nutrition with 55 beneficiaries from Jambhulwadi, Wadachiwadi & Sukalwadi villages. This activity was conducted in continuation of the National Nutrition month celebration.

#### **Eye Screening Camp**



On 26th October 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) team from Karjat in collaboration with Nair super speciality Eye Hospital, New Panvel, conducted Eye Screening camp at Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Tiware Village, Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District. 74 beneficiaries benefited through this eye screening camp.

On 15th November 2021, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) team from Dhasai village, Murbad Tehsil in collaboration with Sharda Netralaya, Dhasai, Murbad conducted an eye screening camp at Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Dhasai Village, Murbad Tehsil, Thane District. 75 patients were screened and treated during this camp.



Inauguration of Bike Repairing Course & Mobile Repairing courses at Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Shivar Village, Akola District



On 28th October 2021, Light of Life Trust initiated the Bike Repairing course with a batch of 9 trainees and on 2nd December 2021, the Mobile Repairing Course was initiated with a batch of 12 trainees at the Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Shivar Village, Akola District. beneficiaries. This programme is run in partnership with Rallis India Ltd.

Distribution of Course Completion Certificates and starter kits to women beneficiaries of Livelihood Training Center, Taloda Tehsil, Nandurbar District



On 24th November 2021, at Jeevan Asha Community Centre located at Taloda Tehsil, Nandurbar District, 42 Beautician Training Program beneficiaries and 50 Sewing & Tailoring Program beneficiaries received Starter Kits along with the Certificate. 63 Computer Training Course beneficiaries also received their certificates upon successful completion of their training programs. Mr. Gautam Kanoje, Assistant Programme Manager, Project Jagruti graced the occasion with his presence along with other team members of the Taloda Centre office.

# First Educational Material Distribution Programme at Angul District, Odisha State

On 1st November 2021, Light of Life Trust organized its first Education Material Distribution Programme across 4 centres in Angul District, Odisha State in the presence of LOLT's Head of Education, Mr. Sudhirkumar Gajbhiye, LOLT Hon. Consultant (Odisha) Dr. Debadurllava Nayak and other senior dignitaries from the schools and village communities. Parents were also present for the programme along with the children.











#### **Distribution of Tablets**



With the support from LOLT donor Nihchal Israni Foundation, on 14th December 2021, 20 tablets were distributed to 55 SSC student beneficiaries of Light of Life Trust in Dhadgaon Tehsil, Nandurbar District for their online education. Mr. D. D. Rajpoot, Block Education Officer (BEO) Dhadgaon Tehsil, Mr. Kalidash Pathak, Principal of Ashwathama School, Mr. Bharat Pawara, Principal of Nigadhi School and Mr. Suklal Valvi, Principal of Khuntamodi School graced the event with their presence.



Similarly, on 16th December 2021, 20 tablets were distributed to 85 SSC student beneficiaries from Somaval, Rajvihir and Valheri Centres of Light of Life Trust at an event organised at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Rajvihir Tehsil, Nandurbar District. Mr. Rajesh Padvi, MLA from Taloda and Shahada Tehsil, Mr. Satish Padavi, Vice President, Rajvihir School, Mr. Kailash Chaudhary, President of Mahatma Gandhi School Mandal and press reporter Taloda Tehsil were present during this event.



# Teachers Training Programme – School Based Programme, Ahmednagar District





On 14th& 15th December 2021 under the School Based Programme, Ahmednagar District, LOLT conducted 2 day School Teachers Training programme. 56 Teachers along with their principals from 7 schools participated in this training programme. Ms. Kanchan Thorve, Assistant Program Manager, Light of Life Trust along with Mr. Sudhirkumar Gajbhiye, Head of Education conducted the sessions on topics covering the importance of Effective Communication in Teaching and details on National Education Policy 2020 along with stating the expectations required from the teachers in the coming years. These sessions were highly appreciated by the principals and the teachers of the schools. They appreciated the work done by LOLT through the School Based Programme and requested that more schools be included in this initiative.

# Anando School Empowerment Programme (ASEP) expands in 3 new schools





Light of Life Trust in partnership with Sterling & Wilson Ltd has initiated Anando School Empowerment Programme in one additional school, Swami Vivekananda High School, Gaurkamat Village, Karjat Tehsil, covering 150 students and 3 teachers from the school.

Light of Life Trust in partnership with HDFC Bank has initiated the Anando School Empowerment Programme in two new schools, New English School in Johe Village and Balganga Vidyamandir, Chunabhatti - Jite Village, in Pen Tehsil, Raigad District, covering 352 students and 33 teachers from these schools.

#### **Larsen & Toubro - Impact Assessment**





A Third Party Evaluation was undertaken by LOLT partner Larsen & Tubro Ltd for the programme conducted in Pathardi Tehsil, Ahmednagar District. The evaluation was conducted by Think Through Consulting Private Limited, New Delhi on 4th and 7th December 2021.

On the first day Ms. Amita Parulkar and Ms. Meghana visited the LOLT office at Karanji and understood the work being undertaken by the team. They also interacted with the LOLT team, parent representatives and the Anando plus students.

On the second day the team visited Navnath Vidyalaya to meet the School principal Mr. D. V. Akolkar and the school teachers. Mr. Akolkar and the school teachers shared about the Project impact and how it is beneficial for the students and the school. The team also visited Kanya Vidyalaya, Nimbodi where they interacted with the school teachers and understood the activities of the programme and teachers trainings.

#### **LOLT production unit**





During the year April to December 2021, 69 women from production units across Kashele village, Karjat and Murbad Tehsils have made 39174 masks, 2183 cloth bags, 766 school uniforms so far, generating an income of ₹319916. 30 members from 7 SHGs formed under Project Jagruti and 39 trained women fulfilled these orders. With the experience gained through these efforts these women are looking forward to setting up their own businesses in the future.







# A new partnership -Tata Bluescope Steel Pvt. Ltd.





On 4th December 2021, Tata Bluescope Steel Pvt. Ltd. supported LOLT with the donation of 10 desktop computers, 16 sewing machines and beautician equipment & accessories. The handing over of the equipment was done in the presence of Mr. Vivek Kusalkar (AGM- Sales) & Ms. Shiksha Mishra from Tata Bluescope Steel Pvt. Ltd. The Jagruti team and 43 beneficiaries attended this programme.

## Donor visit - Rallis India Limited





On 26th November 2021, Ms. Jignasa Kurlapkar, Head – Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Rallis India Limited visited the Jeevan Asha Community Centre located at Dhasai Village, Murbad Tehsil, Thane District. She interacted with the beneficiaries who have completed the training programs in the past 2 years and also paid a visit to their entrepreneurial start-ups. She was very happy to see the progress of the beneficiaries and was glad that they have started earning their own livelihoods. At the same time on 6th December 2021, Mr. Rajesh Rajandekar, Senior Officer (HR & Admin) Rallis India Ltd, Akola visited LOLT's Akola centre to interact with the beneficiaries of the newly initiated batch of Bike Repairing & Mobile Repairing Course.

#### **Timely donor support**



Timely support was received through LOLT donor Patel Bhanji Bhimji Education and Charitable Trust, Jamnagar, Gujrat supporting 2 of our Anando Plus programme beneficiaries, Mr. Nitin Chawand (Third Year – Polytecnic Diploma in Mechanical Engineering) and Ms. Namrata Patil (First Year – GNM Nursing) towards their college admission fees.



# Donor visit – Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) Golden Jubilee Foundation



On 17th November 2021, team members from LOLT partner organization Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) Golden Jubilee Foundation visited the project office located at Shahada Tehsil, Nandurbar District. Mr. Parmod Patil, Branch Manager, LIC Shahada along with Mr. Sunil Chauhan, LIC Shahada and Mr. Manish Sugandhi, Taloda Development Officer visited the centre, they interacted with the beneficiaries of the Project and the LOLT team.

# Donor visit - Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T)





On 9th& 10th December 2021, Mr. Jvalin Dave, representative from the CSR team of Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) visited Light of Life Trust's programme run in Ahmednagar District. He visited the schools and met the Principals along with meeting the parents of the beneficiaries. He discussed the role of the parents in children's changing mindset and provided guidance to them.

# Visitors at Light of Life Trust Head Office



























#### You make us proud





On 30th November 2011, Ms. Druvi Gangaram Mokal, Anando Plus Programme beneficiary from Walke Centre of Light of Life Trust located in Alibaug Tehsil was honoured by the RashtriyaBalvidnyan Parishad & Nirmala Foundation for her outstanding work in the project 'Perfect Nutritious Food for Pregnant Women'. Along with her, 17 beneficiaries from Raigad District were also felicitated with a Trophy and Certificate.

#### **Diwali Pahat Program**



On 2nd & 3rd of December 2021, under the aegis of the Anant Programme, the Diwali Pahat Program was organized in Karjat & Alibaug. This program is organized annually by the teachers and students of the Anant Progamme during the Diwali festival in partnership with Flowering Tree Inc., USA. It showcases the performances in Dance, Singing and Tabla by Anant Programme students. This year 117 students participated in this program.

## Visit by LOLT team to Ramgarh, Rajasthan



From 20thto 23rdDecember 2021, Mr. Bharat Thombre, Senior Research Officer, Light of Life Trust along with Mr. Sudhirkumar Gajbhiye, Head of Education, Light of Life Trust visited Ramgarh Tehsil of Sikar Distict in Rajasthan State. This visit was made on request of Mrs. Amala Ruia, senior most member of the Ruia family. Along with Mrs. Ruiathe LOLT team visited 2 schools which are supported by the Ruia Trust and interacted with the school teachers. The team also carried out discussions with several individuals, youth, school teachers and villagers to understand the aspiration of the community and possibility of new age youth courses in the area through skilling &livelihood centre.



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# Bal Kala Mahotsav (Annual Cultural Event for Anando Programme Students)





Bal Kala Mahotsav is an annual cultural event for the Anando Programme beneficiaries of Light of Life Trust. It was organised at all the centres of Light of Life Trust located in the Districts of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh in the month of December 2021 & January 2022. This event saw the participation of students in Essay Writing, Drawing, Poster Making, Science Exhibition, Elocution, Solo Dance, Group Dance, Solo Singing & Group Singing. This event helped in bringing back the zeal, enthusiasm, group work and motivation among the students.

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