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On 2nd & 3rd of June 2022, Annual Capacity Building program of the Light of Life Trust team was held at Universal Business School, Kushivali Village, Karjat Taluka, Raigad District. Total number of 150 team members were present for these 2 days event. We are thankful to Mr. Tarundeep Singh Anand, Founder & Chairman of Universal Business School, and the entire management of UBS for extending their support to use the premises and the facilities. This event was graced by Villy Doctor, Founder & Managing Trustee, Mr. Ashdin Doctor, Trustee and Mr. Ramesh Daswani, CEO of the Light of Lie Trust.



Plant a TREE campaign – World Environment Day

On 5th June World Environment Day, Light of Life Trust launched an initiative to plant 1000 trees in Tiware Village, Karjat Taluka, Raigad District. An online campaign 'PLANT A TREE' was inaugurated which will enable the donors to contribute towards the number of saplings to be planted. Avenue and Fruit bearing plant saplings will be planted according to the donor's choice. The inauguration function was graced by the HO team and Jagruti team in the presence of Mr. Ramesh Daswani, CEO and Ms. Kamal Damania, COO of Light of Life Trust. Plant saplings were also planted in the Jeevan Asha Community centre, Tiware Village, Karjat Taluka, Raigad District.

If you are looking forward to donating a plant, do this on this link: <u>https://rzp.io/l/PlantATree</u>



Light of Life Trust featured in 'Indian NGO Fundraising "Bright Spots" Report 2022

Light of Life Trust was selected as one of the top 2 out of 10 NGOs in India as the **'Bright Spot'** NGO. Light of Life Trust has been mentioned in the Research Report titled Indian NGO Fundraising "Bright Spots" Report 2022 by Morry Rao Hermón, Director of Philanthropy, UC Berkley, in collaboration with Samhita Social Ventures.



On 4th June 2022 Light of Life Trust's team members were invited to share about the work undertaken under the Project and Programmes in the presence of many other NGO's and guest speakers at the MCA Cricket Club, Mumbai.



Inauguration of the Computer & Science Laboratories in the ASEP Schools supported by Sterling & Wilson Renewable Energy Ltd



On 30th June 2022, in the presence of Ms Zenobia Unwalla and Ms Sujatha Rajagopalan, representatives from partner organization Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy, the inauguration of science and computer labs across the 3 schools was undertaken. In addition, The Educational Material Distribution programme was also conducted at the sametime.



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Light of Life Trust's MMU Team, Karjat was recognised and felicitated by Dr. GD POL Foundation, YMT Dental College and Hospital





On 17th June 2022, Light of Life Trust's MMU Team, Karjat was recognised and felicitated by Dr. G. D. POL Foundation's, YMT Dental College and Hospital, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai with a memento and a certificate for providing yeoman services in healthcare for rural communities through various screening camps and training sessions in collaboration with the Yerla Medical Trust's Dental College.





Light of Life Trust collaborates with Universal Business School Karjat for CSR activities under the Social Development Programme 'SMART'



Between 4th to 9th of April 2022, 256 students from different faculties were divided into 6 groups and assigned activities around LOLT's Education, Livelihood, Health, and Environment initiatives. The valedictory function was held on 9th April 2022 in the presence of Mr. Ramesh Daswani, Chief Executive Officer, Light of Life Trust, Prof. Brig GPS Cheema, Program Director at UBS, Prof. M. Guruprasad, Deputy Director – Research at UBS, Prof. Maninee Dhole, Assistant Professor - Operations and IT & Academic Program at UBS, Dr. Pranjali Madhur, Associate Professor & HOD – HR at UBS, Dr. Karunakar Jha, Director Academic Affairs, Head – Entrepreneurship & Incubation Centre and Chairman - FPM at UBS along with the LOLT team members from Karjat.







Launch of Light of Life Trust's Marathi edition of the Newsletter

Light of Life Trust feels delighted to announce that the Marathi edition of the Light of Life Trust Newsletter was launched by Mr. Ramesh Daswani, CEO of the Light of Life Trust and Mr. Sudhirkumar Gajbhiye, Head of Education at Light of Life Trust along with the guest visitors during their visit to the centres at Karjat on 16th June 2022. This event was graced by Dr. Vivek Mendonsa, Group Director - Marketing, LYNX -Lawrence & Mayo, Mrs. Suhani Mendonsa, Captain Ahluwalia, and Ms. Manisha Kelkar, Marathi Cine Actress along with the team of Project Anando during their visit with Mr. Ramesh Daswani.



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Ms. Harshala Dighe, the first Project Anando beneficiary to become a Doctor has started her own clinic 'Mauli Krupa' at Kashele village, Karjat Taluka, Raigad District. Light of Life Trust would like to wish her the very best for her future.

We are proud of you!



Mr. Rahul Lambode and Mr. Pradeep Samudre, beneficiaries of the Anando Plus programme from Nandurbar District have started their own soft drink manufacturing unit at Prakasha Village, Nandurbar District. Both, Mr. Rahul and Mr. Pradeep hail

from economically weak background and have struggled to complete their education. With the support of Light of Life Trust, they have completed their education and developed confidence to start their own entrepreneurial venture.

Light of Life Trust wishes them all the best for their future endeavours.

You Make us Proud!

Mr. Shivdash Padavi, Anando Plus programme beneficiary of Shelvai centre, Nandurbar District has been awarded the 'Youth Icon in sports Award' at the State level by the Manushyabal Vikas Sanstha, Maharashtra. Mr. Shivdash Padavi has been participating in many Yoga competitions and has been winning competitions across the state.



You Make us Proud!



Ms. Pranali Badekar, Anando Plus student from Light of Life Trust, Karjat centre has started her own entrepreneurial venture, **'Chashmaghar'**, an optical store at Karjat. Earlier to this she completed her BSc. in Optometry with financial support from Light of Life Trust and had gained experience of 3 years working with the H.V. Desai Hospital, Pune.

We are proud of you!

Ku. Vaibhav Tukaram More from Kondiwade centre, Karjat Tehsil, Raigad District has been selected in the Maharashtra Security Force (MSF) Mumbai Division. After completing his HSC, he was keen to get into MSF therefore he started preparing for the entrance exams. With his determination and hard work combined with the support he received from Light of Life Trust he was able to crack the physical and written examination and got selected in MSF, Mumbai Division.



We are proud of you!



Mr. Sumedh Aware, Anando Plus student of Light of Life Trust, Jalna Tehsil has become the first Advocate among all the beneficiaries. He is the first LOLT beneficiary to complete his B.L.S/Ll.b. He is currently practicing at JMFC & CJID court, Mantha Tehsil, Jalna District, Maharashtra. His family and Light of Life Trust feels proud of his achievement, and we wish him best of luck for his future.



Sunhere Alfaaz II Celebrating the lyrics of Golden Era

14th October 2022 at the Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli, Mumbai.



Congratulations, Dr Renuka Ashok Dhavale

Ms. Renuka Ashok Dhavale, Anando Plus beneficiary from the Jalna District has successfully passed her BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) and has become a Doctor. She secured the 5th rank at the College of Ayurvedic & Research, Pune.



You Make us Proud!



Light of Life Trust feels proud to announce that Ms. Vidya Thakur, Anando Plus beneficiary from Worli centre, who started her career with Light of Life Trust Worli centre as a English Teacher is now employed as the Communication Faculty at Lala Lajpat Rai College of Commerce and

Economics, Mumbai. Along with this she is also pursuing her B Ed. Degree. Light of Life Trust would like to wish her all the best for her future endeavour.

Thank you for your Support -Tata Chemicals & FocusU Engage India Training organization



Light of Life Trust extends gratitude to Tata Chemicals & FocusU Engage India Training organization for awarding 6 bicycles to the beneficiaries from the Borli, Walke, Ramraj & Beloshi centres of Light of Life Trust situated at Alibaug. The bicycle distribution event was organized on 18th June 2022, at Fountain Head Training Institute located at Chondi village, Alibaug. The donors shared their feedback about the excellent work done by Light of Life Trust and interacted with the beneficiaries.



You Make us Proud!

Mr. Vinit Patil, Anando Plus student of Light of Life Trust from Salav centre, Alibaug region completed his BSc in Hospitality Management from Shri Ramraje College, Dapoli, Ratnagiri has secured a job overseas. He is now working at the Mumbai Chat Restaurant in Abu Dhabi. He has set an example to all his peers that despite being from an underprivileged rural background one can achieve their dreams if they work diligently towards it.



Educational Material Distribution.



For the academic year 2022, the new academic year was launched with the Education Material Distribution Programme for the beneficiaries of Project Anando as well as the Anando School Empowerment Programme. Provision of educational material supports students' academic journey and controls the dropout ratio from the school.



On 7th June 2022 World Health Day was celebrated by the Medical Mobile Unit, Karjat. An awareness session on COVID - 19 vaccination was undertaken with the new batch of beneficiaries from the Sewing & Tailoring course of the livelihood training centre at Kashele village, Karjat Taluka.



Visit by Mr. Morry Rao Hermón, MPA, Director of Philanthropy, University of California, Berkeley.



On 1st April 2022, Mr. Morry Rao Hermón, MPA, Director of Philanthropy, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, visited Light of Life Trust's Jeevan Asha Community Centre, Tiware Village and the Project Anando's Regional Office in Karjat Taluka, Raigad District.

The visit was in connection with the survey of the Bright Spot NGOs undertaken by Mr Morry as part of his research work.



Visit by Ms. Shubhra from Penguin Publications at Light of Life Trust Project Office's at Karjat

On 7th June 2022, Ms. Shubhra from Penguin Publications along with Ms. Kamal Damania, Chief Operating Officer of Light of Life Trust visited the Jeevan Asha Community Centre at Tiware Village and Project Anando Centre at Karjat Taluka, Raigad District. The purpose of the visit was to understand the project activities and interact with the team members. Home visits to project beneficiaries and interaction with them and their parents were also undertaken.





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Visit by special dignitaries to Light of Life Trust, Karjat

On 16th June 2022, Mr. Ramesh Daswani, CEO, Light of Life Trust, Ms. Manisha Kelkar, Marathi Cine Actress, Dr. Vivek Mendonsa, Group Director - Marketing, LYNX -Lawrence & Mayo, Mrs. Suhani Mendonsa, and Captain Ahluwalia visited the centres of Light of Life Trust located at Karjat. Manisha Kelkar who is also the young Ambassador for Plant a TREE campaign of Light of Life Trust participated in the plantation activity along with the other dignitaries present. This was followed by a career guidance session for Anando Plus beneficiaries by Captain Ahluwalia.

The dignitaries also visited the Optical Store, Ekadant, which has been started by Ms. Shubhangi More, Anando Plus beneficiary - at Karjat.

Upcoming Event

Sunhere Alfaaz II – Celebrating the lyrics of Majrooh Sultanpuri, Shailendra & Raja Mehdi Ali Khan on 14th October 2022 at the Nehru Centre Auditorium in Worli, Mumbai.

Light of Life Trust announces its fundraiser 'Sunhere Alfaaz II – Lyrics of the Golden Era' in Mumbai on 14th October 2022 at the Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli, Mumbai.

Light of Life Trust initiated a concept musical in 2019 to celebrate lyricists that have penned some unforgettable melodies of Indian Cinema. We started in 2019 with 4 renowned lyricists – Sahir Ludhianvi, Jan Nisar Akhtar, Kaifi Azmi & Gulzar. The concept continues in 2022 (after a long hiatus due to the pandemic) with a tribute to the poetic genius of Majrooh Sultanpuri, Shailendra and Raja Mehdi Ali Khan. Poets whose lyrics gave our songs the magic to have them entrenched in memory for posterity.

The songs will be performed by Sanjeevani Bhelande, Vaibhav Vashistha, Shirish Kamble and an acoustic band of 24 live musicians and all proceeds from the show will be a contribution to charity.

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