

# ANNUAL REPORT



2023-2024





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# OUR PROGRAMS

**Spark-A-Change** programs aim to provide support to students and youth across their educational and vocational journey through in-school & after-school, mentoring programs delivered by educated, skilled and passionate individuals, supplemented with co-curricular activities aimed to provide holistic developmental experiences to create responsible future citizens.



# OUR VISION & MISSION

Every child educated with access to equal opportunities for a better future

To ensure transformational change in school-going children from low-income backgrounds by providing them with knowledge, values, skills and support through joyous, positive experiences, from interaction with well-intentioned, educated adults, to help them excel



# FOUNDER'S NOTE

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on another remarkable year for our NGO, it is with immense gratitude that I share this founder's note with you.

This past few years have been a testament to the power of collaboration, resilience, and the unwavering commitment of our community to make quality education accessible to all.

We have expanded our programs to work with Government schools, reaching new milestones in empowering students and educators alike. It has been our constant endeavor to evolve and expand our initiatives, to ensure we align with the needs of our beneficiaries.

The stories of transformation and achievement we see are a constant reminder of why we do what we do. From students who have overcome significant challenges to teachers who have inspired change within their classrooms, these narratives fuel our mission and drive us to push boundaries.

As we look forward to the coming year, we aim to deepen our impact and further our reach, guided by the principles of mutual respect, integrity and excellence.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Your support and belief in our mission are invaluable. Together, we are building a future where every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. We are excited about what lies ahead and look forward to continuing this journey with you.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## quality education for social impact



### GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING

Education encourages the children to lead healthy lives, understand the importance of hygiene and sanitation. This could also help in comprehending the knowledge to prevent disease. Higher levels of education among girl-children/ mothers improves children's nutrition, and reduces child deaths, maternal mortality and HIV.



### GENDER EQUALITY

The education of girl-children impacts generations. We can prevent child marriage, reduce by the number of women dying in childbirth and halve the number of children dying under the age of five, just by educating the girls.



### DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

An increase in the average educational attainment of a country by 1 year increases annual per capita GDP growth 2-2.5%. Less than 5% of India's workforce has formal skills training, and 122 million new workers will be added by 2030. Quality education can help provide better career options.

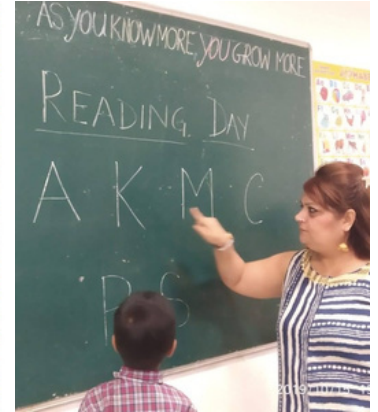


### REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Education facilitates the structural transformation of the economy and enables educated workers to transition into the non-agricultural sector. Literacy rate in India went up by 9.2% in the past decade and income inequality for India fell from 36.8% in 2010 to 33.6% in 2015.



# PROGRAM INFORMATION



## ANVIKSHA EARLY ED

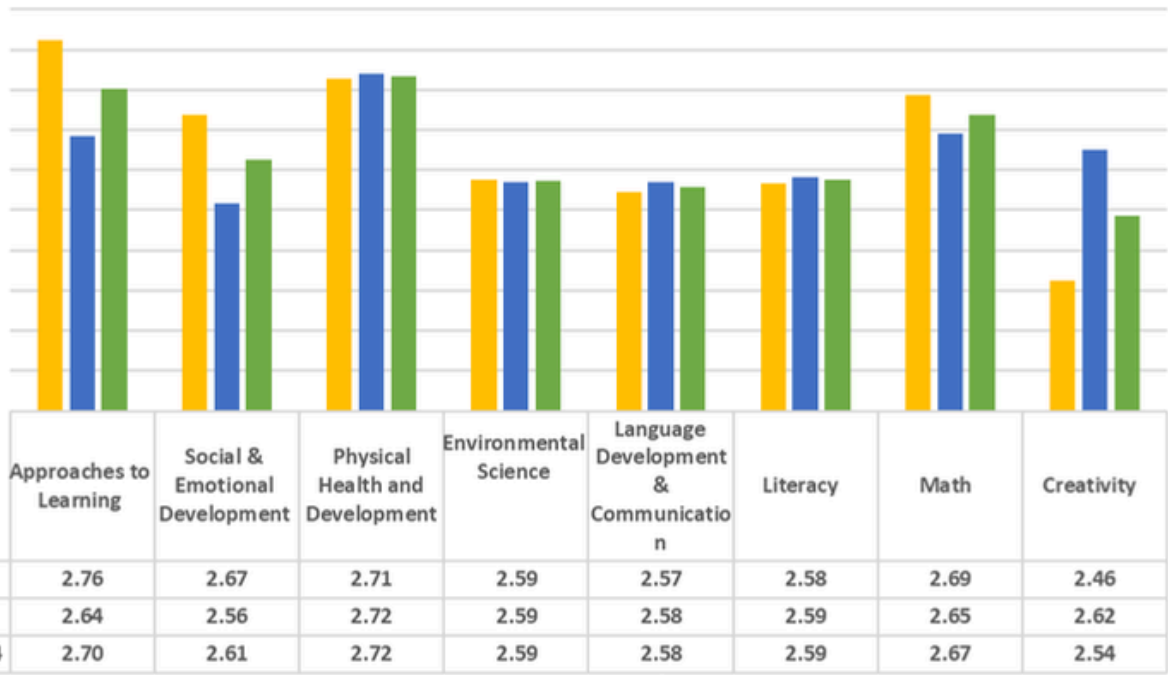
Our experience in attempting to bridge learning gaps strengthened our belief that building strong foundational skills in early years was crucial to effective learning in later years. We invested in building an early years curriculum aligned with NEP and NIPUN guidelines using fun, low-cost activities to engage young minds.

The Preschool Program supports **900** beneficiaries across **Nursery, Jr. KG, and Sr. KG** in **22 classrooms** across **7 BMC schools**, delivering quality early education aligned with **NIPUN guidelines**. We focus on continuous teacher training and development along with emphasis on activities like Art, Dance, Yoga, and Life Skills and parent engagement through regular workshops and interactions



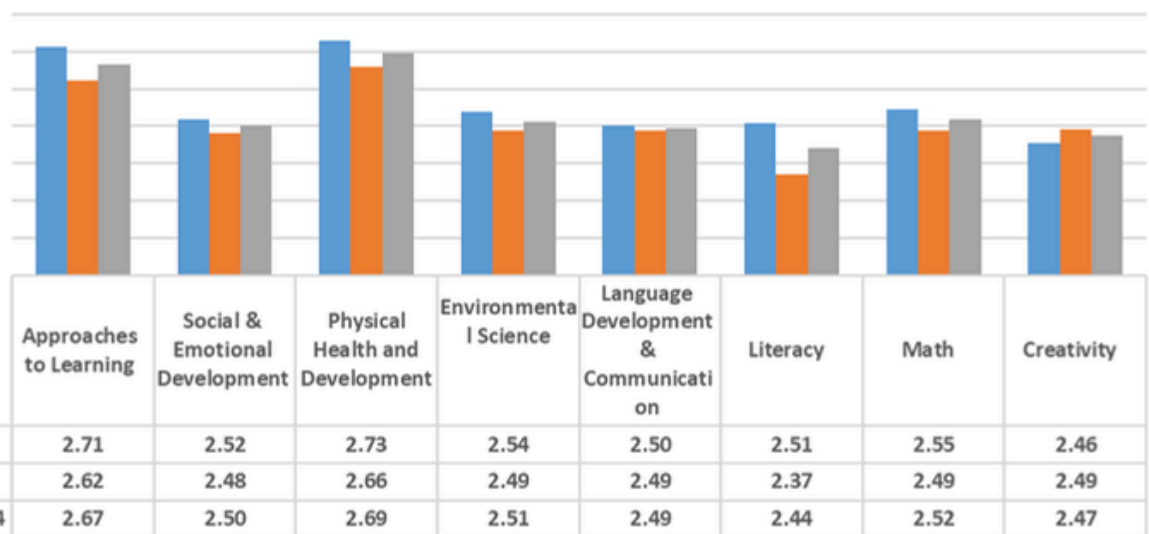
# DEMOGRAPHICS AND IMPACT

### Learning Outcome Changes Sr.Kg



■ Term 1 ■ Term 2 ■ Avg Level 23-24

### Learning Outcome Changes Jr.Kg



■ Term 1 ■ Term 2 ■ Avg Level 23-24



# PROGRAM INFORMATION

## FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM

- Our flagship program that aims to build and strengthen foundational concepts and skills in English and Maths among school going children of grades 1-7 delivered by volunteers trained on an in-house activity based curriculum and teaching aids.
- The focus is enable children speak, read, write and comprehend English and understand basic mathematical concepts with the relation to real life situations
- A host of co-curricular activities around art, dance, yoga, board games, Conversational English, mental well-being are held over weekends to complement and provide holistic experience to the children
- The program currently benefits over 500 children across 2 learning centres supported by 150+ volunteers
- A daily nutritious snack is also provided to the students to ensure a healthy body to house a robust mind

### THE TEACHING



### THE TRAINING



### THE FUN PART

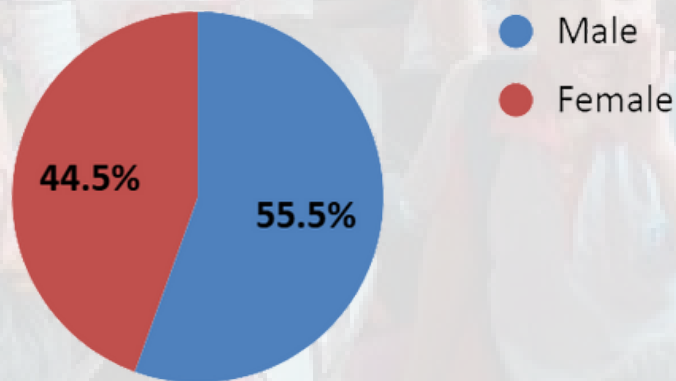


# PROGRAM INFORMATION

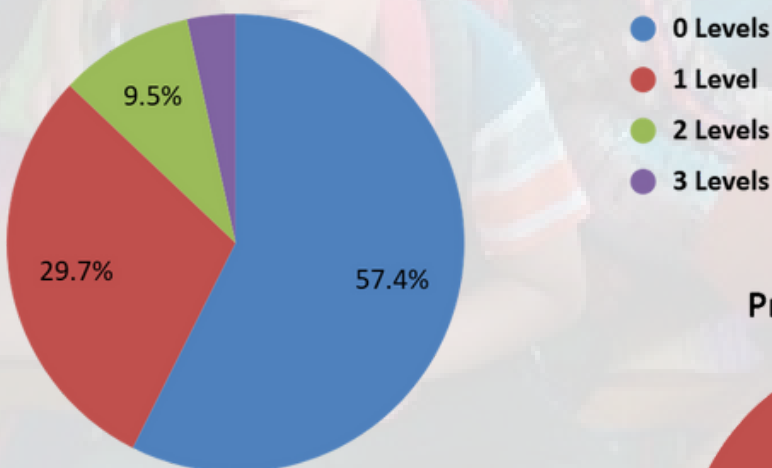


## FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS AND IMPACT

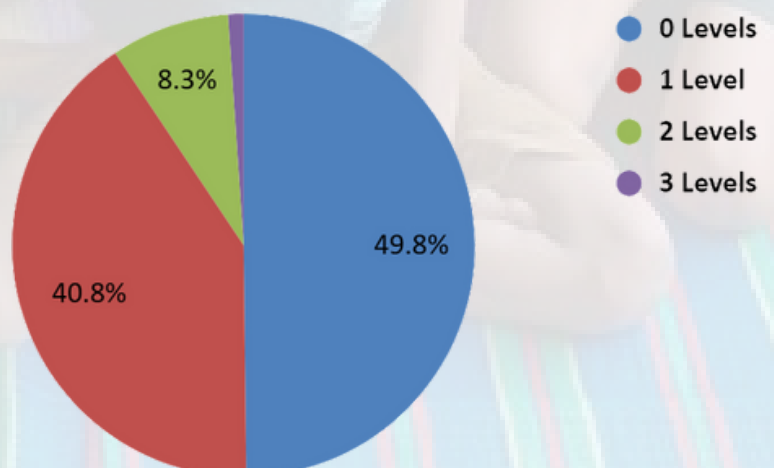
### Gender Ratio



### Progress during the year - English



### Progress during the year - Math



# PROGRAM INFORMATION

## BOARD READY & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

- Board Ready Program equips students with academic support, career guidance, and essential skills to excel in **Grade 8-12** board exams.
- Complementing this, the **Youth Empowerment Program** provides mentoring, internships, vocational training, and scholarships to college students, fostering leadership, and career readiness to drive a meaningful change.

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### IDIA SESSION

SAC partnered with IDIA (**Increasing Diversity by Increasing Awareness**) to host a session, "**A Career in Law**," for senior students. The session explored the importance of studying law, and career opportunities. This reflected our Foundation's commitment to empowering students through expert guidance and holistic education.

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### LEADERSHIP

**Mansi Mehta**, a soft skills and life coach, mentored our students on creating VisionBoards, effective time management, branding, power of dressing, resume building - skills not formally taught, yet crucial to jumpstart their careers

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### SHARE INDIA

SAC collaborated with **Share India Smile Foundation** to host a financial literacy session on "**Why and How to Invest**" for college students. This session introduced essential investment strategies, equipping students with practical knowledge, to secure the Foundation's dedication to empowering students with vital life skills.

# PROGRAM INFORMATION



## BOARD READY DEMOGRAPHICS AND IMPACT

### SSC BOARD RESULTS

GENDER	NO OF KIDS	AVG SCORE	TOP SCORE
FEMALE	11	63.15%	<b>91%</b>
MALE	6	60.40%	

### HSC BOARD RESULTS

GENDER	NO OF KIDS	AVG SCORE	TOP SCORE
FEMALE	6	45.67%	
MALE	8	54.46%	<b>86.33%</b>

**9 students graduated - B.Com and BMS**

**3 students pursuing B.Sc (IT)**

# TESTIMONIALS

## VOLUNTEERS



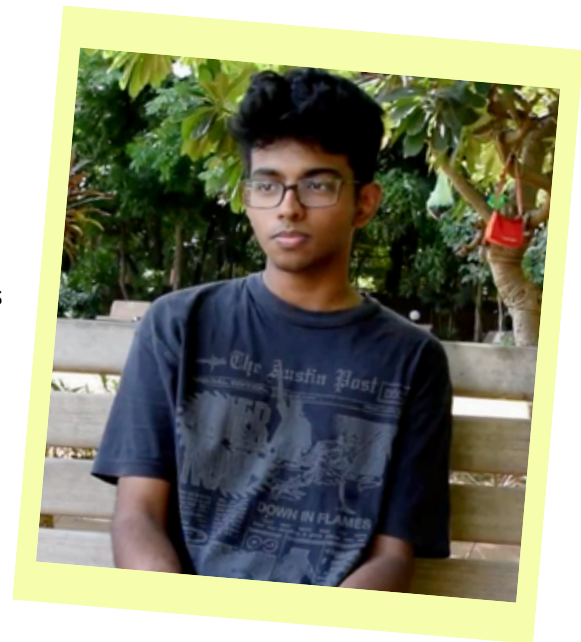
**NEELAM LUND**  
Volunteer

I have been volunteering for the past 6 years and now SAC is like family, my second home. The day I don't go to the centre, I feel like there's something missing in my life.

The love and support from children and volunteers is what keeps me going

**REUBEN**  
Student Volunteer

I am 19 and a first time volunteer. Volunteering at Spark-A-Change gave me a different perspective to education and life. I like that they don't only focus on educational support but also have a lot of co-curricular activities. I enjoyed the cricket match we played with the kids this weekend.



**NARGIS ADVANI & NEETA GANDHI**  
Volunteers

We are fortunate to have found a place close to home that makes it easy to volunteer.

What makes SAC different is their human touch. The team is very approachable and friendly, they make us feel completely at home. The happiness we get here has changed our lives at home as well.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## SPORTS DAY



Sports day was held for our Anviksha preschool kids, the FLP children and the older kids of HP. The preschoolers had a pom pom dance display, and simple races. Older kids had relay races, 100 mtr sprints and obstacle races.





**ANNUAL DAY**



With our growing operations and team, we finally moved in to our new rented office space this year

Seeing the banner outside our office was an overwhelming feeling for all of us !

Here's to bigger spaces in years to come

**NEW OFFICE**



# DISTRIBUTION DRIVES



## MEHENDI SESSION

SAC organized a fun Mehendi Session for children, giving them an opportunity to explore their creativity through beautiful henna designs.

The session was filled with excitement as kids learned simple patterns, experimented with designs, and enjoyed expressing themselves artistically.



## GANDHI JAYANTI ESSAY

To honor Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, We conducted an essay writing activity for children.

The session encouraged them to reflect on Gandhiji's values of truth, non-violence, and simplicity while improving their writing and critical thinking skills.



## CANDLE DISTRIBUTION

Children participated in a candle-making and decoration session, where they designed colorful and unique candles.

The beautifully crafted candles were later distributed, spreading joy and adding a personal, handmade touch to the celebrations.





## CROMA DISTRIBUTION

Employees of Croma Andheri West visited our Lokhandwala centre for an art and stationery distribution activity as part of their CSR engagement. Children were thrilled to receive crayon boxes, notebooks and yummy snacks

## SAREE DRIVE

Our **4th** Saree Drive was a great success.

Through generous donations, including 350 new sarees and 1,500 cloth bags from a single donor, along with citywide drives and volunteer efforts, we achieved our goal of providing Diwali sarees to **1,200 beneficiary mothers**, bringing festive joy to their celebrations.

## FOOD DRIVE

SAC partnered with **Rotary Club Mumbai North End** a successful food distribution drive.

The initiative, began with Annapurna Divas celebrations where 50 food boxes were distributed, followed by an afternoon session where Rotaract Host Clubs provided an additional 200 food boxes to children.

# SPECIAL DAYS

## CELEBRATIONS



### JANMASHTHAMI CELEBRATION

The spirit of Janmashtami filled our classrooms with joy as our young learners dressed up as little Krishnas and Radhas. The celebration was a colorful and engaging experience, featuring traditional performances, handmade decorations, and cultural activities.



### TEACHER'S DAY

At Spark a Change, Teacher's Day was a special occasion celebrated with enthusiasm across all our centers. Students came together to express their heartfelt gratitude to their teachers through beautifully handcrafted cards and thoughtful handmade gifts.

# SPECIAL DAYS



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our children experienced the joy and spirit of Christmas through a lovely magic show, engaging activities, games, and festive celebrations. A stationery collection drive was organised Billabong High International School, while Interactive Brokers contributed art materials.



## DIL SE DIWALI

Dil Se Diwali, a cherished annual tradition at SAC culminated in celebrations across all our centers and schools, bringing festive cheer to over 1,500 children. The celebrations featured fun-filled games, with warmth and excitement. Children received gifts, and sweet boxes.



# COLLABORATIONS



## ESA IPL

The **ESA initiative** by **Reliance Foundation** gave 350 SAC children an unforgettable experience in a stadium filled with 18,000 enthusiastic students. It inspired them to dream bigger and aim higher. Witnessing the excitement and happiness of our children reinforced the impact of experiential learning and exposure to new possibilities.



## CASCADE AASHEYEIN

Children participated in Aashayein by Cascade, a cultural festival organized by the Jamnabai Narsee Alumni Association to provide underprivileged children a platform to showcase their talents. SAC kids enthusiastically performed in various events, including dance and other stage activities, displaying their creativity and confidence.



# COLLABORATIONS



## RYAN GLOBAL SCHOOL

Students and Teachers of Ryan Global school have been regular volunteers and supporters of our cause.

Our students were trained to perform at their Annual Day event, a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, for all students, teachers and their parents.

Our team was also felicitated by the school authorities for the support and participation



## BARRY JOHN

Barry John's Acting Studio, a renowned acting school, has been collaborating with us on an annual basis to introduce our students to the world of dramatics and theatre. They conduct sessions, helping children explore acting, stage presence, and creative expression, fostering confidence and imagination through engaging theatrical activities.



# COLLABORATIONS



## ECOLE MONDIALE WORLD SCHOOL

40 students from SAC visit Ecole Mondiale World School every week for sessions in English, Math and Creative Expression conducted by their students as part of their CAS activities.

Our kids are motivated by their Didis and Bhaiyas to achieve, excel and give back. This collaboration is an excellent example of mutually beneficial program implemented keeping the children at the centre.



## APNI SHAALA

In partnership with **Apni Shala Foundation**, SAC conducted over 130 hours of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) workshops for 640+ students. Activities included art, drama, games, and storytelling, focusing on skills like empathy, emotional awareness, and mindfulness. This ongoing collaboration, now in its 7th year, emphasises both organizations' commitment to fostering emotionally-resilient children.

# EVENTS

## SUMMER CAMP



Our thoughtfully designed Summer Camps are packed with excitement, creativity, and learning!  
Children participated in a variety of art and craft activities, exploring painting, drawing, and making creative items.

# EVENTS

## ACTIVITIES



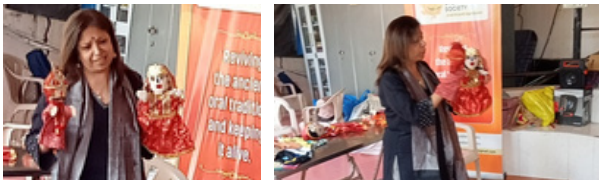
### **ONE DAY ONE STORY**

This year too, our students and volunteers participated enthusiastically in the **"One Day One Story"** campaign promoted by Pratham on 8th Sept, **World Reading Day**



### **ART SESSIONS**

We had multiple creative art therapy sessions, where children explored colors, prints, and self-expression. Guided by volunteers, these interactive workshops transformed classrooms into vibrant canvases, nurturing imagination through hands-on Art.



### **MUMBAI STORY TELLERS**

We partnered with the Mumbai Storytellers Society to host a storytelling session, celebrating oral traditions and promoting creativity, imagination, and cultural connection through interactive tales.



### **YOGA**

On International Yoga Day, we held special yoga sessions across our learning centres, engaging children in simple yoga postures and breathing exercises.

# EVENTS



## VOLUNTEER PICNIC



## CALLIGRAPHY SESSION

# EVENTS

## MOVIE SCREENING - BHOLAA



**SAC students had an amazing opportunity to interact with actor Ajay Devgn at a special screening of the movie Bhoolaa organised by Team Spreading Smiles. Our talented kids floored Mr Devgn with their awesome artwork**



# FINANCIALS 2023-2024

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950 SCHEDULE - VIII [Vide Rule 17(1)] SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION Reg. No P.T.R - E-3086 (Mum) BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024							
2023-23	FUNDS & LIABILITIES	2023-24		2023-23	PROPERTY & ASSETS	2023-24	
(RS.)		(RS.)	(RS.)	(RS.)		(RS.)	(RS.)
	<b>CORPUS FUND</b>				<b>Immovable Properties</b>		
15,000	Trust Fund			37,000	Computer & Accessories		1,37,200
-	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	15,000		70,000	Furniture & Fixtures		1,37,250
15,000	Add-during the year	-	15,000		Air Conditioner		1,76,525
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>				<b>Loans &amp; Advances</b>		
56,730	Outstanding Liabilities		20,990	4,98,614	Deposits	4,27,657	
17,700	Audit Fees Payable		29,500	1,738	To Others	1,738	4,29,395
	<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>				<b>Income Outstanding</b>		
1,68,80,920	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	1,68,80,920	99,88,877		<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>		
1,62,40,899	Add/Less/Debit/ (Surplus)	(61,71,447)		13,323	Cash balance	1,90,498	
58,41,471				30,97,280	Balance with Bank	37,33,679	
				1,23,92,743	Fixed deposits	31,77,620	
					Mutual Fund	20,00,000	91,03,987
1,61,30,940			99,79,967	1,61,30,940			99,79,967

UDIN :- 2417548XCLL09615  
 As per our Report Attached  
 For APS & Company  
 Chartered Accountants

FOR SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION

*Anwar Shaikh*  
 Chartered Accountant  
 Place- Mumbai  
 Dated : 26/09/2024

*Nimrah*  
 Trustee  
 Place- Mumbai  
 Dated : 26/09/2024

*Gauri*  
 Trustee  
 Place- Mumbai  
 Dated : 26/09/2024





# FINANCIALS 2023-2024

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950  
SCHEDULE - IV (vide Rule 17(1))

SPARIK-A-CHANG FOUNDATION  
Reg. No. P.T.R.-4-3188 (Mum)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FIRST MARCH, 2024

2023-24 (RS.)	Expenditures	2023-24		2022-23 (RS.)	Income	2023-24	
		(RS.)	(RS.)			(RS.)	(RS.)
-	To Expenditure in respect of Property Rent	-	-	1,02,427 2,09,215	By Balance (carried) Saving Bank Account Fixed Deposits Profit from sale of Mutual Funds	- 78,287 1,35,669 73,995	
1,11,875	To Establishment Expenses		1,88,946	1,10,16,217	To Donations	28,78,627	
17,700	Academy Fees	29,500			By Income from other sources	-	
7,894	Website expenses	8,998		-	By Transfer from Reserves	764	
68,600	Legal & Professional Fees	56,800		-	By Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet	61,71,643	
5,749	Bank Charges	3,908					
7,776	Miscellaneous Exp	12,406					
4,054	Concessions	24,779					
-	Depreciation Exp	52,525					
54,60,895	To Expenditure on the object of the Trust Educational Program Expenses	95,64,573	95,64,573				
58,62,471	To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet					61,71,643	
1,14,11,086		95,64,573	95,64,573	1,14,18,699		61,71,643	

WITNESSED:  
As per our Report Attached  
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Chartered Accountants



Amal Shah  
Mumbai Dated: 28/03/2024

FOR SPARIK-A-CHANG FOUNDATION



Mumbai Dated: 28/03/2024



# MORE INFORMATION



## Trust information

**Trust registration number:** E31084

**PAN:** AAPTS1938Q

**FCRA registration number:** 083781627

**80G certificate number:** CIT(E)/80G/1184/2016-17

**12A registration number:** 47759/19.10.2015

## Bankers

**Account name:** SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION

**Bank:** HDFC Bank

**Branch:** Lokhandwala

**Account type:** Savings

**Account number:** 50100100619860

## FCRA Account - Non-Indian Citizens

**Account Name :** SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION

**Bank :** State Bank of India

**Account Number :** 40147461808

**Account Type :** Current

**IFSC :** SBIN0000691 / **SWIFT :** SBININBB104

**Statutory auditors :** AFS & COMPANY

**Partner name :** Anwar Shaikh

## Registered office

1202, Raheja Classique - 5,  
New Link Road, Andheri West,  
Mumbai - 53

# SAC AT GLANCE

**DONATE NOW**



**SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION**  
**IFSC CODE HDFC0000159**  
**Account Number 50100100619860**



**BE A PART OF THE CHANGE**

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**

**We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers  
keen to make a difference**

**TO VOLUNTEER : 9769699123**

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