

2023-2024



Message from our Founders!

"Passion is the log that keeps the fire of purpose blazing." - Oprah Winfrey

We take great pride as we embark on our 10th Annual Report.

At Ek Tara, we have dedicated a decade to shaping the minds and hearts of our students. From the outset, we envisioned creating a unique space for nurturing girls. With the support of parents, teachers, staff, and especially our funders, we have turned this dream into reality. Today, we proudly serve 1,100 children at our facility and an additional 2,500 in Government Schools. Our goal is to expand our models to more Government Schools, ensuring that every child has equal access to quality education along with the necessary facilities and support activities.

Education transcends mere curriculum, and that's the vision our team at Ek Tara strives to achieve. We are deeply appreciative of our dedicated team, whose relentless contributions have shaped Ek Tara into what it is today.

Vinita and Namrata

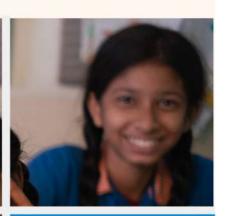




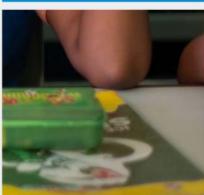


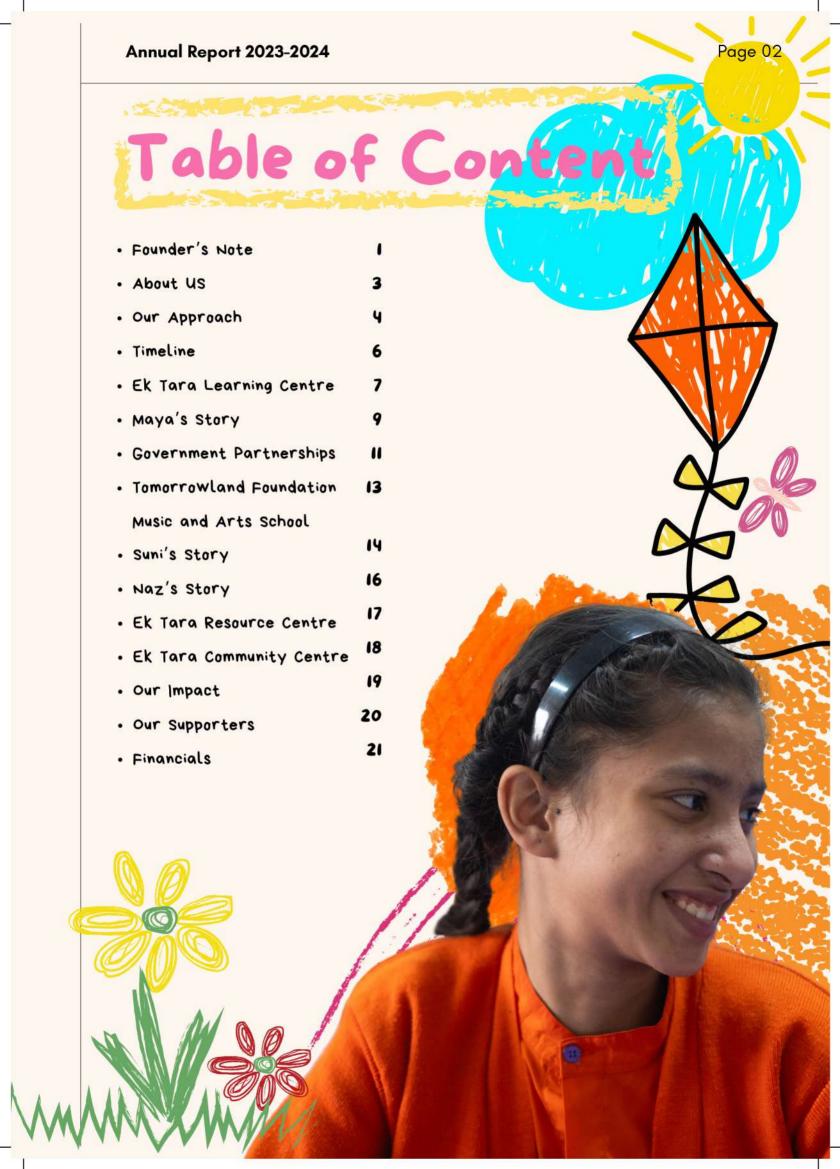












WHO WE ARE

A group of women from diverse backgrounds with a common goal to elevate the position of marginalized girls and women, by providing access to quality education and skill building.



FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY

01. MIGRANT UNSKILLED COMMUNIR

Migrant communities living in Eastern India's largest slums. Unskilled and seasonal daily wage earners with average monthly income of ₹5500.

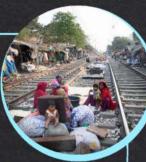


02 POOR LIVING CONDITIONS

An average of 7 members live in a 120 sq. room with no water supply, and toilets shared between 12-15 families.



Boys are often prioritized in educational settings, while girls may experience neglect and lack opportunities to express themselves, indicating entrenched patriarchal attitudes.



04. GENERATIONAL POVERTY

Only a small number of youth complete class 10 and the rest are trapped in the cycle of poverty, unemployment, substance abuse and trafficking.

05. CHILDREN ARE FIRST GENERATION SCHOOL GOERS

We work with first-generation school-goers and with local government schools catering to children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.





HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



The curricula covered at Ek Tara
is not restricted to just
academics. There are a wide
range of co-curricular activities
for children to support their
overall growth.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



60% of our staff are community members who have joined us as supervisors, project assistants, attendants, cooks and cleaners, to combat poverty and have a voice in the family.

FACILITATE SCHOOL COMPLETION



School dropouts are encouraged and given support to complete their education.

EMPOWER WOMEN &

All beneficiaries of Ek Tara gain access to quality education and information, empowering them to break the cycle of generational poverty and make informed decisions.





















First Step 2011-2014

Ek Tara started with a creche and vocational training for women. The focus later shifted to education, leading to a programme for 300 children, along with health, hygiene, and nutrition initiatives.

Expansion 2015-2018

Focus on co-curriculars 2019

Consolidation of education programme, emphasis on co-curricular activities, and expansion into new space.

Covid-19 and Welfare programme 2020-2021

Ek Tara focused on a welfare programmes during Covid-19 but returned to its work initiatives in 2021, by launching the Ek Tara Learning Centre (ELC) and Ek Tara Community Centre (ECC) that year.

Partnerships 2022-2023

Ek Tara partnered with **Tomorrowland Foundation** to establish the Music and Arts School (TLFMAS) for underprivileged children in Kolkata.

The Future



TLFMAS 7000 sq. ft. school which saw its official opening on 2 December 2022, offers classes in Art & Craft, Dance, DJ & Electronic Music, Photography, Music and Theatre to underprivileged children living in and around Topsia, Kolkata.

25 Government

Partner Schools

2000 plus

2024-??

Beneficiary base

Scaling work with Government Partnerships. Continuing "Anondo Gari" and "Golpo Ghor" in government

> Launching a new Early Childhood Learning Centre. Impacting over 15,000 children in the years to come.



Vinita Saraf & Namrata Sureka Founder and Managing Trustees

Ek Tara expanded by starting a Pre-Primary and Primary section and engaging more with the community. The student beneficiaries grew to over 800. A partnership with the Belgian organization Mobile School began in 2017 to reach more children.



900

Number of beneficiaries in 2020 across all our projects



Ek Tara distributed rations to families affected by the pandemic, including essential items like rice, lentils, flour, soaps, and masks. In addition, 700 kilos of Pediasure (1 kilo each)

were given to children.



EK TARA LEARNING CENTRE (ELC)

The Ek Tara Learning Centre (ELC) offers a secure and enriching environment to our children within Ek Tara. It reaches out to students through various programmes such as the Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC), the Primary and Middle School, and the School Support project. These initiatives provide customized academic support and co-curricular activities, fostering the comprehensive growth of each student.

Reaching to a student base exceeding 1000, the ELC features a well-equipped Resource Centre and hosts the Tomorrowland Foundation Music and Arts School, This facility encompasses provisions for arts, music, dance, and theatre. The centre boasts of modern classrooms, digital teaching aids, an integrated Science, Technology, **Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)** Laboratory, a Computer Laboratory, and a Story Hub - the library.

The Learning Centre focus areas:

We cater the following programs for the centre:

- Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC)
- Primary and Middle School
- School Support Project
- Child Welfare and Parental Engagement (CWPE)
- Library Project (The Story Hub)
- Digital Literacy
- Co-curricular Activities (CCA)
- Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Tomorrowland Foundation Music and Arts School (TLFMAS)
- Meal Plan













Increased student empowermentthrough activities and classroom and academic

engagement.

Increased engagement with schools in the city for volunteering.

There are 17 SDG's and 169 targets in total. While they are all important and interrelated, Ek Tara works actively on the above goals.

Achieving 100% student enrollment in higher education institutes. empowering success in various fields.



Teacher training and capacity building.

A consolidated

Monitoring



Skill training and empowerment of high school students.

and Evaluation plan for the centre. Increased

parent participation.





PROJECT SUMMARY (ELC)

Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC)



The Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC) reaches out to over 200 students in the age group of 3-5 years and is divided into Learning Level 1, 2 and 3. The focus of ECLC is to give the students it works with, skills in foundational literacy and numeracy, gross and fine motor skills and other developmental goals aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP). The centre is now housed in a brand-new space designed to facilitate learning.



Primary and Middle School



The primary and middle school projects serve over 500 students in grades 1-7, covering subjects like Maths, English, Hindi, Science, and Social Studies, in line with NCERT and NEP guidelines. Assessments are conducted twice a year, with regular class tests. Students benefit from computer classes, hands-on STEAM lab learning, remedial English, spoken English, dance, and Karate. They also participate in activities at the Tomorrowland Foundation Music and Arts School, sports, and represent Ek Tara in other school programmes.

School Support



The school support project serves over 300 students enrolled in schools across the city, helping them prepare for exams while participating in cultural and sports activities. Students in this project receive after-school support and engage in various activities, such as sports, spoken English, life skills training, and arts and crafts. Additionally, they have completed computer courses through Aptech and the Assembly of God Church Vocational Training Centre as part of a digital literacy initiative. This year the project celebrated a 100% success rate in the Higher Secondary examinations and a 96% success rate in the Secondary examinations.



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Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)

The STEAM lab at Ek Tara Learning Centre (ELC) is a dedicated space where the students, in ECLC, primary, middle school and school support are engaged in activities designed to build creativity, critical thinking and problem solving skills in science, technology, engineering, arts and maths. The lab also facilitates an annual exhibition at the centre, field trips and workshops for teachers.

Library Project "Story Hub"



Ek Tara and Bhabook launched 'Story Hub' at Ek Tara Learning Centre, featuring over 600 children's books and various literacy activities, including storytelling and paired reading. The library hosts thematic events, enhances social and emotional skills, and offers a Reading Foundation Programme for struggling readers. It aims to integrate storybooks into the classroom through activities like read-aloud sessions and book discussions.

Digital Literacy



Our labs are well-equipped for hands-on learning with desktops, laptops, tablets, and technology tools. First-generation learners benefit from computer skills, gamified learning, and project-based activities. New additions include Canva, algorithm flowcharts, Scratch, and HTML programming. Monitoring software tracks student progress. Students pursue certified courses from various institutions for computer skills.

Child Welfare and Parental Engagement (CWPE)



Ek Tara's Child Welfare and Parental Engagement (CWPE) team has strengthened ties with parents through initiatives like monthly meetings and enhanced outreach. The Health Programme has provided awareness sessions and support to students and parents. We also prioritize the mental well-being of all our children and have an in-house counselor available. Additionally, the community kitchen 'Annam' provides nutritious meals for over 1000 children and staff, promoting sustainable food practices and empowering women.



Maya's

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At just 12 years old, Maya* is excelling in various fields despite facing significant health challenges. She began her academic journey at Ek Tara and was selected for Modern High School for Girls, one of the prestigious schools in the city, at age 3 and a half years. She enjoys her classes, particularly English, and dreams of becoming a prefect of her 'Rose' House and aspires to be a scientist.

Beyond academics, Maya shows her talents in languages by learning Spanish, writing poetry, playing the synthesizer, participating in sports, and loving music and books. She describes books as her "true best friends." Her dedication is evident as she never misses a class, showcasing her resilience and unique blend of talent and determination.

*Name has been changed to protect her identity



Sun, Sea And

Breeze A

Song Of Theirs To

Poem by Maya



mot so that I

but so that those without a voice a can be heard. ...



HALF OF US ARE HELD BACK!





GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

CHAKKE PE KAKSHA

This project, in collaboration with the Belgian organization, 'The Mobile School', provides quality primary learning resources through sixmeter, two-sided interactive panels on wheels. It aims to empower street and slum children by creating welcoming spaces for acceptance and respect. Street educators engage with children to build trust and support the development of a positive self-image.

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MODEL SCHOOL

Ek Tara has partnered with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Schools to enable conversion of one of its primary schools into a model school. Under this project, Ek Tara is working closely with school and government authorities to focus on enabling overall development of children with access to co – curricular activities, digital learning, foundational numeracy and literacy in addition to change in infrastructure enabling an improved learning environment for kids.



GOLPO GHOR

The Golpo Ghor programme, initiated in Kolkata Municipal Corporation Schools, benefits around 400 students across 13 schools in Kolkata. In 2023-24, libraries were established at seven sites, each with a collection of about 500 books tailored to the school's language needs. Books are sourced from several publishers in Bengali and Hindi. Library educators from the community conduct various activities, such as read-alouds and discussions with the children, Golpo Ghor fosters interest in Literature, promotes reading engagement, and enhances language learning among children.

PARTNERSHIPS

GLOBAL SCHOOLS FORUM

Global Schools Forum is a collaborative community, innovation accelerator, and partnership builder for non-state organisations working to improve education at scale for underserved children in low- and middle-income countries.

We are proud to be an active member.



TEACH FOR INDIA

Ek Tara has been in a partnership with Teach for India for almost two years now. Fellows from TFI have been working at the Learning Centre in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. The fellows work with a specific classroom for two years, investing intensively in education and the overall wellbeing of the students. The partnership not only involves working together with the fellows, but also sharing space for dialogue building and learning together.

TEAMYTECH

Since 2023, Team4Tech has been instrumental in enhancing our tech capabilities, supplying critical equipment and Adobe and Microsoft licenses. These additions have greatly improved our operations, enabling efficient workflows, and enriched our digital training programs. With access to Adobe tools, students now gain handson experience in design and photography, equipping them with relevant, career-ready skills that open doors in today's creative industries.

DISAPPEARING DIALOGUES

Disappearing Dialogues (DD) an organisation working primarily in the East Kolkata Wetlands, with students and adults alike has collaborated with Ek Tara for numerous activities, leading to in-depth and hands-on learning about the environment and conservation. Ek Tara took part in the Wipro Earthian contest as one of the few non-profit participants.

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TOMORROWLAND FOUNDATION MUSIC AND ARTS SCHOOL

The Tomorrowland Music and Arts School (TLFMAS) at Ek Tara is the second of its kind in the world with the first one being in Nepal. This 7000 square feet school offers certificate courses, sessions and workshops on Art, Animation, Craft, Dance and Movement, Vocal and Instrumental Music, DJ & EDM, Photography, Theatre and Film Screenings to children not just from Ek Tara but from disadvantaged backgrounds in and around Topsia.



THE MUSIC AND ARTS
SCHOOL BOASTS OF A
LARGE PERFORMANCE
AREA ON THE TERRACE,
WITH AN AUDIENCE
CAPACITY OF 300. THE
SPACE HAS MODERN
FACILITIES LIKE A STATE OF
THE ART MUSIC AND
SOUND SYSTEM, GREEN
ROOM, GALLERY SEATING
AND A SMALLER
WORKSHOP SPACE.

In its first 15 months, TLFMAS achieved the following:

- Conducted 15 workshops for over 300 students
- Engaged over 250 students in internal events
- Involved over 150 students in external events, with some earning national accolades
- Exposed over 400 students to various art forms through activities featuring renowned artists like Martin Garrix and Armin Van Buuren.

THE SCHOOL'S UPCOMING PLANS INCLUDE:

- ENGAGING WITH 500 CHILDREN FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS
- INTRODUCING SUSTAINED ART INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE HOLISTIC LEARNING AND SOCIAL AWARENESS
- IDENTIFYING AND TRAINING TALENTED INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME ARTISTS.







SUMIS Story

Suni* resides in Topsia, with her father and grandmother while sharing their living space with four other families, all of whom use a common bathroom. This shared environment has greatly impacted both their living space and hygiene. Despite these challenging conditions, the bright young mind has refused to be held back by her harsh reality.

Initially a quiet, shy, and anxious child, Suni has flourished into a confident young woman with remarkable academic accomplishments, thanks to the right guidance. Growing up in a single-parent household has presented many challenges. In addition to facing financial and social constraints like others in her area, Suni has had to cope with the trauma of abandonment and the absence of her mother. However, her father has been a steadfast source of support, working hard to provide for the family while encouraging Suni every step of the way.



Ek Tara has played a crucial role in Suni's development. She began at Ek Tara's early learning center before enrolling in the Jewish Girls' School, a well-known mainstream institution in Kolkata, starting from Grade I. Suni has consistently demonstrated academic excellence and aspires to pursue medicine in the future. She has been a class prefect in the last few years as well.

*Name has been changed to protect her identity





NAZ'S STORY!

Naz* journey at Ek Tara Learning Centre highlights the transformative impact of learning English for marginalized women in Kolkata. Born into a family that devalued education, Naz nurtured a passion for learning at home. After marrying at 16 and becoming a mother at 18, she continued to foster a love for education in her children.

Her turning point came when she joined Ek Tara as a care giver for the children in the Learning Centre and overcame her initial hesitation in English. Encouraged by a mentor, she enrolled in a spoken English class, which significantly boosted her confidence and communication skills.

Now, Naz is empowered, actively participating in her community and advocating for education. Her story exemplifies how English proficiency can break barriers and enable women from low-income households to thrive and contribute meaningfully.

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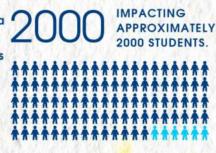


EK TARA RESOURCE CENTRE (ERC)

The Ek Tara Resource Centre (ERC) has served as a catalyst for educational innovation, crafting resources and strategies to benefit students at Ek Tara and its partner schools. With a focus on enhancing teaching methodologies, curriculum development, and educator support, the ERC has played a pivotal role in advancing educational initiatives throughout the year.

ERC ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

Collaborated with over 9 KMCP(Kolkata Municipal Corporation) schools and 4 state government run primary schools, to implement the FLN programme.



Expanded program reach to diverse areas, including Topsia, Tangra, Behala, and Garden Reach



CATERING TO A WIDER DEMOGRAPHIC OF STUDENTS.

ERC ACTIVITIES:

IMPLEMENTED A SYSTEMATIC
TRACKER SYSTEM TO MONITOR
EDUCATOR AND SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE, FACILITATING
DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING
AND PROGRAMME IMPROVEMENT.





FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY (FLN)

One of the pivotal projects of ERC has been the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy project. Throughout the year, Ek Tara's FLN program has demonstrated remarkable progress in enhancing foundational literacy and numeracy skills among underprivileged students in Kolkata's schools.

FLN ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

FLN SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Organized a Teaching-Learning
Material (TLM) exhibition at a
government school, receiving
widespread appreciation for
educators' efforts and programme
impact.

ERC ACTIVITIES:

Crafted approximately 350 lesson plans aligned with SCERT curriculum standards to support effective classroom instruction.

INSTANCES, OR ANECDOTES TO SUPPORT YOUR ARGUMENTS ACHIEVED AN **AVERAGE 32 PERCENT GROWTH** IN LANGUAGE AND NUMERACY SKILLS AMONG CLASS 5 STUDENTS THROUGH COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS.

CONDUCTED BASELINE AND ENDLINE

ASSESSMENTS TO MAP STUDENTS' PROFICIENCY LEVELS AND TRACK PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

INTRODUCED TARGETED REMEDIAL CURRICULUM FOR **CLASSES 3 TO 5**, ADDRESSING SPECIFIC LEARNING CHALLENGES AND FOSTERING A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

EK TARA COMMUNITY CENTRE (ECC)

THE EK TARA COMMUNITY CENTRE IS A 10,000 SQ FT FACILITY THAT IS DEDICATED TO PROGRAMMES GEARED TOWARDS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL MOBILITY OF WOMEN.

EK TARA BAKES

Ek Tara Community Centre saw the inauguration of the Ek Tara Bakes Initiative by the Michellin-starred pastry chef Mr. Roger van Damme on 14th February 2024 along with Mr Shashvat Dhandhania of restaurant 'To Die For', Kolkata

This endeavour, supported by 'Her Future Coalition' has been brought to life with the purpose of providing an opportunity for the women of Ek Tara and the community to learn a new skill, and become masters at it so that they can lead empowered lives.

"ANNAM"

The Community Center is home to "Annam" our community kitchen that cooks hygienic, nutritious vegetarian meals and snacks for over 1200 children and staff at Ek Tara.

The kitchen also sells subsidized meals to factories and other businesses around the area. Community mothers participate as the main workforce thereby ensuring quality and hygiene in the kitchen. This also ensures their economic independence.



"EK TARA CREATES"

EK TARA CREATES IS A SOCIAL **ENTERPRISE WORKING WITH WOMEN FROM VULNERABLE BACKGROUNDS THAT DELIVERS CUSTOMISED LARGE** SCALE TAILORING SERVICES. THE ENTERPRISE ENGAGES WITH OVER 35 WOMEN TO **CREATE A WIDE VARIETY OF** PRODUCTS THAT RANGE FROM **PERSONAL TO HOME ACCESSORIES THAT ARE SOLD** THROUGH ONLINE AND **OFFLINE RETAIL PARTNERS** AND EXHIBITIONS ACROSS THE **COUNTRY. THE UNIT** SPECIALISES IN SEASONAL ORDERS AND WORKS LARGELY IN THE GIFTING SECTOR THAT CATERS TO CORPORATES. WEDDINGS, DESIGNERS AND INDIVIDUALS. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THE UNIT HAS **COLLABORATED WITH LEADING STORES, DESIGNERS** ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ALSO DELIVERED PRODUCTS TO OVERSEAS CLIENTS.





CHILDREN IMPACTED THROUGH DIRECT EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION AT THE LEARNING CENTRE



TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED FOR 30 TEACHERS





500

NUMBER OF HOME VISITS CONDUCTED



NUMBER OF MEDICAL **ASSISTANCE** PROVIDED

NUMBER OF MEALS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN



Daily Meals 69219



Special Meals



2022 (Dec) - 2024 (March) Tomorrowland foundation Music and Arts School (TLFMAS) Engagement



students participated in 18 workshops



260+

students participated in 6 internal events



150+

students participated in 12 external events



our supporters over the years

Ek Tara's journey so far has been made possible because of the immense support we have received from both individuals and organizations. While this list is not comprehensive, it highlights just a few of our partners and donors. We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has stood by us.

Merlin Projects Ltd

ABC Consultants Accord India Bagaria Public Welfare Trust Bengal NRI/Urbana Bhabook Birla Academy of Arts and Culture **Bombay Gow Rakshak Trust CDC Printers Pvt Ltd Disappearing Dialogues** Dr. G K Saraf Foundation Ebaco India Pvt Ltd **Eveready Industries India Ltd Exide Industries Ltd GiveIndia Foundation** Global Schools Forum **Goethe Institut** Greenlam Her Future Coalition Himadri Foundation **HT Parekh Foundation** Indian Oil Petronas Private Ltd **Indigo Paints Indus Valley World School Kolkata Foundation Kolkata Municipal Corporation Kusum International Leaders Quest Lexus Motors Ltd London Business School** MCKS Food For Hungry Foundation

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Trustees **Ek Tara** ("Trust") 31/1, Topsia Road (South) Kolkata 700 046

1. Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of **Ek Tara** ("Trust") which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31st 2024, Income and Expenditure account, for the year then ended and Receipts and Payment account along with notes to the financial statements, including a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at March 31, 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

2. Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of the report. I am independent of the entity in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by ICAI and I have fulfilled the other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

3. Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs, results of operations and cash flows of the entity in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going



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concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

4. Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion on the financial statements.

5. Report on other matters

- 1. Further to my comments as mentioned above, I report as follows:
- a) I have sought and obtained all the Information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit.
- b) In my opinion proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Trust so far as it appears from the examination of those books
- c) The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
- d) No property or funds of the Trust had been applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the Trust.
- e) No investments have been made in assets prohibited under the laws applicable to the Trust.
- f) Report under form 10B of the Income Tax Act has also been issued

For DIPANKAR NANDI & ASSOCIATES Chartered Accountants

Pallah Mukherjii CA Pallab Mukherjee

Proprietor Mem. No. 063037 FRN – 0324207E

Place: - Kolkata Date: - 31/08/2024

UDIN-24063037BKBNHR8161 (10B)



EK TARA 31/1. Topsia Road (South), Kolkata - 700006 Balance Sheet As At 31.03.2024

Liabilities	Note	As On 31.03.2024	As On 31.03.2023	Assets	Note	As On 31.03.2024	As On 31.03.2023
	_	*	₹				₹
Trust Fund				Fixed Assets (At WDV)	3.5	62,22,469.11	44,13,836.00
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Trust Other Fund		1,12,33,120.00	1,12,33,120.00				
Project Funds		95,06,215.92	78,39,322.40	Current Assets			
Specified Purpose Fund for		-	1,06,990.00	Loans & Advances	3.6	23,75,312.40	21,48,087.20
expenditure u/s 11(2)							
Reserves & Surplus		3,21,36,378.90	2,96,71,570.91				
		5,35,95,714.81	4,95,71,003.31	Cash & Bank Balances	3.7		
				Cash in Hand		2,37,364.00	87,165.00
Current Liabilities & Provisions	3.4	17,51,068.00	13,43,995.00	With banks in Current / Savings a/c		2,49,27,613.30	2,46,07,131.09
				Balances in Term Deposits in banks		2,15,84,024.00	1,96,58,779.02
				(including accrued interest)			
Total		5,53,46,782.81	5,09,14,998.31	Total		5,53,46,782.81	5,09,14,998.31

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes 1-3.13 to the Financial Statements
The Notes form an integral part of the Balance Sheet

In terms of our report of even date For, Dipankar Nandi & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Reg. No: 324207E

Pallat Nukherjo Pallab Mukherjee
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Membership number 063037

Place : Kolkata
Date : August 2024
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Namrata Sureka Trustee Trustee

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31/1. Topsia Road (South), Kolkata - 700006 Income And Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 31st March 2024

EXPENDITURE	Note	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023	INCOME	Note	Year ended on 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.20223
	1	Amount (₹)	Amount (利)			Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
To Charitable Program Expenses	3.9			By Donations Received	3.8	5,64,32,850.82	5,52,56,570.01
Education Program		2,44,68,365.73	2,23,19,495.00	By Recovery of costs			
Community Engagement		1,38,56,443.00	1,02,18,102.31	By Liabilities written back			4,845.00
Music, Art School		42,72,260.00	34,18,524.00	By Student fees	3.10	12,06,605.00	11,84,125.00
		4,25,97,068.73	3,59,56,121.31				
To Administrative and Other Expenses			- 104.00000	By Income From Bank Interest	t on	774	
Bank Charges		16,214.64	16,651.88	Savings Account		-5,23,438.00	4,33,552.00
Interest on delayed payments		11,128.00	659.00	Fixed Deposits		14,44,233.00	11,66,651.00
Salaries, Stipend and Trainee Allowance		32,04,905.00	14,88,001.00			19,67,671.00	16,00,203.00
Provident Fund and Other Welfare expe	nses	1,77,274.00	6,01,230.00	By Interest on Income Tax Ref	fund		10,847.95
Professional & Consultancy Charges		11,79,193.00	4,29,679.00	By Interest on Security Depos	its	5,745.00	
Electricity charges		4,73,015.00	3,48,550.00	100			
Postage & Courier Charges		12,838.00	677.00				
Rent		38,94,000.00	31,86,000.00				
Municipal Tax for Rented Premises		45,774.00	46,404.00	10			
Printing & Stationary Expenses		1,07,155.00	1,12,025.00				
Travelling & Conveyance-							
Car Running Expenses	ſ	1,62,828.00	1,44,098.00				
Travelling & Tours							
Conveyance charges		25,739.00	9,628.00				
The secretary and the second	,	1,88,567.00	1,53,726.00				
Office Expenses		3,21,298.00	1,93,141.00				
Repair & Maintenance Charges		10,82,359.50	8,00,393.50				
Fund Raising Expenses		1,37,832.00	1,15,487.00				
Audit fees		47,200.00	70,800.00				
Building & Furniture Renovation, mainte	enance	2,46,875.00	2,38,162.00				
Seminars/Conference/Training Expense		67,261.00	30,100.00				
Taxes & Other fees		60,900.00	2,610.00				
Telephone & Internet		1,29,424.00	1,51,878.00				
Miscellaneous Expense			998.00				
Web Development, Maintenance & IT S	ervices	84,550.45	1,63,582.43				
Computer Maintenance Charges		4,654.00					
Loss on Disposal of Fixed assets		20,677.00					
Amortisation of S/w Installation costs		66,781.00					
To Depreciation		14,11,216.00	9,08,331.00				
To Excess of Income Over Expenditure		40,24,711.50	1,30,41,383.84				
Total		5,96,12,871.82	5,80,56,590.96	Total		5,96,12,871.82	5,80,56,590.9

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements - 1 -3.13 The Notes form an integral part of the Income & Expenditure Account In terms of our report of even date

For, Dipankar Nandi & Associates Chartered Accountants

Firm Reg. No: 324207E

Pallah Tukleyer

Pallab Mukherjee

Partner PROPRIETOR
Membership number 063037

Place : Kolkata Date : th August, 2024 3/st

Namrata Sureka Trustee

Vinita Saraf

31/1. TOPSIA ROAD(SOUTH), KOLKATA - 700046 Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2024

Receipts	Year ended 3	1.03.2024	Year ended	31.03.2023	Payments	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
	1		(*)	(₹)		(₹)	(₹)
To Opening Balance	1	f			By Payments to Creditors	1,42,10,464.73	1,39,10,823.00
Balance at bank:		1			By Professional fees	59,32,583.00	18,66,902.00
In Savings & Current	2,46,07,131.09	1	1,44,32,118.20		By Salaries	1,95,34,949.00	1,49,04,790.00
Cash in Hand	87,165.00	2,46,94,296.09	48,227.00	1,44,80,345.20	By Trainee allowances	7,66,249.00	9,95,697.00
To Donations Received					By Term Deposits (Banks)	1,33,90,000.00	1,95,70,000.00
FCRA donations	2,32,94,125.61		2,49,98,862.89		By Salary & Other advances	2,24,387.00	30,415.00
Non FCRA donations	3,26,12,138.96	5,59,06,264.57	2,16,27,059.11	4,66,25,922.00	By Opening Liabilities paid		1,44,545.00
To Interest on					By Purchase Fixed Assets	29,04,530.11	4,21,626.00
Savings bank account	5,23,438.00		4,33,552.00		By Administrative Expenses	14,79,283.06	40,07,357.88
Term Deposits	14,44,233.00	19,67,671.00	2,26,446.00		By Statutory dues payment	31,77,754.32	22,39,611.00
Income Tax Refund			10,847.95	6,70,845.95	By FCRA Charitable Expenses	35,63,209.00	
To FDs Matured	1	1,13,20,331.12		2,56,20,748.00	By Non FC Charitable Expenses	19,73,112.00	60,62,852.00
To Income Tax Refund	- 1			1,44,662.00	By Current Account Advances	29,43,923.00	12,04,916.00
To Refund of Advance	- 1	7,254,00		11,78,752.82	By TDS Paid		17,270.00
To Student Security Deposits	1	1,59,000.00	1	2,54,000.00	-	-1	
To Student fees		12,06,605.00		10,92,625.00			
Stale Cheques	- 1	Composition Composition		3,200.00	By Closing Balance	1 1	
Sale of assets	- 1	4,000.00			Balance at bank:		
	- 1				In Savings/Current account	2,49,27,613.56	2,46,07,131.09
					Cash in Hand	2,37,364.00	87,165.00
Total		9,52,65,421.78		9,00,71,100.97	Total	9,52,65,421.78	9,00.71,100.97

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes form an integral part of the Balance Sheet

In terms of our report of even date

For, Dipankar Nandi & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Reg. No: 324207E

Pallah Tukherju Pallab Mukherjee

Portner PROPRIETOR Membership number 063037 Place : Kolkata

Date: th August, 2024

For Ek Tara

EK TARA

Namala Swela Trustee

EK TARA





EKTARA 31/1. Topsia Road (South), Kolkata - 700006

Notes forming part of the financial statements as at 31.03.2024

Overview of the Trust's Operations

A registered Trust, Ek Tara began its journey in 2011 with the mission for providing high-quality holistic education to children and women of impoverished families to enable community transformation. As a part of its programme and projects, all beneficiaries, including those in the vocational training unit, have access to support programmes on health, hygiene, nutrition and skill building opportunities.

Its aim is also to enable future generations of impoverished people to break out of the poverty enforced lack of education.

Accounting Policy

2.1 Grant/ Donations Accounting All grants are accounted on receipt and expenditure and liabilities are accounted /recognised on accrual basis. Grants / donations received towards the year end and not possible to be expended within the financial year, are treated as Advance donations and necessary applications as required under the Income Tax rules for deferment of expenditure to the next financial year are made by the Trust.

2.2 Grant/ Donation Accounting on specified projects

Grants /donations accepted / received towards implementation of various programmes for carrying out specific purposes are spent according to the direction of the donor agencies and unspent balances, if any, are dealt with in accordance with the instructions/arrangement with the donor agencies. Normally the donations are received to be spent within the financial years and so they are treated as income of the year when they are received, unless they are received at the year end and treated as "Advance donation".

2.3 Interest on Deposits

Interest income is accounted on accrual basis.

Donations specifically received towards Corpus are added to the Trust fund and are separately disclosed.

2.5 Fixed assets are stated at cost of acquisition

Assets created out of a Project Grant are stated at cost of acquisition to the Trust.

Depreciation on fixed assets are provided on written down value method at rates provided in the Income Tax Act, 1961. Depreciation on the Assets created out of Project funds are adjusted against the Capital Fund.

2.7 Disclosure and classification of expenditure

All expenditure incurred directly towards the charitable programmes of the Trust are disclosed as "Charitable Programme Expenses" and all other expenditure providing support to the programmes are disclosed under Administrative and Other expenses.

All expenses are accounted for on accrual basis.

2.8 Employee benefits

Cost of short term employee benefits are recognised on accrual basis on the terms of the employment contract and other

relevant compensation policies followed by the Trust.
Leave is not accumulated and are allowed to be encashed within the financial year.



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- 3 Additional disclosure
- 3.1 EkTara is a Charitable Trust registered under section 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- 3.2 There are no contingent liability as on the date of the Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2024

3.3	Trust	Fund
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3.3	Trust Fund Particulars	1	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
		Ì	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
(a)	Corpus			
	Balance as at beginning of year		7,20,000.00	7,20,000.00
	Add: Corpus donations received			The second second
	Balance as at close of year	A	7,20,000.00	7,20,000.00
(b)	Trust Other Fund			
	Balance as at beginning of year		1,12,33,120.00	1,12,33,120.00
	Balance as at close of year	В	1,12,33,120.00	1,12,33,120.00
(c)	Project Funds (amounts unspent at	the year end)		
	FCRA Funds		75,74,617.30	78,39,322.40
	Non FCRA		19,31,598.62	
		c	95,06,215.92	78,39,322.40
	Less: Carried over u/s 11 (2)		-	1,06,990.00
	Unspent Project funds (other than se	et aside u/s 11(2)	95,06,215.92	77,32,332.40
(d)	Specified Purpose Fund for expendi	ture u/s 11(2)		
0.000	Balance at beginning of the year		1,06,990.00	10,08,274.69
	Transfer from General Fund		-	
			1,06,990.00	10,08,274.69
	Less: Utilised during the year		1,06,990.00	9,01,284.69
	Balance as at close of year	D .	-	1,06,990.00
(e)	General Fund			
	Balance as at beginning of year		2,96,71,570.91	2,29,39,522.78
	Add: Excess of Income over Expendit	ture for the year	40,24,711.50	1,30,41,383.84
	9		3,36,96,282.41	3,59,80,906.62
	Add: Amount unspent at the beginni	ng of the year	78,39,322.40	6,28,702.00
	Less: Unspent Project Fund Surplus t	ransferred to	95,06,215.92	78,39,322.40
	Less: Transfer to Specified Purpose F	und u/s 11(2)	2 - Control - Co	-
	Add: Amount adjusted against exper		1,06,990.00	9,01,284.69
	Specified fund u/s 11(2)			10000
		Ε .	3,21,36,378.90	2,96,71,570.91
	Total Trust Fund	A+B+C+D+E	5,35,95,714.81	4,95,71,003.31

3.4 Current Liabilities

Current risonities		
Particulars	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Liabilities for expenses	98,077.00	1,00,360.00
Statutory dues payable	3,93,184.00	2,99,357.00
Audit fees Payable	47,200.00	47,200.00
Sundry Creditors	2,34,424.00	1,53,778.00
Other Credit balances	•	6,000.00
Other Liabilities	81,883.00	
Caution Deposits on Education activities *	8,96,300.00	7,37,300.00
Advance Donations - (Including donation received	*	
towards CSR Activities of CY; PY-₹ nil)*		
Total	17,51,068.00	13,43,995.00

* In case of drop outs, the amounts received are treated as donations and not refunded. Such deposits are to be refunded at the end of Class X examination (SSC). In FY 2020-23 * 91500 was forfeited and disclosed under ELC Student fees in the Income & Expenditure account. Such amount that need to be forfeited has not been ascertained as on 31.3.2024. This amount will ne treated as income once the amount to be forfeited has been finalised.

** All donations received till 31.3,2024 has been treated as income of the financial year 2023-24. No amount has been treated as Advance donations a at 31.3.2024. However there are on-going projects for various donations received with unspent funds as at the year end and which are carried forwad as Project Funds (refer note 3.3 (c). All unspent donations as on 31,3,2023 has been fully spent during FY 2023-24 including ₹ 106,990, for which For 10 B had been filled with I.T Authorities.

2.3	LIYER WORES
	Assets Descri

Assets Description *	Rates	Written down value as at 1st April 2023	Additions during the year (more than 180 days)	Additions during the year (less than 180 days)	Disposal / Adjustment during the year	Total as at 31.3.2023	Depreciation for the year (Refer Note below)	Written down value as at March 31 2024
		Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
Sewing Machine ¹	15%	1,24,548.00		1.00		1,24,549.00	18,682.00	1,05,867.00
Air Conditioners	15%	73,673.00	2,46,000.00		2	3,19,673.00	47,951.00	2,71,722.00
Furnitures:								
Fixtures & Electric fans	10%	1,92,474.00		62,340.00		2,54,814.00	22,364.00	2,32,450.00
Classroom /Office furnitures	10%	15,23,217.00	58,567.00	23,600.00	-	16,05,384.00	1,59,359.00	14,46,025.00
Equipments:								
Televsions sets & Stands	15%	82,536.00	72,498.00	1,56,126.00	-	3,11,160.00	34,964.00	2,76,196.00
CCTV Cameras, accs	15%	1,45,980.00	111000000000000000000000000000000000000	1,41,547.00		2,87,527.00	32,513.00	2,55,014.00
Sound systems	15%	25,796.00	1,00,000.00		-	1,25,796.00	18,869.00	1,06,927.00
Projectors & Accessories	15%	17,721.00		66,560.00		84,281.00	7,650.00	76,631.00
Kitchen Equipments	15%	11,297.00		4,93,724.00		5,05,021.00	38,724.00	4,66,297.00
Water purifiers	15%	1,31,145.00	-	30,000.00	-	1,61,145.00	21,922.00	1,39,223.00
Refrigerators	15%	16,173.00	+	14,800.00		30,973.00	3,536.00	27,437.00
Fire Extinguishers	15%	98,818.00	*:	83,694.00	*	1,82,512.00	21,100.00	1,61,412.00
Other offie Equipment	15%	1,171.00				1,171.00	176.00	995.00
Vehicles	15%	7,59,630.00	4	4,52,536.00	1,06,138.00	11,06,028.00	1,45,974.00	9,60,054.00
Bicycles & cycle vans	5%	22,921.00	14	2	18,539.00	4,382.00	3,169.00	1,213.00
Computers- H/w & accessories								
Laptop,tablets, desktops, N/w	40%	5,11,826.00	4,89,436.00	6,08,919.11		16,10,181.11	5,22,288.00	10,87,893.11
Smartphones, mobiles	40%	6,39,193.00	512			6,39,193.00	2,55,677.00	3,83,516.00
Printers, scanners etc	40%		63,749.00	73,750.00		1,37,499.00	40,250.00	97,249.00
		43,78,119.00	10,30,250.00	22,07,597.11	1,24,677.00	74,91,289.11	13,95,168.00	60,96,121.11
Software & Licenses								
Installations and related acc	40%			80,240.00		80,240.00	16,048.00	64,192.00
S/W Licenses ²		35,717.00	19,824.00	73,396.00		1,28,937.00	66,781.00	62,156.00
		35,717.00	19,824.00	1,53,636.00		2,09,177.00	82,829.00	1,26,348.00
		44 12 926 OD	10 50 074 00	22 61 223 11	1 24 677 00	77 00 466 11	14 77 997 00	62 22 469 11

 $\frac{44,13,836.00}{44,13,836.00} \frac{10,50,074.00}{10,50,074.00} \frac{23,61,233.11}{23,61,233.11} \frac{1,24,677.00}{10,24,677.00} \frac{77,00,466.11}{10,21,277,997.00} \frac{14,77,997.00}{10,21}$ Note: * Depreciation is provided on written down value method at rates as mentioned above and on the basis of 100% provision, if put yo use before 1st October and 50%, if put to use after 1st October.

Software license are amortised over the license period. Software installtion costs and related Hardware are amortised @ 40% p.a.

³ Includes additions to following assets received as donations in kind-

	₹
Refrigerator	14,800.00
Micro-oven	11,600.00
Water-Purifier	30,000.00
Vehicle	4,52,536.00
Sewing Machinery	1.00
	5,08,937.00

3.6 Loans & Advances Particulars

Other Advances recoverable in cash or kind School session fees paid in advance Prepaid Expenses Income tax Deducted at Source Current account with Creative EkTara Foundation Total

Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
31.03.2024	31.03.2023
2,98,876.00	2,98,876.00
4,27,670.80	4,76,983.00
	2,82,375.00
1,68,230.00	2,59,300.50
2,65,450.60	1,21,026.70
12,15,085.00	7,09,526.00
23,75,312.40	21,48,087.20
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¹ Includes assets received as donations in kind and carried the books at ₹1/- and no depreciation is provided on the same

² Installation costs have been amortised and S/W License fees of ₹ 66,781 and included in S/W License and Web Maintenance fees

3.7	Cash and Bank Balance	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
	Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	Cash in Hand	237,364.00	87,165.00
	Balances with Scheduled Banks		
	In Savings account	24,871,807.32	13,586,820.50
	In Current account	55,805.98	11,020,310.59
	In Term Deposits [refer note (a) below]	21,514,176.00	19,613,096.02
	Add: Interest accrued on FDs	69,848.00	45,683.00
	T-t-1	46 749 001 30	44 353 075 11

(a) Term Deposits included ₹.40,00,000/- earmarked for deferment of expenditure under section 11(2) in FY 2019-20 for which necessary application under Income Tax Act, 1961 and applicable Rules, aws made. Since the amont deferred in said Form 10B has been fully utilised, this Fixed Deposit is treated as free for use for any other purpose of the Trust.

		Amount (3)	Amount (1)
3.8	Donations Received	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	FCRA Donations -In cash	23,304,125.61	25,821,178.59
	FC Donations -In kind (at cost)	-	15,627.95
	NFC Donations - in-kind (at cost)	508,937.00	
	Non FCRA Donations *	32,619,788.21	29,419,763.47
		56,432,850.82	55,256,570.01
	* Includes CSR Donations	11,306,003.00	9,756,949.00

3.9 Charitable Programme expenses of the years 2023-24 and 2022-23 include the following expenses, being directly relating to the Programmes undertaken and not included in Administrative expenses

	Amount (<)	Amount (*)
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Salaries, Stipend and Trainee Allowances	17,998,239.00	8,197,619.00
Professionals/Consultant's charges	6,587,303.00	1,865,881.00
Printing & Stationery	1,083,248.00	1,588,700.00
Conveyance and car running expenses	183,666.00	240,952.00
Telephone & Internet charges	6,000.00	
Building & Furniture Renovation	2,121,047.00	52,650.00
Office Miscellaneous expenses	23,899.00	47,436.00
Postage & Courier		240,038.36
Tours & Travels	315,117.00	30,176.00
Event Expenses	807,186.00	604,446.00
Excit expenses	29,125,705.00	12,867,898.36

- 3.10 Ek Tara Centre collects fees at a fixed rate per month of amounts payable per child attending Ek Tara Learning Centre. This is treated on cash basis as payments are received only as a voluntary commitment from the beneficiaries
- 3.11 The Trust has complied with the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, (FCRA) 2010 and the Trust has a valid registration.
- 3.12 The Projects under implementation during the year and carried over to next financial year (2024-25) being the unutilised balances of ₹ 95,06,215.92 under specified Donations. In earlier years and ₹ 78,39,332.40,which had been claimed for deferment under forms 9A and 10B with the I.T Authorities have been fully utilised. There is carry forward of any unspent donations for which forms 9A has been filed for ₹41,68,594 for deferment of expenditure as on 31.3.2024.
- 3.13 Figures of the previous year has been regrouped and /or reclassified to conform to current year grouping and classification.

The Notes form an integral part of the Income & Expenditure Account In terms of our report of even date

For, Dipankar Nandi & Associates

Chartered Accountants

Firm Reg. No: 324207E

EK TARA

Pallab Mukherjee

Proprietor

Membership number 063037

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Place : Kolkata Date: 31st August, 2024 (UDIN: 24063037BKBNHR8161) (10B)

















































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