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# ANNUAL REPORT

April 2022 – March 2023

This life is short, the vanities of the world are transient, but they alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive. – Swami Vivekananda

Vivek Chetana

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# THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

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#### MEMBERS

Debjani Chatterjee, Gargi Ghosh, Chandrima Datta Gupta Debasmita Ghosh, Shipra Biswas, Sanghamitra Ghosh Jayanti Bhattacharya

#### Administrative Officer

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Vivek Chetana considers itself extremely fortunate to have the loyalty and steady support of its friends, members and sponsors who helped us recover from the economic downturn of the Covid situation and emerge as a stronger entity, ready for more vibrant growth.

## **ABOUT US**

Ours is a voluntary women's social welfare organization founded on Swami Vivekananda's ideals of love and service, under the hallowed auspices of Sri Sarada Math and Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar. We are grateful for their continued patronage, inspiration and guidance. In January 2023, we completed thirty-eight years of selfless service, re-dedicating ourselves to the progress, improvement and empowerment of distressed women and children. Both in the city of Kolkata and non-urban areas, Vivek Chetana, since its foundation, has successfully implemented several programmes in the areas of health and education for economically disadvantaged, physically challenged women and children. This success has added more enthusiasm to its humanitarian mission, spurring on increased efforts to undertake similar projects among the marginalized sections of society.

In the last few years, Vivek Chetana's undertaking of supplementary coaching programmes in villages of Bardeuli and Gangarampur has created significant impact on the lives of both the women and

children. This is testified by the attendance of increasing numbers of students, dedicated teachers and involved parents and guardians.

An important highlight of this year's extended growth has been the organisation and increasing strength of the Nabadisha project. This venture involved several interested women of the community in classes related to hygiene, improving literacy levels and general instruction. Their response has been most encouraging for us.

# KAAJER KAGOJ (PAPER BAG)

This project has provided severely orthopaedically handicapped and economically disadvantaged girls a much-needed means of livelihood. These girls show their eagerness and interest by physically collecting the papers themselves, notwithstanding their physical disabilities. Old newspapers are provided by Malobika Ganguli, Mitali Bhattacharya, Shipra Biswas, Srimonti Bhattacharya, Debarati Banerjee, Debasish Sen, Chandrima Datta Gupta, Debasmita Ghosh, Indrani Mitra, Malabika Sengupta, Devika Doss, Aparajita Nag, Jayanti Bhattacharya, Sunipa Datta, Shakuntala Mukherjee, Dr. J Nag, Sutapa Ghosh, Rita Banerjee, Nishi Pulugurtha, Suktara Mallick, Chandrima Roy & Ajanta Chatterjee. We invite others to contribute in order to sustain this laudable venture. Vivek Chetana gratefully acknowledges their efforts.

Sm. Sanghamitra Ghosh regularly spares her time, space and effort in order to distribute the papers from her residence where the papers are stored.

# NISHANT

Vivek Chetana takes pride in the endearing and long-standing relationship with the inmates of Alipore Women's Correctional Home which has resulted in exquisite handcrafted items produced by them. This means of earning inspires the women to find a new purpose in life. The finished products captivate everyone's heart and garner much appreciation.

Following upon the Covid interval of almost two years, Vivek Chetana re- established the mutually beneficial connection with the authorities and inmates, much to the relief and satisfaction of both parties. There is now regular interaction between us as in pre-Covid days.

# SARADA KANYA PRAKALPA

In addition to the ongoing supportive programmes a new proposal was taken up in the 150th Birth Anniversary Year of Sri Sarada Devi. Vivek Chetana introduced financial assistance for needy, meritorious girl students to complete their education and build a career. Beneficiaries of this programme are Adrija Saha, Chhandadeepa Middey, Priti Oraon, Sonali Pal, Rebati Chatterjee & S. Naskar.

### SPONSORS – SARADA KANYA PRAKALPA

Bratati Ghosh Mitali Bhattacharya Rituporno Pal Devika Doss Malabika Sengupta Rudresh Ghosh Debarati Banerjee Dr. Praneeta Nandy Uday Mukherjee

# STEP TOGETHER

Physically challenged women continue to 'Step Together' with their able counter-parts to produce appliqued and embroidered household linen, sarees, bags and many other items which are very much in demand and appreciated both in India and abroad. Each item bears the stamp of their individual expertise and labour. What started on a very humble footing has now expanded to include a commendable number of empowered girls and women. Some beneficiaries of Project SREE have been engaged in sewing work.

After the Covid hiatus, the two home exhibitions, one in September 2022 and another in March 2023, evoked great interest and generous response from members and guests.

## MELA

Vivek Chetana hosted the eleventh Poush Phaguner Mela on 7th January, 2023 at Mysore Association hall. Apart from us, a total number of forty- participants displayed their collection of fashion apparel, life style product, jewellery, accessories and food items. Smt. Alokananda Ray eminent film personality who inaugurated the mela greatly appreciated and encouraged the participants in their endeavour. It was well received by all. This annual fund raising helps all to participate directly and indirectly in this venture. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mysore Association for extending their helping hands for Vivek Chetana.

## MUKTIPRANA MATAJI CENTENARY AWARD

As a humble tribute to Rev. Pr. Muktiprana Mataji, in her centenary year, Vivek Chetana has introduced an annual award in the form of a gold-plated medal for a student of Sister Nivedita Girl's School, who scores the highest marks in Madhyamik Examination.

Awardees for this year - Adrita Sinha and Madhuwrita Sur

## UTTARAN

The coaching unit for underprivileged young girls has turned out to be a remarkable success story at Gangarampur.

From time-to-time Vivek Chetana members visit in order to encourage and motivate them. On 15 th August 2022, the Essay Competition (on a patriotic theme) held on the premises was enthusiastically attended by about 15 students. This is a significant event to mark this auspicious date.

In January 2023, about 20 senior girl students, under the supervision of their teachers and members of Vivek Chetana undertook a tour of Birla Industrial and Technological Museum. It was heartening to see them actively participating in the activities with enjoyment and interest.

Two of our successful Madhyamik Examinees this year who have received Dr. Monika Nag Memorial Scholarship award, are Retika Singh for highest scorer and Shraboni Mondal for Mathematics.

### SPONSORS – UTTARAN EDUCATION FUND

Bandana Dasgupta

Devraj Doss Neela Sarkar Indrani Mitra

# UDAYAN

This coaching centre for children of varied age in the village of Bardeuli near Gangarampur completed six years in January 2023. The number of children is at present 40-45. Teachers are engaged in providing quality education to children of classes I, II, III, IV. Music classes are held once a week.

Independence Day was observed by students and teachers with much enthusiasm with a drawing competition illustrating a patriotic theme. Saraswati Puja was also organised by the students and teachers and celebrated with much fanfare. On that day, the much - awaited prizes for the Sit-and-Draw Competition held last 15 th August, 2022, were distributed to the deserving winners.

The Annual Function, on 4th February, 2023, turned out to be a grand affair. There were excellent renditions of Singing, Recitation, Dance, Drama and even a yoga demonstration by the talented students. An interesting highlight was the songs presented by members from Nabadisha unit. Some teachers also presented songs. The entire event was sponsored by Sri Manosij Ganguli.

Dr. J. Nag distributed Exercise books, school stationaries. Mr. Sanjay Rudra donated woollen garments. Neelanjana Nundee donated drawing books and crayons. Esha Mukherjee and Mahua Mukherjee distributed food packets. Sri Ashis Majumdar sponsored a picnic for the children and teachers. Yagnaseni Ghosh sponsored school bags. While Sri Biswajit Kanthal coordinates, Sm. Tumpa Mondal, Sm. Piu Kanthal, Sm. Pritikana Das and Sm. Pritilata Halder (for music) are employed as teachers at this centre.

#### **SPONSORS – TENDER TOUCH**

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## AARTA SAHAY

With the much-needed financial support provided by our valued sponsors, Vivek Chetana launched this project aimed towards upholding the dignity and respect of lonely, deprived, elderly rural women living in and around Gangarampur village. Every month, hampers containing items of daily – use, like snacks, puffed rice, sugar, seasonal fruits, detergent powder are made available to them. This small gesture expressing our love and concern enthuses them and conveys our message of inclusion and service to humanity which Swamiji inspired us towards.

This small - scale project has grown to accommodate, twenty grateful respondents.

### DONORS

Dr. Avik Sengupta Bandana Dasgupta Gargi Ghosh Paramita Sinha Sanghamitra Lahiri Ananya Chatterjee Dr. Chhanda Samanta Kalpana Das Ranjan Sen Swagata Majumder Barendra Nath Putatunda Debjani Chatterjee Preetha Chatterjee Sambhavi Mukherjee Sayan Ghosh

### DISHA

This Adult Literacy Project, which was inaugurated in 1996, involves a large number of women living in the villages surrounding Gangarampur of South 24-Parganas. They are taught to read and write and even manage their domestic financial accounts. It was recently decided that since these women had shown considerable improvement and response, they could now be exposed to the reading of newspapers, as well as a deeper acquaintance with English and a higher standard of Arithmetic.

Prizes are annually awarded as encouragement. The best student receives the "Pr. Dayaprana Smriti Puraskar".

We remain grateful to Sri Arnab Ray and Sm. Shalini Keswani for their continued support to this project.

### NABADISHA

Here, women come to attend general education classes once a week. It continues to attract new students and we are thinking of extending it to one other day.

At present, there are about 25 participants and their numbers are growing.

## SREE

SREE beneficiaries were provided assistance for their various business ventures, like dealing in livestock, poultry, vegetable growing and sewing. Most have recounted losses incurred during the pandemic period such as the death of animals or poultry, increased cost of raw materials etc. Even then, most of them have repaid whatever assistance they received.

In this connection, and for the efforts in every other "gramer" project, Vivek Chetana has found a pillar of support and assistance in Sm. Kalidashi Mondal, who helped in the organisation and execution of projects since very early days - our association with her spans over 25 years. We sincerely appreciate her contribution and remain deeply indebted to her.

## **BAIKALIK BAITHAK**

Interested members are greatly enthused by the re-introduction of the erstwhile popular BAIKALIK BAITHAK on our premises. We assemble once a week after office-hours for a soul-filling hour of inspiring talks, reading and discussions.

### SHARODIYA UPOHAR

Vivek Chetana is proud to acknowledge the receipt of large sums as donation from our large hearted & generous friends and members. This amount allowed us to purchase new clothes for boys & girls as well as sarees for women included in the Aarta Sahay project.

Vivek Chetana looks forward to a similar response from all in the future.

### DONORS

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## WELCOMING OUR NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

On the sad demise of our founder, activist and guide, Sm. Krishna Dutta in May 2022, we unanimously elected Anuvadi, Sm. Anuva Putatunda as our next General Secretary in September, 2022. While doing so, we pledged our whole-hearted support to her in this challenging task and wished her well for the journey ahead.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 24.09.2022.

# FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION REGULATION ACT

Vivek Chetana is registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and has obtained permission from Govt. of India to accept Foreign Contributions. We welcome donations from abroad.

### SEC 80G OF THE INCOME TAX ACT

Donations to Vivek Chetana are exempt from Income Tax U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.

## LIFE MEMBERS

Bandana Dasgupta Krishna Sen Mahua Shome Bichitra Sen Kabita Lindenmeyer Manjumala Banerjee Shakuntala Mukherjee Dr. Jaba Guha Meenakshi Mitra Nilanjana Sarkar

#### **MEMBERS**

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#### **GENERAL DONATION**

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### FOREIGN DONATION

We remain ever grateful to our FRIENDS who are miles away. They have stood by us over the years and given us their unquestioning support, love and affection. Each bond is unique in its own way.

Their love for Vivek Chetana transcends the barrier of distance -

Arnab Ray & Shalini Keswani	Ananya Chatterjee	Anusha Ghosh Roy
Ashim Bhaumik	Apu Ghosh	Devraj Doss
Dipu Ghosh & Shyamali Ghosh	Indranil Mitra	
Kaushil Chowdhury	Manosij Ganguli	Dr. Pradip Saha
Preetha Chatterjee	Rini Chakraborty	Rudresh Ghosh
Rudrajit Datta	Samir Ghosh Roy	Dr. Suvro Dutta
Soumitra Sinha	Dr. Sudeep Mitra	Sayan Ghosh
	Yagnaseni Ghosh	

### **GRATEFUL BOUNTY**



Vivek Chetana has introduced a permanent fund for donors who wish to donate in loving memory of their near and dear ones – Smt. Arundhati Sinha in memory of Anjali Sinha Smt. Indrani Mitra in memory of Sujata Ghosh Prof. Jnananjan Nag in memory of Dr. Monika Nag Smt. Krishna & Smt. Benu Datta in memory of Roma Datta Smt. Kalpana Das in memory of D. S. Das Smt. Krishna Dutta in memory of Benu Datta Smt. Krishna Dutta in memory of Malinabala Datta Smt. Krishna Dutta in memory of Dr. Prakash Chandra Ghosh Smt. Pratima Chakraborty in memory of Sugata Chakraborty Sri Shatadru Sarkar in memory of Panchami Sarkar

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

### **VIVEK CHETANA**

#### 2/3D, KEYATALA ROAD, KOLKATA - 700 029

- 1. We report that we have audited the attached Balance Sheet of VIVEK CHETANA of 2/3D, Keyatala Road, Kolkata - 700 029 as at 31st March, 2023 and the Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date, which are in agreement with the books of account.
- 2. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

- 3. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account, give respectively a true and fair view of the state of Society's affairs as at 31st March, 2023 and its SURPLUS for the year ended on that date.
- 4. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for our audit.

For DIPAK KUMAR MITRA & CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

No. 6, Old Post Office Street, Kolkata, the 1st August, 2023 (D. K. M., F. C. A.) Propritor Membership No. 051288.

#### **VIVEK CHETANA** 2/3D, KEYATALA ROAD, KOLKATA-700 029 **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2023**

As At				As At			
31.03.2022	LIABILITIES	₹	₹	31.03.2022	ASSETS	₹	₹
3476199	RESERVE FUND : As per last account	3476199.00		406858	FIXED ASSETS : (As per SCHEDULE-1)		355159.00
	Add : Surplus-Excess of Income over Expenditure	58314.00	3534513.00	3000 6250	SECURITY DEPOSIT : Telephone Electric Charges	3000.00 6250.00	9250.00
				1598599	FIXED DEPOSITS :		2004226.00
1770	LIABILITIES FOR EXPENSES For Audit Fees		1770.00	17753	T.D.S. (INCOME TAX) : As per last account Add: During the year	17753.00 5804.00	
9875	SECURITY DEPOSIT : As per last account		9875.00		Less: Refund Received	3956.00	19601.00
				100000	ADVANCE FOR PROJECT		100000.00
				10841	CASH IN HAND :		1800.00
					CASH AT BANKS :		
				1065062	Canara Bank (7230)	865612.00	
				279481	Canara Bank (9429)	190510.00	1056122.00
3487844			3546158.00	3487844			3546158.00
Notes: Previous year's figures have been re-grouped and re-arranged whenever necessary In terms of our separate report of even date.							

No. 6, Old Post Office Street Kolkata, the 1st August, 2023

Aparajita Nag Treasurer, Vivek Chetana

Anuva Putatunda General Secretary, Vivek Chetana

(D. K. Mitra, F.C.A.)

**Chartered Accountant** 

# **VIVEK CHETANA**

2/3D, KEYATALA ROAD, KOLKATA-700 029

#### **INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023**

Year Ended 31.03.2022	EXPENDITURE	₹	Year Ended 31.03.2022	INCOME	₹
330000 46448 124171	To Salary " Making Charges " Office & Administration	331680.00 101538.00 179998.00	174936 27840 34184	By Realization from sale of articles "Subscription from Members Interest on S. B.	200333.00 65640.00 35774.00
361642 71191 0	Expenses (As per Schedule - 2)  Project Expenses Depreciation Expenses for Mela	507634.00 61462.00 29097.00	86082 6100 736394	<ul> <li>Interest on F. D.</li> <li>Interest on Income Tax Refund</li> <li>Donation for Projects</li> <li>Collection From</li> </ul>	64986.00 114.00 838876.00
28100 132084	Saradiya Upohar & Woollen Clothes <b>Surplus</b> - Excess of Income over Expenditure	65501.00 58314.00	0 28100	Mela Saradiya Upohar & Woollen Clothes	64000.00 65501.00
1093636		1335224.00	1093636		1335224.00

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