



L.K. JHA FOUNDATION

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NURTURING HUMAN POTENTIAL

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Introduction

The L.K. Jha Foundation was established in 2018 in memory of the Late Shri L.K. Jha. He was a renowned economist who contributed to India's development with over fifty years of public service. In continuation of his legacy, the Foundation has a range of social services to support educational and social initiatives for the economically disadvantaged children and their families in our society.

In its second year, the L.K. Jha Foundation continued its services and recognizing new initiatives while facing the challenging pandemic situation. The team took efforts to identify the sections of society that were facing issues due to these unprecedented times.

Activities, programmes and initiatives carried out in the financial year 2020-2021 were as follows:

- Counselling And Therapy Sessions
- Nutritional Support
- Donation To Aapulki Foundation
- 'Kalpana' – Vocational Training Centre
- 'Rupendra' - Educational Support to Disadvantaged Students.
- 'Vidya' – A Proposal for Centre for Non-formal Education for Rural Children.
- 12AA, 80G Registration And FCRA
- Annual General Meeting

Counselling and Therapy Session

- The Foundation continues its work for the students of the Sant Gadge Maharaj High School, in Pune. The school educates students from the socially and economically disadvantaged sections of society. Their life circumstances very often make them vulnerable to experience trauma and issues in their lives.
- To help them deal with the various challenges in their lives the Foundation organised a counselling and therapy session for 20 students of the 8th standard on the 7th of March.
- The session was conducted by the Director of SROAT, Ms Sangeeta Banginwar. SROAT is a learning and activity centre for children in the age group of 4-14 years.
- The special therapy session employed the ‘Access Bars’ method wherein 32 points on an individual’s head are touched to release blockages that don’t allow one to progress in life with ease. These points store all the thoughts, ideas, beliefs, emotions one has through a lifetime.
- The students reported that the programme was a very transformative experience that would help them cope with their challenges. They would like to attend further sessions for themselves and recommended these for other students of the school as well.

The Foundation had plans to hold a five-day summer camp for the students of the school in April. The summer camp was to include activities that focused on physical fitness and creative expression. Unfortunately due to the nationwide lockdown imposed in March 2020, the proposal had to be put on hold.

After the lockdown eased up in June, the foundation started with renewed enthusiasm to take on new projects and respond to the need of the hour.

Nutrition Support

- Probably one of the groups most affected by the pandemic was the children living in institutions that catered to the disadvantaged population. The Foundation received an appeal for help from two Dharamshalas from the pilgrim town of Alandi, located 23 kilometres from Pune city. These Dharamshalas are shelter homes for orphan children and farm labours' children existing solely on the donations of pilgrims. Due to the pandemic, they had stopped receiving these donations depriving the children even of the most basic rations. Responding to this need the L.K. Jha Foundation started providing nutritional support to the children in these Dharamshalas from June 2020 onwards.
- Monthly support of Rs. 12,000/- was sanctioned to provide the children with a nutritious diet.

Donation To AAPULKI Foundation

- The AAPULKI Foundation works on rehabilitating young adults after they have left their orphanages or institutionalised life (age 18/19) and helps them achieve an independent life in our society.
- In January 2021, a proposal was received from the AAPULKI Foundation for a donation towards a printer for administrative requirements.
- The proposal was accepted and a donation of Rupees 9,800/- was made to Mr Manoj Dandekar, Chairman, AAPULKI Foundation on 16 January 2021.
- The AAPULKI Foundation has also submitted a proposal for support to their halfway home centre, which is under consideration.

'Kalpana' - Vocational Training Centre

In February 2021, the Managing Director Dipika Maharaj Singh and Hon. Project Manager Madhuri Abhyankar met with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) head of the TATA Bluescope Steel Private Limited (TBSPL) to seek funding for the L.K. Jha Foundation. Since then the Foundation has undertaken three initiatives with the TBSPL support.

- In February 2021, the Sarpanch of Chikhali village in Pune District approached the L.K. Jha Foundation to support the livelihood of farming families' income by providing tailoring training to the women in the village.
- Most of the population in this village comes from the farming community. Their households and livelihood are adversely affected by the drought-prone conditions rendering them underprivileged and vulnerable. Given the current pandemic, it was imperative that they find supplementary sources for their livelihood as they cannot solely depend on their income from agriculture.
- The Gram Panchayat formulated a resolution where they decided that training in tailoring would serve well as it develops a vocational skill and does not require high levels of literacy. Additionally, women can do the work without leaving their villages, in their spare time with minimal disruption in their daily chores and responsibilities.
- A local trainer was appointed and a classroom allotted in the local school for the classes.
- After TBSPL approved the project proposal, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the TBSPL and the L.K. Jha Foundation for the 'Kalpana' project.
- A vendor suggested by TBSPL was appointed for the purchase of sewing machines for the trainer and students.
- A check for Rupees 55,636/- as 70% advance payment was paid to the vendor for the supply of the machines. The remaining 30% was paid upon delivery of the items.
- Currently, there are 10 beneficiaries who have enrolled for the classes. The number is expected to increase once the pandemic situation improves.

'Rupendra' - Educational Support In Alandi

The second project that was supported through the TBSPL CSR funds was the 'Rupendra' project that provides educational support for students living in Dharamshalas in Alandi.

- As stated earlier there are multiple Dharamshalas in the pilgrim town of Alandi that house children belonging to impoverished farm labour families. The children, some of who are orphans, are placed there in hopes of receiving education and a better future for their children. The Dharamshalas surviving on donations from pilgrims are facing a grave situation during the pandemic.
- 62 children from standards 5th to 8th from three Dharamshalas have been admitted to the Sant Ghadge Maharaj Vidyalay in Pune for their education. The school committed to the education of children and serving the disadvantaged has decided to support the education of the children from the Dharamshalas. In addition to the 62 children, the school will be admitting 63 more children, from the 5th to the 8th standards in the academic year 2021-2022.
- The school will support the children by waiving off their tuition fees. However, the children require sponsorship to support the cost of books, notebooks and uniforms. Concerning this, the school has approached the L.K. Jha Foundation for the necessary support.
- The TBSPL has approved the proposal and a vendor has been identified for the supply of the required material.
- Accordingly, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between TBSPL and the L.K. Jha Foundation.
- The academic supplies are planned to be arranged around June 2021.

‘Vidya’- An Initiative For Informal Education Set-Up In West Bengal

- A third project proposal supported by TBSPL is the ‘Vidya’ project.
- The project site – Shri Kunj, is based in rural Bengal at Bamunara village in Burdwan District. Shri Kunj is a ‘Rural Centre for Eco-Heritage and Green Consciousness started by Dr Madhu Khanna.
- The L.K. Jha Foundation was approached for infrastructural support by Shri Kunj.
- A proposal of infrastructural support of Rupees 5 lakhs was presented to TBSPL which was approved.
- Accordingly, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the L.K. Jha Foundation and TBSPL.

Financial And Legal Registrations

- The Foundation received the 12AA and 80G tax exemption registration from the Income Tax Department in August 2020.
- Application for FCRA prior permission was made in October 2020. The application was made after Family Association for International Adoptees (FFIA) in Sweden accepted the Foundation’s proposal for Street Children Sponsorship Programme in September 2020. All the necessary documentation was complied with.
- Currently (March 2021) the FCRA application and the need has been withdrawn as the application was not processed within the financial year and the sponsors had their own time constraints regarding the transfer of funds.

Annual General Body Meeting

- The Annual General Meeting was organised on 21 October 2020 via zoom meetings.

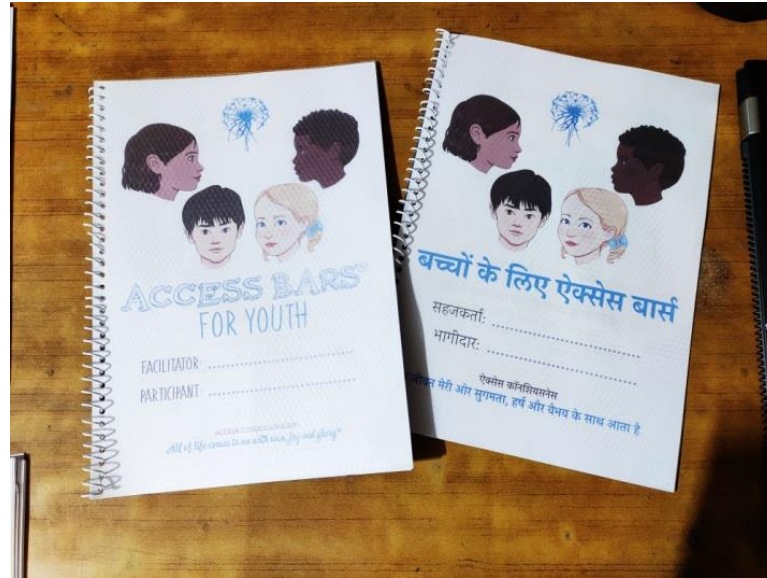
- The following points were discussed during the meeting
 - The requirements of the TAN number for tax deduction were explained by the Chartered Accountant. TDS was to be deducted for the payment of professional fees above 30,000 (per person/ per annum). Any amount paid in the financial year 2021 and thereafter needs to be practised with the TAN.

 - A report on the usage of the Solar Power Project sponsored by L.K. Jha Foundation in 2019, was presented by volunteer Ms Manali Zhende-Patil. She informed the group that it has served a large number of beneficiaries (more than 500) as the local youth are using the solar-powered facility for night long studies, computer education, community meetings. Managing Trustee Dipika Maharaj Singh presented the following resolution: “Checks issues for a value Rupees 15,000 and below would require only 1 of the 3 authorised signatories”.

All the Trustees and advisors were in agreement and the resolution was passed unanimously. The bank was to be informed accordingly

PHOTO GALLERY

1. Counselling And Therapy Sessions



Booklet created for students to write their opinions and experiences during the Access Bar Therapy session.



Students working in group-based activities in the premises of their school, Shri Sant Gadge Maharaj Vidyalaya.



Counsellors teaching the students the fundamentals of the 32 points of Access Bars therapy to the participating students.



Students engaged the Access Bar therapy by learning the 32 points on an individual's head that receive stimulation in the therapy.



The L.K Jha Foundation team (L-R: Jayashree Puranik, Vinita Datye, Madhuri Abhyankar and Dipika Maharaj Singh) with the participating students.



Students with their Participation Certificate as a recognition for their involvement in the Access bar therapy session.

2. Nutrition Support



Underprivileged girls residing in a Dharmashala in Alandi enjoying a nutritious meal.



The children of the Dharamshala receiving essential food items such as rice, oil, lentils, etc. as a part of the nutritional support.



Boys living in a Dharamshala enjoying a healthy evening snack and a juice box.

3. Donation To Aapulki Foundation



Dipika Maharaj Singh and Madhuri Abhyankar of L.K.Jha Foundation presenting Mr Manoj Dandekar (Chairman, AAPULKI Foundation) with the donation for their new printer.

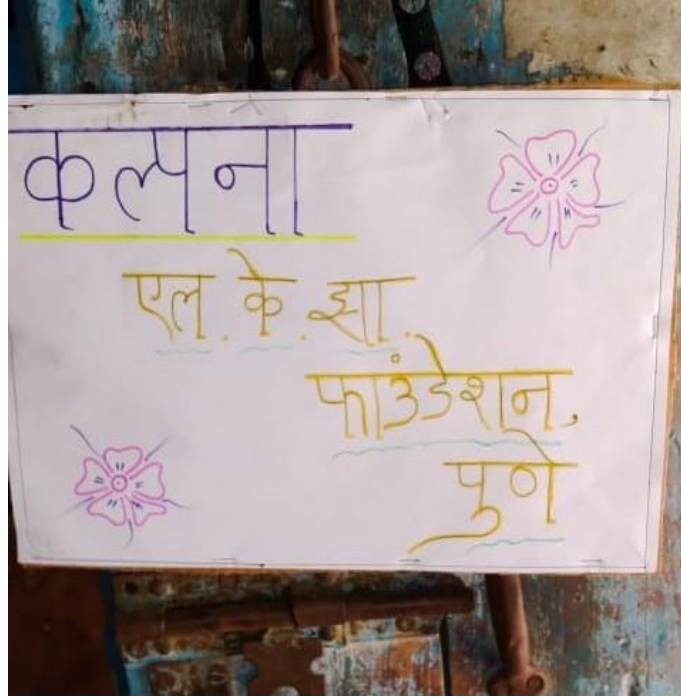
4. 'Kalpana' – Vocational Training Centre



The premises of the local school in Village Chikhli which is the site for setting up 'Kalpana': Vocational Training Centre in Tailoring.



The classroom allotted for 'Kalpana' classes (R).



Poster made by the eager students of the 'Kalpana' project for the inauguration day.



Delivery of essential tailoring supplies such as sewing machines, needles, thread, bobbins, etc. for project 'Kalpana' from the appointed vendor.



Delivery of supplementary items such as stools and a metal cupboard for project 'Kalpana' from the appointed vendor.

शिवकाभ शिकणाया महिलांची नावे.

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३	सौ. रेखा संजय झेंडे.
४	सौ. ज्योती सुरेश झेंडे.
५	सौ. कल्पना वसुदेव झेंडे.
६	सौ. मांशिता केवस भोखारे.
७	सौ. मिता वसुदेव अकर वावासा
८	सौ. पल्लवी रोहित पवार
९	सौ. पूनम प्रकाश बोखारे
१०	सौ. सिमा नारायण भकट.

List of interested participants submitted by project 'Kalpana' trainer, Ms Madhavi Zende.



Project 'Kalpana' Inauguration Day – 26 February 2021. Students with the trainer, Ms Madhavi Zende (R).



Students practising cutting pattern stitching design patterns initially on paper and then marking the final version on the fabric.



A student learning how to stitch together the cut fabric patterns.

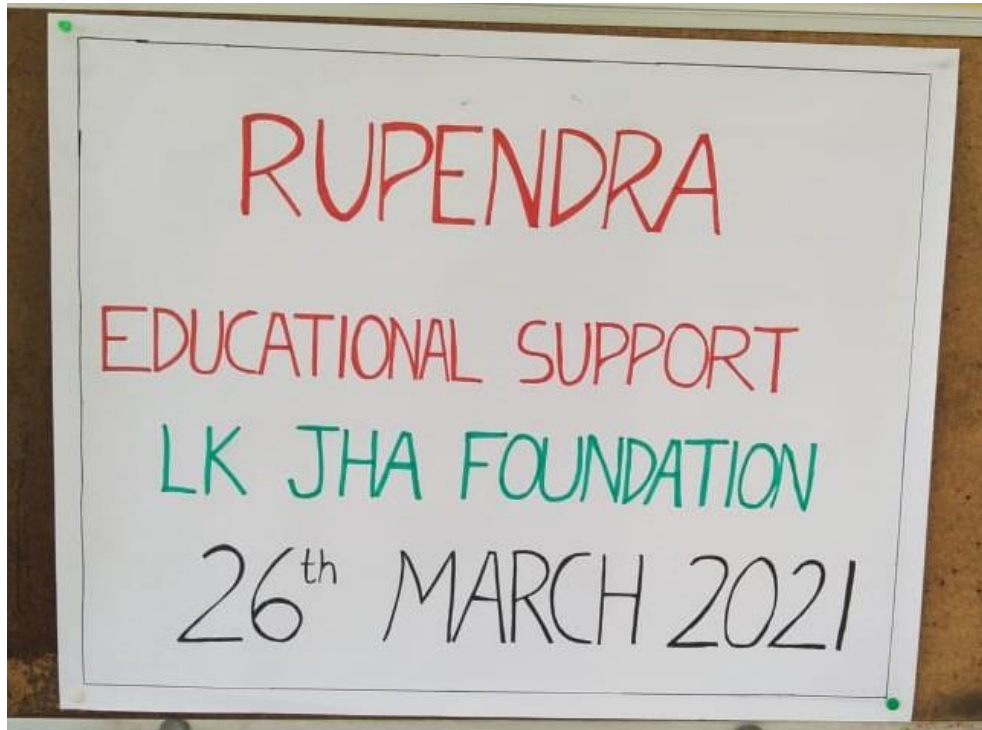
5. 'Rupendra' - Educational Support in Alandi



'Rupendra' beneficiaries in front of the girls' Dharamshala (L) and the girls studying in their previous academic setting (R).



Boys of different age groups benefitting from project 'Rupendra'



Poster made by the enthusiastic students on the inauguration day of project 'Rupendra' education support initiative.



Beneficiaries of project 'Rupendra' standing in the school courtyard with their Principal Ms Manali Zhende-Patil

6. Vidya - A proposed initiative to set up a structure for non-formal education for Adivasi children in West Bengal.



Adivasi children in their current non-formal education setting

Conclusion

The L.K. Jha Foundation is extremely thankful for the constant support received from our generous donors and sponsors who have supported the initiatives and made it possible to serve society with needful initiatives, big and small.

We are deeply grateful towards Tata Bluescope Steel Private Limited for helping us undertake three highly impactful projects such as 'Kalpana', 'Rupendra' and 'Vidya' which help us carry forward the L.K.Jha Foundation's vision of development.

We are also thankful to Dr Shankar Acharya, Mr Aditya Maharaj Singh, Ms Madhuri Abhyankar, Ms Kamala and Ms Nandini Falkiner for their generous donations that helped the foundation fulfil its goals of supporting the underprivileged sections of the society. These donations make it possible for the foundation to proceed successfully.

The foundation holds special appreciation to the team of volunteers –

- Vinita Datye
- Jayashree Puranik
- Kalyani Saraf
- Rama Panchanadikar.

Also to the team of advisors –

- Madhuri Abhyankar
- Manali Zende-Patil
- Kieron Glover
- C.A. Mangesh Hingne.
- Purushottam Parite

We are thankful to our honourable trustees who have contributed their valuable time to give support to the foundation.

List of trustees

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The L.K. Jha Foundation team

