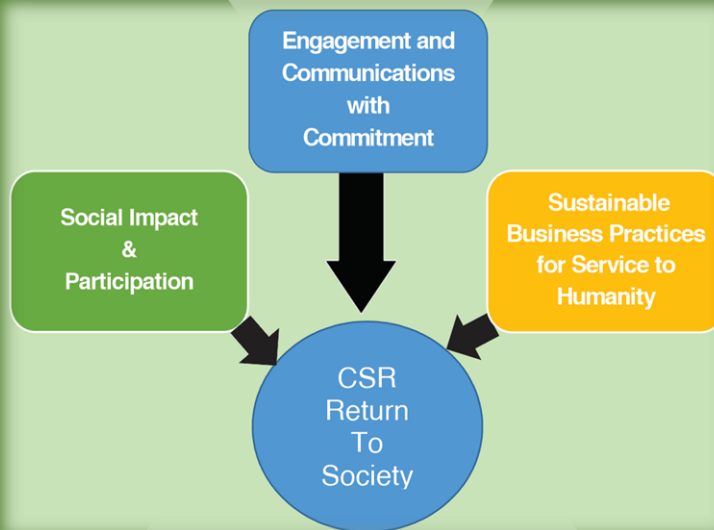


# CSR ACTIVITIES REPORT 2022-23



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"Everybody can be great  
because

Everybody can serve"

-Martin Luther King Jr

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## 1. Our Partners



## 2. C S R Introduction

Core values of Sipra group have been to encourage every employees, family members, community members and society members at large.

Sipra group is in operation since 1978. We work through our Trust and other NGO's (Non-Government Organizations), who have expertise in specific areas. We also work with like-minded principals and organization who make positive contribution in the lives of people.

## 3. C S R policy

To formalize the above activities and to comply with Government Laws as per companies Law 2013,

Sipra Group CSR activities are being pursued in C S R committee which has been constituted on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

The committee has framed a C S R policy. The policy covers the followings.

- Scope / list of C S R activities in compliance to schedule VII
- Enlargement of Scope of C S R activities without prejudice to above C S R activities.
- C S R vehicle for implementation
- Monitoring & assessment

## 4. C S R Activities during the year 2022 - 23

### 5. Yoga & Yoga related activities

Ancient Indian Science and Art of Yoga has been useful over the years. Our C S R activities are engaged with various Yoga training, Yoga education, Yoga science investigations & participation with many NGO's & institutions. Some of these are listed below :-

#### 5.1 YOGA Training

This activity is in Association with Kaivalyadhama & Anum Foundation. It is through **MEERA SAPNA** project for **Vaidu community's, Zhilaparishad School's children & Vaidu Ladies**, The program of training has started from October 2022 .

International day of Yoga (IDY), 21<sup>st</sup> June has been celebrated with compliance to Government Protocol issued by GOI, ministry of AYUSH. This mission annual goal is spelled in the Protocol, which is summed up as follows in the Protocol

ॐ सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः । सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।  
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु । मा कश्चित् दुःख भाग्भवेत् ॥  
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥





## 5.2 YOGA for Vaidu women

Activities are conducted twice a week. During afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm on every Tuesday & Saturday - at Jogeshwari , Marol

Adult population from backward communities are now able to read and write and keep up with current events, communicate effectively and understand the issues that are shaping our society. Literacy skills are crucial for the realization of individual potential, increased empowerment, and economic, social, and political participation.

Total no of women enrolled with us was 220, when we surveyed and registered for the Adult Literacy program.



Beneficiary Vaidu Ladies		Beneficiary Vaidu & Zhilaparishad Children		
Jogeshwari	Marol	Jogeshwari	Marol	Virar
120	100	100	40	250
Total	220	Total	390	
Grand Total	610			

### Case Story

**Meena Dharma Thapad** is a mother of 3 children and is also active in adult literacy program.

Her elder daughter is blind in spite of it the daughter is doing yoga regularly from last 3 years. Daughter wanted to join yoga, but villagers taunt her, Daughter sent her mother for class. When the mother told me about her daughter. Yoga teacher went to meet her personally by looking at her love and courage to do something. When she had eyesight she saw yoga on TV and she remembered that and was continuing to do so her younger sister helps her out in practice before going to work. some basic asana and she did them all so well that it was really difficult to say that she was blind.

She was very happy and thankful their eyes were filled with those happy tears she said that yoga gives her energy and makes her feel her inside peace. I learned that we should never lose any of our hopes God is always watching us.



## 5.3 Celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2022 Rotary Club of Bombay in association with Kaivalyadhama

### 1) Zilhaparishad Marathi School, Chikhaldongari, Virar ( west)

Yoga Teacher : Mrs. Priti Pawar

Number of Student :125



### 2) Tribal students of Project Chalaang at Jogeshwari & Marol

Yoga Teacher: Mrs. Priti Pawar

Number of Children: 300



### 3) Tribal woman or Adult Literacy Programme at Jogeshwari & Marol

Yoga Teacher: Mrs. Priti Pawar

Number of woman: 150





#### 4) G. K. Marg Municipal School, Lower parel, Mumbai

Yoga Teacher: Mrs. Vaishali Rane

Number of Students: 85



#### 5) Sant Kakhya Marg Municipal School, Dharavi, Mumbai

Yoga Teacher : Mrs. Priti Pawar

Number of Students :250



## 6. EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP

### 6.1 Courses for Yoga Education Fund (YEF) Scholarship Scheme

The Yoga Education Fund came into existence in the year 2007 in the memory of “**Shri. Rameshwar Prasad Nevatia**”. The objective to encourage young men and women into basics of Yoga science in all its pure and pristine form. This so that they can pursue their life’s mission in the multiple disciplines of Yoga science or take yogic practices to common man. They do this by spare time teaching, while they have a career for their living.

This scholarship is only for **PG Diploma in Yoga Education (PGDYEd)**, for the year 2022-23.

Selection of 2 Male and 2 Female students.

**Criteria: -**

1. *Economically needy*
2. *General academic ability*
3. *Imagination and creativity*
4. *Motivation and initiative*
5. *Ability to work with others*
6. *Potential to succeed in a Yoga program*

#### ***The selected candidates for YEF scholarship for the year 2022-23***



Name : Mr. Mitrajit Bhowmik-  
from Tripura,  
Agartala, India  
Qualification : B.P E D



Name : Mr. Abishek R  
from – Madurai,  
Tamilnadu, India  
Qualification : Mechanical  
Engineer



Name : Ms. Shalini Singh  
from- Varanasi-UP  
Qualification : M B A



Name : Ms. Deepti Markande  
from- Delhi  
Qualification : BEd



**6.2 Scholarship for our Driver's 2 children through *Divine Life School, Nallasopara.*** Support of Annual school fees for education, whose names mentioned as below:

1. Mst. Aryan Rajesh Sinha Std: IX
2. Mst. Sushmita Rajesh Sinha Std: VII

**6.3 Scholarship for our Employee's children through “SVKM'S NMIMS *Mumbai.*** Support of studying MBA (OM) Course, whose Name Mr.Lawrence Gnanmitra Mariyappanoor

**6.4 Support of Study materials for 127 students for 10<sup>th</sup> Standard of S.G. Barve Nagar Municipal Secondary School, Ghatkopar Mumbai, who are expected to appear for the Board exam during the month of March 2023**



## 7. MERA SAPNA PROJECT

B.B.Shah Trust has started a Study Circle for Vaidu community children, in association with Kaivalyadham & Anum Foundation. Activities are conducted daily between 10:30 to 1:30pm for entire week except Thursday at Jogeshwari & Marol, Study circle started from October 2020

Teachers are getting trained and these learning are being implemented in respective classes. The improvements are quite visible.

Total beneficiary 450 children

S.No	Particulars	Remark
1	Yoga	2 days in a week
2	Spoken English	2 days in a week
3	Drawing	1 day in a week
4	Singing	1 day in a week
5	Art & Craft	1 day in a week
6	Dancing	1 day in a week
7	Science	2 days in a week
8	Geography	1 day in a week
9	Life-Skills	1 day in a week
10	Regular Study	Daily

## Achievements

Earlier Children spent their time aimlessly playing marbles, cards and climbed trees in Jogeshawari & Aarey, vanicha pada. They were afraid of coming to Mera Sapna sessions with proper intervention of our teachers they have started coming to class on regular basis and are learning to respect time.

They have started having fixed time for playing, attending sessions and doing their homework.

We use community centre to conduct our classes. Being a common space it was used by individuals from the village to consume drugs and ganjas in the evening. Our teachers along with some students visited individuals at homes to make them understand the importance of education and negative effect of the existing behaviour. It took us time but we are seeing positive results as the anti social activities have reduced and hope for it to complete stop in the near future.

## English



A student has fear to communicate in the English. We are starting with Basic English classes. Eg. Small word making, myself etc. This will give encourage to students to speak in English. Spoken English class is conducted twice a week.

## Art & Craft

Art teaches children to be more aware of themselves and others. Creating art teaches focus and perseverance. Art helps children express their emotions in a positive way. From our classes we got to know that some students are very good in drawing. We will be keeping track on those students and will give them necessary support. .



## Science



We strongly believe Science is one of the Important channel of knowledge generates solutions for everyday life. Science helps us to answer the great mysteries of the universe. We taught them about the properties matter-where anything which occupies space and have mass is matter, further we discussed three types of matter, solid, liquid, and gas and their properties, Heating and cooling a substance may change it from one state to another, when a material changes state, its smallest units, called molecules, behave differently



## Geography

A One of the importance topic Geography introduced in Mera Sapna officially from December 2021, as geography helps to explore and understand space and place – recognizing the great differences in cultures, political systems, economies, landscapes, and environments across the world, and exploring the links between them, same time it helps to understand the physical world, such as land, air, water, and ecology. It also helps to understand human environments, such as societies and communities, this also includes economics, social and cultural issues, and sometimes morals and ethics, we are seeing excellent growth in students in terms of understanding their surroundings and its impacts on their life and how they can be part of the change, They are happy that introduced additional subject Geography making lots of difference



## Life-skills



Children were explained to treat people and things with kindness and care. If we want to show respect, then they must avoid saying hurtful words to others. Short role play between teacher-student and parent-children was conducted by different groups to help understand the importance of RESPECT

## Dance

Dancing and singing is also a great way for children to use their time and develop skills when they are not in school. Students can't always communicate their feelings through words, so it's useful for them to have a healthy outlet for their emotions. We have some students who are good singers and dancers too and with the help of our classes we are encouraging their passion for dancing & singing.





## Math



Learning Numerology with the activities. The diverse Types of numbers have Indian Numbers, Roman Numbers, Hebrew Numbers, Aegean Numbers etc.

## Sports & Games

Students have instructed to lock themselves in different patterns, and the other person from the team have come to solve that. Through this we have improved the problem solving skills and team-work.



## 8. HEALTH

- 8.1 Support for providing Machine for Hearing impacted to Mr. Khanderao Chaudhary, senior citizen for Fishermen Family, living at Macchimar Nagar-Colaba, Mumbai



- 8.2 Health Awareness program for our Employees at Nashik & Sinnar Unit





## 9. ENVIRONMENT and WATER

### 9.1 Donating Sanitary Napkins to 400 Tribal & Underprivileged women

The Rotaract Club of Hinduja College along with Rotary Club of Bombay organised "PERIODS OF SHARING 2.0 (Phase 1)" ~ A year long initiative changing & impacting lives of 400 Tribal & Underprivileged women.

The event was conducted at two venues, Jogeshwari & Marol. The Team discussed about Menstruation, Hygiene to be maintained, Myths & Facts about periods & situation when one should visit a doctor. Women there, were encouraged to speak more boldly about Menstruation





## Picnic at Resort, Virar for Mera Sapna Project – Teachers



**Our Trustee, Shri. Vandan Shah is a Member of Centennial year Organizing Committee ,  
Kaivalyadham, Lonavla**



## 10. Baldeodas Bhagirathi Shah Trust - Partnership

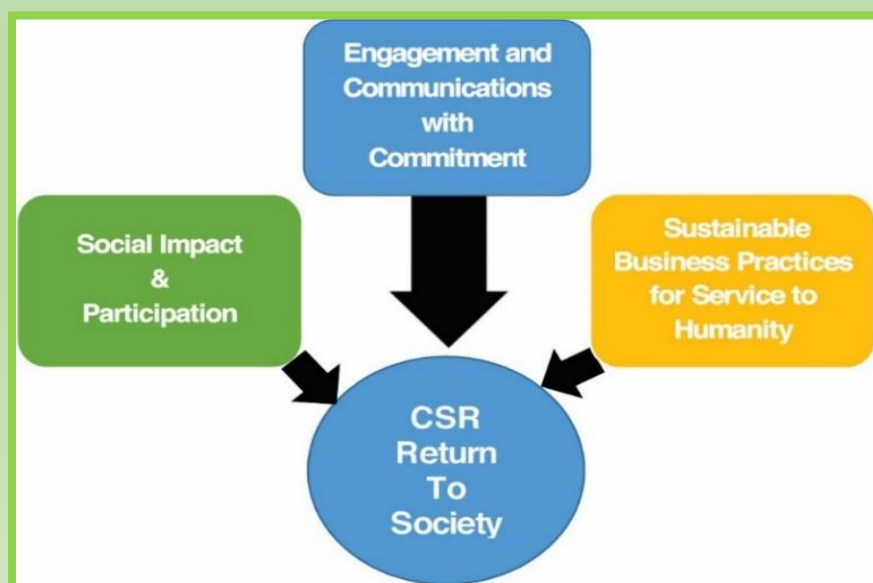
### Objective

1. To give assistance for Evaluation, Study, Investigation, Research, Development & Application of human values. Based on either ancient or modern techniques and in every possible manner.
2. To sponsor for Study of investigation into research in various philosophic systems eastern and western in particular Yoga system and its ramifications.
3. To donate for activities of anatomy and other physical sciences and systems relating to human body and mind.
4. To support economically for Social sciences in any manner concerning human values.
5. To support financially for promotion of the results of such study for the benefit of mankind.
6. To found establish undertake & sponsor, manage conduct run and/or contribute from time to time to :-
  - I. Schools
  - II. Research centers
  - III. Clubs / Charitable trusts
  - IV. Libraries
  - V. Hospitals

Whether existing, new or that may come into being hereafter.

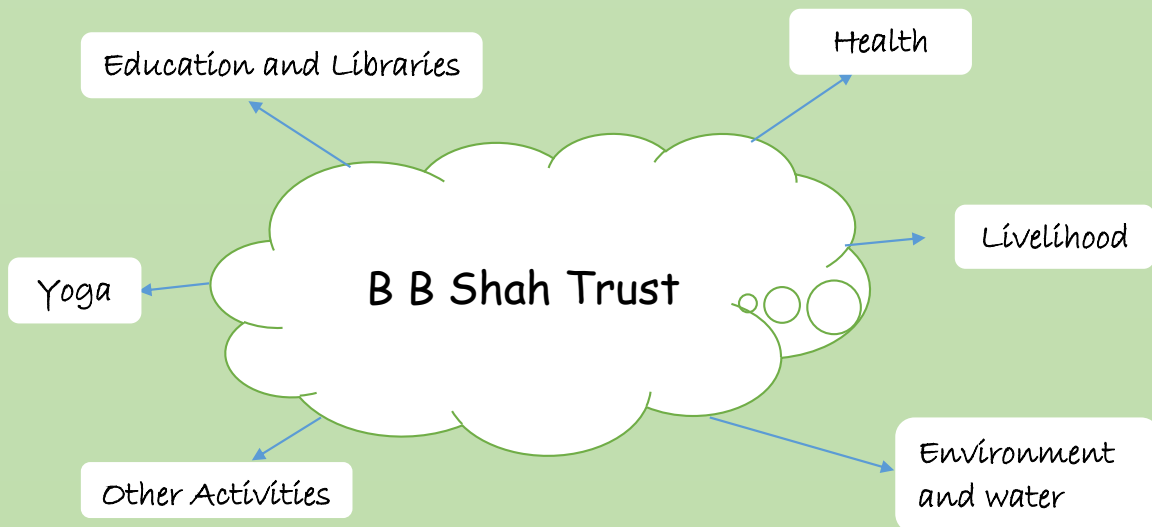
7. To promote and encourage and /or establish and conduct centers or institutions to aid integration of modern and ancient sciences of all kinds for developing technologies of the ancient times with or without any aid of modern technologies.
8. To establish and conduct centers for collecting data from the researches.
9. To appoint professional people & workers such as research workers field workers laboratory workers etc.
10. To admit students either free or at concessional rates to the various institutions and centers or classes conducted by the trust and also to admit to give stipends to deserving students and aids to deserving patients and seekers.
11. To purchase all equipment's /premises / other related study materials for educations & Yoga science for distribution.
12. To carry out implement the objects either independently, jointly or in collaboration with other trusts or bodies similarly engaged and having similar objects.

In view of present trends **C S R** projects are also undertaken for the donors with their name, logo etc., displayed where ever necessary to derive the benefit cycle.





## 10.1 SERVICES - Focus



### YOGA:

Scholarship for Yoga teachers qualification, Yogic therapy & Yoga practices, Yoga training, etc.,

### EDUCATION and LIBRARIES

Provision of School fees, Tuition fees, books and stationery,  
Expenses for maintaining Library activities for Senior citizens, BMC school, etc.,

### HEALTH:

Access to medical care, basic needs, health.

### LIVELIHOOD:

Create awareness and sensitization among children and adults alike on various social, civic, health and environmental issues.

### ENVIRONMENT and WATER:

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Specialized events with their expertise utilization and their reach to community.

### General Information:

The concept of corporate Social responsibility (C S R) has been introduced in the companies act 2013 (section 135) from the schedule of activities given in the Act. The following activities can be related to the activities of Baldeodas Bhagirathi Shah Trust, being done regularly since several year. These can be related to the following areas in general

- Promotion of Education
- Promoting gender equality and empowering women
- Ensuring environment sustainability
- Employment enhancing vocational skills
- Social business project
- Other matters as may be related to above.

## 11. List of Beneficiary Institutions for year 2022-23

Sr.N	Name of Institution / Trust	Purpose	Number of beneficiary
	<b>YOGA</b>		
1	Kaivalyadhama	Yoga Training for Vaidu Community children & Z.P. School students	550
2	Kaivalyadhama	Yoga Training for Elder Woman	250
	<b>EDUCATION &amp; SCHOLARSHIP</b>		
3	Kaivalyadhama	PGDYEd Yoga Teacher course	4
4	Anum Foundation	Study for Vaidu community children ( Mera Sapna project)	450
5	Divine Life School	School fees for Students	1
6	Mother Mary's English High School & Junior College	School fees for Student	1
7	Mr. Lawrence G. Mariyappanoor	VFX Career course fees	1
8	S.G.Barve Nagar Municipal Secondary School	Study Materials for X std students	127
	<b>HEALTH</b>		
9	Senior Citizen- Mr. Khanderao Chaudhary	Providing Hearing Machine	1
10	Sipra Engineers Pvt Ltd	Health Awareness program for Employees	500
	<b>ENVIRONMENT and WATER</b>		
11	Vaidu Community ( Ladies)	Distribution- Sanitary Napkins for Underprivileged women	400
		Total	2285



## 12. Awards received by Director & Trustees



Support & Contribution of Senior Citizen activity Centre of Dharma Bharati Mission



Appreciate certificate & trophy for unstinted support to the cause of Hunger-free India, from Dharama Bharati Mission (DBM)



Award received from Vandan Shah on behalf of Ekta Shah Appreciate certificate & trophy for unstinted support to the cause of Hunger-free India, from Dharama Bharati Mission (DBM) (09.02.19)



Award for Best coordinators of Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB) – Cancer committee For Appreciation for engaging in the Rotary movement of serving humanity and helping with RCB club projects to felicitate the objectives of Rotary. (20.06.2017)



Award for Appreciation for all support and help given to Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA) From: CAPAA (20.06.2017)



Award for outstanding service by Rotary partner & Best committee (elderly care) From Rotary Club of Bombay (25.06.2018)



Appreciate certificate & trophy for unstinted support to the cause of Hunger-free India, from Dharama Bharati Mission (DBM) (10.02.18)



Award for outstanding service by A Rotary Anne from Rotary Club of Bombay (2019-20)



Appreciate certificate for Corona Warriors support to the Vaidu Community during COVID difficult time, Through Maharashtra Vaidu Vikas Samiti



Certificate of Appreciation From Sanjay Nagar Rahiwasi Seva Sangh



Award for One Time Presidential Award for Excellent Work in Club service A Rotary Anne from Rotary Club of Bombay (2020-21)



# Our Trustee Ekta Shah, Angels of Mumbai - support to the Vaidu Community Through Anum Foundation

## Angels of Mumbai

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The Free Press Journal is back with its fourth edition of the 'Angels of Mumbai' initiative, but with a twist. This time, it will be a year-long programme. Like every year, we will ask prominent Mumbaiers to nominate someone they are grateful to; whose small act has made a big difference in their lives. The focus is on gratitude for the invisible and seemingly insignificant actions that sustain the world. This is the first set of nominations. The next ones will be out in July, October and December.



**Angel: Dr. Yagna Nambiar**, social reformer, founder, Kamritha Endorser, Neeta Pawar-Chakre, secretary, convenor of Habitat Forum, president of non-profit Mahashil in Pune

Dr. Yagna Nambiar, a rare trans person in India to have a PhD, founded the Global Rights Foundation in 2012 to promote a life of dignity and freedom for transgender persons. Through GRF, she now works on three subjects — sex workers and their children, rights for transgender and migrant workers. The community kitchen she established in Tilanagar, operated by trans persons, continues to serve meals to struggling migrant workers. She is in the process of building a shelter for transgender people who already providing a home to them under her own roof. She conducts social and reproductive health programmes, trans rights awareness programmes, and camps to help trans persons procure government documentation, Aadhar cards, and bank accounts. During the Covid-19 lockdown, she helped thousands of transgender people, workers and sex workers with groceries, medical kits, and financial help. Her choice of vocation reflects her commitment to her community and the marginalised. Alternate employment opportunities would have allowed her to lead a secure, comfortable life, but the pain and struggles of her community and the desire to contribute to changing their conditions spurs her to keep doing this work.



migrant workers, the helpline seeks to democratise access to justice for the Indian working classes, especially those engaged in informal labour. With funding from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, the helpline has been active since July 2021. In only 10 months, Chinnai, Ashutosh, Harshada and Anil have logged more than 30,000 distress calls and intervened in cases related to labour rights violations to help 7,801 workers. They offer literacy and awareness to workers on their rights, entitlements, and employment records. They have received calls on the helpline (0800 833 0020) from workers in 19 states. Their achievements: Rs 8 crore worth of disputes registered; Rs 1.7 crore in pending dues recovered for workers through mediation and legal aid; three bonded labour cases identified; and 25 workplace accidents cases identified.



**Angel: Anoop Parik**, founder, The Next Page Community Foundation  
**Endorser: Shaheen Mistri**, founder and CEO, Teach For India

In 2013, Anoop Parik completed his Teach For India fellowship at the Shree Ganga Vidyalaya in Shivaji Nagar, a large slum community in Goregaon. He had returned to Mumbai from the College of Wooster, Ohio, to serve the community for two years. When the fellowship ended, he chose to stay back and work as a full-time teacher at the same school. In 2020, he set up The Next Page Community Foundation as a youth community centre, through which he built a library for the slum and set up the Poppers Football Club, a football club that fosters personal growth, a sense of community and leadership qualities among the children of Shivaji Nagar and Bandra. At the Poppers Club, boys and girls both play football, a first for many young girls in the slum.

Anoop envisioned the Poppers Club as a safe platform for youth in the slum to have an environment where they can make positive changes for themselves. The club focuses on self-confidence, collaboration, fairness, and excellence. Boys from the club have begun playing in the Mumbai school football games, while girls have participated in inter-school games and continue competing in tournaments across the city.



**Angel: Viji Venkatesh**, South Asia head for The Max Foundation and managing trustee of Friends of Max  
**Endorser: Meher Marbatia**, author and publisher

Viji, South Asia head for The Max Foundation and managing trustee of Friends of Max, is a dynamo this city could not do without. In 2014, Viji launched Chai For Cancer, seeking to establish an association between cancer and a simple cup of tea for recall value and to bring a sense of comfort and normalcy to the feared condition. Her Chai For Cancer 'Adda' or gatherings are now in their ninth season, creating an atmosphere of an extended family and raising funds from individual donors. The funds raised through the campaign are used to cover patients' diagnostics costs, travel costs and their children's education expenses. Through eight seasons of Chai For Cancer running from 2014 to 2021, Viji raised Rs 2.74 crore. Season 9 seems to raise Rs 75 lakh.

Viji's tireless dedication to cancer support is to be seen to be believed — what incredible care and respect she shows every patient who shows the same warm hugs right back at 'Adda' as she's called. Never without a stunning saree draped on her, and exuding the most infectious positivity and energy, Viji is one of the brightest, sparkliest treasures Bombay has been blessed with.



**Angel: Prashant Sawadekar**, former political party union worker  
**Endorser: Teesta Setalvad**, human rights activist, senior journalist and co-founder of Citizens for Justice And Peace

A former political party union worker, Prashant has spent the last few years organising Oia-Uber drivers and workers of Surge-Zomato to help them seek better working conditions and fair payment structures. His union represents people of all communities and also women, sending the message of diversity and equality. Prashant became an Oia-Uber driver in 2016 and quickly began to realise the peculiar nature of the struggles of app-based gig workers for Oia-Uber, Swiggy, Zomato and others including autorickshaw/taxi drivers, airport workers, etc. In 2018, he started building a union dedicated to resolving the grievances of drivers for app-based cabs, named the Maharashtra App-based Transport Workers Union (MAT), which now has 15,000 drivers registered. Slowly, unions from 12 other states joined him and a national federation of app-based transport workers was formed, of which Prashant is now president.

During the lockdown months, he approached various organisations to help app-based workers with groceries, and medical tests. He arranged concessional rates in hospitals, helping essential workers. In April 2022, he started the App-based Transport Workers Union Trust.



**Angel: Durga Guduli**, leader of the Vaidu community in Mumbai  
**Endorser: Ekta Shah**, Rotary Partner heading projects for Rotary Club of Bombay

Durga Guduli and her sister were the first of the Vaidu Samaj, a nomadic tribe, to get an education. In 2013, when her sister, a graduate, was being forced to marry a man from the community based on a matrimonial alliance fixed when she was a child, she refused, causing a Jat Panchayat to be held in Joes in one of 14 Vaidu bastis (slum colonies) in Mumbai. Durga was 24 years old then, and fought the Jat Panchayat and refused to obey their order to pay Rs 1 lakh as a penalty for defying their orders. That was a rare instance of a caste panchayat being stopped, long before court orders declared various khat panchayat orders illegal. Durga begged until Class 7, a customary occupation in the Vaidu community. A follower of Ambedkar-Shalva-Pride, she is now the leader of the Vaidu community in Mumbai. The Rotary Club of Bombay has dedicated the next year to the upliftment of the Vaidu community. This partnership helped establish two centres of education for 400 Vaidu children, in Marol and Jogeshwari, that were especially active during the Covid-19 school closures and lockdowns. Durga helped identify women from the community who can run a community kitchen for nutrition supplementation of young girls, an adult literacy programme is under way and de-addiction programme is about to start.



**Angel: Akbar Merchant**, journalist  
**Endorser: Anil Patel**, Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Mumbai)

One morning in the summer of 2020, Akbar Merchant, a journalist by profession, was invited by the team of Ishaan Shah, founder of Ishaan Shah Foundation, to meet the members of the Vaidu community in Marol. He was struck by the resilience of the community and the way they had managed to survive through the lockdowns, with thousands of migrants workers gathered in the hope of

returning home to their villages. In their vehicle, were 600 half-litre bottles of drinking water that the team distributed to thirsty, desperate workers who were stranded in the city for weeks, without work or wages. Seeing the large crowds, Akbar along with the team decided to continue serving the thirsty and roped in more volunteers. The team later joined hands with volunteers from a Gurudwara in Chembur, by which time they were distributing 2,000 litres of water daily.

By the end of 2020, Team Ishaan Shah India also began to supply drinking water to more than ten locations including two of Mumbai's largest Covid-19 hospitals, the field hospitals set up by the municipal corporation of Greater Mumbai at Randa Karla Complex and Neco grounds in Goregaon. Ishaan Shah India has also distributed drinking water to multiple Covid-19 centres including the ones set up at Mahad, Dahisar, NSC Worli and Byculla at Richardson Crusas. As of April 2022, Ishaan Shah India had supplied more than 1.35 lakh litres of water in total (65,000 litres of water at the NSC centre alone) to Covid patients, their family members, vaccination centres, migrant workers, policemen and railway staff and other frontline workers. Ishaan Shah has since then also conducted blood donation drives and food distribution initiatives.



**Angel: Rajesh Arya**, founder, Pehchan  
**Endorser: Kranti LC**, Advocate, Bombay High Court, and executive director of the Socio-Legal Information Centre

Since he arrived in Mumbai as an intern with a non-profit in 2007, Rajesh Arya has worked for 15 years on issues of homeless people, shelter, legal aid, social education and government documentation of the homeless people. Most recently, he filed public interest litigation in June 2021 seeking relief measures for the homeless by the municipality. He also urged for remedial steps to protect the urban poor who were facing the loss of regular means of livelihood, shrinking of traditional sources of water supply and shared income to purchase food, maintain personal hygiene and access paid public toilets. In 2013, he set up Pehchan, a non-profit dedicated to empower the homeless, through which he has helped 5,000 Mumbaiers to get government documents including Aadhar cards and ration cards to ensure they have access to social services. His livelihood training programme for young homeless girls focuses on placing them in jobs with earnings of Rs 7,000-Rs 10,000 a month to help them sustain their lives. He also conducts extra classes for school children to help them through school. Every monsoon, Pehchan campaigns for safe shelters and clean food and drinking water for the homeless.



**Angel: Sujata Sawant**, social reformer  
**Endorser: Vasha Vajda Vias**, Maharashtra general secretary of the Maharashtra Nishabandi Mandal

Sujata Sawant is a saviour for every householder in the Quaveli Nagar slum of Kurla (East), both during and long before the pandemic. Over the last decade, Sujata has taken children who rarely studied after Class 5 or Class 10 and made sure they finished school, became graduates, chartered accountants, and engineers. Girls in this slum were mostly married off in their teenage years, rarely completing school. Thanks to Sujata's efforts to give the girls and also their parents the dream of empowered and well-employed young women, the girls from this slum are now going to colleges, effecting a mindset change in a very patriarchal set-up. Her 'Abhyaskar' programme helps girl students stay interested in schooling, and her sustained efforts make sure that girls who were not allowed out of the home are now pursuing professional courses. For the women, she opened a community kitchen during the pandemic, an initiative that gave livelihood to local women, helped hone their skills in the food sector and skilled them to take up catering professionally if they wish to. Simultaneously, the community kitchen also ensured that residents of the slum did not go hungry during the lockdowns, with thousands of meals being served free by the community kitchen.



**Angel: Ruben Mascarenhas**, founder & director, Khanna Chaiye Foundation  
**Endorser: Ujjwal Thakkar**, CEO of Pratham India Education Initiative, former banker, and on the board of several non-profits

Just over a week after a nationwide lockdown was announced to slow down the spread of Covid-19, Ruben Mascarenhas and a small group of friends began to organise food distribution drives, recognising that millions in Mumbai were desperate and hungry after finding themselves stranded in the city, their livelihoods shattered. It started as a pilot project of 1,200 meals to communities along the Western Express Highway. That effort grew into the Khanna Chaiye Foundation which, two years later, served over 7 million meals and supported families with more than 70,000 grocery kits. Ruben and his team mobilised more than 300 citizen volunteers during this time, partnering with various citizen collectives and donors.

The work of providing immediate relief to the hungry continues, but Khanna Chaiye is also now conducting advocacy efforts through its Hunger Map Project. This project seeks to identify critical pockets in Mumbai where hunger is chronic and to provide evidence-based support through a relief model based on an active civil society partnering with government infrastructure.



**Angel: India Labourene**  
**Endorser: Gayatri Singh**, senior counsel at Bombay high court and founding member of Lawyers For Labour

Together, these four youngsters sitting in a tiny office in Worli have become a lifeline for migrant workers across the country — Chinnai, Naik, Ashutosh Mishra, Harshada Keri and Anil D' Mello, who run the Mumbai arm of India LabourLine, a nationwide helpline for workers. An initiative of the Working People's Coalition (WPC), a network of unions and people's organisations, along with the non-profit Aneeka Bureau which works with

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