

Light of Life Times

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OUR MISSION

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

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Light of Life Trust receives a Certificate of Appreciation

On 15th December 2022, Light of Life Trust's Women Empowerment Centre at Taloda, Nandurbar was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL). This certification was received in honour of successfully mobilizing and conducting MKCL approved trainings for the beneficiaries at the centre.

On 15th December 2022, Light of Life Trust's Jeevan Asha Community Centre at Shivar, Akola District which is supported by Rallis India Limited was awarded a Certification of Appreciation by Ms. Veena Kamath, Managing Director, Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL).



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Proud Moment for Light of Life Trust



On 30th December 2022, Sewing and Tailoring beneficiaries of Jamburde Village from Light of Life Trust's Skill and Livelihood Development Centre at Murbad, Thane District received mobile stalls under 'Swayam Rojgar Vikri Kendra' scheme implemented by Women and Child Department, Thane of Self-EmploymentGroups. All the women beneficiaries have started a small tailoring unit in the stalls.

You make us proud, Prachi!

Light of Life Trust feels proud to announce that Ms. Prachi Salokhe, Anant Plus student from Diksal Centre made it to finals in the singing competition, 'Awaaz Badlapurcha' out of 300 contestants. She was amongst the 26 contestants shortlisted for the finals.



Inauguration of the Computer & Science Laboratories & Education Material Distribution Programme at the 2 schools under ASEP programme supported by HDFC Credila.

On 07th October 2022, in the presence of Ms. Natasha Raj & Ms. Rajnandini Barman from HDFC Credila the inauguration of the computer laboratories and the Science Laboratories along with the education material distribution was undertaken in the two schools supported by HDFC Credila.





You make us proud, Naresh!

Light of Life Trust feels proud to share that Mr. Naresh Phope, Anando Plus student, completed his BSc. in Hospitality Management from Shri Ram Raje College, Dapoli. After gaining a 4 years' work experience whilst working at the 3 Star Hotel in Navi Mumbai, Mr. Naresh Phope has secured a job with Carnival Cruise Line, Miami, South Florida, USA as an Asst. Cook.



Light of Life Trust in collaboration with Universal Business school, organized Social Development Program for <u>BBA students under "SMART Program"</u>

On 22nd November 2022, a valedictory function was held for 120 students of BBA from Universal Business School who volunteered through the Social Development Program, 'SMART' for the various activities between 14th to 18th of November 2022 with Light of Life Trust. Groups were formed for participation in various activities related to Livelihood & Skill Development, Healthcare Services & Environment Conversation. Dr. Waheeda, Deputy Program Director (BBA) & Head Student Engagement, UBS, Prof. Brig GPS Cheema, Program Director, Faculty – Human Resources, Leadership, Wisdom Towards Excellence, UBS along with the LOLT team participated in the valedictory function held at the Universal Business School, Karjat.



Digitalisation of the classroom at Worli Centre

With support of our partner donor - Dalamal Family for the first time a Smart Learning Board was installed to aid learning for the students at the Worli center. This will enable students to interact, engage and experience a whole new world of audio-visual learning and boost their knowledge.



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Visit by Ms. Rita Steinau from Chance of Life, Germany

On 2nd October 2022, Ms. Rita Römert-Steinau, Chairperson, Chance auf Leben e.V. (Chance of Life) visited Chowk and Mohili centres of Light of Life Trust situated in Karjat Taluka, Raigad District of Maharashtra. 140 girl beneficiaries supported by Chance of Life Germany, from Chowk, Mohili and Kondiwade centres participated in the programme where the beneficiaries shared their educational progress.



Partners Visit

On 13th December 2022, Mr. Biswaranjan Sabat, Ms. Ashlesha Natu, Ms. Kalpana Chavan, and Mr. Amol Jawake representatives from the supporting partner organization, SBI Seawoods visited the Light of Life Trust's Skill and Livelihood Development Centre situated at Kashele and Tiware. The purpose of the visit was to interact with the beneficiaries and know their progress.



Initiative on World Sight Day



On 11th October 2022, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) teams in Murbad & Karjat, in collaboration with, Isha Netralaya & Nair Super Speciality Eye Hospital, New Panvel respectively organized an online session on 'Eye

Disease & Health' by Dr. Santosh Kumar Nair, Medical Director, and Mrs. Priyanka Raorane, Faculty and Senior Optometrist from Nair Super Speciality Eye Hospital, New Panvel for 450 beneficiaries across 7 schools in Karjat Taluka.







Diwali Pahat Programme by Anant Programme team

On 28th of October 2022, Light of Life Trust's Anant team celebrated Diwali Pahat programme in the presence of Ms. Sumita Ambasta, Founder and Executive Director, Flowering Tree Inc. and the LOLT team in Karjat. 138 Anant programme students participated in this programme and showcased all that they were learning under the Anant programme in Singing, Dance and Tabla playing.





Initiative on World Handwash Day

On occasion of World Handwash Day -15th October 2022, Light of Life Trust's Medical Mobile Unit, Karjat organised an awareness session on 'Hand Wash' at Arwand Village for 40 beneficiaries.









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Celebration of National Mathematics Day

On 22nd December 2022, across all Light of Life Trust centres 'National Mathematics Day' was celebrated to recognize the work of Srinivasa Ramanujan, the India Mathematical Genius born in 1887. Light of Life Trust organised various activities in Elocution, Math Quiz's, etc. for the students. Students enjoyed the activities and it made them learn the basic concepts of mathematics in a fun learning way.



Christmas Party at Light of Life Trust's Worli Centre by Stage Club of ATLAS SkillTech University

On 23rd December 2022, a pre-Christmas celebration party was organized by 10 members of the Stage Club, ATLAS SkillTech University. Various fun activities were organised which saw active participation of 41 beneficiaries from Light of Life Trust's Worli Centre.





'Kokan Craft' an entrepreneurial initiative started by Alibaug centre Anando Plus beneficiaries

During the season of Diwali, Ms. Manasi Shetye along with few other students of Anando Plus started a small entrepreneurial venture, 'Kokan Craft' of producing showcase products out of coconut shells.

Mrs. Sathe from Earthcare Organization, Nashik have undertaken free training workshop for the students and provided machinery and tools to produce these products. Students are leading this initiative and now earning good revenue from sales of these products.





Plantation activity at LOLT's Jeevan AshaCommunity Centre, Tiware by the students and teachers of The Cathedral & John Connon, Mumbai



On 19th November 2022, sixty-three students and three teachers from The Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai visited Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Tiware village, Karjat Taluka and planted 55 saplings which included 40 saplings of different coloured roses and 15 different varieties of indoor plants.





Water Wheel Distribution Programme

On 1st December 2022, a water wheel distribution programme was held at Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Tiware Village, Karjat Taluka in collaboration with the Billabong High International School where 28 water wheels were distributed to the beneficiaries from Koshane wadi, Karjat Taluka. Mr. Richard Cambridge along with four students from Billabong High International School were present for the programme along with the LOLT Project Jagruti team.

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Golden Opportunity for the Light of Life Trust beneficiaries to participate in Yusuf Hamied Chemistry Camp at IIT Bombay, Powai



Between 6th to 8th Dec 2022, Light of Life Trust's seven students from Std 9th of four schools participated in the 3 days Yusuf Hamied Chemistry Camp organized at IIT Bombay, Powai. This was a great opportunity for the students of Light of Life Trust to participate

and learn the practical experiments. Parents of the students have thanked Light of Life Trust for its effort.



Indian Institute of Technology,Bombay 6th to 8th December, 2022

Session on Financial Literacy by Reserve Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra



On 18th October 2022, a session on Financial Literacy was organized for the beneficiaries of Light of Life Trust's Skill and Livelihood Training Centre, Dhasai, Murbad. This session was

conducted in the presence of Mr. Digambar Vishe, Ex. MLA, Mr. Vishwajeet Karanjikar, AGM, RBI, Ms. Radha and Ms. Rachana from Reserve Bank of India, Ms. Bharti and Ms. Savita Pawskar from Bank of Maharashtra, Mr. Bhupendra, Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda and the LOLT team.



Teacher's Training Programme in Science



On 9th & 10th of November 2022, a two day's training programme in science was conducted for the Light of Life Trust Teachers by Mr. Hemant Lagavnkar, Science Communicator, and Educational Consultant. The objective of the training was to clear the basic concepts in science and teaching innovative methods of delivery using live experiments. This training would help the teachers to utilize the learnings in the class which will benefit the students in gaining knowledge through live experiments and strengthen their basic concepts in the subject.



Session for Anando Programme students by Deloitte Volunteers

On 25th November 2022, a session on Personality Development was conducted by the volunteers of Deloitte for the beneficiaries of the Anando programme at Worli Centre of Light of Life Trust. This session was based on, how to derive the understanding from various subjects and how does our individual views differ from the others. 40 beneficiaries took part in this programme.



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Visit to National Gallery of Modern Art by Worli Centre students



On 21st October 2022, Light of Life Trust's Worli Centre students visited National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai during the Dipotsav festival. The students participated in the Diya making competition and made 3D Diyas from colour papers and they received a certificate of appreciation for the same.



Participation of Worli Centre students in the Platinum Corp. Cricket event

On 20th November 2022, 40 students from the Light of Life Trust's Worli Centre were given the opportunity to participate in the Cricket event organised by Platinum Corp. at St. Andrews Turf Park, Bandra. Students got the opportunity here to meet Cancer Doctors, Influencers, Singers, and Cricketers.



TATA Mumbai Marathon, 15th January 2023

It was a beautiful morning, temperature just right for the run and not to mention the adrenaline rush before the start. It was a moment of pride for LOLT that more than 600 runners participated in support of LOLT in TMM 2023. This included 11 Corporate Teams, Full Marathoners,Half Marathoners and over 150 of LOLT beneficiary children and Team members who joined in from rural India. 18 of LOLT's Anando Plus beneficiaries ran the 10k as well as Half Marathon. It was indeed a Marathon to remember.



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