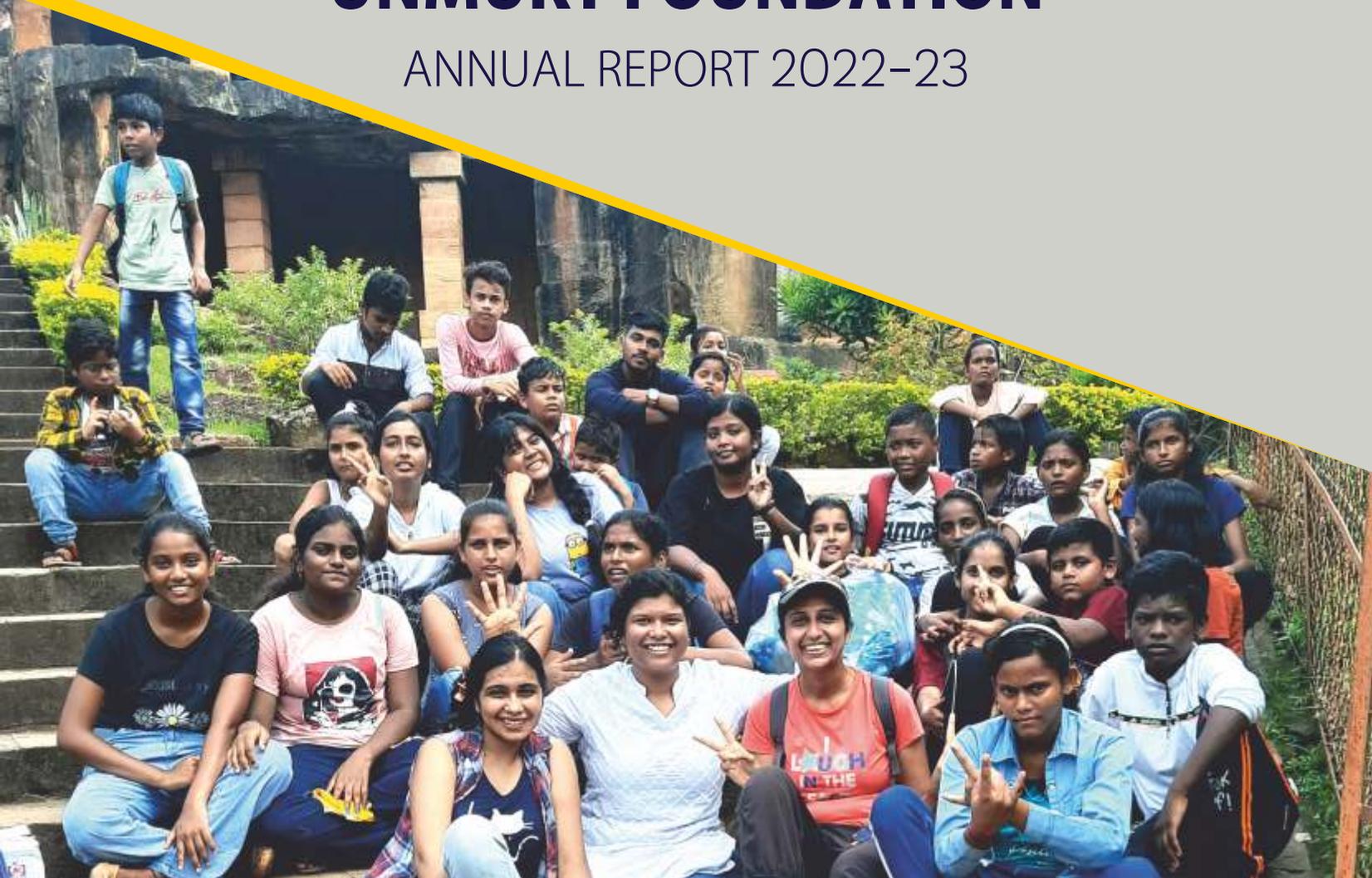




UNMUKT FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



From CEO's Desk:

UNMUKT has been an amazing journey through its various activities, viz. on developing scientific temper, a spirit of inquiry and in promoting universal brotherhood among children and among many dropouts. We have seen wonderful expressions among the blooming minds through its 'talking periods' Friday for Fitness, Kritishalaas, Pattachitra Workshops, Intro to *safe* space, Scholarships for girls, Green Army Assemble, In the Spotlight Programs and many more.

In the presence of trouble, some buy crutches, others grow wings. You may fall in problems, but these are to test you to do your best. We always teach our children how to solve the problems by focusing on solutions, not in problems. This is our day to day approach towards our children. We teach them to fight like a soldier and to win like a soldier. Patience, will power, determination, courage and confidence are the sterling qualities of the mind which are indispensable in the struggle of life. Lives of great people are nothing but success stories, where it has been proved that sooner or later the man who wins, is the man who thinks he can. So have a positive attitude as by being an optimist, you can turn scars into stars and win laurels in life.

Remember that Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice only. It is not a thing to be waited for. Rather, it is a thing to be achieved. Changes are constant companion of life. So, do accept change and grow. We must straighten our backs and work for success day in and day out. A man cannot ride you unless your back is bent. So be straight forward in your life. The world is all yours.

We are indebted to our children, our volunteers and also to our esteemed supporter, without whom the journey of UNMUKT would not have been possible.

Humanly yours,

Shweta

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Shweta Agarwal

Founder & CEO

She is a successful Architect worked on healthcare architecture. For the last four year, she has been doing a very little architectural work. She focused upon Bamboo, Mud and Sustainable Architecture. Her life long passion and obsession are environment and education. UNMUKT is a product of her passion. Her goal in life is to create Ecovercity – a University dedicated to ecological study, awareness and research.

She imagines a world where every child is educated with love and care and where all his/her needs must be addressed properly. She wants to groom a child where he or she is good at, where creativity and curiosity are encouraged, where environmental consciousness is embedded and taught from the very beginning of his/her life.



Surya N. Mishra

Co-Founder

He is an Alumnus of IIT, Kharagpur and IIM, Lucknow. Prof. Mishra specializes in the domain of digital marketing. At UNMUKT, he guides the team in taking strategic decisions to make the most out

of the various programs.

He has been teaching Marketing for the last 8 years at KIIT School of Management. He was one of the first people to start a course on Digital and Social Media Marketing in the Country in 2011. Before joining KIIT, he gave shape to brands like Fiana Di Wills, Vivel and Superia as a Brand Manager in ITC Limited and later worked as a Sales Manager in Nokia.



Dr Suparva Mandal

Facilitator

Dr Suparva – a Dentist by profession, a dancer, an artist and a singer by passion, she loves to work with kids and teaches dance to kids whenever she gets time from her hectic schedule. She organizes and takes part in health camps for underprivileged.

She has a long term dream to open her Clinic in a Village and settle there with her family. Associated with UNMUKT – right from the outset, Suprava has been a pillar of support and strength for the Basti Children.

Sabaramatee

Social Activist

A renowned environmentalist, 2020 Padma Shri Awardee, Nari Shakti Awardee and a Post Graduate in Rural Development from Gandhigram, Tamilnadu. She has been engaged in conservation of natural resources with focus on gender issues since 1997 through Sambhav, her founded NGO and a 96 acres barren land which she turned into a forest.

An Ex-employee of Oxfam India, she has been felicitated with the Odisha Living Legend 2015 Award and impact Woman Award – Business Today 2018. Sabaramatee guides us in all our environmental initiatives.



Vijaya Agarwal

Mentor

Vijay has been working as a Financial Consultant and is on the verge of retirement from his professional life. He spends most of his time by playing and encouraging kids to do things differently.

He has a very unique way to see life and being the Senior most person in the team, he guides us in getting past dilemmas and unresolvable issues.



INTRODUCTION

UNMUKT is an NGO working towards the Empowerment of Street and Slum Children in a participatory approach. UNMUKT means Freedom to Explore. Hence, UNMUKT stands firmly for the all round development of children, keeping freedom in mind and train them to explore to their highest potential.

VISION

The Vision of UNMUKT is to create a child friendly society by dissolving all superstitions from the mind of a child and igniting a child with the concept of scientific temper, humanism and spirit of inquiry and reform.

VALUES

Our Values based on ethics and moral values by ensuring fundamental rights to survival, protection, development and sharing.

Central to this Vision and Values is to enable the children to participate in their own development to ensure protection and promotion of the rights of children working and/or living on the street or slum.

For UNMUKT, protection and participation are the two keys with respect to street children. It includes immediate protection from danger, abuse, exploitation; but also covers more long term proactive approaches which is designed to promote all round development of children's skills and knowledge leads to a concrete wisdom. We also build support structures for children and lessen their vulnerability.

We don't let our children learn about the history and geography, the society and culture, the promises and problems of the place where they live. We let learn them the responsibility towards the environment they are in. We let them learn to act with their innovative ideas to sort out the problems in their approach towards a better society in front of them.

UNMUKT started its operation in the year 2017 by way of providing and enabling environment to develop understanding of their situation, their rights and opportunities. The approach and method of work of UNMUKT includes the active participation of children, working with them to begin to address key protection issues. Over a period of time UNMUKT with active participation of children has designed programs, activities and workshops based on their needs and perception. The focus area of UNMUKT is to develop scientific temper among them and to build a curiosity to study nature and natural phenomenon.

Participation is a human right with particular significance for street and slum children who live alone or more usually in groups or with parents/guardians and are thus the key sources of information on their situations and needs. They are most knowledgeable about the factors that send children to the street or slum as well as about the difficulties and strategies for survival on the street. This makes it essential to listen to children and encourage their participation during intervention design, implementation and evaluation.

Our aim of training is to create a rational and sensitive human being. Over a period of time, the approach of UNMUKT towards working with street/slum children has

evolved into a three pronged strategic approach to address the protection and promotion of the rights of them. These include direct-action with children, stakeholder sensitization and advocacy.

For interventions to be effective, they must be framed within local ideas about the roles of children and the nature of family relationships, as well as being sufficiently flexible to meet the varied and changing needs of individual children. Each of these strategic approaches is aimed to implement specific interventions to address the protection and promotion of the rights of Street and Slum Children (SSC).

Direct-action with children is primarily centred on contact point activities including offering services such as non-formal education, advice and guidance, specialized therapy, general counseling, health services and others.

Stakeholder Sensitization Actions include supporting SSC to establish their rights through ensuring representation and facilitating forming and strengthening SSC group, raise awareness on SSC issues, networking and lobbying with stakeholders and civil society etc.

Advocacy related actions are aimed to create children friendly environment through up-scaling workshops and special designed programs with the direct involvement with them and with the participation of invited experts.

Target Groups

- Street and Slum Children affected by substance misuse
- Street and Slum Children not in education
- Street and Slum Children affected by stigma and persecution
- Street and Slum Children suffering from poor physical and mental health
- Children newly arrived on the street or slum
- Street and working children living in villages
- Age Group is from 4 year to 18 year

Target Areas

UNMUKT is operating within the Bhubaneswar geographical area now and likely to expand throughout ODISHA gradually in its growth process.



360° HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



We also conduct Computer Classes and teach Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Digital Literacy etc. on every Sunday with U & I Volunteer Team.

Amma Kritishaalaa

Computer Classes



This program consists of launching creative libraries in the community, run by the community youth. Here, children plays games, learned to give their introductions, expressed their emotions and feelings, practiced meditation, made some beautiful art work including Durga Maa, wrote about themselves and their dreams, and of course read some new books and also it includes story telling.



Origami Workshop

This is a special designed Sunday Workshop for Children's participation for developing their art skills with gifting of drawing books, kit and notebooks to them. We take immense pride in the space that we have created, where members of the community can come together, share their knowledge and skills and have a good time together.



We with our Dentist-cum-dance facilitator Dr Suprava conducts Free Dental Check-up Camps for all our children once in a month where children are enlightened about tooth structures, types, parts, dental carries and why they occur. This led to a complete discussion and quiz on oral hygiene and healthy and unhealthy food.

Free Dental Check-up Camps

Science Exhibition



We also organize Science Exhibitions time to time in order to develop scientific temper among children. We invite scientists and learned persons to interact with children and to teach them new things.



We teach children about Indian Culture and in this program we celebrate various Pujas as a part of knowing the culture and its values. We teach the moral values of Pujas and Festivals in more intricate ways than we know. Children celebrate festivals trying to preserve the knowledge and values they stand for. Elders share stories while children performed songs, slokas and mantra chanting.

Celebration of Culture



Children Day park visit with AK children



Book Reading Session

We conduct Book Reading Session on the date of 19th of every month, where children read their favourite books, self made cocmics and writings. We took the occasion to commemorate the father of the library revolution in Kerala, Mr P.N. Panicker.



This is history adventure workshop with Prof. Surya. The workshop is documented and recorded and shared in our YouTube Channel. This includes exploring Google Earth etc.

PANGAEA

Creativity Corner



This class focuses on creativity of every child. We give them freedom and space for their creativity, be it poetry, be it drawing, be it singing whatever. We nourish their activities and plant an interest to create something new on their verge of learning.



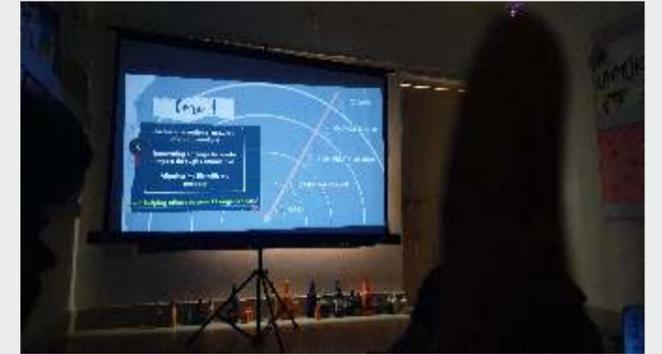
Painting a School

This is one of our activity where a task is given and all children will do this with joining hand. We clean school premises, we paint school walls, classrooms etc. as a part of this activity.



Art Workshop

Leadership



Leadership with Rohith Kumar





We host Summer Workshop during Summer Season with our talented volunteers and enthusiastic kids. This is a four days of fun and learning platform where children learn many things.

DAY 1

The children tried their hand at colour marbling and tie-dye, producing very colourful and brilliant patterns.



DAY 2

It was all about book binding. In a show of inquisitiveness and energy, the children learnt how to stitch together customized notebooks for themselves. They learnt about kettle and saddle stitching, working together as a team to assist each other in the process. They took special interest realizing that they could design the notebooks as they wished to. They are learnt how to be resourceful.



DAY 3



Book binding continued to this day. The children designed hard bound covers for their notebooks, using old cardboard and waste papers of different shapes. The best part however, was when the children used the beautiful colour marbling from Day 1 to make covers for their notebooks.

DAY 4

Today was the best day – as exclaimed by one of the learner Trupti. Why wouldn't it be? As it was about making Holi Colours all by yourself. All it took was 15 minutes per child to learn and make their own colours using beet root (pink), food colour (orange), Gulmohar (Green), turmeric (yellow) and turmeric plus limestone (orange) as pigments, with cornstarch as base and minimal water added. Here, children try to make different new shades experimenting all the way.





entrepreneurs, while some of them work for top corporates in India. Soon more people joined in this and numbers are still increasing.

With the awakening of COVID-19, the adults are facing mental and financial issues at home, at office and the problems of children are often not understood and hence ignored, leading to adverse affects on their physical and mental wellbeing.

The entire model of Project Jedi is based on story telling. Because, children have an innate love for stories. Stories can instill virtues in children, make them aware of their own culture and roots, broaden horizons by introducing them to different cultures and heritage, strengthen cognition, improve listening skill and develop communication skills, and make academic learning easier. Stories also improve imagination and creativity, ensure empathy and make one a better human being.

Our Project Jedi:
The UNMUKT Co-Learning Initiative

Project Jedi is an initiative to support and engage impoverished kids productively. Jedi means, a member of the mystical knightly order in the Star Wars Films trains to guard peace and justice in the Universe. In this Project, our primary objective is to monitor children to have better communication skills, to become aware of environmental issues, better beings, and an independent learner. To do this we focus a lot on mentors and mentorship because they're the one who is going to be in touch with them directly. Since this project is started in a week after Lockdown, we were fortunate to get some brilliant minds on board. People from IIMs, NITs, and other top colleges from diverse educational backgrounds. Some of them are



Here, we got some amazing results and children have shown a lot of improvements and enthusiasm for learning. They made sketches to spread awareness for Corona, improved communication skills, become more aware about environmental issues, few of them are even learning coding.

Our Team Member Debashree (Bose Mukherjee) an Alternate Educator & DMT Practitioner, working remotely from Kolkata as a Content Chief-Developing Curriculum conducting mentorship workshops for Jedis on 'Story-telling as a Methodology', 'Importance of Self-Care' for a Mentor to keep them emotionally healthy and being able to radiate the wellness to our target population during new normal.



Space Learning Space training with AK Saathi



Imagine a kid living in a small Basti of Bhubaneswar getting a call from an IIM Graduate with 5 years of Corporate Experience or from a Film Director who works in Europe. The kind of exposure these kids are getting is immense and life changing.

Holistic Learning

Holistic Learning is where parents are growing together with children. Children always observe their parents – what they are doing, how they are doing. So parents must grow with their children. It's also important that parents try to create opportunities or environment where children can interact – with neighbours, other students, elders, and with their environment.

Here, we teach the bonding of family and various family values.

Education Survey

UNMUKT has till date surveyed 320 families, and 600 students, with the objective of understanding the education gap among children, their lives in the community, their family system and situation. This survey is started on the year 2022 as UNMUKT STUDENTS AND FAMILY SURVEY. With due permission from Mayor of the Bhubaneswar City, UNMUKT conducted the survey in various Govt. and Private Schools of Aiginia and Dumuduma Clusters. The findings of the Survey, we find that this is nothing but a clear cut picture of education and huge learning gap, nothing else.

Mathematics Levels						
Class	Beginner	1 to 9	10 to 99	Subtraction	Division	Total
1		62	3			85
2		39	26	1		66
3	1	32	36	10		79
4			43	18		61
5	2	1	35	35	25	98
Total						

Odia Reading Level						
Class	Beginner	Letter	Word	Paragraph	Story	Total
1	51	33	1			85
2	8	40	18			66
3		28	29	20	2	79
4		1	38	22		61
5	2	1	20	23	52	98
Total	61	103	106	65	54	389

English Reading Level						
Class	Beginner	Letter	Word	Paragraph	Story	Total
1	68	17				85
2	47	19				66
3	27	45	7			79
4		28	33			61
5	15	18	50	13	2	98
Total	157	127	90	13	2	389



Support to low income Private school SVVM School, Bhubaneswar

We established a partnership with the school and involve them in the decision making process. This ensures that the support provided aligns with their specific needs and goals, leading to sustainable and impactful interventions.

We support them in several ways.

1. **Educational Resources:** By donating books, textbooks, educational materials and supplies to the school. These resources can help enhance the learning environment and provide students with necessary tools for their education.
2. **Infrastructure development:** We work on improving the school's infrastructure by renovating classrooms, building libraries and computer labs, providing furniture and assisting with repairs. We are creating a conducive physical environment which we are sure impact students with positive learning experiences.



3. **Teacher Training and Professional Development:** We offer various workshops, training sessions, mentorship programs for teachers as well as students. We provide them with the opportunity to enhance their teaching skills, learn new methodologies and update them with new educational trends.
4. **Scholarship and Financial Aid:** We have established Scholarship Programs for supporting students from low income backgrounds. This can help cover their tuition fees, school supplies, uniforms and other educational expenses, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their access to education.



5. **Health and Nutrition Support:** We collaborated with the school to provide health and nutrition support. This include organizing health check-ups, vaccination drives, hygiene education, offering nutritious meals to students. As we know, a healthy body and mind are crucial for effective learning.

6. **Technology Integration:** We provide Computer, tablets, and other digital training tools to support teachers and students of the school.
7. **Mentorship and Career Guidance:** We organize various mentorship programs and career guidance sessions, connecting students with professionals from various fields. This programs will help students to get a clear vision of their future goals.
8. **Community Engagement and Parental Involvement:** We foster community engagement and encourage their parents to participate with various activities with the students. We conduct parent – teacher meetings to facilitate dialogue, create a sense of ownership, and strengthen the school home connection.
9. **Extra Curricular Activities:** We conduct activities such as sports, arts, music or clubs within the school premises. These activities promote holistic development, creativity, teamwork, and can positively impact students' overall well being.
10. **Advocacy and Policy Supports:** We raise awareness about the challenges faced by the school and work towards policy changes that can enhance their resources and opportunities.



Talking Periods:

Menstruation – this is a taboo in our society still now. Who talks about it? But, yes we do regularly in every month round the clock. We visits slums and talk about periods, the natural process with women. This is our regular practice to brought Menstrual Hygiene into discussion and how they could take care of it through routine exercises and by adopting a cloth pad that we have distributed to them. We used to offer them chemical free, environment friendly cloth pads and put constant watch of them.



WIPRO Fellowship Program

We bag Wipro Fellowship every year for our work culture. As you know, Wipro Foundation is the best in education sector. This fellowship they are providing for our Educational activities throughout the year. Looking at our authentic work, honest approach towards slum children and under privileged, for our confident and clear understanding of them, for our patience and relentless work, WIPRO the famous foundation is honouring us with this fellowship every year.



Artery Workshop at Sainik School Bhubaneswar

On the World Environment day we have organised one workshop with the students of class VI. Total 215 students participated with lots of activities to support the climate. Our volunteers like Surabhi, Gayatri, Deepshikha joined with our founder Shweta to facilitate the well designed program.





Our Project Jodi:
The UNMUKT Co-Learning Initiative

We hosted a series of talks connecting the environmental issues. We invited local experts and various Environmentalists to share their ideas and lectures to our Children. We discuss about Environmental Pollution, Management of Environmental Pollution, Towards Sustainable Development, Poverty, Population and Environment and many other topics.

Sustainability

To think about Sustainability, is to think about the opportunity that our children have. Thirty years back, asking for a glass of water was common. Now we are used to buying water. Next, you will be asked to keep an oxygen cylinder behind you.



We have to build a livable future. Whenever, we are doing something, we have to think – what will be the impact on society twenty years later. Because of Covid, we have realized that we are taking a lot of unnecessary journeys, which can be avoided. We have to think – how do we get the basic necessities of life – i.e., air, water, food, life.

We have to think – how do we use our resources? How do we make usage multifunctional? For example, if a tree can live 60 years, but we make a chair out of it which will last only 5 years – where's the utility in that?

The knowledge is nothing new. But we have to learn this and we teach this to our children during our green talk.



Seedball Making with SBI Life on World Environment Day



Nature Colour for Holi Workshop

As you know, Holi is a festival of colours and it is celebrated widely in all the nook and corners of our society. We love celebrating this festival with much pomp. We connect with all through this beautiful festival. On this occasion, we prepare our own colour, chemical free with natural aberer using items like haldi, gulmohur leaves, beetroot, corn flour etc. With the help of our esteemed volunteers we celebrate Holi and connect with people through this festival of colours.



Action for Environment

In this drive, we teach children the love for environment and make them environment friendly. Under this project, we plant 30k saplings every year in the outskirts of Bhubaneswar city with the help of Basti Children. We not only plant trees, but taking care of them after the rainy season ends.



Diwali Fund Raising @ DN Regalia, Bhubaneswar

UNMUKT with partnership with DN Group drive a fund raising camp on every Diwali time at DN Regalia Mall, Patrapada, Bhubaneswar. Here, we demonstrate about our work to the audience at large, the frequent visitors of the mall and raise a handful of fund for our different projects.

A final word: If we believe that good thing must survive, we must be ready to support the good things. The change in culture is necessary. We have little time and some hope remained.

Thus, we teach practical wisdom by attending to the questions of our children and give them inspiration to do good for the environment.

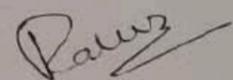
FINANCE

UNMUKT FOUNDATION			
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PAN: AAATU8593N			
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LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS	Amount (Rs.)
MEMBER'S CAPITAL ACCOUNT		PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
Opening Balance	(2,80,695)	As per Schedule-A	89,327
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	11,46,362		
	8,65,667		
UNSECURED LOAN	5,20,340		
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS		CURRENT ASSETS	
Liabilities for expenses	6,13,005	Cash at Bank	
Audit fees payable	5,000	-State Bank of India	2,30,275
		-HDFC Bank	16,84,047
		Cash in hand	363
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For UNMUKT FOUNDATION


Shweta Agarwal
Chairperson
Place: Bhubaneswar
Date: 15 September 2023

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