



ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020



Key Milestones of FY 2019-20 from the Managing Trustee

Looking back over the year, I can say with great confidence that it has been a year full of progress. Some of it came from the momentum that picked up in June 2019 when the urban programme in Gujarat, extended to Daskroi and Sanand blocks of Ahmedabad District and set up an office and six community centres there. Currently, the team has reached out to eight government schools across five gram panchayats, working with 695 and 219 children in government schools and community centres, respectively.

Ahmedabad and Sanand work

Similarly, in Ahmedabad, the urban education programme reached out to 115 and 595 children through four community centres and five government schools respectively. As many as 448 adolescent girls were made aware of their rights and menstrual and sexual health. As a part of the awareness-building programme, they were taken on a visit to a bank, police station, primary health centres, Gandhi Ashram etc. Besides, 93 women attended workshops on rights and leadership, while they also visited police stations for exposure. At the same time, 388 children from government schools were taken on an excursion. This was the first time that some of them stepped out of their villages and many of them had a memorable time. A very successful nutrition week was celebrated with 175 children of two government schools in Sanand. All the children underwent haemoglobin test and BMI (body mass index) was calculated based on which nutritional inputs were given to students, parents and teachers.

We take pride in mentioning that a 110-year-old step well was revived, recharged and refurbished in Nana Chhapara in Kasindra Village of Daskroi block. Local community members were trained in water testing and understanding the region's topography.

The Ahmedabad-based Samerth Talim Kendra reached out to 88 children with intellectual disabilities who were given regular physio, psychological, sensory and speech therapies along with nutritive food and special education. The vocational centre at the Samerth Talim Kendra, which works with adults with special needs & their families, engaged with 22 adults & 25 family members through three enterprises. The three enterprises based on skill levels of centre trainees and market needs are: bead art – intricate bead jewellery that is now displayed at major craft outlets across Ahmedabad, paper plate production – sold in wholesale market & photocopy machine – caters to local & organisational demands for photocopying.

Intervention in Kutch

In Kutch, Samerth continues to work keeping in mind the broader definition of water security with the key objective of promoting water safety, quality and accessibility in 40 gram-panchayats of Rapar, 7 gram panchayats of Bhachau and 6 Gram Panchayats of Nakhtrana. Also, a trained team of para-engineers and para-geohydrologists worked towards sharpening our strategic focus around livelihoods and community-based group formation with farmers, including women. They arranged a series of meetings and trainings to understand multiple cropping, organic farming and making organic fertiliser and market knowhow for agriculture produce.

Expanding the number of people that we touch was also a core focus over the past year. We supported and facilitated construction of 50 earthen check dams, 5 dug wells, 3 cattle troughs and 32 Rain Roof Water harvesting structures (RRWHSs) in various villages of Rapar, Nakhtrana and Bhachau blocks of Kutch district as part of our efforts to address various water needs of the communities.

Samerth organised a “Water Conclave” at Dholavira, in the Khadir region of Bhachau blocks, with multiple stakeholders to deepen dialogue on Renovation, Innovation and Sustainable Solutions for Water Harvesting Systems in Drylands. This paved the way for rolling out a holistic plan for the region to all of our communities and government in the coming year.

Activities undertaken in Chhattisgarh

The Chhattisgarh programme team has successfully navigated a ‘High Impact Mega Watershed Project’ in partnership with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Grantee Act cell, the Rural Development department, Government of Chhattisgarh, and Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation. During the year the work expanded across 65 gram panchayats of Bodla and Pandariya blocks, covering 8000 households respectively. We are leveraging various schemes for promoting livelihood activities for 1,900 families with existing self-help groups (SHGs). These are primarily related to farm and non-farm-based activities focusing on agriculture, non-timber forest produce collection, fishery, poultry, goatry and piggery for sustainable livelihoods.

At the same time, Geographical Information System-based planning was conducted along with community members for Detail Project Reports (DPRs) of all 65 selected gram panchayats. In accordance with Samerth's proposed work plan for all gram panchayats, a resolution was passed by the gram panchayat for sanctioning a plan for janpath and district panchayat.

In 2019-2020, two check/stop dams, 12 community ponds, 108 farm ponds, 121 wells, 545 land-levelling and farm bunding proposed plan was sanctioned and implemented, leveraging an amount of Rs 14,000,000 from various government departments.

Samerth piloted a research-based WASH project for reduction in worms in Rajnandgaon and Kawardha. We could develop IEC materials/videos and training manuals for creating awareness among school children and teachers of 10 schools.

The Chhattisgarh Social Inclusion Programme focused on capacitating Persons with Disability on Rights of Persons with Disability Act (RPWDA), 2016, providing training on micro-enterprise and trades for economic empowerment. Besides, the programme advocated with government departments for creating enabling environment for persons with disabilities.

Under the 'Suposhan' programme, trainings on Menstrual Hygiene Management were organised, 2,500 fruit saplings were distributed in the intervention area for improving the status of nutrition in the long-term. Kitchen gardening was promoted with members of CBO (Community Based Organisation), reaching out to 268 family members.

For reducing inequalities in the field of education we organised demonstration of community score cards, built capacity of Right to Education cadre, School Management Committees (SMCS), Youth Group and Shala Sanghwari members. The team also worked towards perspective building with media and community members.

Under the 'Learning and Migration Programme' the team focused on setting up hostel facilities for children whose parents migrate to other areas for work.

Samerth developed a mobile based App for the data collection with KOBO to collect the information about surface water, flow water, ground water and rainwater with all sources for planning of 5 gram panchayats of Bodla block of Kabeerdham District.

The Seekh learning programme reached out to 1,018 children through 166 Seekh Kendras in two districts. The agenda for operating Seekh Kendras through community support was to actively involve SMCs, community members and panchayat representatives.

Mapping the Growth and Donors support

Most of all, when we look back on 2019, we are extremely grateful for a fulfilling year for the support to our ideas, programmes and the help accorded to us to reach out to hitherto unreached communities. Over the years we have seen our team expand, from reaching out to seven more districts in Chhattisgarh and Gujarat. All these have been possible through our donors and corporates that supported us to expand our scope and impact.

Financial Summary

As of March 31, 2020, our year-end financial results show continued stability and strength as outlined in the audit results in this report. The grant and donation of Samerth has increased by 26% compared to last year. We were able to raise donations and grants of Rs. 6,57,55,360/- in the financial year 2019-20. We recognised the operational consistency and strength which the team continue to demonstrate. And it was our team that achieved these accomplishments this past year. I am thrilled that our team members throughout, from programme to finance & administration to every community member, feel engaged and committed in helping us fulfil our mission. They are the heart & essence of what we do & how we can make a difference.

Relentless efforts by the team

From financial to community progress, this past year has been one of commitment, engagement and forward movement. I am grateful to all my colleagues, our senior level leadership team comprising Ms Rajul Bharti, Ms Nafeeza Pavri, Mr Ashish Mehta, Ms Afroz Baig, Dr. Manjeet Kaur Bal, Mr Iqbal Baig and Mr Asif Shaikh, our Board and the internal/statutory auditors and, above all, our donors, supporters and volunteers for all that we have accomplished this year. Together we have established an incredibly strong foundation for progress and growth. Thank you each one for wholeheartedly being a part of Samerth's Journey. We have tried to summarise our journey till date further in this report.

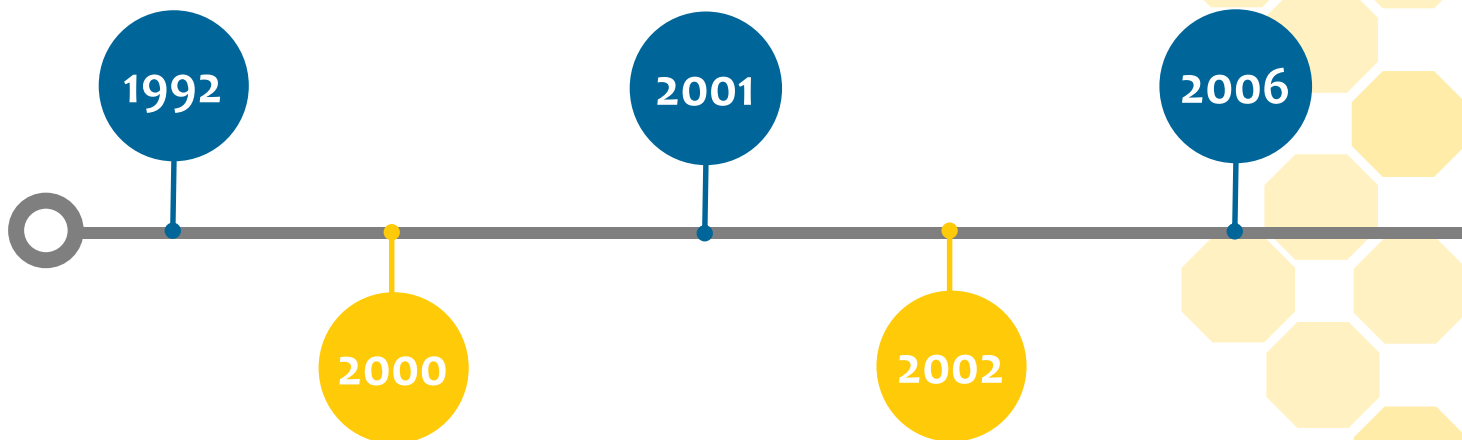
Since the period of reporting for this report is April 2019 – March 2020, we have not focussed on the COVID-19 pandemic and our response. Sharing the report (<https://bit.ly/37poWe4>) of our work in the early months of combating COVID. As we learn newer ways to deal and manage this crisis, we hope that in the year 2021 we emerge as better communities & more ready to focus on well being for all of us.

Gazala Paul

Managing Trustee & Director

Samerth's Journey

- Samerth Charitable Trust founded & registered in 1992
- Next 7 years worked with girls to access higher education in rural and marginalised areas of Gujarat
- Relief work at Rapar - construction of semi-permanent & permanent homes that were destroyed during earthquake
- Received our first institutional grants from Swiss Aid, Community Aid Foundation & Rangoonwala Foundation
- Set up the Samerth Talim Kendra, a day care centre for children with disabilities in Ahmedabad as a response to the community need



- Selection of Rapar (Kutch) due to its low development index and our experience of working with vulnerable groups
- Initiated health services and facilitation of water structures in Kutch under 'Cash for Work' project for people affected by the earthquake.
- First early education centres were initiated in marginalised area of Ahmedabad

- Initiation of 100 Baal Mitra Kendra (early education centre) in Chhattisgarh for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal groups supported by UNICEF
- In Kutch the health program merges with Primary Health Care Centre by supporting them to set up their systems.
- First Rain Roof Water Harvesting Structure (RRWHS) was constructed in Kutch

2007

- The US Consulate General, Peter Haas visits Ahmedabad program

2011

- Water structures were constructed in Chhattisgarh

2013

2010

- First Toilet constructed in Nakhatrana responding to communities demand & issues faced by women
- First water structure in Kutch constructed with the MNREGA grant.
- The Kutch team capacitated with training in Geo mapping & understanding Hydrology, water testing
- Hostel facility set up for children of distressed migrants in Rapar, Kutch

2012

- 16 Early education centres set up in Ahmedabad , simultaneously reaching out to more than 400 children

- First Individual Forest Right securement facilitated in Chhattisgarh

2015

2016

- Started working with People with disabilities (PwDs) in Chhattisgarh and first Disabled Peoples Organisation formed for PwDs

2017

- Three, 400-year-old Stepwells refurbished & renovated in Kutch
- Started working with government schools in Ahmedabad on enhancing education for children in foundation years reaching out to more than 500 children in 5 government schools
- Learning Resource Centre and Seasonal Hostel setup in Kawardha district reaching out to 60 children of 128 households effected by distress seasonal migration.

2019

- Ahmedabad program expands to Sanand, reaching out to more than 1,200 children in 8 Govt schools and 5 community centres
- Chhattisgarh program reaches out to 282 schools with more than 17,365 children
- Chhattisgarh seasonal hostel program, now expands to 6 districts
- 2251 toilets for individual households, 42 units set up in schools in Rapar and Nakhatrana blocks of Kutch district



2020

- 6 Disabled People's Organisations facilitated by Chhattisgarh team
- 506 water structures constructed in Rapar area
- 86 children enrolled in Samerth Talim Kendra and till date reached out to more than 300 children
- Ahmedabad program reaches out to more than 2116 children through direct interventions in 13 schools and 10 community centres
- Rapar campus hosts 23 Boys and 227 children have benefited till date

- 97 Households in Drought ridden Dholavira village in Khadir Region in Bhachau Block now have rain roof water harvesting structures
- Rs. 7.15 crores leveraged and facilitated through MGNREGA for water structures in various villages of Rapar, Kutch
- 562 schools and 31365 students reached in Chhattisgarh in 8 districts
- Rs 44.82 crores leveraged and disbursed through MGNREGA and other government funds for facilitation of water structures and livelihood activities in Chhattisgarh

Donor List

PARTNERS

- Arid Communities and Technologies, Bhuj, Kutch, India
- Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE), Mumbai, India
- BSE Sammaan CSR Limited, Mumbai
- Confederation of Indian Industry Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Credibility Alliance, Delhi, India
- Give2Asia, USA
- Guide Star India, Mumbai, India GSN: 688
- Help Your NGO.com India Private Limited, Mumbai
- Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, GOI - IA Hub Code: A000259
- Parab Water Management Pvt. Ltd., Naliya, Kutch
- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), New Delhi

INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

- Asha For Education, USA
- Asian Venture Philanthropy Network India Foundation, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore
- Baal Dan Charities, USA
- Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), New Delhi

- Charities Aid Foundation, New Delhi, India
- Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Frank Water, UK
- Give Foundation, USA
- Give India, Mumbai, India
- Gujarat CSR Authority, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- India Development and Relief Fund, Inc., USA
- Indo Global Social Service Society, Kolkata, New Delhi
- Jal Seva Charitable Foundation, New Delhi/Bhopal
- Manav Jagruti Foundation, New Delhi
- Manav Kalyan Trust, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Oxfam India-Chhattisgarh
- Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers), Bhopal, MP
- Samarthan Centre For Development, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Samerth-USA
- Shree Raj Saubhag Satsang Mandal, Mumbai & Sayla, Gujarat, India
- Sitaram Jindal Foundation New Delhi, Bangalore.
- The American India Foundation Trust, New Delhi
- The Mahavir Trust, UK.
- United Nations Children Fund-UNICEF, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Water Harvest Limited, UK
- Wipro Foundation, Bangalore

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

- Late Mr. Arunkant Maganlal Doshi and Ms. Priyavanda A. Doshi, Australia
- Mr. Ajay Doshi, Australia
- Mr. Akhil Paul, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Mr. Anwar Baig, Mumbai
- Mr. Ashwin Maganlal Doshi, Mumbai.
- Mr. Hasan A Lala & Mrs Amina H. Lala, Mumbai
- Mr. Jaysukhlal Shantilal Mehta, UK
- Mr. Narendra and Ms. Jyoti Popat, USA/Mumbai, India
- Mr. Nemchand Shamji Shah, Kenya
- Mr. Yusuf Nalwala, Oman
- Ms Bella Rajendra Joshi, Ahmedabad
- Ms. Veena Lakhmalani, Pune
- Ms. Amrtha Kasturi Rangan, Mumbai
- Ms. Nafeeza Parvi, Ahmedabad
- Param Pujya Bhai Shree Nalinbhai Kothari, Mumbai & Sayla, Gujarat, India

CSR SUPPORT

- Dewan Housing Finance Corporation, Mumbai
- DHFL Changing Lives Foundation, Mumbai
- Gruh Finance Limited, Ahmedabad, Gujarat/Bandhan Bank Ltd, Regional Office, Gujarat
- PPG Asian Paints Pvt Ltd, Mumbai

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OUR BANKERS

- Axis Bank Ltd., Vejalpur Branch, Ahmedabad.
- Bank of India, Panchavati Branch, Ahmedabad.
- State Bank of India, Vasna Branch, Ahmedabad.
- State Bank of India, Kargi Road, Kota, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
- Indusind Bank, Shyamal Branch, Ahmedabad.

Financial Overview

Samerth Charitable Trust

Trust Registration No. : E-9150/Ahmedabad

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2020

PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	31.03.2020	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
FUND & LIABILITIES				
TRUST FUNDS	A	32,10,404	30,43,670	30,67,453
GENERAL FUND	C	1,25,89,489	99,43,816	90,19,445
UNUTILIZED GRANT	G1	3,40,29,471	2,07,79,277	1,94,18,684
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	D	1,48,244	1,00,441	88,199
TOTAL		4,99,77,608	3,38,67,204	3,15,93,781
ASSETS & PROPERTIES				
NET BLOCK OF FIXED ASSETS	B	22,79,779	23,13,307	25,22,090
GRANT RECEIVABLE	G2	30,23,528	7,28,473	
CURRENT ASSETS	E	3,49,65,892	19,47,265	11,08,553
INVESTMENT	F	97,08,409	2,88,78,158	2,79,63,137
TOTAL		4,99,77,608	3,38,67,204	3,15,93,781

For Samerth Charitable Trust



Ms. Gazala Paul

Ms Gazala Paul
Managing Trustee

Date: 21st September 2020
Place : Ahmedabad

For, A S Shaikh & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. 139775W



Aslam Shaikh

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Proprietor
Membership No.162345
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Place : Ahmedabad

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Membership No.31368
UDIN: 20031368AAAABJ8280

Date : 21st September 2020
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31ST MARCH 2020

PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	31.03.2020	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
INCOME				
GRANT & DONATIONS	G	6,13,08,095	5,03,84,543	4,36,87,026
INTEREST INCOME	H	30,51,307	9,65,372	17,71,151
OTHER INCOME	I	13,95,958	6,65,918	5,45,292
PROFIT ON SALE OF ASSETS		0	76,116	0
TOTAL		6,57,55,360	5,20,91,949	4,60,03,469
EXPENDITURE				
EXPENDITURE ON OBJECT OF THE TRUST	J	5,66,22,243	4,51,29,657	3,90,11,571
ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	K	41,63,921	44,17,906	32,94,349
REMUNERATION TO TRUSTEE	L	13,06,500	9,30,000	8,43,592
AUDIT FEES	M	3,37,900	1,20,000	1,08,500
CHARITY COMMISSIONER CONTRIBUTION	N	34,148	46,328	62,438
DEPRECIATION	B	4,30,437	5,35,226	4,86,236
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	D	28,60,211	9,12,832	21,96,783
TOTAL		6,57,55,360	5,20,91,949	4,60,03,469

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RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2019 TO 31ST MARCH 2020

RECEIPT	AMOUNT	PAYMENT	AMOUNT
Source of Fund		Application of Fund	
Opening Balance	3,08,25,424	Programme Admin Expenses	22,87,967
Grant Received	7,19,12,295	Programme Expenses	3,49,75,082
Donation Received	3,50,939	Programme Staff Expenses	2,30,41,911
Interest Income	30,51,307	Establishment Expenses	4,81,205
Other Income	13,95,958	Capital Purchase	3,96,910
		Payment to Trustee	13,06,500
		Audit Fees	3,37,900
		Charity Commissioner Contribution	34,148
		Closing Balance	4,46,74,300
Grand Total	10,75,35,923	Grand Total	10,75,35,923

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Credibility Alliance Compliance

A. List of Board of Trustees

Sr. No.	Name	Age	Gender	Position	Occupation	Remuneration/ Reimbursement
1	Ms. Gazala Paul	56	Female	Managing Trustee	Managing Trustee, Samerth Charitable Trust	Rs.10,23,000/-
2	Dr. Yogendrasinh Jadeja	51	Male	Trustee	Director of Arid Communities and Technologies	ZERO
3	Ms. Chinmayi Desai	50	Female	Trustee	Programme Manager at SAATH Charitable Trust	ZERO
4	Dr. Sara Ahmed	57	Female	Trustee	Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University Adjunct Professor & Founder of Living Water Museum	ZERO
5	Mr. Gaurang Raval	37	Male	Trustee	Sauhard, Founder Trustee/Theatre Person	ZERO
6	Ms. Nafeeza Pavri	41	Female	Trustee	Independent Consultant, specialising in resource mobilisation, communication and non-profit strategy and management.	Rs. 2,83,500/-

Note: None of the above trustees are related to each other

B. Salary (Highest and Lowest)

Highest Paid Staff Rs. 10,23,000/- per annum (Ms. Gazala Paul Managing Trustee)

Lowest – Rs. 1,08,000/- per annum

C. Foreign Travel: There was no foreign visit by any staff in 2019-20

Domestic Travel: Rs. 43,16,435/- (for field and Programme Personnel)

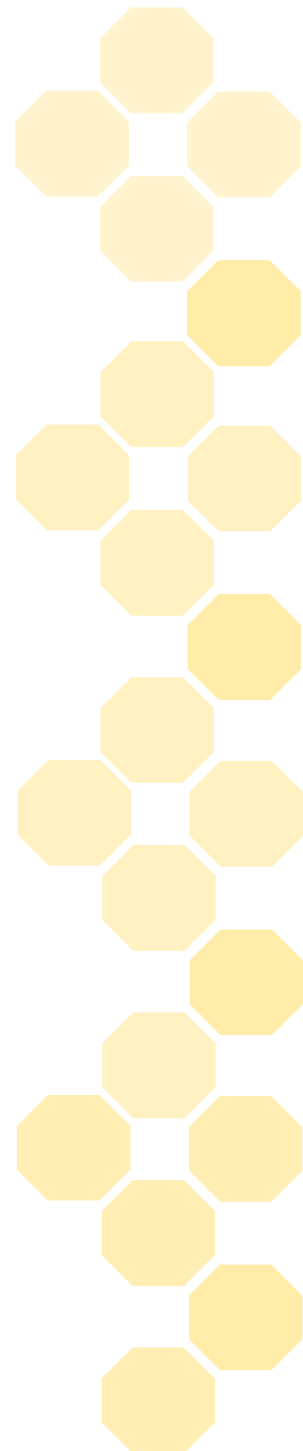
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Human Resource

Salary Slabs	Male	Female	Total
Below 5000	0	0	0
5001 – 10000	13	7	20
10001 – 25000	37	20	57
25001 – 50000	15	1	16
50000 above	2	5	7
Total	67	33	100

Diversity Profile

Staff Diversity	Range	Male	Female	Total
	General	17	4	21
	Minority	5	11	16
	SC/ST/OBC	42	17	59
	Physically Handicapped	3	1	4
	Total	67	33	100





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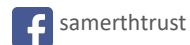
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Also registered under Ministry of Home Affairs, India, to receive foreign funds, 12 A and exempted under 80G

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