

Annual Report

2022-2023



Message from our Founders!

It gives us great pride to share our Annual Report 2022-2023 with all our friends, supporters and well wishers. The past year has been filled with activities, accomplishments, combined efforts by students and increased participation of parents.

Ek Tara is now 8 years old. As we have travelled down this road since 2015, we have taken steps on a path less travelled.

We at Ek Tara believe in educating every child for them to become a changemaker in society at large. We focus on a child-centric curriculum and pedagogy nurturing the first generation learner with multidisciplinary experiences and learnings which will help them deal with conflicts, work in teams and learn from successes and failures.

Innovation and change are the only constant and we at Ek Tara are experiencing it first-hand. We are collaborating with like-minded partners who believe in our mission and vision. We are evolving every day to adapt to the dynamics of the changing world.

With robots replacing humans and AI becoming so important we are heading towards a hugely different world from what we inherited. Our children need to be ready with 21st Century skills to deal with this.

We are truly privileged to work with multiple stakeholders within the community and outside, who have given us the space to grow and encourage us to keep setting our own boundaries.

No stone is left unturned to make life meaningful for the shining stars of Ek Tara.

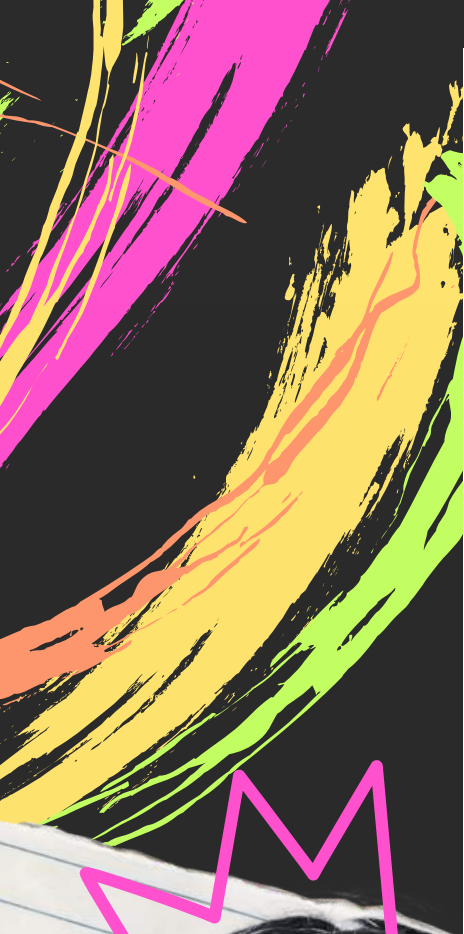
We are ever grateful and look forward to your continued support.

Vinita and Namrata



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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.

AREAS WE WORK IN

1

Migrant Unskilled Workers

Migrant communities living in Eastern India's largest slums. Unskilled and seasonal daily wage earners with average monthly income of \$70.

3

Boys over girls

Boys get priority in education, **girls are ignored** and have no voice. Deep-rooted patriarchal mindsets.

2

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**.

4

High Crime rate

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

5

Learning loss due to Covid-19

School closure due to the pandemic also led to **complete disconnect from education** for the vast majority of children coming from our community.

WHAT WE DO

Enable girls to:

- Break the cycle of poverty and patriarchy.
- Make informed choices and decisions.
- Lead dignified and empowered lives.





FOCUS POINTS OF EK TARA

1

Holistic Development

The curricula covered at Ek Tara is not restricted to just academics. There are a wide range of Extra Curricular Activities for children to support their overall growth.

2

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.

4

Empower women & children

All beneficiaries of Ek Tara are engaged and empowered by giving them access to quality learning, information and knowledge

3

Facilitate school completion

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

Provide access to high quality learning tools as children have the same academic competencies as their peers studying in mainstream schools.



Quality English medium education with focus on FLN



Comprehensive development including physical health, SEL

To develop and enhance problem-solving, reasoning, critical thinking, creative thinking and communication abilities among other 21st century schools.



Enabling parents as partners in child's academic journey

We understand that parents are active collaborators in forwarding our mission.

To make learning and development contextual and applicable.



Child-centric approach

Minimize child labour, marriage or abuse and avoid school dropouts.



Providing job linked trainings and other skill building opportunities



Forging multi-level partnerships with key stakeholders within the community

Prioritize the wellbeing of the child.

Our Approach

Educate

The content of a book

HOLDS THE POWER

of education

and it is

WITH THIS POWER

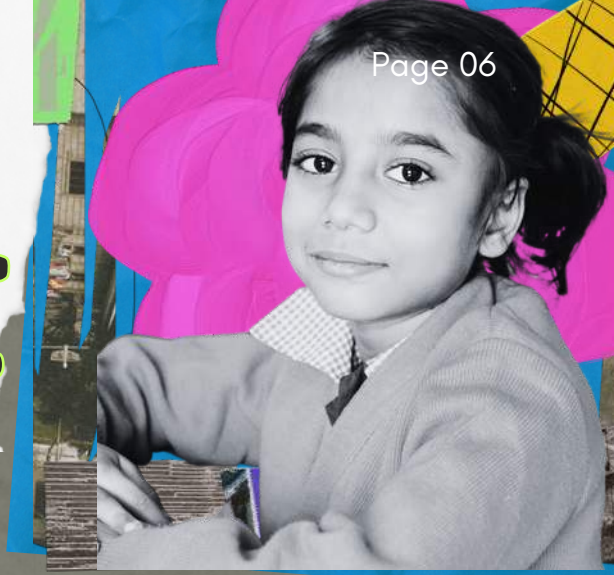
that we can shape

**our future and change
lives!!**

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OUR TIMELINE



2011-2014

Ek Tara began with a creche with 50 children and a small vocational training unit with an aim to provide skills to women.

By 2013 the focus shifted to education as that was where the biggest gap was. This led to the start of our education programme with 300 children, Health, Hygiene & Nutrition programme along with the vocational training unit.

2015-2018

Ek Tara formally registered and set up a Pre-Primary and Primary section. Its work with the larger community also increased during this period.

Number of student beneficiaries increased to over 800.

Partnership with the Belgium organization Mobile School started in 2017 to reach out to more number of children.

2019-2020

Consolidation of the education programme and focus on co-curricular activities for overall development. Plans for expansion into a new space.

2021

Covid-19 led to Ek Tara taking up welfare programme for a short duration and again from 2021 we shifted our focus on our main programme. In November 2020 we decided to reopen the Learning Center. We launched the state-of-the-art Ek Tara Learning Centre (ELC) in March, 2021 and the Ek Tara Community Centre (ECC) was set up in the same year.

2022-2023

With the ELC and ECC in place, Ek Tara focused more on partnerships and collaboration with the Kolkata Municipal School and Mobile School. Through our partnership with the Tomorrowland Foundation, we were able to create a state-of-the-art music and arts school (MAS) for children from marginalized communities, in Kolkata.

The Future

With plans to reach out to over 3000 children in 2023 through various programmes, Ek Tara will now focus on scaling with Government and Non-Government partners by replicating its projects and by future consolidating ELC, ECC and MAS.



Ek TARA LEARNING CENTRE



Launched in 2021, the Ek Tara Learning Centre provides a **safe and nurturing space** for the education vertical at Ek Tara. ELC works with students in the Early Childhood Education Centre (ECLC), the Primary and Her Future Coalition Middle School and the School Support project—providing tailored academic interventions and co-curricular support, to ensure the holistic development of each learner.

Reaching out to over 1000 children, with a robust Resource Centre, the ELC also now houses the Tomorrowland Foundation Music and Arts School: with facilities for arts, music, dance and theatre. The centre has well-equipped classrooms, digital teaching tools, an integrated Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) Laboratory, a Computer Laboratory and Story Hub, the library.



We cater the following programs for the centre:

- Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC)
- Primary and Middle School (Pri & Mid School)
- School Support Project
- Child Welfare and Parental Engagement (CWPE)
- Library Project
- Digital Literacy
- Co-curricular Activities (CCA)
- STEAM
- Meal Plan

THE LEARNING CENTRE WILL IN THE FUTURE FOCUS ON:

- 100% enrollment of students in institutes for higher education, with a focus on enabling them to achieve success in whichever field they choose.
- Increased student empowerment- through activities and classroom and academic engagement.
- Increased engagement with schools in the city.
- Teacher training and capacity building.
- A consolidated Monitoring and Evaluation plan for the centre.
- Skill training and empowerment of high school students.
- Increased parent participation.



THE GLOBAL GOALS

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.



Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC)

The project reaches out over 220 children aged 3 to 6 years in order to develop a strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and other development indices. This pre-primary project aims at overall development of the children so that they are ready for primary school. It aims at the holistic development of a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and well-being.



School Support

Over 250 students are a part of the School Support project-enrolled in 14 schools across the city. Apart from the three main educational boards- CBSE, ICSE and the West Bengal State Board, a group of students have now also been enrolled in NIOS. The students who are a part of the school support project attend classes at ELC to address academic needs. They also take part in a host of activities, ranging from art craft and Karate to Leadership training, soft skills development, photography and theatre. The school support project also engages mentors to look into specific areas of the growth of these students.

Digital Literacy

For all students of Ek Tara there are digital classes to support their academic development. These classes include the use of smart boards, laptop based classes, computer practicals and tablet based learning. These classes enable children to use technology in everyday life.

Meal Plan

Each child coming to Ek Tara is given either breakfast or lunch, in some cases both depending upon the amount of time they spend. The meals are sourced locally, cooked and compiled at the Ek Tara Community Centre kitchen. Each day the kitchen prepares over 1300 meals that include snacks and lunch.

Library project

The Library at Ek Tara- Story Hub, is a collaboration between Ek Tara and Bhakook. The library reaches out to all students in the primary and middle school on a weekly basis, for interactive read-alouds, storytelling, independent reading allowing for students to creatively express themselves. Students have started issuing storybooks and over 300 books are in circulation, in just a months' time. Activities at the library include role-plays, fun with colours and art work, all designed to increase engagement with books.



Primary and Middle School (Pri & Mid School)

Primary and Her Future Coalition Middle School caters to over 500 students in grades 1-7. They are engaged through the day in academics and co-curricular activities that are geared towards empowering them to become independent, active decision makers. Teachers in the primary and middle school follow the NCERT curriculum with a need and ability based progression. The teachers go through various teacher trainings to equip them to teach effectively. They are also involved in numerous activities that give them an exposure to what is happening in the city- including dance performances, visits to museums and exhibitions, mime and theatre. Students also have regular classes in Spoken English and Computers.



Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)

STEAM Lab is an exposure space for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths all mashed together. We had started the lab space last year and slowly built a curriculum with an activity/experiment list. In the academic year 2022-23, we have tried to slowly sync. With a dedicated STEAM lab supervisor and STEAM lab assistant, the science teachers are responsible for the syncing of the lab activities with Grade5-7 curriculum. In December 2022, we conducted a highly-appreciated science exhibition in-house led by our students and teachers.

Child Welfare and Parental Engagement (CWPE)

Ek Tara focuses on building capacities of families of the children and women it works with. Under the CWPE vertical the wellbeing of each child is prioritised extending beyond the classroom. The work was based out of Ek Tara's centres and included home visits, focus group discussions with parents, implementation of the Child Protection Policy among others. Various information sharing workshops and training are also offered in the centres to parents to enable them to support their children's schooling, preparation for college and job readiness.

Through our health and hygiene interventions we were able to instill a sense of healthy behaviour and make changes that reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases and other morbidities. Workshops and training programs impacted 1700 mothers in periodical sessions covering topics on menstrual hygiene, immunization for 3-5 yrs children, breast cancer, dengue and malaria, MR vaccination.



FARIN'S STORY

Farin Khatoon has been an indispensable part of Ek Tara ever since she joined in the year 2019. She is a jovial kid and her face doesn't give away the pain that life inflicts on her on an everyday basis.

FARIN'S FATHER IS AN ALCOHOLIC. HER DESTITUTION GOES BACK TO THE TIME WHEN SHE WAS MERELY TEN.

HER FATHER TOOK TO DRINKING AND INEVITABLY, SUBJECTED THE FAMILY TO THE VICES THAT COME WITH IT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HE DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR UPBRINGING, MONETARILY AND EMOTIONALLY BOTH. FARIN HAS TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HER FAMILY AND STRUGGLES EVERY DAY TO MAKE DO IN LIFE.



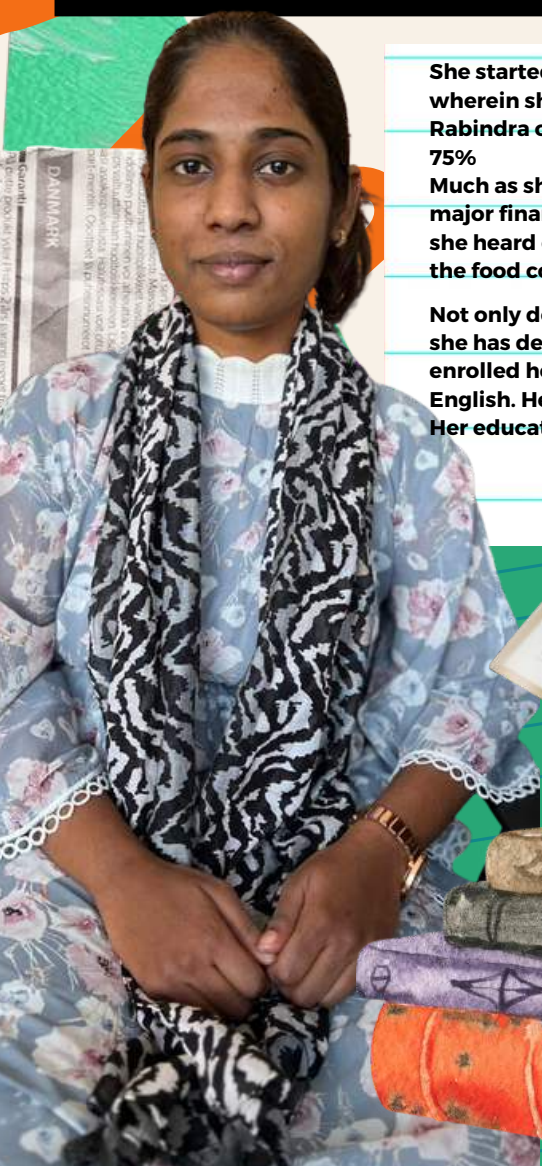
She started her schooling in a non formal set up and later enrolled herself in Adivali Gunge wherein she studied till grade 10th. Following that, in the same year, she was enrolled in Rabindra open school and took her 12th board exam there. She did exceptionally well and scored 75%

Much as she was doing well academically, the situation at home only worsened. There was a major financial constraint and finding a job was a pressing priority for Farin. It was then when she heard of Ek Tara through one of the staff. She works as a floor supervisor and keeps track of the food count. She also assists in organizing events.

Not only does she work diligently to provide for her family but also she has decided to complete her education. Subsequently, she enrolled herself in Surendranath College and is pursuing a BA in English. Her subjects are English, Bengali, Sociology, and Education. Her educational expenditure is taken care of by Ek Tara.

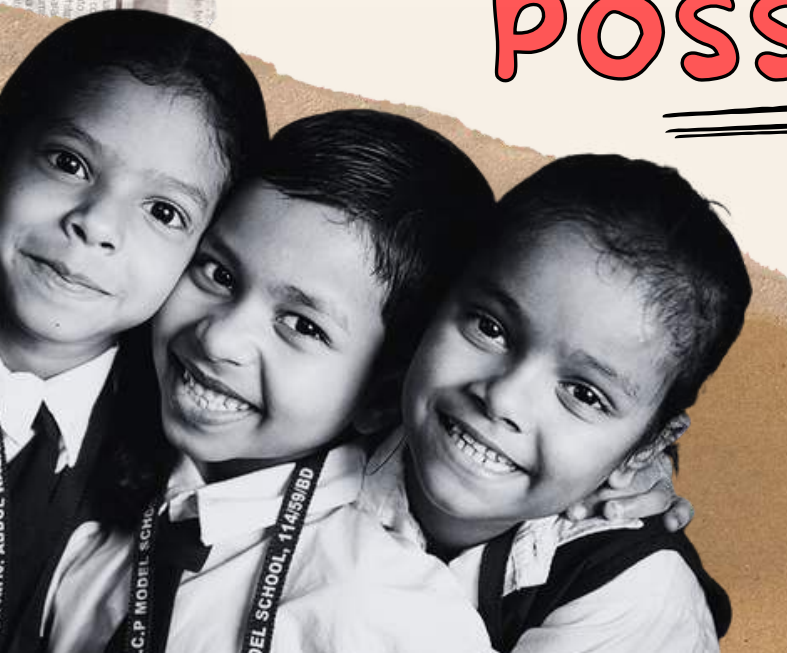
GOALS

She aspires to become a teacher and continues to work hard to realize her dreams. She has been inspirational to many, and we at Ek Tara, applaud her for the unflinching courage and determination she has shown.





ENGAGE
WE HAVE TO
TELL OUR
GIRLS
THAT THEY
CAN REACH
AS HIGH AS
HUMANLY
POSSIBLE!



BEYONCÉ

Partnerships

CHAKKE PE KAKSHA

This project is in partnership with a Belgian organisation – The Mobile School. The initiative aims to provide quality learning resources at the primary level using an extendable six-metre-long, two-sided panels on wheels. The interactive learning experience includes 360 panels on various subjects to promote skills-building and empowerment for young school goers. The project seeks out street and slum children in their own environment and creates positive meeting places where the child is unconditionally accepted and respected. The street educators visit the children to listen to them, build up a trusting relationship and offer opportunities to develop a positive self-image.



KMC MODEL SCHOOL

Ek Tara has partnered with the Kolkata Municipal Education Department 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.



KMC MODEL SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING CLASS



DISAPPEARING DIALOGUES

Disappearing Dialogues (DD) has been working to facilitate environmental awareness and conservation by combining innovation and interventions that build a constituency among the youth for the preservation of the wetland's socio-spatial environment. Ek Tara partnered with DD to provide exposure to the students regarding the environment and ecosystem around them which often go unnoticed. They participated in many workshops on art, music and dance. They were also given a chance to research and explore.



BHABOOK

Ek Tara in partnership with Bhabook co-created a library programme envisioning a vibrant and active library at Ek Tara Learning Centre (ELC). The Ek Tara Library is now a hub of library activities, ready to replicate libraries in and around the communities where Ek Tara is presently working through a hub-and-spoke model. The capacity building of the library educators and the school teachers are also conducted by the Bhabook team. Bhabook Team with the support of consultants and advisors.



MYSTEMZONE

MySTEMZone makes STEM lab kits for grades 1-7, based on NCERT syllabus.

Ek Tara has bought STEM lab kits for grade 1-6 for our STEAM lab. They conducted a demonstration of their lab kit at Ek Tara. The kits are used on a regular basis to conduct STEAM lab sessions with our students.



BHUMI

Bhumi is an organization that mobilises volunteers for various projects about education, climate change, etc.

Ek Tara partnered with Bhumi on two of their educational projects - Kanini for Computer classes and Yantra for Robotics classes. Their volunteers conduct computer classes for school support and robotics classes for middle school students.

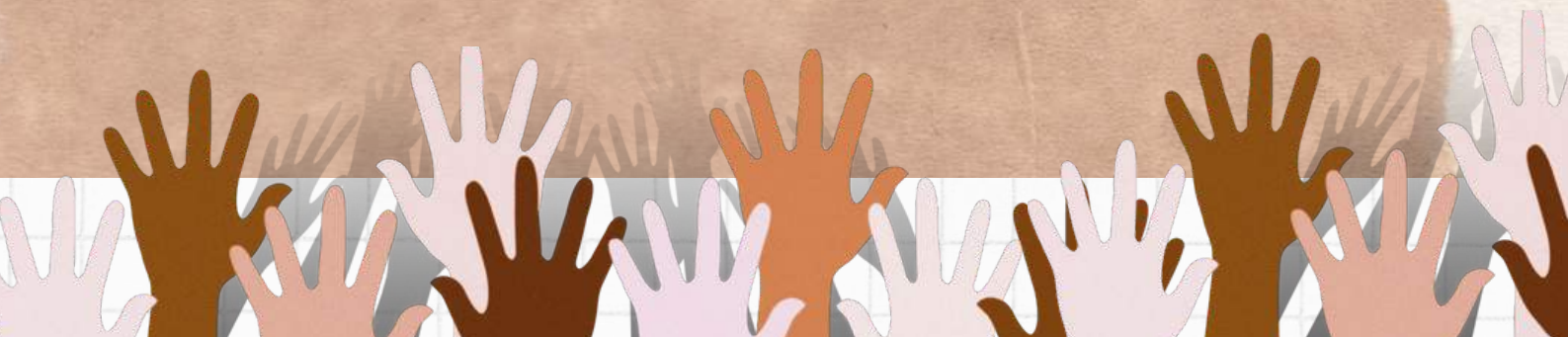
TEACH FOR INDIA

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.

ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENT CITY

The Alliance for Resilient City was formed by like-minded organisations working in Kolkata to keep the city safe for children. Project Resilience had started by Save The Children in 2019 and thereafter they had begun linking various NGOs operating in and around Kolkata to it. The first in-person meeting of the members had taken place in 2021 and at that time there were 32 organisations linked to the Alliance. That number has come down to 22 organisations in today's time in terms of the ones who send their employees to participate in the in-person meetings on a regular and consistent basis.

The Alliance is a platform for NGOs with a shared vision. The primary stakeholders are member NGOs making the alliance directly answerable to them.



TOMORROWLAND FOUNDATION MUSIC AND ARTS SCHOOL (TLFMAS)

Inaugurated in December 2022, the Tomorrowland Music and Arts School 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 primary objectives of the school are:

- To make arts education accessible to children from economically disadvantaged background through various learning interventions and exposure activities
- To use arts as an alternative medium of learning and raising social awareness
- To understand, enumerate and address the needs of the community
- To educate, engage, empower and enable children and the community to lead their lives with dignity.



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.

The plans ahead for the School are:

- Introducing basic and advanced coursework aimed at building skills like pottery and clay work, puppet making, sound production, photo retouching, analogue and digital printing etc.
- Introducing sustained art intervention programmes in the community to generate interest in holistic learning, and social awareness.
- To enrol children from underserved backgrounds across the larger community.



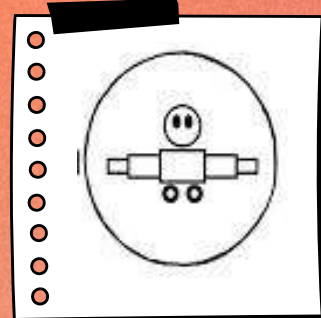
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR!

Increase in student engagement by **80%**
This includes children enrolled in Ek Tara and as well as CPK project.

MORE PARTNERS

Successful onboarding of KMC as a partner for Model School and Library!



THE BIG LAUNCH

Launch

of

MAS with Tomorrowland Foundation

312 children enrolled in the School Support Group!

ERC BOOKS

Distribution of over 80,000 books in 4 languages across 8 states in India!



TRAININGS AND VISITS

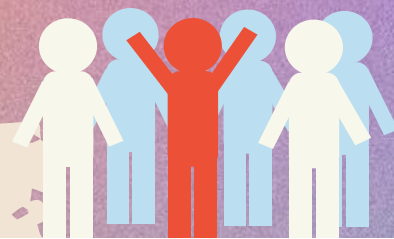
Ek Tara participated in the Leadership team visit with Global Schools Forum (GSF) conference in South Africa. Ek Tara also participated in Mobile School trainings in Nepal and Jordan.



TEACHFORINDIA

Partner of TFI as part of their first Kol cohort

IMPORTANT!



Saba's breakthrough at the mere age of 22 is exemplary. While the world was reeling under the pandemic in 2020, Saba's world came crashing down when her father suffered paralysis on the left side of his body. Needless to say, his ailment added to the woes of the family.

Saba was all of 19 at the time the crisis struck. Being the oldest of the three siblings, she was expected to shoulder the responsibility of the family. And ever since then, she has been juggling work and studies.



SABA'S STORY!

Ek Tara takes charge of her education and believes that she will evolve to be one of the most inspirational students that we have ever had.

Saba is studying B.com in Deshbandhu College for Girls and is presently preparing to take her fourth semester exams. It is creditable how Saba scored 56% in her previous exam given that she was working seven hours in office on a daily basis.

Saba's day starts with giving tuition to small children in the wee hours of morning. Following that she goes to college and from there she heads to work. She conducts surveys and obtains a monthly remuneration of Rs1000/- which is naturally not sufficient for the family of five to make the ends meet.

Saba not only looks after her family in this time of crisis but also is paying off the loan that her mother acquired by small degrees. The loan was obtained to meet the medical expenses of her father.

SABA'S STRUGGLE IS INVARIABLE BUT SHE REFUSES TO FLINCH.

SUPERGIRL



EMPOWER

TO ALL THE

LITTLE GIRLS

WHO ARE WATCHING

THIS

NEVER

DOUBT THAT YOU ARE

VALUABLE AND POWERFUL,

AND DESERVING OF EVERY

CHANCE AND OPPORTUNITY

IN THE WORLD TO PURSUE AND ACHIEVE YOUR

OWN DREAMS."

HILLARY CLINTON



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.

The programme includes vocational training, income generation for women and creation of resources that further aids Ek Tara's mission.

"ANNAM"

THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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.

Handmade
With Love



Ek Tara Ecc Community Centre



Ek Tara Resource Centre (ERC)

ERC stands for Ek Tara Resource Centre. It is a new section of Ek Tara which is dedicated to creating educational resources and programs for partner schools and programs. ERC is currently working with a KMC school on the Academic Intervention for Model School (AIMS) program. The program focuses on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) i.e. learning support for English, Bengali and Maths for grades 1 and 2. It also works with grades 3 to 5 using the same program as a remedial model for building their foundational learning.



ERC BOOKS

- Designed, developed and distributed an illustrated book on Covid-19 for children who do not have access to digital material in order to sensitize them to covid-19 preventive measures. This book was published in 4 regional languages and was distributed to 40,000 children from underserved communities across 8 states in India through 70 partners.
- Designed, developed an illustrated book on Climate Change for children living in underserved communities in India. This book is available in 4 regional languages and be distributed to over 83,000 children across 9 states in India.



A girl from the community with six siblings and parents to take care of, living in an unstable condition, married to a person of her choice without an inkling of what was awaiting her, Ruqaiya's life is made up of unfortunate events and how she endured it all only to emerge from it as a conqueror.

Ruqaiya's Story!

Ruqaiya Begum was born in Kolkata, India, to a family of modest means. She has five brothers and a sister. Her father was a cobbler and her mother was a housewife. She attended school, where she studied until the eighth grade.

Owing to her mother's sudden ailment, her dreams of completing her education was cut short as she was expected to do all the household chores. She dropped out of school so that her siblings were well looked after and ensured that they complete their education.

Her mother's condition deteriorated over the years following that and she was married off in a jiffy. She was merely 18 years old at the time.

When asked about how her life transformed after marriage, she quoted, **"My life was a lot better when I was not married."** She was expected to tend to ten people single handedly without any support whatsoever. She did it all diligently without any resistance.

Oftentimes, she found herself at the receiving end of her husband's misbehaviour and but endured it all without confiding in anyone hoping that things would get better but little did she know that the worst was near.

In no time her husband took to drinking and subjected her to domestic violence. She suffered in silence for many years. She also had a serious eye injury as a result of the abuse. Her daughters were also witnesses to their mother's abuse. She hoped for a silver lining.

Ruqaiya's decision to join Ek Tara in 2016 was a turning point in her life. The organisation provided her with the support and resources she needed to overcome her husband's abuse. She learned about her rights as a woman and how to protect herself. She also gained the confidence to stand up for herself and her daughters.

Ruqaiya's husband was initially resistant to her changes. He tried to control her and force her to go back to the way things were. However, she was determined to change her life. She stood up to her husband and refused to let him abuse her anymore.

Ruqaiya's story is a powerful example of how women can overcome domestic violence. With the right support, women can find strength to build a better life for themselves and their children.



OUR SUPPORTERS



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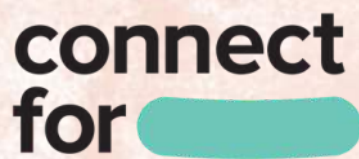
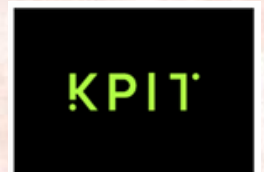
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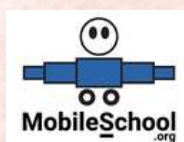


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MAKING SPORTS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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1. Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Ek Tara** ("Trust") which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31st 2023, 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 our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at March 31, 2022, 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

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

Our objectives are 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 our 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.

Place : Kolkata

Date : 05.09.2023

For DIPANKAR NANDI & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No.: 324207E



Pallab Mukherjee

CA Pallab Mukherjee
Partner

Membership No. : 063037

UDIN (10BB) : 23063037BGWJAW9243

UDIN : 23063037BGWJAX5244

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EK TARA
31/1, Topsia Road (South), Kolkata - 700006
Balance Sheet As At 31.03.2023

Liabilities	Note	As On 31.03.2023	As On 31.03.2022	Assets	Note	As On 31.03.2023	As On 31.03.2022
		₹	₹			₹	₹
Trust Fund				Fixed Assets (At WDV)	3.5	44,13,836.00	48,39,541.00
Corpus	3.3	7,20,000.00	7,20,000.00				
Trust Other Fund		1,12,33,120.00	1,12,33,120.00	Current Assets			
Project Funds (other than u/s11(2))		77,32,332.40	6,28,702.00	Loans & Advances	3.6	21,48,087.20	18,55,236.05
Specified Purpose Fund for expenditure u/s 11(2)		1,06,990.00	10,08,274.69				
Reserves & Surplus		2,97,78,560.91	2,29,39,522.78	Cash & Bank Balances	3.7		
		4,95,71,003.31	3,65,29,619.47	Cash in Hand		87,165.00	48,227.00
Current Liabilities & Provisions	3.4	13,43,995.00	95,17,331.50	With banks in Current / Savings a/c		2,46,07,131.09	1,44,32,118.20
				Balances in Term Deposits in banks (including accrued interest)		1,96,58,779.02	2,48,71,828.72
Total		5,09,14,998.31	4,60,46,950.97	Total		5,09,14,998.31	4,60,46,950.97

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements - 1 - 3.13

The Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements

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

Pallab Mukherjee
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Partner
Membership number 063037
Place : Kolkata
Date : 5th September, 2023

For Ek Tara

EK TARA
Namrata Sureka
Namrata Sureka
Trustee *Trustee*

EK TARA
Vinita Saraf
Vinita Saraf
Trustee *Trustee*



UDIN - 23063037B6WJAX5244

UDIN (IOB) - 23063037B6WJAZ8953 DATED - 18/10/2023

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EK TARA
31/1, Topsia Road (South), Kolkata - 700006
Income And Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

EXPENDITURE	Note	Year ended 31.03.2023	Year ended 31.03.2022	INCOME	Note	Year ended on 31.03.2023	Year ended 31.03.2022
		Amount(₹)	Amount(₹)			Amount(₹)	Amount(₹)
To Charitable Program Expenses (note 3.9)	3.9			By Donations Received -(Note 3.8)	3.8		
Education Program		2,23,19,495.00	1,53,60,674.20	By Recovery of costs			3,48,860.00
Community Engagement		1,02,18,102.31	47,72,585.00	By Liabilities written back		4,845.00	767.00
Music, Art School		34,18,524.00	-	By Student fees	3.10	11,84,125.00	
		3,59,56,121.31	2,01,33,259.20				
To Administrative and Other Expenses				By Income From Bank Interest on			
Bank Charges		16,651.88	11,372.40	Savings Account		4,33,552.00	3,43,251.00
Interest on delayed payments		659.00	61.00	Fixed Deposits		11,66,651.00	11,80,398.37
Salaries, Stipend and Trainee Allowances		14,88,001.00	12,80,948.80			16,00,203.00	15,23,649.37
Provident Fund and Other Welfare expenses		6,01,230.00	54,026.00	By Interest on Income Tax Refund		10,847.95	6,143.74
Professional & Consultancy Charges		4,29,679.00	4,05,188.00				
Electricity charges		3,48,550.00	1,34,829.00				
Postage & Courier Charges Net of Recoveries -₹ 97,515.64; PY- Nil)		677.00	390.00				
Rent		31,86,000.00	28,32,000.00				
Municipal Tax for Rented Premises		46,404.00	88,685.00				
Printing & Stationary Expenses		1,12,025.00	1,58,041.00				
Travelling & Conveyance-							
Car Running Expenses (Net of recoveries CY- Nil; PY -₹ 32,784)		1,44,098.00	2,16,386.00				
Travelling & Tours		-	22,866.00				
Conveyance charges		9,628.00	4,312.00				
		1,53,726.00	2,43,564.00				
Office Expenses		1,93,141.00	61,929.00				
Repair & Maintenance Charges		8,00,393.50	4,71,293.00				
Fund Raising Expenses		1,15,487.00	1,44,545.00				
Audit fees		70,800.00	47,200.00				
Building & Furniture Renovation, maintenance		2,38,162.00	2,21,015.00				
Seminars/Conference/Training Expense		27,100.00	-				
Taxes & Other fees		2,610.00	2,500.00				
Telephone & Internet		1,51,878.00	2,88,746.00				
Miscellaneous Expense		998.00	-				
Web Development, Maintenance & IT Services		1,63,582.43	91,871.33				
Computer Maintenance Charges		-	27,300.00				
Event Expenses		3,000.00	75,432.00				
Balances Written off		-	-				
To Depreciation		9,08,331.00	11,14,329.65				
To Excess of Income Over Expenditure		1,30,41,383.84	8,86,797.76				
Total		5,80,56,590.96	2,87,75,323.14	Total		5,80,56,590.96	2,87,75,323.14

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements - 1 - 3.13

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EK TARA
31/1, TOPSIA ROAD(SOUTH), KOLKATA - 700046
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts	Year ended 31.03.2023		Year ended 31.03.2022		Payments	Year ended 31.03.2023		Year ended 31.03.2022	
	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)		(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
To Opening Balance					By Payments to Creditors	1,39,10,823.00	54,13,567		
Balance at bank:					By Professional fees/honorarium	18,66,902.00	19,35,101		
In Savings & Current account	1,44,32,118.20		2,97,41,170		By Salaries	1,49,04,790.00	50,92,659		
Cash in Hand	48,227.00	1,44,80,345.20	38,542	2,97,79,712	By Trainee allowances	9,95,697.00	61,13,644		
To Corpus Donations					By Term Deposits with banks	1,95,70,000.00	2,90,00,000		
To Advance donations				71,11,738	By Salary advances	30,915.00			
To Donations Received					By Opening Liabilities paid	1,44,545.00			
FCRA donations	2,49,98,862.89		1,14,90,372		By Purchase Fixed Assets	4,21,626.00	14,70,519		
Non FCRA donations	2,16,27,059.11	4,66,25,922.00	1,11,05,579	2,25,95,951	By Current Account Advances	12,04,916.00	2,94,518		
To Exhibition/VT Receipts					By FCRA Charitable Expenses		31,43,470		
To Interest on					By Non FC Charitable Expenses	60,62,852.00	10,05,074		
Savings bank account	4,33,552.00		3,43,251		By Administrative Expenses	40,07,357.88	36,26,473		
Term Deposits with Banks	2,26,446.00		5,84,131		By Advance for Expenses				
Income Tax Refund	10,847.95	6,70,845.95	6,144	9,33,526	By TDS Paid	17,270.00	15,880		
To FDs Matured		2,56,20,748.00		1,30,00,000	By Statutory dues payment	22,39,611.00	9,31,371		
To Income Tax Refund		1,44,662.00		72,346	By Refunded Donation		10,28,536		
To Refund of Advance		11,61,502.77		25,101					
To Recovery of expenses				32,784					
To Receipt of Student Security Deposits		2,54,000.00							
To Receipt of Student fees		10,92,625.00							
To Current A/c Advances		17,750.05							
Stale Cheques written back		3,200.00							
Total		9,00,71,600.97		7,35,51,158	Total	9,00,71,600.97	7,35,51,158		

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements 1-3.13

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For Ek Tara

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Trustee

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Trustee

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Ek Tara

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

Notes forming part of the financial statements as at 31.03.2023

1 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.

2 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.

2.4 Corpus Fund

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.

2.6 Depreciation

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.

3 Additional disclosures

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 31.03.2022



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3.3 Trust Fund

Particulars

(a) Corpus

Balance as at beginning of year
Add: Corpus donations received
Balance as at close of year

(b) Trust Other Fund

Balance as at beginning of year
Balance as at close of year

(c) Project Funds (amounts unspent at the year end)

FCRA Funds *
Non FCRA

(d) Specified Purpose Fund for expenditure u/s 11(2)

Balance at Beginning of the year
Transfer from General Fund

Less: Utilised during the year
Balance as at close of year

(e) General Fund

Balance as at beginning of year
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year

Add: Amount unspent at the beginning of the year
Less: Unspent Project Fund Surplus transferred to Project Fund
Less: Transfer to Specified Purpose Fund u/s 11(2)
Add: Amount adjusted against expenditure from Specified fund u/s 11(2)

Total Trust Fund

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A+B+C+D+E

Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
31.03.2023	31.03.2022
7,20,000.00	7,20,000.00
-	-
7,20,000.00	7,20,000.00
1,12,33,120.00	1,12,33,120.00
1,12,33,120.00	1,12,33,120.00
77,32,332.40	6,28,702.00
-	-
77,32,332.40	6,28,702.00
10,08,274.69	37,59,563.69
-	-
10,08,274.69	37,59,563.69
9,01,284.69	27,51,289.00
1,06,990.00	10,08,274.69
2,29,39,522.78	1,84,29,602.02
1,30,41,383.84	8,86,797.76
3,59,80,906.62	1,93,16,399.78
6,28,702.00	15,00,536.00
77,32,332.40	6,28,702.00
-	-
9,01,284.69	27,51,289.00
2,97,78,560.91	2,29,39,522.78
4,95,71,003.31	3,65,29,619.47

* Excludes amount carried forward u/s 11(2)

3.4 Current Liabilities

Particulars

Liabilities for expenses
Statutory dues payable
Audit fees Payable
Sundry Creditors
Other Credit balances
Caution Deposits on Education activities *
Advance Donations

Total

Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
31.03.2023	31.03.2022
1,00,360.00	1,77,600.00
2,99,357.00	1,20,235.00
47,200.00	23,600.00
1,53,778.00	81,359.00
6,000.00	3,000.00
7,37,300.00	5,74,800.00
-	85,36,737.50
13,43,995.00	95,17,331.50

* 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). During the year ₹ 91500 was forfeited and disclosed under ELC Student fees in the Income & Expenditure account.

** No amount has been treated as Advance donations for amount received towards the end of the financial year (PY- ₹ 85,36,738/-). Previous year Advance donations have been utilised in current year except for ₹ 106,990, for which For 10 B had been filed with I.T Authorities last year.



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3.5 Fixed Assets

Assets Description *	Rates	Written down value as at 1st April 2022	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 2023
		Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
Sewing Machine	15%	56,385.00		82,833.00	-	1,39,219.00	14671	1,24,548.00
Aqua guard	15%	2,762.00	-		-	2,762.00	414	2,348.00
Office Equipment	15%	52,574.00	-		-	52,574.00	7886	44,688.00
Air Conditioners	15%	86,674.00	-		-	86,674.00	13001	73,673.00
CCTV Camera	15%	1,71,741.00	-		-	1,71,741.00	25761	1,45,980.00
Wall Fan	15%	1,61,240.00	65,200.00		-	2,26,440.00	33966	1,92,474.00
Bicycle	15%	1,679.00	-		-	1,679.00	252	1,427.00
Cycle Van	15%	25,287.00	-		-	25,287.00	3793	21,494.00
Micro oven	15%	13,291.00	-		-	13,291.00	1994	11,297.00
Vehicles	15%	8,93,682.00	-		-	8,93,682.00	134052	7,59,630.00
Mobile Phone	15%	7,51,992.00	-		-	7,51,992.00	112799	6,39,193.00
Television	15%	97,101.00	-		-	97,101.00	14565	82,536.00
Refrigerator	15%	19,027.00	-		-	19,027.00	2854	16,173.00
Water filter & Purifier	10%	-	92,040.00	48,380.00	-	1,40,420.00	11623	1,28,797.00
Computers, Hardware & Software Licenses ¹	40%	7,72,239.00	85,000.00	41,500.00	-	8,98,739.00	351196	5,47,543.00
Furniture & Fixtures	10%	16,24,068.00	54,693.00	12980	-	16,91,741.00	168524	15,23,217.00
Fire Extinguisher	10%	1,09,798.00	-		-	1,09,798.00	10980	98,818.00
		48,39,541.00	2,96,933.00	1,85,693.00	-	53,22,167.00	9,08,331.00	44,13,836.00

Note: * Depreciation is provided on written down value method at rates as per the Income Tax Act 1961.

¹ Includes software WDV ₹ 10,195 (PY ₹ 16,992); depreciation for the year thereon ₹ 6,797 (PY- 8,496).

3.6 Loans & Advances

Particulars

Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Security Deposits	2,98,876.00
Other Advances recoverable in cash or kind	4,76,983.00
School session fees paid in advance	2,82,375.00
Prepaid Expenses	2,59,300.50
Income tax Deducted at Source	1,21,026.70
Current account with Creative EkTara Foundation	7,09,526.00
Total	21,48,087.20

3.7 Cash and Bank Balance

Particulars

Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Cash in Hand	87,165.00
Balances with Scheduled Banks	48,227.00
In Savings account	1,35,86,820.50
In Current account	1,10,20,310.59
In Term Deposits [refer note (a) below]	1,96,13,096.02
Add: Interest accrued on FDs	45,683.00
Total	4,43,53,075.11

- (a) Term Deposits includes Rs.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, would be made.

3.8 Donations Received

FCRA Donations -In cash
FCRA Donations -In kind (at estimated cost)
Non FCRA Donations *

Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
31.03.2023	31.03.2022
2,58,21,178.59	1,14,94,058.08
15,627.95	-
2,94,19,763.47	1,54,01,844.95
5,52,56,570.01	2,68,95,903.03



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- 3.9 Charitable Programme expenses of the years 2021-22 and 2020-21 include the following expenses, being directly relating to the Programmes undertaken.

	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Salaries, Stipend and Trainee Allowances	1,49,67,588.00	1,03,55,742.20
Professionals/Consultant's charges	24,15,732.00	20,62,747.00
Printing & Stationery	8,24,164.00	73,804.00
Conveyance and car running expenses	2,40,952.00	31,634.00
Telephone & Internet charges		4,152.00
Building & Furniture Renovation	52,650.00	
Office Miscellaneous expenses	47,436.00	
Postage & Courier	2,40,038.36	
Tours & Travels	30,176.00	
Event Expenses	6,04,446.00	
	1,94,23,182.36	1,25,28,079.20

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- 3.10 Ek Tara Centre collects fees at a fixed rate per month of amounts payable per child attending Ek Tara 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 (2022-23) being the unutilised balances of ₹ 78,39,322.40 under specified Donations and out of which ₹ 106,990 represents unspent amount against Form 10 B filed in earlier years and ₹ 77,32,332.40 has been claimed for deferment under form 9A with the I.T Authorities. The deposit is continued as unutilised balances of donations on ongoing projects for as on 31.3.2023
- 3.13 Figures of the previous year has been regrouped and /or reclassified to conform to current year grouping and classification.

These Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements

In terms of our report of even date

Dipankar Nandi & Associates
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