



Sandesh Annual Report

2020-2021

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1. DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I KNOW YOU ARE TIRED BUT COME THIS IS THE WAY. ~ RUMI

I paused when these words mysteriously came before me. Simple yet so strong. It makes me think about the countless people who are tired. Tired of walking. Tired of searching. Tired of waiting. Tired of calling. Tired of receiving no as an answer. Tired of not being heard. Tired of hunger. Tired of poverty and unemployment. Tired of silence. Tired of the inner screaming voice. Tired of injustice. Tired of exams and results. Tired of convincing people. Tired of pain. Tired of loneliness.

In this present time, tired of being shut down, locked down, and being alone. The word tiredness is spreading like wildfire. The entire environment seems to be tired. As tired as we all are, we need to walk ahead. We need to have hope and to have faith that this time will also pass. It is impermanent.

Coming this way...is the way of kindness, compassion, hope, faith, healing, love and sharing. Walking together in this way will make our life journey worth living. It is a tough path but do not lose hope. Be there for each other, near and far. Together we can pass this way. We need to say to our friends, *"I know you are tired, but come this is the way"*. *These words can be magical.*

It has been a decade since Sandesh has been here. 10th year... I give thanks to our well-wishers who support us, without your being in this journey this would not be possible. Our parents who continue to brace in this uncertain time; the Sandesh team who have shown patience to begin activities again. We are full of hope that soon we will be back, getting busy with work, learning lessons, and taking steps ahead. So much to do!

To all my dear friends...even if you are tired, let's walk ahead together. Let's connect back to our never-failing spirit that is full of hope.

Thank you for journeying with me.

Jenny

2. VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Vision

An inclusive environment that leads to a dignified life for every individual with intellectual and developmental disability.

Mission

Create an inclusive environment that empowers all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by enhancing their abilities through various therapeutic activities, care and equal opportunities for a dignified life.

Our Values

- Safety for all.
- Inclusiveness and mutual respect.
- Integrity.
- Welcome.
- Non-judgmental.
- Inter-religious community.



3. ABOUT SANDESH

Sandesh is a community for members with Intellectual and developmental disabilities. It's a day care facility which aims at bringing happiness into the lives of all, especially the most vulnerable ones of our society. Sandesh is an inter-religious community. It is a way of life where religion is not the factor that divides us. Here the HQ is measured rather than the IQ.

Sandesh became registered as a Charitable Trust on 30th May 2008. We are registered under the Disability Act 1995. We have 80G, 12 A (income tax exemption) and the FCRA certificate.

Sandesh is a dream project that has lived for a decade so far. These years have been very fulfilling and exciting. Yes, there were tough days, but Sandesh has been blessed with a brilliant team of friends, well-wishers, staff, and members. Together, every crisis is faced in the best possible way. That is the witness of these years together. We are strong and ready to take all the challenges presented before us.

We have grown with our learning and teaching. This year was mainly conducted online with very few physical meetings. This was not proficient for many of our members, those with severe and profound disability. We realize there is always a way, and we need to be ready to accept the changes that are made knowingly, as well as those changes forced upon us.

Different units of Sandesh are: UTSAV for members with severe and profound disabilities, Early Intervention Care, Early Education, Work Unit: Pre-Vocational and Sheltered Workshop, and Counselling for parents.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, all the units' activities happened via online sessions, individual home visits, and member visits to the community for activity kit collection. Individual time on the phone was important for many of our members. Group yoga sessions, weekly evening tea times, and storytelling happened with limitations. Limitation of technology for many families hampered the opportunity for participation.

Current Overview

Unit	Member Number	Staff Number
Total members with disabilities	65	
Total staff members		12



4. 2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS

It is strange to write the highlights of this financial year. Many things have happened simultaneously and there is a feeling of emptiness due to the lack of community activities on the campus.

Month 1 - The first month of the year was a complete lockdown. We were all in a state of confusion and helplessness.

Restart - We conducted an online meeting with parents. Preparation began to restart on campus activities while carefully implementing COVID-19 safety measures and guidelines.

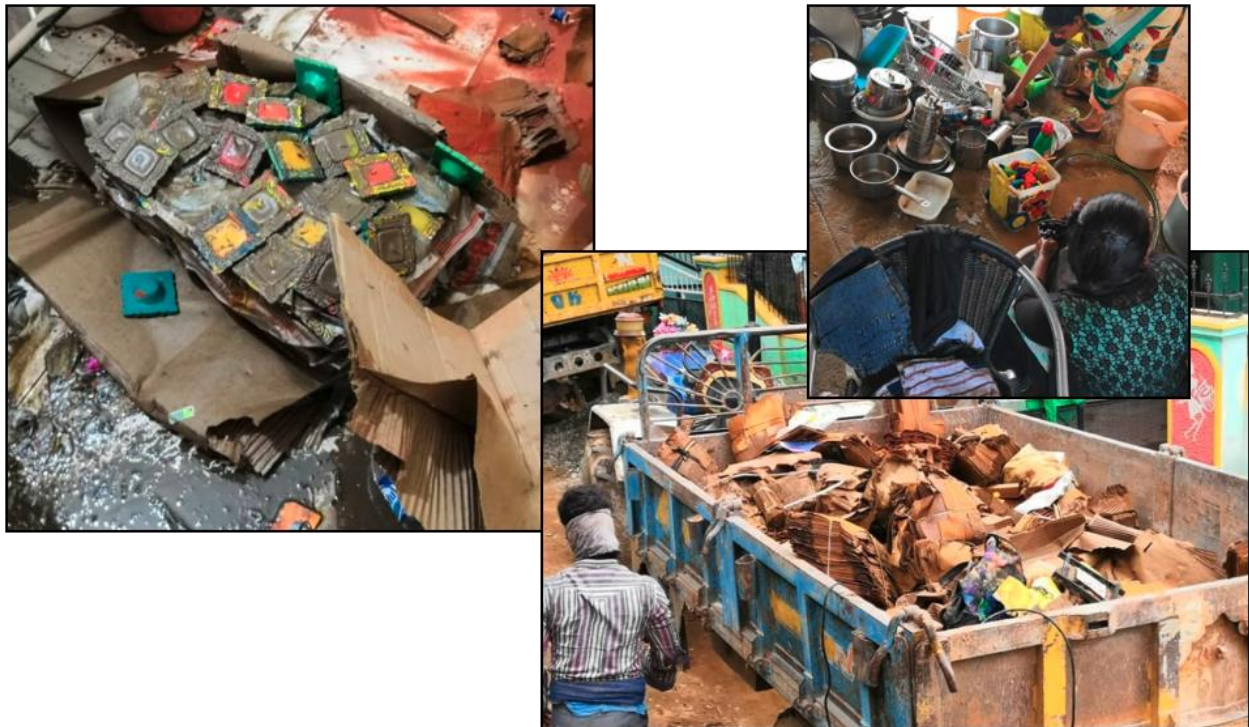
Staff Release - Unfortunately, due to increased expenses and decreased income, a hard decision was made to lay off some of our staff. This was heartbreaking as everyone in the community has a purpose, makes a difference, and is important to the running of Sandesh.

July - This was a special month for Sandesh. We acquired a long-term lease on a beautiful campus with a lot of potential for our community. Discussions, meetings, and careful contemplation led to a signed agreement. The campus required a lot of construction and renovations to make it suitable for Sandesh activities. The campus is very large, and we signed an agreement for 15 years with a possibility of a 10 year extension. This is such an important step for the future of Sandesh. An answer to our prayers.



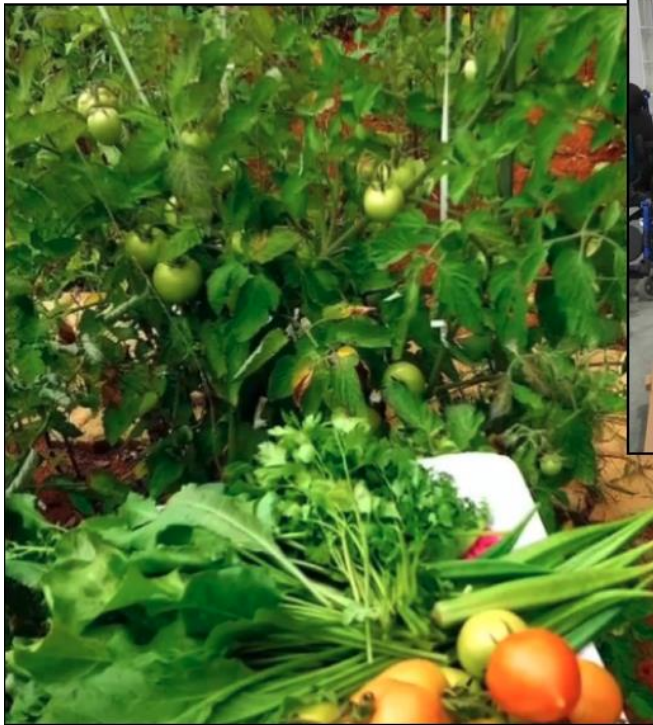
September 8 - Sandesh celebrated its 10th anniversary on this date. It was a day to say thanks to many friends who have journeyed along with us to pursue our mission. It is such a great feeling to be able to live the dream we had for so many years. A blessing from our loving God.

September 9 - This day will be remembered for a very long time. It was a day of great disaster and heartbreak. The ground floor at our previous dwelling was flooded with dirty water in the early hours of the morning. We had the rooms on this floor packed with our materials that needed to be moved to the new campus. The heavy rains and overflow gutter water filled the ground floor with knee high water, destroying everything that was packed. We lost work products, provisions, furniture, Admin files, accounts, activities materials, and machines. Everything was under dirty water. It was such a shock for this to be our reality. Nothing could be done. We needed to accept it and move forward. As the sun appeared and the rain ceased, the water receded, and we began the cleanup. The cleanup took a week, but it was a painful time because along with the physical loss of items, we felt the loss of all of the hard work wasted.



New Campus - Working on the new campus lifted our spirits and gave us all hope. We were cultivating the new space with the members foremost in our minds. Much of the work that was required was offered to parents of Sandesh members. This added to the joy of creating the space because it gave work to the stakeholders during the COVID-19 crisis.

New Campus Continued - The shift to the new campus was made. The beautiful space began to take shape. It still needs a lot of work, but the staff worked hard to ready the different activity rooms.



Social Awareness Ambassador - Ms. Dhaani Mehra is an incredible, intelligent young girl who is a wonderful addition to the Sandesh team. Dhaani is responsible for all social media updates.

Diwali - Our members were greatly missed during our Diwali celebrations and work, but we had a good time spreading happiness and being thankful for the blessings we received.



Staff Training - Five members of our staff received online training in computer skills from EnY. This was a great steppingstone for our staff, and the company was kind enough to give the staff laptops. A large thank you to Ms. Geeta Sharma from EnY who arranged this training for Sandesh staff.

Blanket Support - We were able to support 65 families with warm blankets from Child Fund India. This was such a kind gesture and was received very well from all the families in need.

Painting and Dancing Competition - Sandesh took part in this online competition organized by L & W. A few of our members took part and received gift vouchers for their participation.

Staff Team Building - Shashi Reddy, a creative Life Coach, began regular sessions with staff for team building. This is a very positive addition. We hope, in time, Sashi will be able to give more time for all in the community.

SOP - Team Safe Lanes Pvt, Ltd., headed by Mr. Rachit Jain, has offered his time and expertise to work on our SOP. The work is time consuming, but once it is completed, Sandesh will have a professional and efficient SOP document. Thanks to Mr. Akhilesh from Safe Lanes for giving his valuable time to Sandesh.

5. OUR DONORS & PARTNERS

Top Individual Donors 2020-2021:

Mrs. Kavita Iver	Mr. Sandeep Singhal	Mr. Anil K Somaiya	Ms. Vanitha Prasad
Mr. Manish Jain	Ms. Meeta Sharma	Mr. Gaurav Lochan	Mr. Vishwa G Gupta
Mr. Apoorva Singh	Mr. Prashant Dighe	Mr. Praveen Bajaj	

Individual Donors 2020-2021:

Donor's Name	Donor's Name
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Amjab Khan	Arshed Ali Shakir
Fuzail Shakir	Aarathi
Aarati Gupta	Abin George
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Anil K.Somaiya	Anil Kumar Kuttappan
Anitha Muralidharan	Annapurna Dixit
Anu	Anusha Krishnan
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Arvind	Atanu Mukerjee
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Denta Care C/o D.Rashmishree	Disha Mehta

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Prasanna	Prashant S Dighe
Praveen Bajaj C/o Ankita Piyush Gupta	Prerna Vijay Rao
Rahil M	Rahul S
Rajashree Sen	Rajesh C/o Nupur Singh
Rajnish	Rashmi
Reddy Venkatesh	Rita Dutta
Rohit Kaila	Ruchika Pathak
Saif Ahmed Shakir	Sandeep Singhal
Sandesh P Babu	Sanjana V.S
Santhosh Thazhathu	Sarina J.K
Saurabh Govil	Saurabh Mittal
Swati Saxena	Ruchi
Swathi S	Shaheel Consulting
Shalini Nagraju	Shameer Rishad
Shankar R	Shashikala
Shweta/Saurabh Sharma	Smita Murali/Murali Krishnan
Soumya Kaushik	Subhashree Mukherjee
Sudhakar R. Dighe /Prashant S.Dighe	Suma Rao
Surendra Kumar Jain	Swati Mohan
Udayprakash Tekumal	Ushadevi Chodiseti
Vaishnavi/Varun	Vanaja
Vanitha Prasad	Vibhuti Jain
Vidisha	Vidya Jauhri
Vidya PG	Vishwa Gavurav Gupta

Vithika Agarwal	Vivek Chandra
Vivek Sharma	Dinesh Metha
Abhishek Ray	Anjali K.S
Apoorva Singh	Archita Ray
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Lorraine Raj	Neetu
Roohi Agarwal	Roshini George
Snigdha Hore	Sujatha Raju
Sunder Devi Verma	Vikas Tarneja
Vivek	Razor Local

FCRA Donors 2020-2021:

Bertrand/SFA	Richard Poppelwell
CAFA,UK	CAFA
Heather L Fitzpatrick	Mann Katja
Amit Kamboj	Anurag Tandon
Nithin Gandhi	Nasscom Foundation
Ombrie Foundation	Katholishes Pfarrmt Maria Himmelfuhrt

Donation in Kind:

There is a saying to help others as much as one can, sharing is caring, and only give such a thing that you will be happy to receive. Sandesh was supported by our dear friends with laptops, furniture, toys, office files, blankets, provisions and valuable time. Thank you to:

Jyoti Nayar

Kamya Puri

Vithika Agarwal

EnY

Meet Gupta

Minal

Shiny from Child Fund

Ruchi Mehra

Shush Tandon

Tony Zacharia

Heather L Fitzpatrick

Company/Foundation/School/Commercial Donors 2020-2021:

Affirmed Network Pvt Ltd	4TF Consulting LLP	BlueJeans Network Pvt Ltd
Grasshopper Restaurant	InMobi Technology Services Private Limited	Glance Digital Experience Pvt Ltd
Harman Inspired Charitable Trust	Nutanix Technologies India Pvt Ltd	Enabling Human Potential Society
Safe lanes consultants PVT LTD		

6. DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCE PARTNERS

Dhwani Foundation
Disability NGO's Alliance
Titan
Birdy Exports
Safe Lanes Pvt Ltd

7. OUR PEOPLE

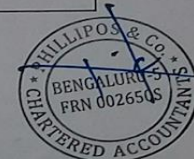
Governing Board:
Annie Agnes Dsouza (Managing Trustee/Secretary)
Brother Mani Karott (President)
Nupur Singh (Treasurer)
Srikanth Narayanswamy (Trustee)

Executive Team:
Sebastian Kurian (Program Coordinator)
Anil Kumar (Work-in-Charge)
Nupur Singh (Public Engagement Manager)
Brother Mani Karott (Mentor)

8. FINANCIALS

SANDESH
(Home For Differently- Abled Children)
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET (LOCAL)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

Particulars		Amount (Rs.)
Schedule 1: Capital Fund		
As per Last year Balance Sheet		21,957,726
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure		2,562,805
Total		24,520,531
Schedule 2: Corpus Fund		
As per Last year Balance Sheet		988,060
Add: Grants received this year		-
Total		988,060
Schedule 3: Current Liabilities		
Schedule 3(a) : TDS Payable	64,200	64,200
		64,200
Schedule 6: Current Assets		
Schedule 6(a) : Deposits & Advances		
Gas Deposit		6,550
As per last year balance		
Lease Deposit		
As per last year Balance Sheet	2,650,000	-
Less: Received during the year	2,650,000	
T.V. Deposit		1,700
Rental Deposit As per last year		
As per last year Balance Sheet	350,000	
Less: Received during the year	250,000	
Add: Paid during the Year	700,000	800,000
Schedule 6(b) : TDS Receivables		
AY 2019-20	61,422	
Less: Refund Received	(61,422)	
AY 2020-21	90,380	
AY 2021-22	40,959	131,339
Schedule 6(c) : TCS Receivables		
AY 2019-20	16,751	
Less: Refund Received	(16,751)	-
Schedule 6(d) : Loans and Advances		57,613
		997,202
Schedule 7 : Cash & Bank Balance		
Cash in Hand		14,774
Federal Bank A/c No. 14370100063578		7,654,781
Total		7,669,555





ITS HOPE THAT KEEPS US GOING

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

KEEP THE HOPE ALWAYS STRONG

AND DEEP ROOTED

ONE DAY, THAT ONE DAY

WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU...

THANK YOU FOR ALL...