

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24



Dear Supporters, Partners, and Well-wishers,

As we reflect on the year 2023-24, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride in the transformative journey Sparsha Charitable Trust has undertaken. Over the past year, we reached new milestones in our mission to empower marginalized communities, touching the lives of over 75,000 children and families.

This year has been marked by resilience, innovation, and collaboration. Our flagship programs—Shiksha, Sanskar, Swayam, Saksham, and Sehat—have continued to serve as beacons of hope, offering quality education, holistic development, and community empowerment. From equipping classrooms with digital tools to conducting health awareness camps, each initiative underscores our unwavering commitment to creating sustainable change.

One of our key achievements has been fostering parental involvement in education, breaking through barriers, and encouraging positive parenting practices. We've also expanded our reach to rural and tribal areas, initiating skill development programs and virtual learning platforms, ensuring that no child is left behind.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and passionate team members. Your trust and contributions have enabled us to overcome challenges, from limited resources to community-specific barriers, and achieve meaningful impact.

As we look to the future, our resolve to build sustainable and inclusive communities remains stronger than ever. Together, we can continue to empower lives, one child, one family, and one community at a time.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. We look forward to your continued support as we strive for a brighter tomorrow.

SARIKA DESAI

CEO SPARSHA TRUST

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ABOUT SPARSHA

Sparsha Charitable Trust is a non-profit organization based at Sion, Mumbai. We work in urban slum communities with underprivileged families providing access to basic human needs and help them to achieve better and sustainable living circumstances.

Over the last 24 years, the organization has reached out to 75000 children from the 17 marginalized communities. Our intervention programs strive towards community building and upliftment by providing quality education and holistic development to children residing in the marginalized communities.

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VISION

Marginalized families will achieve sustainable human development.

MISSION

We implement strategic interventions to ensure quality education by providing preschool, remedial education to children, and facilitate continuous education by empowering parents from marginalized communities.



PROBLE AND SOLUTION

PROBLEMS

A BRIEF ABOUT THE PROBLEMS

Lack of Parental support towards children for higher education.

Lack of medical intervention for all beneficiaries referred for further intervention due to limited resources.

Limited funding resources impacts quality teachers in the classrooms.

Families of children do not focus much on financial savings for children's education.

Family pressure on Swayam (15+) children to contribute towards family income.

SOLUTIONS

A BRIEF ABOUT THE SOLUTIONS

Sparsha initiated fundraising campaign to support children for higher education.

70% families included in financial inclusion initiative through providing financial literacy and services available.

Volunteer support for one to one mentoring and skill building sessions of Swayam students.

5 Skill enhancement Capacity building workshop for teachers for quality education.

OUR INTER

OUR INTERVENTION

The year 2023, Sparsha worked in 3 intervention area at F North ward with 300 families. Sparsha intervention program focused on implementing learning based sessions in the centers with an objective of upscaling skills and inner potential of students as well as parents. Our parent - child program empowered our parents to understand the need of their children.

To an extent there perceptive towards encouraging children to attend regular school and Sparsha remedial classes was evident in the centres. **Our children** were part of many collaborative programs with education institutes which provided the students a platform to learn new skills. Awareness programs for parents on various pressing issues were addressed at Parents meetings held every month across all the centres.

Our women group got an opportunity to learn computer skills through digital learning classes. Focus on mental and physical wellbeing was initiated for children through counselling and yoga sessions. The digitized classrooms provided a platform for children to learn beyond their academic curriculum. Health camps and awareness camps for children and women provided the community to have a regular access to healthcare and understand about illness and diseases leading to improving their quality of life

OUR PROG

OUR PROGRAMS

EDUCATION

We hold the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to pursue and successfully accomplish their education, regardless of their socio-economic circumstances. Our Education Program is meticulously crafted to serve as a cornerstone for continuous learning, offering students a route to transcend poverty and equip them for a promising future.

SEHAT - HOLISTIC WELLNESS

We offer complimentary healthcare services to children and their families, emphasizing holistic well-being through yoga, counseling, and mental wellness sessions for both children and their families.

SAKSHAM - COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

The project aims to empower communities towards sustainability by offering avenues for skill development, digital literacy, and addressing gender disparities, particularly through the promotion of education for girls. In addition, we support self-help groups in expanding their enterprises and assist youth in developing the necessary skills to improve their employability for a more promising future.

51.76%

Facilitate Conceptual Learning

45.29%

ADL skills & gross/finer motor skills

72.78%

Facilitate Socio Emotional skills

54.44%

Readers appreciate accurate information

85%

Nutrition and Health
Checkup

EDUCATION



SHIKSHA PROGRAM

Shiksha Program caters to the children in the **age group of 3-6 years.** We use the play way method to develop the love for education. It aims at forming the base of education among the students and also to develop.

Shiksha Program - In the year 2023, Our 28 students from Shiksha was enrolled into formal education. Our teachers and animator had supported the families with the admission procedure and procuring relevant documents. Our young achievers were part of innovative activities such as role play, group activity, field trips, sports day and parent child bonding activities in the class which facilitated their holistic development.





56%

Reading writing skill & monitor the progress change in 1st to 4th Std

53%

expand the knowledge of science & maths concepts in 5th to 7th std

69%

Parents awareness and involvement

56%

Self Awareness and dealing with emotions

EDUCATION



SANSKAR PROGRAM

Sanskar Program caters to the children in the **age group of 6-14 years of age.** It aims at inculcating a culture of education among the students through the various skill based team bonding activities and facilitate concept formation and clarity amongst students through interactive learning modules.

Sanskar - Our inquisitive minds had an eventful year of learning through experiential learning through peer learning with International schools. They were also introduced to self awareness sessions on emoting their thoughts in a constructive manner. The students also were provided the opportunity to explore their creativity through dance, drama, art and craft. Our program also focussed on physical well being through yoga and self defense class.





60%

Develop 21st Century Skills

70%

Increase concept clarity in Maths and Science

60%

Initiate Career Guidance and Job readiness prorgram

50%

Increase digital literacy

75%

Increase parents involvment for sustainable education

EDUCATION



SWAYAM PROGRAM

Swayam Program caters to the children in the **age group** of 14-18 years of age. It aims at supporting students via specialized training in the most crucial phase of their academic career i.e. Grade 8 to 12 so that they can perform better in board examinations and also help them in developing mindsets in order to be skilled labor force.

Swayam - Our Swayam students have been part of many hands-on sessions on enhancing 21st century skills focusing on their interpersonal communication skills and job readiness programs. Our dedicated team of teachers left no stone unturned to prepare each student for their board exams. 100% students passed their SSC last year.

The students were supported to enroll themselves for higher education through career guidance and financial support towards college admission



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Dixit Infotech is one of India's leading
System Integrator & IT Services Company
with 45 years of enriching industry
experience. We take pride in delivering
innovative & cost-effective IT, digital &
business solutions to our clients.

Dixit Infotech supported C4 centre, Sion Koilwada for our flagship program Shiskha, Sanskar and Swayam. A total of 150 children between the age group of 3 - 18 years benefited. Learning became fun for all as our teacher could avail the blended approach of teaching the children through our digitized classroom, Our parents too came forward to learn computers thrice a week.

Digitalized classroom was a blessing in disguise Sparsha, in collaboration with Dixit Infotech Services Ltd. embarked on a transformational journey for the upliftment of the grassroots of society by enhancing their "Digital Literacy". The team ran for the cause at Tata Mumbai marathon 2024 spreading the message of digital inclusion for all. Our deep appreciation for all our donors, supporters, volunteers and well wishers for making the event a grand success.

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STEM LEARNING CENTRE

Globant renowned digital transformation company that leverages the technologies organizations worldwide. With a focus on innovation, Globant offers a wide array of services including digital and cognitive transformation, cloud computing, data analytics, and user experience design. Renowned for its unique company culture, which emphasizes creativity collaboration, Globant has established itself as a leader in the tech industry.

Stem learning promotes development vital skills, creativity and inquisitiveness towards whys and hows of everyday life. Sparsha in partnership with like minded corporates have established mini science laboratories at 5 schools - Dhyaneswari Devanand Girl's senior secondary school, Patna, Matadin Sukulp, Varanasi, Krispin Home, Pune, Kane Nagar BMC school Antop Hill, Wadala.

The projects have been supported by Fino Payment Banks, Globant, Celanese and Entrata India. The project has facilitated a platform for more than 5000 students to explore everyday mathematical and scientific concepts and instill interest for science, technology and mathematics.

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EMPOWERING COMMUNITY WELLNESS





Celanese has supported Sparsha towards expansion of an intervention area at MHADA, Bhakti Park. 100 Families of marginalized people have been identified as part of Sparsha intervention Program. A remedial support centre has been established along with a computer training centre for youth.

Their Kind support towards physical wellness has contributed towards 515 beneficiaries benefiting from health camps organized. 550 students have benefited from self defense program conducted and 200 students have benefited from counselling sessions.



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VOLTAS A TATA Enterprise



THE JOY OF LEARNING -CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE

Voltas, a Tata enterprise, stands as a stalwart in the realm of air conditioning and engineering solutions. Renowned for its commitment to innovation and reliability, Voltas has been a pioneer in introducing cutting-edge technologies that redefine comfort and efficiency. With a rich legacy spanning several decades, the company has earned the trust of millions through its diverse range of products and services,

The Sparsha Team extends its heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Ujwala Rao and Mr. Pranav Parekh for their generous contributions towards enriching classroom experiences at Sparsha 6 Balwadis across various locations in Mumbai. Their dedication has brought smiles on budding learners.

A team of volunteers from Voltas limited teamed up with Sparsha to promote fun learning by transforming the classroom walls into vibrant and thematic canvases at Chembur and Mulund Balwadi. The activity inspired our budding toddlers to radiate happiness and smiles as they immersed into the knowledge of learning.

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NASHIK CHAPTE



Our Sparsha Team
Nashik have ventured into the rural remote villages to promote quality education through holistic approach.

QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILL PROGRAM

In Nashik's rural expanse, the status of education reflects a mix of challenges and progress. While strides have been made in expanding access to education, disparities persist, especially in remote areas. Government initiatives and NGO efforts have contributed to the establishment of schools, but infrastructure and resources often remain inadequate.

It gives us immense pride to revive our old projects in rural areas which were shelved due to unavoidable circumstances. Our Sparsha Team Nashik have ventured into the rural remote villages to promote quality education through holistic approach. Our self defense and life skill programs have been initiated at 5 schools situated in tribal adivasi areas impacting 692 school aged children till date.

The students have also received stationery items as a support towards academics. We have initiated virtual learning for our children residing at Ashram shala with the support of our volunteers and our Swayam children from Mumbai intervention initiative provides program. The opportunity for students at ashram shala to learn new skills and understand the world beyond their imagination through virtual tour, storytelling and experiential learning.

SAKSHAM

The project aims towards uplifting the marginalized community through skillbuilding and awareness programs across all genders above 13 years of age. Our hands-on workshop and rigorous training provides a platform for youth, women to learn and upscale their existing skills.



Swayam students youth underwent workshop on 21st century skills, digital literacy class and preparation for competitive exams. And they were part of a career counselling session round the year.



women were part of **Digital literacy** program and adult literacy session.



families were participated 48 community awareness sessions on legal support, financial literacy, domestic violence and gender equality, child safety parenting style and family wellness workshops.



Students from **Sewri Wadala BMC school** are part of Sparsha Yoga program conducted twice a week



Sanskar and Swayam students participated in collaborative peer to peer learning on skill building sessions such as learning canva, everyday science and new skills on football playing technique.

SEHAT

Prioritizing health and access to medical facilities contributes towards a healthy family and creating a sustainable community.



500+

women have benefitted from health camps on **early detection of PCOD** and other gynecological concerns



2500+

students have benefitted from yoga and self defense session on physical wellness.



700+

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children between the age group 3 - 18 have benefited from quarterly dental, general and eye health check ups.



550

children have undergone session on mental wellness and counselling session.



women and adolescents girls have benefited from women workshops on mensuration health and hygiene and wellness workshops to reduce health concerns.



Sparsha

SUCCESS STORIES

Journey of Resilience and Determination

Gudiya Karunashankar Pandey

Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle. This principle has been the driving force behind Gudiya's unwavering determination to achieve her goals. Gudiya has been a part of the Sparsha family since she was just 8 years old, and from a young age, she displayed a keen interest in education and a passion for learning new skills. Her creativity and artistic talents have always shone brightly.

After completing her 10th standard, Gudiya pursued higher education. However, she faced a significant challenge due to a language barrier, which prevented her from passing her SSC exams. At this critical juncture, our dedicated Sparsha teachers stepped in to support her, helping her overcome her fear of the English language. Through sheer hard work and perseverance, Gudiya successfully cleared her SSC exams.

Yet, Gudiya's journey towards her dreams was far from smooth. She bore the responsibility of supporting her family of six, who depended on her financially. Rising to the challenge, Gudiya secured a job as a customer assistant at a reputed jewellery shop, becoming a pillar of strength for her family.



Despite these responsibilities, Gudiya's thirst for knowledge remains unquenched. She has recently enrolled in an online bachelor's degree program, demonstrating her commitment to continuous learning. Gudiya dreams of one day teaching other children like herself, offering them the hope and inspiration for a brighter tomorrow.

Gudiya's story is a testament to the power of resilience and determination, and we at Sparsha Charitable Trust are incredibly proud to be a part of her remarkable journey.

SUCCESS STORIES

Still not sure how to present your data? Here are some types of social media reports:

Sonu Sahani

Sonu Sahini has been associated with Sparsha since the age of 8. A dedicated student from an early age, Sonu participated in various activities at Sparsha. However, fate had other plans for Sonu, and that is when his parents passed away while he was just 10 years old. His world of happiness vanished in the blink of an eye. Gradually, with the support and love of his grandparents and maternal aunt, Sonu started to rebuild his life.

Despite the challenges, Sonu continued his association with Sparsha. As he grew older, he also took on the responsibility of supporting his family, accompanying his aunt to the nearby fish market to sell fish. The pandemic added to his struggles, as he lacked the necessary gadgets to keep up with his academics, resulting in him failing his HSC in Science. Undeterred, Sonu worked harder and successfully cleared his 12th standard.

Today, Sonu is pursuing his graduation in Biochemistry and has aspirations to pursue B. Pharm. He aims to work in a reputed organization to provide financial security for himself and his family. At Sparsha, we take immense pride in seeing how Sonu has emerged as an inspiring youth in his community. His sheer determination has made him resilient and focused on his goals.



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Trust

SPARSHA VOLUNTEERS SPEAK



SIA PRANAY DOSHI

SVKMS, MITHIBAI COLLEGE, VILE PARLE

I am extremely grateful to have gotten this opportunity to work with Sparsha and teaching the kids gave me a new perspective to life. **The little things made the kids happy which was a great lesson I learnt and they all were happy in their own world with very little tension.**I would love to continue working with Sparsha and teach the kids whenever I get the opportunity to.



VINEEJA VINOD MENON

IES MCRC, BANDRA

I learned that tailoring our approach to suit different age groups and individuals is crucial in capturing their interest and attention effectively. This experience has given me important skills in connecting with all kinds of people. It'll definitely help me out down the road. Working with kids, who are so open-minded and innocent, has rubbed off on me. It's helped me see things from fresh angles and understand different points of view.

RADHIKA NAMBIAR

YOGA Instructor

I had the opportunity work with Sparshaa in the capacity of a yoga teacher for the parents. I must say I have been very touched with the enthusiasm and warmth the women have shown in leaving all their work aside and taking time out to be on their mat.

The team at Sparsha has been very forthcoming and put in immense efforts to bring the group together, create the environment and space for the sessions. I also had the opportunity of interacting with the children at Sparsha during their summer camp. The love and respect they had for the teachers was admirable! I wish Sparsha all the best to continue this wonderful service and create a positive impact to the lives of not just the children, but their families too. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WELL WISHERS



MS. ANVITA BIRJE
Assistant Professor,
Thakur College of Engineering and
Technology, Kandivali (E)

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Sparsha Foundation for providing impactful social internship opportunity to the students of Thakur College of Engineering and Technology. Your dedication to community engagement and time given to my students are truly commendable.

The internship experience has been transformative for our students, allowing them to contribute meaningfully to social development. Your foundation's commitment to empowering underserved communities aligns perfectly with our values.

Thank you for your unwavering support and time to time help throughout the internship period. We are proud to be associated with Sparsha and look forward to continued collaboration.



DR. DURGA SUREKHA Professor,

SIES College of Management Studies,
Nerul (E)

Dr. Durga Surekha, a doctorate in sociology, is an accomplished academician and researcher with three decades of experience. She has several research papers to her credit and is an author too. Currently, **she is a professor at SIES College of Management Studies. Dr Surekha's areas of interest are Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Ethics and NGO Management.**

As a part of the institutional work it was an opportunity to interact with more then 200 organizations. The students are placed in grass route assignments with development sector for social sensitization. We are very happy for having partnered with sparsha ngo and the students exposure to sparsha was infact a great learning exposure to the management students. we really salute the organization for making a big change to the society by doing an outstanding contribution in the field of underprivileged children. Personally my association with Ms Meenakshi since 2009 have no words of praise and due to the dedication of People like Mrs Sarika Desai the world is moving in giving back to the society.

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

S. I. P. Department

St. Xavier's College

We, the Social Involvement Program (SIP), St. Xavier's College (Empowered Autonomous Institute), Mumbai, happily state that our collaboration with Sparsha Charitable Trust over the last decade has been a fruitful one for our student volunteers. Through this NGO's intervention, our student volunteers engaged with the educational growth of underprivileged children. These student volunteer's testimonials indicate that Sparsha Charitable Trust has indeed been instrumental in deepening their social consciousness.



Seva Mandal Educational Society's Smt. Kamalaben Gambhirchand Shah Law School



(Affiliated to SNDT Women's University) (Recognized by Bar Council of India)

27-05-2024

To, Sarika Desai, CEO, Sparsha Charitable Trust

Respected Madam,

On behalf of Seva Mandal's Education Society's Smt. Kamalaben Gambhirchand Shah Law School, I am honored to be associated with Sparsha, an organization committed to creating meaningful and sustainable changes within our community. Sparsha's dedication to empowering our students through comprehensive education, healthcare, and social initiatives is truly inspiring. The innovative programs conducted by your organisation and compassionate approach have profoundly impacted countless lives, fostering a sense of hope and resilience.

Sincere gratitude from Smt. Kamalaben Gambhirchand Shah Law School for the support of the remarkable work Sparsha continues to do, and I look forward to many more years of collaboration and positive change.



Warm regards,

Mrs. Rakhee Gadhave I/c Principal

VIEWS OF CORPORATE COLABRATION

VOLTAS

India



My Brief Experience with the Sparsha Foundation

As the lead for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Kenvue India, I had the privilege of collaborating with the Sparsha Foundation, an NGO dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged children in India. My experience working with them was incredibly enriching and eye-opening. From the moment we initiated our partnership, I was struck by the passion and dedication of the Sparsha Foundation's staff and volunteers. Our collaboration focused on enhancing their educational initiatives.

During our joint efforts, we organized interactive learning sessions and I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the children's eagerness to learn and their remarkable enthusiasm despite their challenging circumstances. It was inspiring to see how our support was making a tangible difference in their lives. One of the highlights of our collaboration was a community outreach event where we visited a nearby school area to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene. The gratitude and warmth of the community members were deeply moving, and it underscored the vital role of such initiatives. I am grateful for this experience and look forward to continuing our partnership with the Sparsha Foundation. If you're looking for a way to make a positive impact, I highly recommend getting involved with this wonderful organization.

UPAASANA KALIA

Lead, CSR Kenvue, India



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OUR TEAM



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Sugandha J. Teacher



Pratibha Watkar

Teacher



Shaheen Shaikh

Teacher

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OUR PARTNERS









































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Thank Journe Team

























WORK US

WORK WITH US

We have the power to bring about the change we want to see in the world around us. Together, we're changing lives of children from marginalized communities of Mumbai through our programs that focus on Health, Education, and Community Development.

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