

Annual Report of Parcham 2019 - 2020

“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

Sports for Peace

Parcham's football program was initiated to bring together Muslim and non Muslim girls together in one team as teammates, building trust and friendships. The football training is interspersed with perspective building in line with our vision statement.

Starting in the neighbourhood of Mumbra (a ghetto of Muslims on the outskirts of Mumbai) we have expanded to Mumbai city where we train girls in the eastern and western suburbs. We have reached out to nearly a 1000 girls and hosted tournaments based on a spirit of cooperation rather than competition.

Football Training

This year we partnered with Community Development Centre with who we trained girls in Vile-Parle, Dharavi, Bandra and with Center for Promoting Democracy with we we trained girls in Jogeshwari. We partnered with Somaiya school who allowed us use of their premises to train students of their school. 205 Girls joined the program of which 151 stayed till the end of the year.

Place	No. of Girls Joined	No. Of Girls Continued	Age Group
Jogeshwari	23	23	8yrs-15yrs
Dharavi	32	29	8yrs-15yrs
Bandra	19	19	12yrs-21yrs
Mumbra	98	47	12yrs-18yrs
Vile parle	33	33	11yrs-15yrs

This year's highlight is that Somaiya School in Mumbra announced that they will give students extra marks for participating in football training. This because they experienced that the girls participating in our program are more responsible towards their education and themselves. We believe that such initiatives will go a long way in promoting sports among young girls and is also a recognition of our work.





Football Camps

Football is not an end in itself for Parcham. The football helps us connect with young girls with whom we hold discussions on a range of issues. These discussions are interwoven into the football training as post game reflections on playing together as team mates, managing emotions, discipline, respect for time and such. Apart from the regular weekly trainings, we conduct residential workshops for building an understanding on gender, identity and to get young girls to begin planning for financial independence through goal setting and preparing a road map for the same.





We held two football camps in this year. One at Bhiwandi from 23rd August-25th August for our batch of 2018 students with our partner organizations Jan-Jagruti Vidyarthi Sangh, Housing and Livelihood Welfare Association, Children of the World (Vishwa Balak Kendra) and Yuva Jan Jagruti Sanstha where a total of 76 girls participated over the three days. The highlight of this camp was the participation of mothers on the final day where they played with their daughters in

the rain, uncaring of getting drenched or clothes getting dirty. Mothers spoke to us of their aspirations for their daughters at the camp.

The second camp held from the 24th to the 26th October had 145 girls participating over three days. The sessions apart from the football training centred on understanding self as a young girl, diversity, goal setting, creating a roadmap for the goal. The highlight of this workshop was that 15 girls from the earlier batches joined us as volunteers, taking charge of the team and co coaching with the coaches.





Becoming Licenced Coaches!

Western India Football Association-(WIFA) in collaboration with Thane District Football Association organized the grassroot leadership training in Mumbra, at Maulana Azad Stadium from 11th June to 14th June 2019. **Of the six girls who participated, three were from Mumbra, all from Parcham!**



The training involved getting children interested in the game through activities as well as teaching them about the game. Following the training, all three participants from Parcham received an E License to conduct community football trainings.

Learning from the Professionals

The Parcham team visited the Forca Goa Foundation to understand the functioning of a professional Football Coaching Club. It was an immensely useful learning for Parcham to plan for the growth and future direction of the football program.



Tournaments

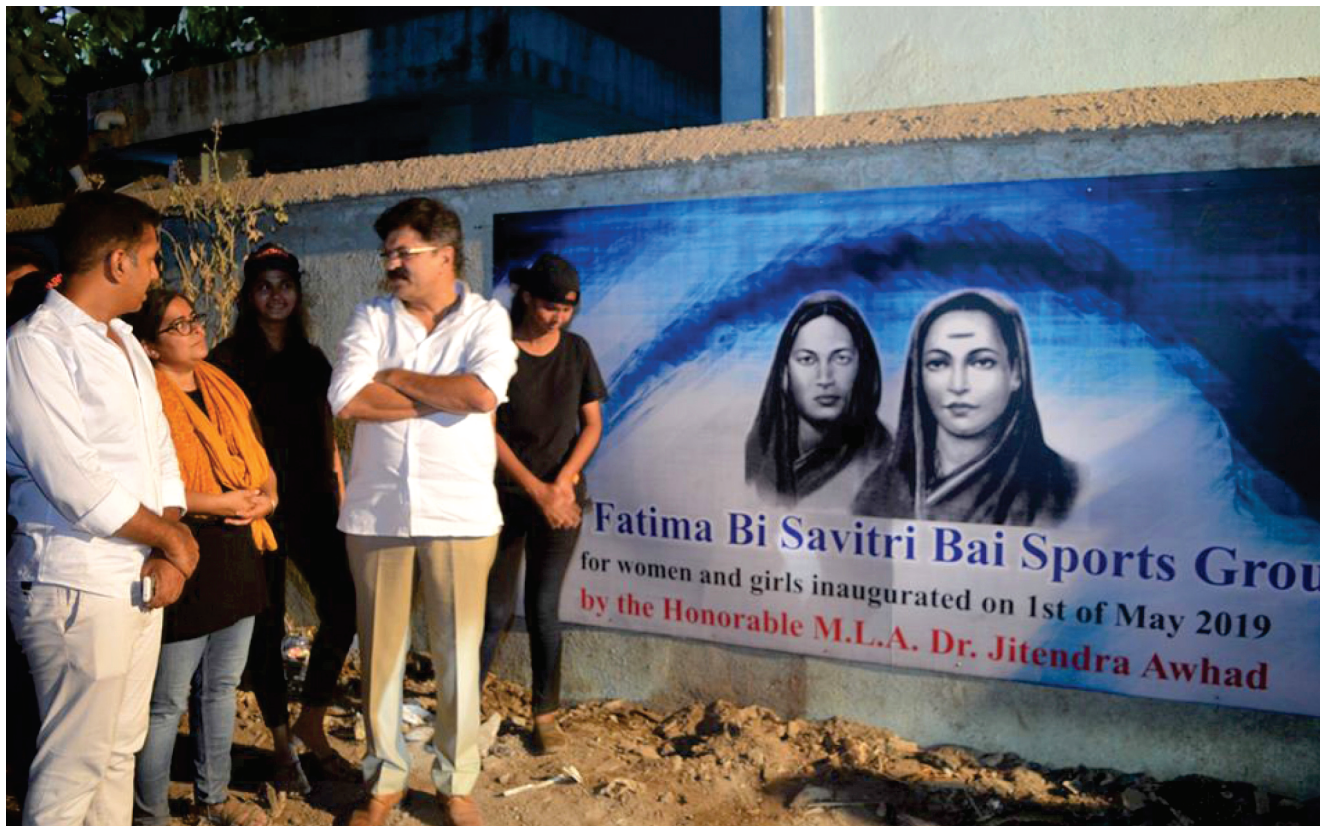
Five teams from Parcham comprising 37 girls participated in the Adidas Tournament at St. Andrew's Turf park on the 8th of Feb. This was the first time that they had participated in such a tournament. At the tournament, they met Rowllin Borges, the midfielder for the Indian team.



Creating Inclusive Cities/ public spaces : Realizing the dream of a safe public space for women

With the belief that the personal is political, Parcham engages with issues of exclusion of women from public spaces by claiming these spaces, visibilizing our presence whilst engaging with the government towards creating inclusive cities. We choose to practice in open grounds so as to create a new normal of young girls in public space. We used our experience of difficulties in finding a safe space to practice football to successfully lobby with the elected representative and bureaucrats to allocate land for a sports ground for young girls. In 2014, we had accomplished a major milestone, a reservation of a sports ground for women and girls to be able to exercise their right to play.

Parcham's negotiation for a play ground reserved exclusively for girls was accepted by the City Administration in 2014. Yet no work was initiated towards building the facilities on the ground. On women's day, Dr. Jitendra Awhad at the 3rd Fatima bi Savitri Bai friendly football tournament, reiterated his commitment to the ground for girls and women. We asked for the ground to be named 'The Fatima bi Savitri Bai Sports Ground for women and girls, to celebrate the lives of these two pioneering women who worked together during 1840s transcending their religious identity to realize their dream of an equal society. We are happy to share that the demand was accepted!



At this tournament mothers of the girls we have been training and women family members played a friendly match. For all the women who played, this was the first time since leaving school, that they had played a sport. Never before had they played in an open public ground!



Launching the Parcham Football Academy

At the inauguration of the 'Fatima bi Savitri bai Sports Ground for Women' we announced the Parcham Football Academy. The logo was designed by our volunteer Ar. Purva Dewoolkar. The Parcham Football Academy stands for three important values which are part of Parcham's vision: Equality, Diversity and Peace. The logo was unveiled by Member of Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra, Dr. Jitendra Awhad.



Working with Children

Parcham Library

The Parcham Library serves as a safe space for children to meet, read, discuss issues of their concern. The library has books donated by friends. Here we conduct regular activities apart from summer camps to engage children in value education.

Fun with a Purpose Treasure Hunt Clue: Find the person who helps keep your society clean to get the clue. The clue will be given to the one who says the magic words (word that is to be said when someone does something for you!) Then there were clues to get them to fix the books they read, write a letter to their parents and such.



Parcham Suitcase Library



For those who are unable to reach the Parcham office, we have a program of the suitcase library. Our volunteers take books to parks and other public spaces frequented by children and spread out the books. Soon enough we have many curious children coming, picking books and beginning to read.



The Suitcase library was written about in a national daily and covered as a video for Lokmat's online news story.

Citizenship Education

Being socially conscious citizens is important to Parcham's vision. We promote secular thought and an understanding of the Constitutional rights and responsibilities and values such as empathy among children and youth. The library space serves as a meeting space for discussions and debates on a range of social issues. Our work on citizenship education is aimed at creating informed and responsible citizens.

CORO Samata Fellowship

Parcham was awarded a fellowship by CORO early this year. The fellowship helped us take forward our work with youth from Mumbai, engaging them in discussions on youth concerns, conducting perspective building sessions on governance and citizenship. Through the year, we discussed issues important to youth, analyzing them through the lens of the Constitution. Youth selected topics of concern which they researched, tried to resolve by meeting with elected representatives and wrote about to be published in a quarterly newsletter Urooj.



Copy of Urooj was presented to the Corporators by the contributors to the newsletter

Parcham conducted the workshops with the youth jointly with **Center for Promoting Democracy - CPD**. We are very grateful to **Faiz Ullah**, Nithila Kanagasabai and **Kalpna Sharma** for mentoring the youth in writing the articles.

Check out the blog for our young writers! <https://parchamzine.home.blog/>

Voter Education Drive

Parcham volunteers went on a voter education drive prior to the elections, discussing the importance of voting. Copies of the Preamble were distributed at these spaces.



Research

The 2006 Sachar Committee Report was the first in 60 years of the country's independence to place on record the status of Muslims vis a vis other Socio Religious Groups in the Country. At the time of the study, Muslims comprised 13.4% of the population. The statistics it put out were alarming. Less than 8% of Muslim workers in urban areas were employed in the formal sector as compared to the national average of 21%. We initiated a study to better understand the reasons for low workforce participation of Muslims in the formal sector. For this Parcham collaborated with the Advanced Centre for Women's Studies of Tata Institute of Social Sciences. The study was to be over a two-year period and in this year, we were able to complete the literature review, the methodology, design the tools for data collection and begin the interviews.

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



Parcham's Managing Trustee, Sabah Khan attended the Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver Canada in July 2019.

Salma from Parcham attended the Women's Day Program organized by Prakriti Organisation in Nagpur to speak about our work with adolescent girls and the football program.



In other news

An award winning filmmaker, Rima Das documented the work of Parcham for a film being produced for BRIC nations. The trailer

https://www.facebook.com/rimadas13/videos/555447115288829/?__tn__=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARDK2e0nGvQK5FFVj_CDAkvWxEFKy9h0mVnrqiuhgxi5y5u6n8k7eX12dmbF0NoqyA-aMvsgnZzq9UI has one of our volunteers talking to the girls.

Our Managing Trustee, Sabah Khan was interviewed by Radio Jockey Jeetu Raj at Radio

Mirchi's#RadioMirchiPowerofWomen to celebrate women's day.



Media Reports of our Work

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Mumbai: A playground in Mumbra, only for women

In 2013, Muslim girls, who wanted to play football, started looking for a safe space; five years on, over 147 girls and women play the 3rd Fatima Bi Savitri Bai Football Tournament on the ground

Written by [Bhaskar Sankar](#) | Mumbai | April 1, 2019 2:51:41 am



The work on the ground, located on the same plot as Maulana Azad Stadium, is still not complete but that the girls have been handed over a space they can call their own is a reason to cheer. (Representational Image)

In 2013, 20 Muslim girls from Mumbra decided they wanted to play football. This engagement with a sport was a first for them but they were excited at the prospect. They soon realised that while discarding the hijabs for the duration of the game was a concern, the bigger issue was finding a safe space to play. They reached out to Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) for a solution. After a five-year struggle, the girls finally have an all-women ground. Today, over 147 girls and women from across the city – a majority of who were Muslim girls from Mumbra – played the 3rd Fatima Bi Savitri Bai Football Tournament on that ground.

SOCIETY

A field all to herself

Sameera Khan

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SHARE ARTICLE



Non-profit Parcham has worked with authorities to create an exclusive sports ground for girls

Imagine an Indian city with open spaces full of girls playing, running, laughing... Imagine playgrounds spilling over with girls playing football, cricket and hockey. Imagine girls and their mothers in *salwars*, saris, tights, shorts and *hijabs* running across open fields chasing a ball, scoring goals, and loudly cheering. If you can imagine all this, you're imagining a radically different Indian city! It's different because girls don't play. They certainly don't play as much as boys. They definitely don't dominate the playgrounds and *maidans* of our cities. Mostly they wait on the sidelines if they make it to the playground at all.

It's a reality non-profit collectives such as Parcham, which uses football to engage with girls from marginalised communities in the Mumbai Metropolitan region, are working hard to create.

All-women's playground to open in Mumbai soon


Updated on: 08 April 2019 07:57 AM IST | Mumbai

Dakshin Ramani

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Meet the feisty collective behind India's first all-women's playground that will open in Mumbra next month.



A day before the tournament, the engineer came to the ground and said, 'Let's clear this ground so that they can have a kick-about.' I told him that football is not just about kicking a ball, it is about playing a sport. Then the contractor started laughing. His job is not to laugh at us. And what was he trying to get at by laughing? That we can't achieve anything?' Salma Ansari tells us, about the jibes they encountered before organising the most important event of Parcham, an NGO she co-founded, last Sunday. Ansari's organisation is a Mumbra-based women's collective that works extensively with marginalised communities.

The ground the engineer was referring to is an empty plot adjacent to Mumbai's Maulana Azad Stadium. It is a space that Parcham fought for, to build a safe space for women where they can exercise their right to play. When we arrive at Mumbra's MM Valley, where the ground is located, four members of the NGO are ready to get the ball rolling in their sports shoes and black jerseys. Workers and tractors are busy clearing out the rubble from the space and levelling the ground with *laal mitti*. 'People asked us, 'Yeh kaaisa ground hai? Stadium ki tarah nahi hai.' But we knew why it is important for us to play here and once we did, not a single person cared about the state it was in.' Muskan Sayed, 20, tells us.



Under the Open Sky: Mumbra's girls find freedom, reclaim public space through football

By: Neerja Deodhar
February 22, 2020 10:05:00 IST

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EDUCATION

Mumbra's kids get the reading bug from 'suitcase' library

The NGO has identified five spots in Mumbra to take their suitcase library, filled with 30 books for children of different age groups. There are around 15 to 20 children, who regularly visit these spots in the evening.



Thane, India - May,25,2019:Children in Mumbra gather excitedly at parks and gardens to read from the suitcase library initiative ,India, on Saturday, May 25, 2019. (Praful Gangurde/ HT Photo)

Published on May 26, 2019
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Financial Report

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, 2020					
FUNDS & LIABILITIES	FY 2019-20		PROPERTIES & ASSETS	FY 2019-20	
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :-			Immovable properties :- (at cost)		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	5,000		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 :-			Depreciation up to date		
(Created under the provisions of the trust deed or scheme or out of the Income)			Investments :-		
Depreciation Fund	-		Note : The market value of the above investments is Rs.		
Sinking Fund	-		Furniture & Fixtures :-		
Reserve Fund	-		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	60,416	
Any Other Fund	200,000	200,000	Additions during the year		
Loans (Secured or Unsecured)			Less : Sales during the year		
From Trustees	5,000		Depreciation up to date	24,955	35,461
From others	-	5,000	Loans (Secured or Unsecured) : Good / doubtful		
Liabilities :-			Loans Scholarships	-	
From expenses	58,990		Other Loans	-	
From advances	-		Advances :-		
From rent & other deposits	8,000		To Trustees	-	
From sundry credit balances	-	66,990	To Employees	-	
Income & Expenditure Account :-			To Contractors	-	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	484,585		To Lawyers	-	
Less : Appropriation, if any	-		To Others	90,000	90,000
Add : Surplus as per Income and			Income Outstanding :-		
Less : Deficit Expenditure Account	338,496	146,089	Cash and Bank Balances :-		
			(a) In Current Account with		
			In Fixed Deposit Account with	200,000	
			For Interest Accrued on FD	6,860	
			In Savings Account with	89,490	
			(b) With the trustee	-	
			(c) With the manager	1,268	297,618
Total Rs.		423,079	Total Rs.		423,079

As per our report of even date
For Maitra & Chopra
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No: 136366W

N. Govare
Nitin Govare
(Partner)
Membership No. 160439
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20

Sabah Khan
TRUSTEE
SABAH KHAN
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20

B. Mariwala
TRUSTEE
RAJVI MARIWALA
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20

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

Registration No. E-29505 (Mumbai)

Name of the Public Trust: Parcham Public Trust

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st MARCH, 2020

EXPENDITURE	FY 2019-20		INCOME	FY 2019-20	
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties :- Rates, Taxes, cesses Repairs & maintenance Rents Insurance Depreciation (by way of provision or adjustments)	89,000	89,000	By Rent (accrued / received) " Interest (accrued / received) On Securities On Bank Account (Savings Account with)	6,860 16,497	23,357
" Establishment Expenses	202,871	202,871	" Dividend		
" Remuneration to Trustees			" Donations in cash or kind	646,800	646,800
" Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any			" Grants		
" Legal Expenses			" Income from other sources (in details as far as possible)		
" Professional Fees	3,900	3,900			
" Audit Fees	6,490	6,490			
" Contribution and Fees					
" Amount written off (a) Bad Debts (b) Loan Scholarships (c) Irrecoverable rents (d) Other items					
" Miscellaneous Expenses					
" Depreciations	24,955	24,955			
" Amounts transferred to Reserve or specific Funds					
" Expenditure on objects of the trusts (a) Religious (b) Educational (c) Medical Relief (d) Relief of poverty (e) Other charitable objects	681,437	681,437	" Transfers from Reserve		
" Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet			" Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet		338,496
Total Rs.		1,008,653	Total Rs.		1,008,653

As per our report of even date
For Maitra & Chopra
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No: 136366W

Nitin Govare
Nitin Govare
(Partner)
Membership No. 160439
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20



Sabah Khan
TRUSTEE
SABAH KHAN
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20

Rajvi Mariwala
TRUSTEE
RAJVI MARIWALA
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20

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

Statement of income liable to contribution for the year ending 31/03/2020

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)		670,157
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.	681,437	681,437
(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	89,000.00	89,000
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.		(100,280)
Amount of Contribution computed at the rate fixed under the sub-section (1) of section 58 and payable		

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.

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Mumbai - 400008

Nitin Govare

Nitin Govare
Auditor



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Trustee

B. H. Masinde

Trustee

Dated: 30/12/20

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.

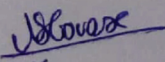
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Name of the Public Trust : Parcham Public Trust

For the year ending 31ST MARCH, 2020

{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: 136366W



Nitin Govare
(Proprietor)
Membership No. 160439
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 30/12/20



The Parcham Board

Shivangini Tandon (President), Was with Ashoka Innovators for Change, Currently heads the Forca Goa Foundation.

Sabah Khan, (Secretary and Managing Trustee), is co- founder of Parcham. She has been working in the development sector for almost two decades, currently works with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, leading the Transforming M Ward Project.

Rajvi Mariwala (Treasurer), Feminist Activist working on LGBT rights, Founder member of Mariwala Health Initiative

Nandini Manjrekar, Associate Professor in TISS, has been working on issues of education and communalism. Also on the Board of Sahiyar Stree Sanghtan

Sujata Gothoskar, Feminist Activist, works on labour issues with unions, member of autonomous collective – Forum Against Oppression of Women

Thank You!

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

We thank CORO for Literacy for supporting us with a fellowship which enabled us to start working with youth on issues of citizenship.

We wish to thank the Collective Impact Partnership for supporting Sabah Khan with a fellowship to its Leadership Accelerator Training Program and the opportunity to participate in the Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver, Canada.