

Annual Report of Parcham 2017 - 2018

“Parcham” meaning flag or banner, the name inspired by the poetry of Majaaz is a group in Mumbra dedicated to a breaking stereotypes based on religion, class, caste, gender and other marginalization to create a society respectful of diversity.

Parcham’s Vision is

A just and equal society respectful of diversity, celebrating difference and interdependence.

Our Mission is

To empower marginalized communities to access their fundamental rights, creating spaces for dialogue among diverse sections in society, and collaborating with government and civil society towards justice and equity.

OUR WORK THIS YEAR

The activities of Parcham in the year 2017-18 have been in keeping with this vision and mission statement of the organization. The organization continued its activities with support from volunteers without monetary reimbursement. Money for the activities was raised through contributions by the Board Members of Parcham and a grant of Rs. 2,00,000/- from **Godrej Consumer Products** which helped us set up a library in children in Mumbra. The first such initiative for children in Mumbra

Parcham Notebook 2017: Celebrating Women through History

As with the previous year, we worked towards a notebook which celebrated women who have challenged patriarchy embedded in customary practices and state sanctioned religious laws. We believed that the notebook would enrich the ongoing debate on Muslim women's matrimonial rights. Parcham believes in gender just rights for all women irrespective of their religious faith or lack of. By showcasing a history of women who challenged the unfairness of laws and religious customs, we ventured to highlight the commonality of patriarchal oppression of women across religious communities.

In India, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains are governed by the Hindu Law while Parsis, Christians and Muslims have Personal Laws drawn from their respective religious texts. Also known as Family law, these laws cover issues such as marriage, divorce, child custody and inheritance. Personal laws including Hindu laws as we understand them today were conceived under the British Raj. These laws are unequal and infringe upon fundamental rights of women.



Rukhmabai, a child bride who challenged her marriage wrote in a letter to Times of India on June 26, 1885:

“This wicked practice of child marriage has destroyed the happiness of my life. It comes between me and the things which I prize above all others – study and mental cultivation. Without the least fault of mine I am doomed to seclusion; every aspiration of mine to rise above my ignorant sisters is looked down upon with suspicion and is interpreted in the most uncharitable manner.”

Women like **Rukhmabai** have fought more than legal battles, they have had to challenge their families, communities, and faith. They have risked their support systems and place in their social milieu. **Mary Roy** and **Lata Mittal** had to fight their siblings against blatant discrimination in inheritance laws. **Shah Bano** had to take her ex-husband and the father of her 5 children to court opening up a controversial (albeit much needed) debate and discussion of Muslim Personal Law. **Goolrukh Gupta** has taken the Valsad Parsi Panchayat to Court. **Ho women** in Bihar and **adivasi women** in Maharashtra took on their community panchayat for their rights to property and sexuality respectively.

Prior to India's independence, women activists formulated an 'Indian Women's Charter of Rights' calling for gender equality to be the basis of citizenship rights in India. When the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) was floated in the Parliament, it was staunchly opposed and therefore was included in the Directive Principles of State, with the hope that the Parliamentarians would make gender-just laws for all women citizens of the country in the near future. Today however, the idea of a UCC is no longer one of gender justice, rather it is one of imposition of the Hindu Law to govern all citizens. As such the UCC is perceived as a threat to the secularism of the country rather than a means of giving women equal rights.

Towards Gender Justice

As early as 1946, the Standing Committee of the All India Women's Conference ratified 'The Indian Women's Charter of Rights and Duties'. This Charter included their position on Civil Rights (Right to vote and Representation, Right to education and measures to enable the same), Health (pinning the responsibility on the government and the provisioning of good housing to ensure good health), Moral standards (equal for men and women), Work, Home-making (recognizing and compensating women's unpaid labour), Property Rights (equal) among others.

In 1983, Shehnaaz Shaikh who went on to start the women's organization, Aawaaz-E-Niswaan, filed a petition in the Supreme Court against a number of provisions of the Muslim Personal Law. She was supported in her struggles by the Bombay based autonomous feminist group, Forum Against Oppression of Women (FAOW).

1986 was a turning point for women's groups who had been demanding a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) by which they meant equality in law for women irrespective of their religious identity. In the vitiated atmosphere post the Shah Bano judgment any move to demand reform in personal law was considered anti-minority. The right wing groups like the Sangh Parivar had appropriated the term UCC to further their anti-minority agenda.

Some women's groups continued the demand for gender justice and reforms in law abandoning the term UCC in favour of Egalitarian Civil Code. Gender Just Laws to differentiate their position from the Right Wing. Within the progressives, there were divided opinions on how best to achieve equality in law for women. Organizations such as Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), the Indian Social Institute in Delhi, the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), Malis (Bombay), Vimochana (Bangalore), Sanchetana (Ahmedabad), Asmita (Hyderabad), and Anveshi (Hyderabad), among other women's organizations and human rights organizations have had different perspectives on the issue of gender justice and personal laws.

The Delhi-based Working Group on Women's Rights (WGWR) suggested that an entirely new set of national, secular civil laws be drawn up. It has at the same time argued for a 'reverse optionality' which would allow women to switch from secular law to personal law if they felt it more advantageous to do so [WGWR 1996].

The Bombay-based Forum Against Oppression of Women (FAOW) had proposed specific 'gender-just' legislations in several areas such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, etc. FAOW's perspective also talks about the need for laws to go into the issue of social security as well as broaden women's rights in contexts of hetero as well as homo-relational realities [FAOW 1995].

The common thread to these drafts was the recognition of the need for women's rights vis-a-vis marriage, divorce, inheritance etc. in the context of the right-wing onslaught against minorities, especially the Muslim community and the threat perception by the minority communities.

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The notebook had these stories and a compilation of positions and proposals on gender-just laws by women's groups in the country. The issues we attempted to highlight and histories are complex and we are restricted to the amount of information that could be shared in a notebook. As such the notebook also had a bibliography for further exploration.

While the Parcham team did the research and writing, the final product was a result of a team of extended volunteers. Our friends Chatura and Jackie helped edit the text. The beautiful illustrations in the diary were sketched by the brilliant Rahi De who managed her exams and this task together. Sana Borgave designed the Cover page and the layout for the diary to its final printable form.

This second diary/ notebook helped us yet again stumble upon histories of fascinating women who were way ahead of their time. We are grateful for the online feminist law archive of the Partners in Law and Development which we tapped into for information.

The notebook served two purposes, one was articulating our politics and the other was raising funds for Parcham. The diary reached nearly 200 people and we raised approximately Rs. 50,000 through donations for the diary.

Parcham Football Initiative

Into its fifth year, we have much to cheer about.

DISCOVER FOOTBALL Women's Rights and Football Festival

The Parcham team participated in DISCOVER FOOTBALL Women's Rights and Football Festival 2017 took part from August 5 – August 13, 2017 in Mapusa, Goa. The festival had a mix of workshops on themes of gender and sexuality as well as skill building trainings with coaches drawn from India and across the globe.



The format of the festival broke from the regular format of competitive matches as all teams were mixed to form completely new teams with player drawn from each of the eight organizations that participated in the festival. For Parcham which has long struggled to find a coach, each girl learnt from two coaches, one Indian and one from outside the country, played with girls who were like them, playing in the community as well as girls who played professionally. This was a huge learning for the participants, some of who have now started playing outside of Mumbra.

Under the Open Sky, a film on Parcham was screened for the 100 odd players, the coaches and participants at the festival in the ground itself with the projection on a goalpost!



DISCOVER FOOTBALL made a film on women and sports featuring three of the participants from the Goa festival, one of who is a Parcham volunteer.

Trailblazing Away

Our football work in Mumbra inspired the Municipal Corporation to make it a program for their school girls. Our volunteer Saba Parveen was given an honorarium by the Municipal Corporation to coach the girls of the Municipal School. Aawaaz-e-Niswaan, an organization working on women's issues for the last 30 years too took on football as an intervention with young girls in 2017. A non-funded group like Parcham believes that a group with resources will be able to do far more justice to the program and have since decided to limit the work in Mumbra and use our sparse resources in other communities. Aawaaz-e-Niswaan now reaches out to the girls in the Thane Municipal School.

Farheen Naz, one of our players who travelled all the way from Mandanpura to Mumbra to practice (a distance of more than 40 kms) decided to start a team closer home and created history with a team playing at the YMCA grounds at Mumbai Central. These grounds have historically been the space for boys and young men to play football.

Farheen's initiative brought girls from Madanpura, a Muslim ghetto to play in this space.



Aafreen and Farheen Naz, volunteers of Parcham have influenced their college, Kalsekar College of Engineering in Panvel to include football for girls as one of the games for their sports week. The two of them have been made responsible for the training of the team and for the first time Kalsekar College held a football tournament for girls as part of its sports week!

Anjuman-I-Islam's Kalsekar College in Panvel made a video of Farheen Naz's initiative. The video can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lv3q6Xd4vUk>

One more step forward, Moving to Mandala, Mankhurd

Parcham has now started working with a new team in Mankhurd. Mankhurd is one of the most impoverished communities in Mumbai. The 2009 Human Development Report ranked M/E Ward where Mankhurd is located as the lowest among the rest of the administrative wards of the city. Here Parcham with the local organization, Yuva Janjagruti Sanstha and Transforming M Ward Project began weekly training for girls from Mandala. The players here are from the nearby slum of Mandala. The practice is conducted over two hours every Sunday at the local ground in Shivaji Nagar by Parcham's coach.



Parcham has now been asked by local organizations to train teams in Nerul, Mankhurd, Thane and Bandra.

2nd Fatima Bi Savitri Bai Football Tournament

Parcham hosted the 2nd Fatima Bi Savitri Bai Football Tournament in 4th February 2018. Parcham's football initiative was started with the intention of getting communities which have become ghettoized, who do not interact with each other to get to know each other as teammates in a football team.

The tournament celebrated the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule who worked tirelessly for the empowerment of women. Accompanying her in this task was her friend Fatima Bi who endured the same humiliation as Savitri Bai as they went about imparting education to girls. The tournament was a celebration of solidarity between two pioneering women whose friendship and dedication to social justice transcended their religious identity.

This time the tournament brought together teams from outside Mumbai from Navi Mumbai, South Mumbai and Mankhurd coming to Mumbai to play. The tournament started with talking about Fatima Bi who along with Savitri Bai worked towards the education of girls. Not surprisingly, the

girls had not heard of Fatima bi earlier or known that these two women had worked together for a common cause, unaffected by religious difference. The format was one that had been used by Discover Football in Goa. None of the girls who participated from outside Mumbra had been to Mumbra earlier!

The other highpoint was the that the tournament was held at the Kausa Stadium in Mumbra which has yet to have a football tournament, leave alone a girl's tournament.



Parcham Suitcase Library

Parcham started work through football which worked towards also reclaiming public space. This year we decided to carry bags full of books to the local park. This meant first sending out a call to friends to donate books of which we received many! We chose books in Urdu, Hindi, English and Marathi to take to the local park where we were surprised at the eagerness of not just the children but also parents to pick books and read. A couple who came to the park wanted to read to be able to have night time stories for the children!



On days we were able to go to the park, we were able to reach out to more than 50 children and parents. Many wanting to know if they could purchase the books or take them home. The suitcase library and the large donations of story books for children from our friends (300 story books indifferent languages) and nearly 1000 workbooks and educational books for children made finding a space a necessity.

Parcham finds a home!

We were fortunate to get a grant from Godrej Consumer Products to help us find and set up the office space! Quite of us who have worked in Mumbra earlier knew it would be difficult to get a space even with the money. Two of the agents who showed us the space, turned around to let us know that the owner did not want to lease a space to a group like Parcham which would have young

girls accessing the space. One owner decided to let us know that (overnight) the family had decided to sell rather than rent out the space. We finally through personal contacts managed to find a place on rent and started the task of sorting, creating a database and then putting up the books in the shelves.



Having a space has meant we are able to reach out to so many more children who wait for us to open the lock so they can get in and get to the books.

We have started once a month discussion sessions, the first one on the Indian Women's Movement. Through such discussions we hope to build a perspective among our volunteers.



Goal Setting with Students

The grant received by Godrej, helped us not only get an office space but helped us take a break from the city to spend two whole days together planning for the year. The Parcham core group over two days in September 2017, looked back at the work we had done so far and planned for the next one year.



Godrej supported two of our volunteers, Aquila and Rabiya, to participate in a workshop Kahaani Aur Sangharsh held at Sambhaavnaa Institute in November 2017. The workshop aimed at sharpening the participants' skill to appreciate, identify and analyze stories and the politics they represent as well as equip the participants with a set of tools/methods to construct the form and expression of a story, visually while staying in tune with its essence. Following the workshop, Aquila and Rabiya designed and facilitated a poetry writing workshop which was conducted over two days at the Parcham Library. The poetry based on the theme of friendship will be printed in the Parcham notebook for 2018.

Expanding our Reach, making new friends, finding solidarity and support

Parcham participated in a Workshop on **Women's Football in South East and East Asia The U20 World Cup as a Push Forward?** Hosted by DISCOVER FOOTBALL, a group based in Berlin.



The workshop brought together women activists from South Asia promoting football among women. Since participation in the workshop, the Parcham team participated in the Women's football festival by DISCOVER FOOTBALL in India.

In London

Human Capability Foundation, screened an edited version of 'Under the Open Sky' in London at the **Asian Football Awards 2017**. The screening followed by a speech by Sabah Khan, Managing Trustee of Parcham.



Across India

The film Under the Open Sky which documents the work and politics of Parcham has been screened across the country for the Samabhav Film Festival organized by Men Against Violence and Abuse(MAVA).

In the News!

Parcham through its activities in Mumbra has consistently tried to dispel stereotypes and change the image of Mumbra. The volunteers of Parcham have been in the news print and digital.

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Financial Report

Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub section (2) of section 33 & 34 and rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950.


Registration No. E-29505 (Mumbai)

Name of the Public Trust : Parcham Public Trust

For the year ending 31ST MARCH, 2018

(a) Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules;	YES
(b) Whether receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts	YES
(c) Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the manager or trustee on the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts	YES
(d) Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents or record required by the auditor were produced before him.	YES
(e) Whether a register of movable and immovable properties is properly maintained, the changes therein are communicated from time to time to the regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit report have been duly complied with	NO
(f) Whether the managers or trustees or any other person required by the auditor to appear before him did so and furnish the necessary information required by him	YES
(g) Whether the property or funds of the Trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the Trust	NO
(h) The amount of outstandings for more than one year and the amount written off, if any	NA
(i) Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding Rs.5,000/-	NA
(j) Whether any money of public trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35	NO
(k) Alienation, if any, of the immovable property contrary to the provisions of section 36 which have come to the notice of the auditor	NO
(l) All cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure, or failure or omission to recover monies or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof, and whether such expenditure, failure, omission, loss or waste was caused in consequences of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of trustees or any other persons while in the management of the trust	NA
(m) Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 16A	NO
(n) Whether the maximum and minimum number of the trustees is maintained	YES
(o) Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument	YES
(p) Whether the minute books of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained	YES
(q) Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust	NO
(r) Whether any of the trustee is a debtor or creditor of the trust	NO
(s) Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with the trustees during the period of audit	NO
(t) Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner	NA

For Maitra & Co
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No:


P.N.Maitra
(Proprietor)
Membership No. 42527
Place: Mumbai
Dated:



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

Registration No. E-29505 (Mumbai)

Name of the Public Trust: Parcham Public Trust

Balance Sheet as at 31st MARCH, 2018

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTIES & ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :- Balance as per last Balance Sheet	5,000		Immovable properties :- (at cost) Balance as per last Balance Sheet		
Adjustment during the year (give details)	-		Additions during the year		
Corpus Donations	-	5,000	Less : Sales during the year		
Other Earmarked Funds :- (Created under the provisions of the trust deed or scheme or out of the Income)	-		Depreciation up to date		-
Depreciation Fund	-		Investments :- Note : The market value of the above investments is Rs.		-
Sinking Fund	-		Furniture & Fixtures :- Balance as per last Balance Sheet	-	
Reserve Fund	-		Additions during the year	-	
Any Other Fund	-		Less : Sales during the year	-	
Loans (Secured or Unsecured) From Trustees	5,000		Depreciation up to date	-	
From others	-	5,000	Loans (Secured or Unsecured) : Good / doubtful Loans Scholarships	-	
Liabilities :- From expenses	10,000		Other Loans	-	
From advances	-		Advances :- To Trustees	-	
From rent & other deposits	-		To Employees	-	
From sundry credit balances	-	10,000	To Contractors	-	
Income & Expenditure Account :- Balance as per last Balance Sheet	71,702		To Lawyers	-	
Less : Appropriation, if any	-		To Others	50,000	50,000
Add : Surplus as per Income and	14,380		Income Outstanding :-		
Less : Deficit Expenditure Account	-	86,082	Cash and Bank Balances :- (a) In Current Account with In Fixed Deposit Account with In Savings Account with	51,851	
			(b) With the trustee	-	
			(c) With the manager	-	
			Cash Balance	4,231	56,082
Total Rs.	-	106,082	Total Rs.	-	106,082

As per our report of even date
For Maitra & Co
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No: 113778W

P.N.Maitra
(Proprietor)
Membership No. 42527
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 31/8/18



For PARCHAM PUBLIC TRUST

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Place: Mumbai
Dated: 31/8/18

For PARCHAM PUBLIC TRUST

Sujata Gokulskar
TRUSTEE
(Trustee)

Place: Mumbai
Dated: 31/8/18

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

Name of the Public Trust: Parcham Public Trust

Registration No. E-29505 (Mumbai)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st MARCH, 2018

EXPENDITURE	Rs.		INCOME	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties :-			By Rent (accrued / received)	
Rates, Taxes, cesses	-		" Interest (accrued / received)	
Repairs & maintenance	1,600		On Securities	-
Rents	27,000		On Bank Account	4,325
Insurance	-		(Savings Account with)	4,325
Depreciation (by way of provision or adjustments)	-	28,600		
" Establishment Expenses				
Travelling Expenses	6,382		" Dividend	
Office Expenses	23,017		" Donations in cash or kind	384,650
Telephone Expenses	7,145		" Grants	-
Bank Charges	250		" Income from other sources (in details as far as possible)	-
Printing & Stationery	53,359	90,153		
" Remuneration to Trustees	-	-		
" Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any	-	-	" Transfers from Reserve	-
" Legal Expenses	-	-		
" Professional Fees	16,500	16,500		
" Audit Fees	5,000	5,000		
" Contribution and Fees	-	-		
" Amount written off				
(a) Bad Debts	-	-		
(b) Loan Scholarships	-	-		
(c) Irrecoverable rents	-	-		
(d) Other items	-	-		
" Miscellaneous Expenses				
" Depreciations				
" Amounts transferred to Reserve or specific Funds				
" Expenditure on objects of the trusts				
(a) Religious	-	-		
(b) Educational	234,342	-		
(c) Medical Relief	-	-		
(d) Relief of poverty	-	-		
(e) Other charitable objects	-	-		
		234,342		
" Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet		14,380	" Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet	
Total Rs.		388,975	Total Rs.	388,975

As per our report of even date

For Maitra & Co
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No: 113778W

P.N.Maitra
(Proprietor)
Membership No. 42527
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 31/8/18



FOR PARCHAM PUBLIC TRUST

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[Signature]
TRUSTEE

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TRUSTEE (Trustee)

Place: Mumbai
Dated: 31/8/18

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THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950.
SCHEDULE IXC.
(VIDE RULE 32)

Statement of Income liable to contribution for the year ending 31/03/2018
Name of the Public Trust :- Parcham Public Trust
Registered Number :- E-29505 (Mumbai)

PARTICULARS	RS.	RS.
I. INCOME AS SHOWN IN THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (SCHEDULE IX)		14,380
II. ITEMS NOT CHARGEABLE TO CONTRIBUTION UNDER SECTION 58 AND RULE 32.		
(i) Donations received from other Public Trust and Dharmadas		-
(ii) Grants received from Government and Local authorities.		-
(iii) Interest on sinking or Depreciation Fund		-
(iv) Amount spent for the purpose of secular Education.		-
(v) Amount Spent for the purpose of medical relief.		-
(vi) Amount spent for the purpose of veterinary treatment of animals.		-
(vii) Expenditure incurred from donations for relief of distress caused by scarcity, drought, flood, fire or other natural calamity		-
(viii) Deductions out of income from lands used for agricultural purpose :-		
a. Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess		
b. Rent Payable to superior landlord		
c. Cost of production, if lands are cultivated by trust.		
(ix) Deduction out of income from lands used for non-agricultural purpose :-		
a. Assessment, Cesses and other Government or Municipal taxes.		
b. Ground rent payable to the superior land-lord		
c. Insurance premia		
d. Repairs at 10 per cent of gross rent of building.		
e. Cost of collection at 4 per cent of gross rent building let out		
(x) Cost of collection of income or receipts from securities, stocks, etc at 1 per cent of such income		-
(xi) Deductions on account of repairs in respect of buildings not rented and yielding no income at 10 percent of the estimated gross annual rent.		-
Gross Annual Income chargeable to contribution Rs.		14,380
Amount of Contribution computed at the rate fixed under the sub-section (1) of section 58 and payable		Nil

Certified that while claiming deduction admissible under the above Schedule, the Trust has not claimed any amount twice, either wholly or partly, against any of the items mentioned in the schedule which have the effect of double deduction.

Trust Address :
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Tilak nagar, Chembur (E)
Mumbai - 400089



Auditor
For PARCHAM PUBLIC TRUST

Shri. For Parcham
Sayala Gotlikar

Dated: 31/8/2018

Trustee
(Trustee)

Trustee

(Trustee)

The Notebook for 2018!

Having a space meant that we could host the stay of people in our office over two days as they spent time watching films, listening and reading poetry to write poetry at a workshop facilitated by Parcham volunteer Aquila. The poetry from the workshop will feature in the notebook for the year 2018.

Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters who helped us in kind and with monetary help.

The Parcham library is rich with 300 odd books thanks to Suvarna, Disha Nawani, Shilpa Phadke, Farida Khan, Sameera Khan, Rojita Kulkarni, Chayanika and Shals.

The funds from Godrej Consumer Products made it possible for us to take a place on rent and get the required bookshelves and other paraphernalia to make it into a welcoming space. We would like to especially thank Poulomi for her interest in the work of Parcham. Parcham's dream of a library and a resource centre where politics will be discussed by young girls will soon be realized thanks to Godrej and Bhaswati who facilitated the introduction.

We would like to thank DISCOVER FOOTBALL for the opportunity to meet likeminded women from across South Asia and for the opportunity for Parcham to participate in the wonderful football festival.

Human Capability Foundation based in London helped popularize the work of Parcham amongst the South Asian Community settled in London who through football are reaching out to children.

No work of Parcham would be possible without the many many volunteers who make up Parcham. Thank you to all of them!

Parcham's work through the year was possible through one full time staff and a dedicated team of volunteers. Thank you to all of them!