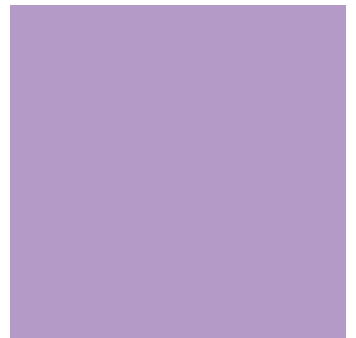




Annual Report 2016-17





We exist to ensure **transformational change** in school-going children of low-income background by providing them with knowledge, values, skills, and support through **joyous, positive experiences** from interaction with well-intentioned, educated adults to help them succeed.



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Founders’ Note



Avani Dalal



Nirmala Venkatesan

Hello,

We are proud and excited to present the first annual report of Spark-A-Change Foundation.

Our vision is to work towards an India where every child is educated and receives access to equal opportunities for a better future. Two years into this initiative, the sheer talent and progress shown by our students continues to surprise and overwhelm us.

This year has been extremely hectic and fulfilling. In keeping with our belief in benefits of robust processes and curricula, six months of hard work and our first in-house English and Math workbooks were ready to use. The first independent student assessments and volunteer feedback sessions were held in March. Over the coming year, we will conduct multiple assessments which will help us evaluate student progress quantitatively to further enhance our curriculum.

One of the most important events of the year was INDRADHANUSH, our first annual day event. A day of thanksgiving, to our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, parents. The Rotary Hall at Juhu was packed to capacity, reverberating with enthusiasm and applause as our students performed on stage in full costume.

Experiential learning forms an important part of SAC activities. Several corporate engagement activities and events to this end were organised for our students this year like ‘the human chain for water conservation’, ‘Aashayein’ a JNAA-CASCADE event, Juhu Marathon, Sports Day, ‘Masterchef’ at Thompson Reuters, visit to bank, multiple movie screenings, visits to museums, ‘Mumbai Heritage Walk’ and many more such.

This year, we partnered with technical institutes to offer 50 of our senior students training on how to work with computers. In the coming year, we hope to double that number. We are also looking at tie-ups for intensive coaching for 9th and 10th graders and to impart hands-on science education, to improve critical thinking skills, which is bound to excite and inspire our students.

Lastly, we want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and donors without whose love and support none of this would have been possible. We look to the future with great anticipation and hope that this will be the first of many annual reports!

Cheers,

Avani and Nirmala, Founder Trustees, Team Spark-A-Change



The Program

The Spark-A-Change program is primarily designed to supplement school education in English and Math.

We provide a two-sided platform, bringing together motivated students and enthusiastic, skilled volunteers and applying a curriculum tailored to lead our students down the path to a well-rounded education.

The Students

Eager to learn
Low-income background
Looking for exposure and opportunities



The Volunteers

Experienced and educated
Robust screening process
Mentorship model



Program Details: Curricular

The focus of the curricular part of the program is to ensure that English speaking, reading, comprehension and writing skills, together with age-appropriate number skills are adequately developed.



Conducive learning environment



Practical application of concepts to real world scenarios



Interaction with experienced and motivated volunteer teachers



Evolving academic program



Program Details: Co-curricular

The focus of the co-curricular part of the program is to work towards the development of a well-rounded personality through value education, activities and experiences.



Regular art & craft sessions



Sports and teamwork
Cricket & Football teams



Skill & personality development



Field trips to museums, movies, etc



Challenges and Impact

Only **45.2%**
of Class VIII
students could
read simple
sentences in
English



290

Children currently enrolled

Only **14%** of
Indian graduates
are considered
job-ready



50

Students given computer training

Out-of-school children

**11-14
YEARS**

5%

**15-16
YEARS**

16.6%



92%

Student retention rate

Changes that we Sparked

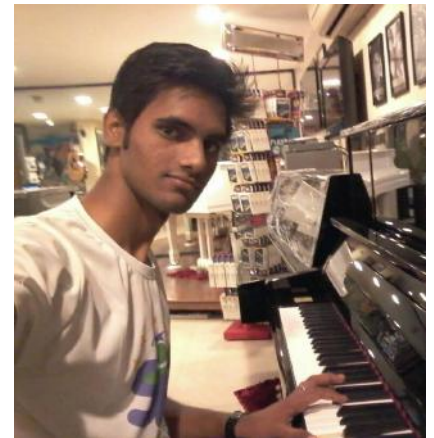


PRACHI

After winning the gold medal in the solo dance category in an inter NGO competition, Prachi received a 3 month scholarship at the Irfan dance academy. Her continued excellence during the training period led to a renewal of the scholarship.

ASHISH

Ashish has always been passionate about music. Spark-A-Change sponsored his enrollment in Sangeet Mahavidyalaya. He has made the most of this opportunity, and he recently participated in the auditions for Indian Idol!



SURAJ

Suraj had to leave school and go to work at a garage to support his family. He never lost the desire to learn. He joined the Spark-A-Change program last year and has just written his 10th standard exams. He has completed a basic computer course and gained proficiency in hardware repair.

AKASH

Akash joined SAC as a student, and was mentored by us through his 10th standard examinations. Today, he is back with us as a volunteer English teacher! Akash believes in giving back to the SAC and wants to help others succeed academically.



Activity Calendar

April '16

Carter Road cleanliness drive
Jungle Book screening
Summer camp 2016

June

Calligraphy workshop



May

Computer classes



July

Museum Trip
Sultan screening

August

Product workshop

October

Joy of giving week
Soch by Bloom
Diwali celebration



September

Clay modelling workshop
Story telling workshop
Juhu beach cleanup drive
Corporate emgagement - DLL Financial
Bhauji Lad Museum visit



Activity Calendar

November

Children's day - Rotaract Club, Goregaon
Shopping festival - Rotaract Club,
Mumbai Airport

February

Dance performance at Lokhandwala
Sports day and eye camp



April

IPL match - Education for All
Open air bus trip
Summer camp 2017



January '17

Makar Sankranti



March

Indradhanush - Annual day
MasterChef - Thomson Reuters
Outdoor sports and activities day

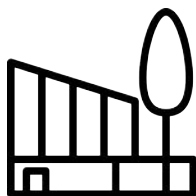


Spotlight - Indradhanush 2017



INDRADHANUSH 2017, our 1st Annual Day, was the culmination of a month of long planning, practice, excitement, anxiety, sound, music, lights and action. A proud moment indeed when our kids put up a splendid performance before a full audience!

The Year Ahead



New Centers

Goregaon | Juhu (2nd center)

Given the enthusiastic response from the participants and parents of our program, we plan to expand to help more children across Mumbai



Hiring

We plan on hiring full-time staff for center management, social media, fundraising, etc.



Science Curriculum

Teaching science in a fun and relatable way by partnering with experts who will conduct classes and organise workshops



Balance Sheet

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950
SCHEDULE - VIII [Vide Rule 17(1)]
SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION
Reg.No P.T.R -E-31084 (Mum)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

2015-16 (RS.)	FUNDS & LIABILITIES	2016-17 (RS.)	2016-17 (RS.)	2015-16 (RS.)	PROPERTY & ASSETS	2016-17 (RS.)	2016-17 (RS.)
15,000	CORPUS FUND Trust Fund Balance as per last Balance Sheet	15,000			Immovable Properties Balance as per Last B/s Add: During the year Less : Sales	- - -	
-	Add-during the year	-	15,000		Movable Properties Balance as per Last B/s Add: During the year Less : Sales Less: Depreciation	- - - -	Nil
15,000	Loans & Liabilities		Nil		Loans & Advances To Employees To Others	- - -	6,000 -
2,54,782	INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT Balance as per last Balance Sheet	2,54,782	5,93,055		Income Outstanding		Nil
8,476	Add/Less:Deficit/ (Surplus)	3,38,273		5,000	Cash & Bank Balances Cash balance Bank balance Fixed deposits	53,890 2,98,165 2,50,000	6,02,055
2,46,306				18,504			
				2,46,278			
2,69,782			6,08,055	2,69,782			6,08,055

As per our Report Attached
For Pankaj Kothari & Co
Chartered Accountants

Pankaj Kothari
Place:- Mumbai
Dated : 30/05/2017



FOR SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION

Nirmala
NIRMALA VENKATESAN
Trustee

Place:- Mumbai
Dated : 30/05/2017

Avani Dalal
AVANI DALAL
Trustee

Place:- Mumbai
Dated : 30/05/2017



Income & Expenditure

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT, 1950
SCHEDULE - VIII [Vide Rule 17(1)]

SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION
Reg.No P.T.R -E-31084 (Mum)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017

P.Y (RS.)	Expenditures	2016-17 (RS.)	(RS.)	2015-16 (RS.)	Incomes	2016-17 (RS.)	(RS.)
Nil	To Expenditure in respect of Properties		Nil		By Interest (accrued) (realised)		
-	Rent	-	-	1,537	Saving Bank Account	21,134	
	Expenditure towards specific	-		-	Fixed deposits	-	
					Loans	-	
1,57,465	To Establishment Expenses		45,908		Securities	-	21,134
	Audit Fees	8,550			By Donations		
	Atma Partnership Fees	12,500		3,40,650	Juhu Center	2,05,600	
	Salary - Watchman	7,500		3,92,405	Lokhandwala Center	3,40,901	-
	Core Team Meeting Expenses	2,745		72,000	Other donation	4,75,500	10,22,001
	Repairs and Maintenance	7,500				-	-
	Trademark Registration Fees	5,988			By Income From other sources		
	Bank Charges	1,125			By Transfer from Reserves		
	To Expenditure on the object of the Trust						
4,02,672	Educational	6,58,955	6,58,955				
2,46,455.00	To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet		3,38,273				
8,06,592			10,43,135	8,06,592			10,43,135

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For Pankaj Kothari & Co
Chartered Accountants

Pankaj Kothari
Mumbai Dated : 30/05/2017



FOR SPARK-A-CHANGE FOUNDATION

NIRMALA VENKATESAN
Trustee

AVANI DALAL
Trustee



Core Team



**Avani
Dalal**

An Electronic Engineer, a graphic designer, an animator and a passionate social worker wedded to the cause of SAC. Avani brings her creative expertise and intuitive understanding of children to enhance various facets of teaching methodologies.



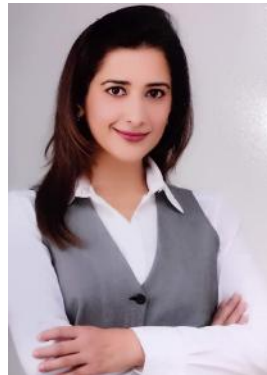
**Nirmala
Venkatesan**

A Chartered Accountant to a homemaker & a mother who found her calling in the SAC cause. Nirmala firmly believes that meaningful literacy with equal opportunities for every child is the only way to achieve national progress. She takes charge of finance, compliance, systems and process development for SAC.



**Ameesha
Adatia**

Ameesha currently takes responsibility for development and delivery of the English curriculum and teacher training modules at SAC.



**Gauri
Gupta**

Gauri started with SAC as a volunteer and has played a pivotal role in planning community events. Her expertise on Public Relations and Corporate Connects also serves a larger cause at SAC.



**Payal Choksi
Thanawala**

Payal takes charge of book-keeping, accounting processes, budgeting and internal audit.



**Maithili
Agasti**

Maithili has been one of our earliest volunteers and a passionate campaigner for the SAC cause. She is involved with fund-raising, Public relations and community events for SAC.

Our Supporters

A big THANK YOU to all our supporters. None of what we have managed to do so far would have been possible without your support.

*Donors who have made a contribution > Rs. 5000 listed in alphabetical order

Anand Menon
Anuj Shah c/o Rajnikant Parikh
Archana Uppal
Aruna Gopalkrishna Nayak
Ashish Chakravarti
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Bindu Mehta
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Deepak Jain
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IWC bombay west
J.D.Gopinathan
Jasmine D'Souza
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Kamladevi Welfare Foundation
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Meenakshi Kher
Monisha Thadani
Niklesh Malkani
Poonam Dalal
Pranay Gandhi
Pranay Vidya Charity Group
Punit Anand
R K Polymer Industries Pvt Ltd
Rachita Wadhwa
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Ritu Singh
Sangeeta Jha
Sangeeta Khetan
Sant Sagar Builders and Developers Pvt Ltd
Shailesh Shirwadkar
Sharmeen Merchant
Sheela Nand Merani
Shetu Parekh
Shikha Jain
Shivani Budhraj
Sumit Pal
Tasneem Siddique
Vythieswara Subramanian
Yashasvi Galvankar





Get
involved



Sponsor

Computer classes @ Rs. 2000/ child
Snacks for a day for 100 kids @ Rs. 1500
Stationery kit @ Rs. 5000 for 100 kids
Science camp @ Rs. 5000 pm for 25 kids
Intensive coaching @ Rs. 10000 per child



Volunteer

To teach 2-3 hours weekly
To conduct an art, craft, dance, music,
science or story session
Celebrate special days with us



Donate

All donations made to our foundation
are eligible for deductions under section
80G and go directly towards supporting
and improving our facilities and
capabilities.

Information

Trust information

Trust registration number: E31084

PAN: APTS1938Q

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

12A registration number: 47759/19.10.2015

Registered office

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

Bankers

Account name: SPARK-A-CHANGE
FOUNDATION

Bank: HDFC Bank

Branch: Lokhandwala

Account type: Savings

Account number: 50100100619860

Statutory auditors

Firm name: Pankaj A. Kothari & Co.

Address: Off No. 01, Ground Floor,
Meghalaya Building,
Station Road,

Kalwa (W), Thane - 400065

Partner name: Pankaj A. Kothari



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