

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The year 2021-22 began for us in very conflicting ways. We began the year celebrating the grand success of our first-ever SELebrating Inclusion Summit, a global online gathering organised in partnership with Ummeed CDC to build larger awareness and advocacy for social-emotional learning and inclusion. A month later, we were hit by the second way of the COVID-19 pandemic. The school year had closed, and the summer break for our students had begun.

Rishabh Lalani, our advisor, asked us, "What are we doing to support our students, their families, and the larger community?"

That led us to design an intentional and strategic response in the months of May and June, to build the online Communities of Wellbeing, in partnership with Atma, Catalysts for Social Action, Narrative Practices India, and The Yellow Umbrella. This was further layered up by individualized support for our students, many of whom had moved to their villages with their families and were further isolated from the community of friends. The loneliness, loss, and grief were on a rise.

Shahbaan Shah, from the Apni Shala team, during one of the, debriefs' shared, "I called up one of my students to check on him. He is in the village. I asked how he was doing. My student went quiet. Then after a few seconds, he asked me if I could call him back in the night as he was not able to think at that moment. When I called him again in the night he shared with me, 'Bhaiya, in the last so many days I have not thought about how I am feeling. No one has asked me recently, and when you asked me, it reminded me of our class. I don't know how to respond to you then. So I asked you to call me in the evening. I can tell you now bhaiya how I am feeling. I am feeling happy that you called.' **This is why we do what we do.**

This is why we continued to do whatever we did in the year 2021-22. While COVID-19 continued to pose a daily uncertainty, team Apni Shala found many ways to respond to these challenges and co-create opportunities for our students, parents, teachers, volunteers, and other stakeholders to find ways to heal together.

Our incredible team did some phenomenal work in the context of the challenges we were posed with.

We entered into an MCGM partnership to build Khoj, Apni Shala's SEL-informed school initiative, operationalizing it at MCGM's Limbuni Baug Mumbai Public School; we kickstarted a 6-months long journey to rediscover Apni Shala's values with Suchetha Bhat's guidance and "Compassion, Equity and Trust" showed up for us; and returned to in-person with our school and NGO partners in the second half of the school year.

A team of 25 people have modeled once again for me, what's possible when we come into community with each other and with those we hope to serve.

With deep gratitude and humility, I present our year 2021-22.

Rohit Kumar,

Apni Shala Foundation



OUR MISSION

We build social-emotional learning (SEL) competencies in individuals for a harmonious co-existence





WHAT WE DO

Build

a wholesome Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and evaluation framework in the Indian context

Facilitate

to increase access to SEL for a larger reach

Capacitate

institutions and educators for SEL

Advocate

with the government and other stakeholders for policy interventions

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COMMUNITIES OF WELLBEING

We started this year in a unique way. The COVID-19 second wave disrupted lives in communities across India. In response to the situation, we launched the Communities of Wellbeing program to extend support to communities by creating safe and open spaces where adults, children, and youth could come together to overcome the challenges that the new wave presented.

We facilitated virtual well-being sessions every week over a number of months so that people could regularly access a safe space to express their feelings, build solidarity through their shared experiences, and co-create spaces of community wellbeing. 1170 people supported

72
wellbeing session hours



SELebrating Inclusion Summit

SELebrating Inclusion Summit envisioned to be an annual SEL and inclusion gathering of organizations, policymakers, schools, educational institutions, families, educators, and any individuals working towards making the education system more inclusive, safe, and focused on the well-being of those accessing it.

In collaboration with Ummeed Child Development Centre, this inaugural summit was held online over two days and in many ways became a much-anticipated and needed gathering of various stakeholders of the SEL movement and conversation in India. We look forward to these gatherings and exchange of ideas and intentions every year.





The theme of this inaugural summit was "Systems, Stories, and Spaces of Wellbeing/ SEL".

250+

education and mental health professionals and organisations participated in our inaugural summit!





The School SEL Programme

The School SEL Programme is the first of two flagship initiatives at Apni Shala, engaging children across schools and NGOs in age-appropriate social-emotional learning sessions throughout the school year.

In 2021/22, COVID-19 exacerbated inequality due to unequal access to technology and other resources that support education. Through creativity and innovation, our team helped the children we serve to continue accessing SEL programmes throughout the year, irrespective of their ability to access resources, supports, and technology for education!

HOW WE FACILITATED ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Hundreds of call-ins and check-ins with caregivers and students

Delivered SEL sessions through live video (Zoom) to children with access to

resources and technology

Delivered SEL sessions through asynchronous methods when needed (through Whatsapp) to children with limited access to necessary resources Engaged caregivers to help meet program goals for the children

schools and NGO partners

4500+ students 3100+ SEL classroom sessions

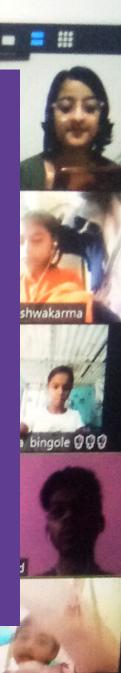
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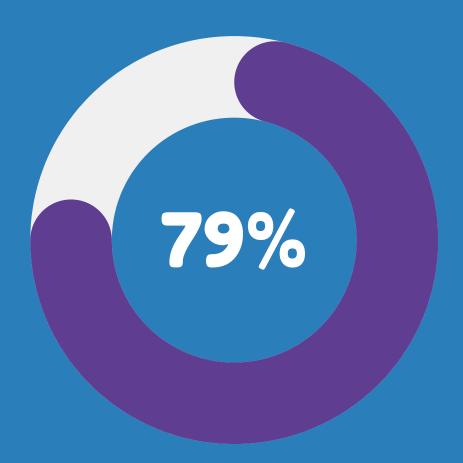
We asked our students:
"Who are our friends, and how do we choose them?"

A student shared:

"I have two friends. One can't hear. Another can't speak. I spend most of my time with them and enjoy with them. In fact, I have learned to communicate in signs from them. To tell you the truth, I don't understand sometimes what are we talking about, but I experience joy with them."



IMPACT OF THE YEAR-LONG SCHOOL SEL PROGRAMME



Percentages of students reporting an increase in at least 1 SEL competency at the end of the year

Data presented is based on responses to self-assessments administered for students of grades 4-7

SEL Workshops for Children

In line with Apni Shala's strategic goal to work with students to increase their awareness of SEL competencies and provide them with opportunities to develop these competencies, Apni Shala partnered with NGOs and educational institutions to conduct SEL workshops for children. The themes covered in these workshops were the SEL competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making. Children also engaged in intensive conversations and learning around peer relationships, kindness, emotional well-being, dealing with anxiety, unpacking uncertainty and goal-setting during the pandemic, individual differences and diversity, general wellbeing for youth, self-care and cyber-bullying.

OUR PARTNERS WALK THE SEL JOURNEY

We offered these workshops to children in partnership with
Oscar Foundation
Teach for India
Bajaj Auto Ltd.
Udaan India Foundation
Antarang Foundation
Sir Aurobindo College (NSS Unit)
Akanksha Foundation
People for Action

90 workshop 1350+
children build SEL
awareness and
competencies

SEL for Caregivers Apni Shala recognises the need for SEL intervention in the students' ecosystem. Important actors in this ecosystem include caregivers and family, and teachers and principals. We conduct quarterly Mental Health awareness sessions with caregivers of students during the school year! 543 caregivers/families build SEL awareness and learn ways to support children's SEL partner schools participate journey APNI SHALA | ANNUAL REPORT 2020/APNI SHALA | ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

SEL for Educators

Apni Shala collaborated with various organizations through train-the-trainer initiatives on SEL and/or SEL workshops for the participants and/or organization staff.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES WE UNDERTOOK

SEL Shala - professional development for educators in SEL topics

Diversity Shala - professional development for educators in diversity and inclusion themes

Leadership for Equity - online SEL course for teachers and govt. officers

PARTNERS WHO INVESTED IN BUILDING SEL CAPACITY WITH APNI SHALA

Wipro
Ummeed Child Development Centre
Feeding from Far
Adhyayan
Tata Institute of Social Sciences
MCGM schools



298
educators
developed
skills in SEL,
diversity, and
incluson

431 govt. teachers & officers trained in SEL leadership

#BeAMentalHealthAmbassador Campaign

In October 2021, we began brainstorming ideas to better engage with people who felt connected to the cause of mental health. A month later, we launched the "Be A Mental Health Ambassador" with an invitation to individuals to contribute to the cause of children and young people's mental health by building awareness, lending their voices as advocates, and helping build resources and funds.

The final leg of this initiative was an annual crowdfunding campaign in support of our flagship initiatives in Mumbai's government schools. Throughout the month of February, a community of 50+ Mental Health Ambassadors engaged in peer-to-peer fundraising efforts, interacting with their social networks over the phone, email, and social media, sharing their stories and connection to mental health via videos, and making a donation themselves. Also part of this community through their fundraising efforts were Apni Shala's team members, board members, advisors and well wishers.



27 lakhs raised for children's SEL

50+
individuals
signed up as
ambassador

250
donors indiviudals,
businesses
and
foundations

900 students supported!



A new school year...

Social Emotional Learning helps creating educational opportunities and environments that promote learning and practicing social, emotional, and academic skills, all of which are fundamental to healthy human development. This year, Khoj continued to engage the students on their learning journey with much compassion and care through robust partnerships, interactive school events, and updated SEL-integrated curriculum

... and a new school address!

Khoj Community Learning Centre was established in 201 with the vision to be a school. The team built pathways to work closely with the system and adapt a school and education model that is recognized by the government and the system at large. Years of ideation, brainstorming, and collaboration finally resulted in Khoj becoming operational at Limbuni Baug Mumbai Public School (LBMPS)!

In our new partnership with the municipal corporation for LBMPS, the Apni Shala team started providing SEL-integrated teaching-learning support (academic, physical, and psychosocial) for elementary grades (1-3). All students (Khojis) successfully transitioned to the new school address, and the team implemented an integration plan for new and returning students in partnership with Ms. Pramila Dhygude, principal of LBMPS.

As community partnerships have been a pillar for Khoj and the SMC members, the community and parents remained an integral part of Khoj's decision-making process. The team is deeply grateful to the parents who have shown immense trust in the Khoj-way of teaching-learning. We sincerely acknowledge the donors and volunteers who have ensured that the school had all the support it needed to make this transition possible. We also thank the MCGM officials and the LBMPS team for partnering with Khoj to realize this initiative. A huge shout out to The Akanksha Foundation team for their unwavering support to us in the process. And last but never least, to our wonderful, caring students whose enthusiasm and support gave us the inspiration we needed to create this change!

Self-Learning for Teachers

In the work of SEL where engagement with children and ecosystem are at the core, the team continuously engaged in self-learning and reorienting curriculum, vision and learning modalities. As the Khoj team began preparing themselves for the academic year 2021-22, here are a few training sessions that the team went through:

Orientation to Social, Emotional, and Ethical Learning | Differentiating Instructions to support diverse learning needs/abilities in a classroom | Orientation to Akanksha Curriculum K3 | Identifying Red Flags | Effective Online Teaching/Education | Leadership Development | Diversity and Inclusion training through Diversity Shala | Mindfulness | Introduction to Narrative Practices | Planning Skills; Prevention of Sexual Harassment



Children's Learning Activity Highlights

ART SYNERGY

Khoj's new collaboration with Art Synergy helped the children access resources and worksheets to draw pictures using alphabets and numbers. Khoj is also creating a resource bank for junior grades with art worksheets.

NUTRITION WEEK

This was a week-long organized event in which the kids explored the importance of consuming healthy food.

READING CLUB

Reading club is an engagement programme which took place every week from Monday-Thursday with volunteer support to build students' interest in storybooks, build vocabulary, and engage in listening and reading activities.

KHANA KHAZANA

This event was a virtual food party by the khojis where making KHANA (food) together is celebrated with KHAZANA (treasure) of care. love, joy, and togetherness.





Community Engagement

A strong community partnership leverages families' expertise and diversity to ensure that SEL is taught in culturally relevant ways that celebrate the assets, identity, and diversity students bring to school, making SEL more impactful and lasting. Khoj engaged with the community on a monthly basis to build awareness, working together to share perspectives and deciding on what's best for the children.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The School Management committee continued to be actively engaged in supporting decision-making at the school, as well as participating in learning opportunities. Some of the themes the SMC committee learnt about include SEL competencies such as Social Awareness, Relationship skills, and Responsible Decision-Making.

ENGAGEMENT WITH MCGM

Apni Shala was invited by the Education Officer's Office, MCGM (BMC) for a consultative meeting to discuss best practices keeping in mind the reopening of schools. As one of the initiatives to support young students' learning, especially for grades 1 and 2 who may not have been in physical school spaces earlier, MCGM started building forward a bridge program. Apni Shala team took on the support activities to develop this program, along with other NGO partners

Apni Shala's wonderful staff of 26 staff and several volunteers not only spearheaded our SEL and Khoj initiatives, but also engaged in a myriad of learning and unlearning workshops that helped nurture our minds and serve our communities better. We thank our team for all they do to realize our complex yet critical mission to nurture mental wellbeing in education and in communities.

FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS

We are grateful to those who helped us realize our 2021/22 mission:

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TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

4AM WORLDWIDE

UNLTD INDIA

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SEL Program, Prof. Development and Khoj partners

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AND MANY ANONYMOUS DONORS!





FINANCIAL AUDIT

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2022

Schedule XIII

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act 1950 Name of Public Trust : Apni Shala Foundation [Vide Rule 17 (1)]

Balance Sheet as on 31, 03, 2022

Registration No. - E-29950 [MUMBAI]

Balance Sheet as on 31, 03, 2022					
LIABILITIES & ADVANCES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PROPERTY & ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	AMOUNT (Rs.)
Trust Funds or Corpus : -			Immovable Properties : - (at cost)		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	5,44,100		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	-	
Add: For Life Membership		5,44,100	Additional during the year	-	
			Less: Sale during the year	-	
Other Embarked Funds : -			Depreciation up to date	-	-
Depreciation Fund	-				
Sinking Fund	-		Investments : -		
Reserve Fund	-	-	Fixed Deposit with Axis Bank	7,41,491	
			Add : - Accrued Interest	38,628	7,80,13
Loans [Secured or Unsecured] : -]
From Trustees	-		Fixed Assets : -		
From Other	-	-	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	2,10,219	
			Additional during the year	80,122	
Liabilities : -			(As per Schedule "C")		
TDS Payable	47,753		Depreciation up to date	(77,468)	2,12,8
Provident Fund	41,250		· ·	,	
Professional Tax	2,200				
For Sundry Credit Balance	32,505	1,23,708	Current Assets Loan Advance : -		
•			Prepaid Expenses	20,333	
Provision : -			Security Deposit for Rent	1,00,000	
Provision for Audit Fees	42,834		Advance to Creditor	78,603	1,98,9
Other Provision	- '	42,834			
		1	Income Outstanding : -		
Income and Expenditure Account: -			TDS Receivable	76,284	
Balance as per Balance Sheet	36,43,551		Fees Income	1,11,995	
Less: Appropriation, if any	-			_,,_	-,,-
			Cash and Bank Balances : -		
Add: Surplus {As per I & E A/c}	30,03,974	66,47,525	a) Cash in Hand	9,737	
	22,20,27	11,,020	b) In Saving Account with Yes Bank	37,650	
			In Saving Account with Axis Bank	59,30,573	
			c) With the Trustee	-	
			d) With the Manager	_	59,77,9
			2, ************************************		33,77,30
Total		73,58,167	Total		73,58,16

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-2022

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Schedule IX

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act 1950 [Vide Rule 17 (1)]
Name of Public Trust : April Shala Foundation

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31. 03. 2022

Registration No. - E-29950 [MUMBAI]

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs.)	AMOUNT (Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs.)	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Expenditure in respect of properties : -			By Rent (Accrued and realised)		
Rates, Taxes, Cesses	-				
Repairs and Maintenance	-		By Interest (Accrued and realised)	L	
Salaries	-		On Fixed Deposits	38,628	
Insurance	-		On Bank Account	1,60,345	
Depreciation	-		On Loan	-	
Rent Expense	-		On Securities	-	
Other Expenses	-	-	On Recurring deposit		
			On Income Tax demand	10,293	2,09,55
To Establishment Expense [As per Schedules "A"]		11,15,697			
			By Donations in cash or kind		
To Renumeration to Trustee		-	Grants and Donations - Institutions	50,94,485	
			Donations - Individuals	48,58,732	
To Audit Fees		42,834	CSR Donations	18,11,000	1,17,64,21
To Depreciation (As per Schedules "C")		77,468	By Income from other sources		
,			Training Fees	8,15,963	
To Amount Transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds			Other Income	-	8,15,96
To Expenditure on object of the Trust : -					
a. Religious	_				
b. Education [As per Schedules "B"]	85,49,763				
c. Medical Relief					
d. Relief of poverty					
e. Other Charitable Objects		85,49,763			
e. Other chartable objects		05,45,703			
To Excess of Income over Expenditure		30,03,974			
Total		1,27,89,736	Total		1,27,89,73

As per audited statements and report prepared by Rajesh K. Jain and Associates | Chartered Accountants | Firm Registration No. 131463W

Governance

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