

# Annual Report 2021-24



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## Letter from the Managing Trustee

We are compiling this consolidated report at the end of 2024, when Prajnaya's closure is imminent. Over the years, I have used this space to write about fundraising challenges and aspirations. Today, I want to reflect on what makes me proud of our work in this three-year period as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on us and organisations like us.

On one level, Prajnaya adapted to the COVID-19 lockdown like a fish to water. We figured out how to use Zoom, moved many of our activities, such as the Women's History Roundtable online and innovated others that were only possible because we were now working remotely. I am proud of our ability to adapt and to build community even over the shaky Internet connections that haunted our calls. The Prajnaya Equality Colloquia, the Peace and Gender Lunchtime Lectures (with Sansristi) and the Disarmament Toolkit have grown steadily in their reach. The Prajnaya Gender Talks, alas, petered out.

What has been more important is our ability to host closed door discussions such as the Aftermath Review in 2021, the discussion on the Women's Commissions in 2022 and on events in Manipur in 2023. We were able to gather people across the country in these discussions, focusing attention on what needed to be done. This would not have been possible offline because of the logistical costs.

Our enthusiasm and innovativeness, notwithstanding, COVID-19 did challenge us. It hit us as our funding situation was beginning to stabilize. Like many other organisations, we have not recovered from that impact. COVID-19 also diminished our volunteer community as people chose more and more not to travel to programmes or to meetings. Our ties with organisations where we trained or conducted programmes weakened as they restructured post-pandemic, and our original contacts moved on. Our donor community shrank and other causes were more immediate and compelling—including health care and relief. This is not just our story, but that of so many others.

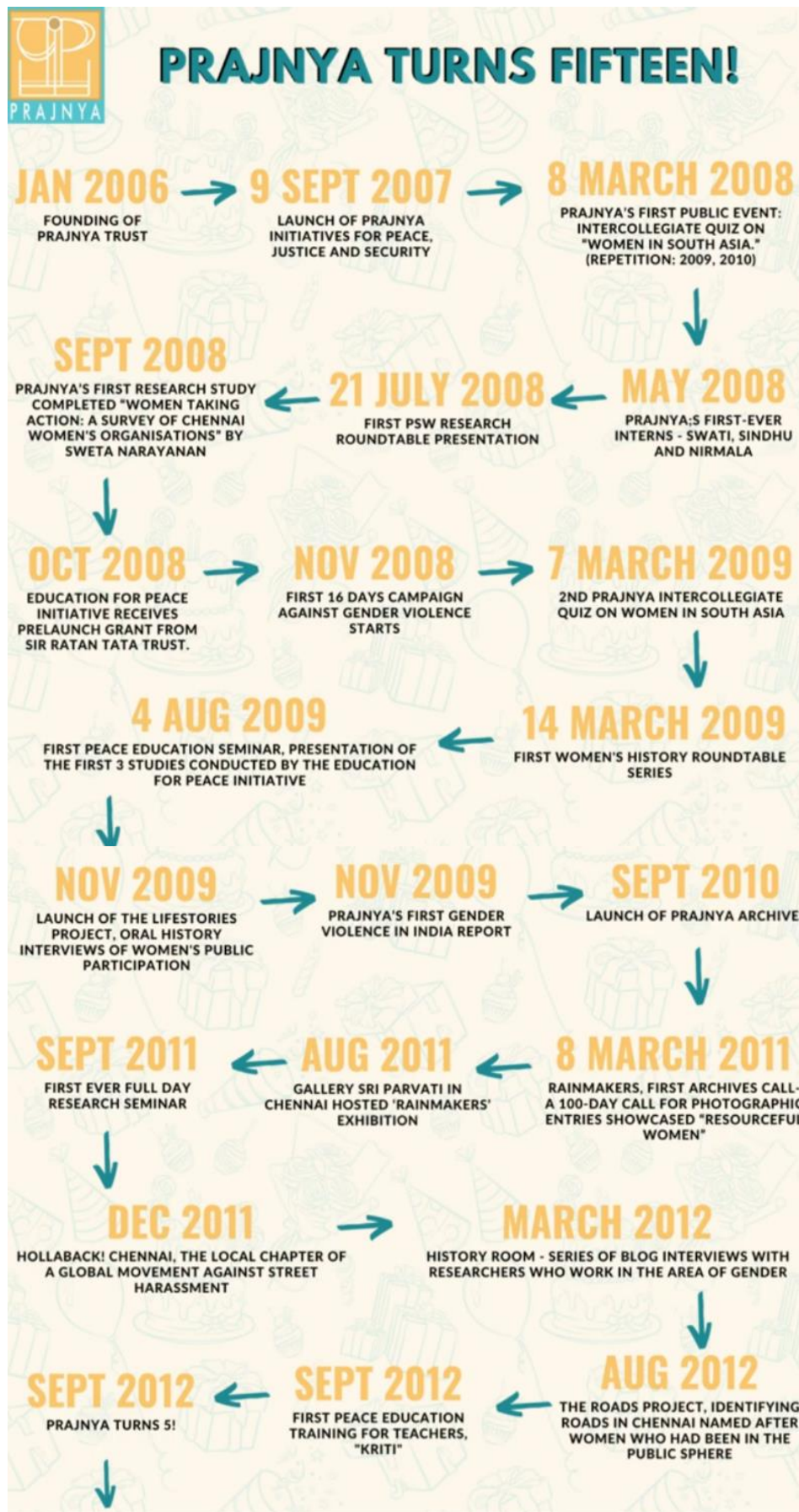
It has just become too hard to continue. In 2022, we reached out to and spoke with friends in the social sector to learn how they had managed leadership transitions. In early 2023, we took the call to close and resolved that much of that year would be spent preparing to close, including making plans to archive our work.

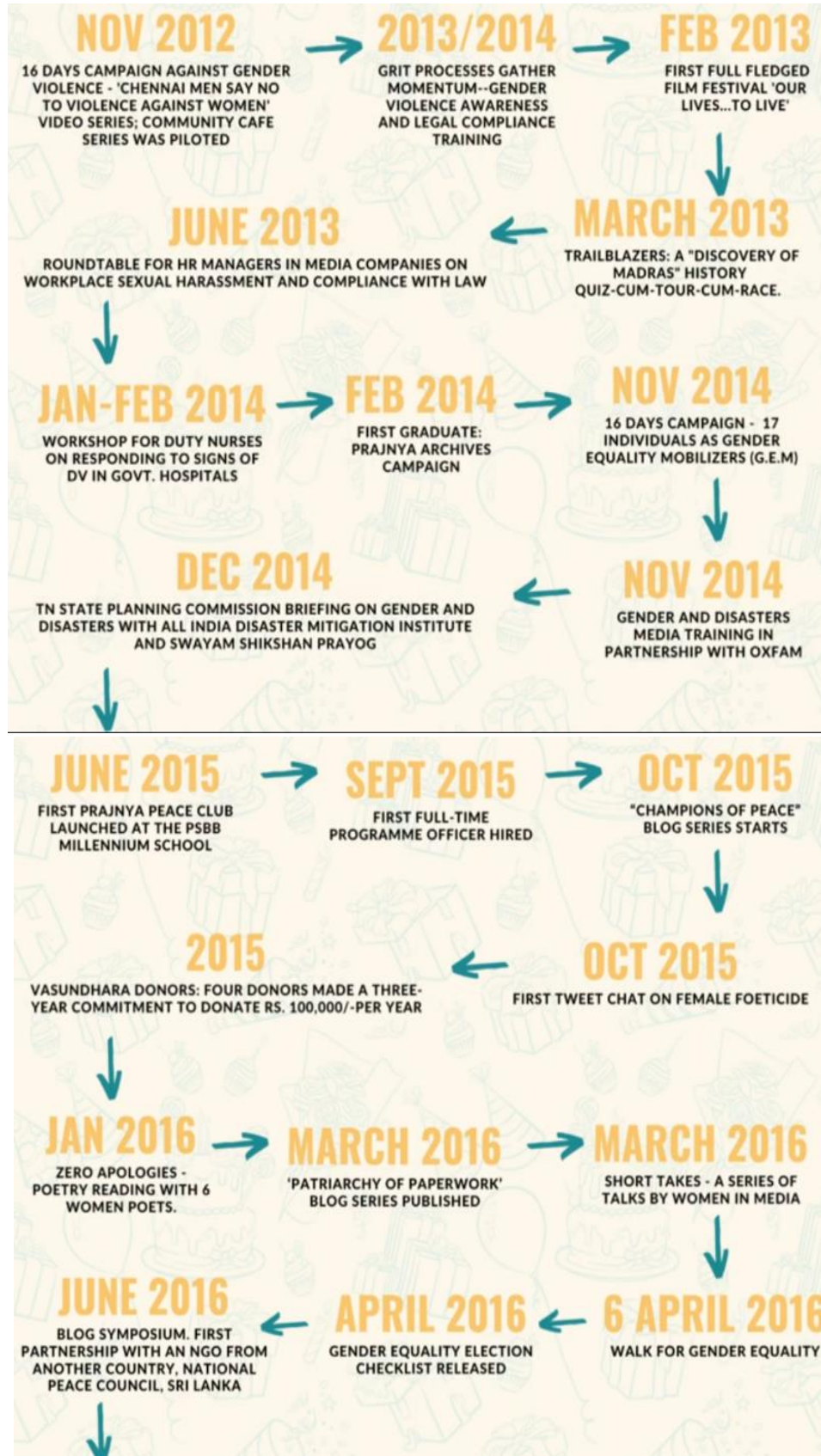
It has always been hard to write this letter in the upbeat marketing-style tone that one is supposed to adopt. This is even truer this year. But it's been a good run and our many varied

activities, against the odds, in this three-year period are proof that we have given this what we had and then some.

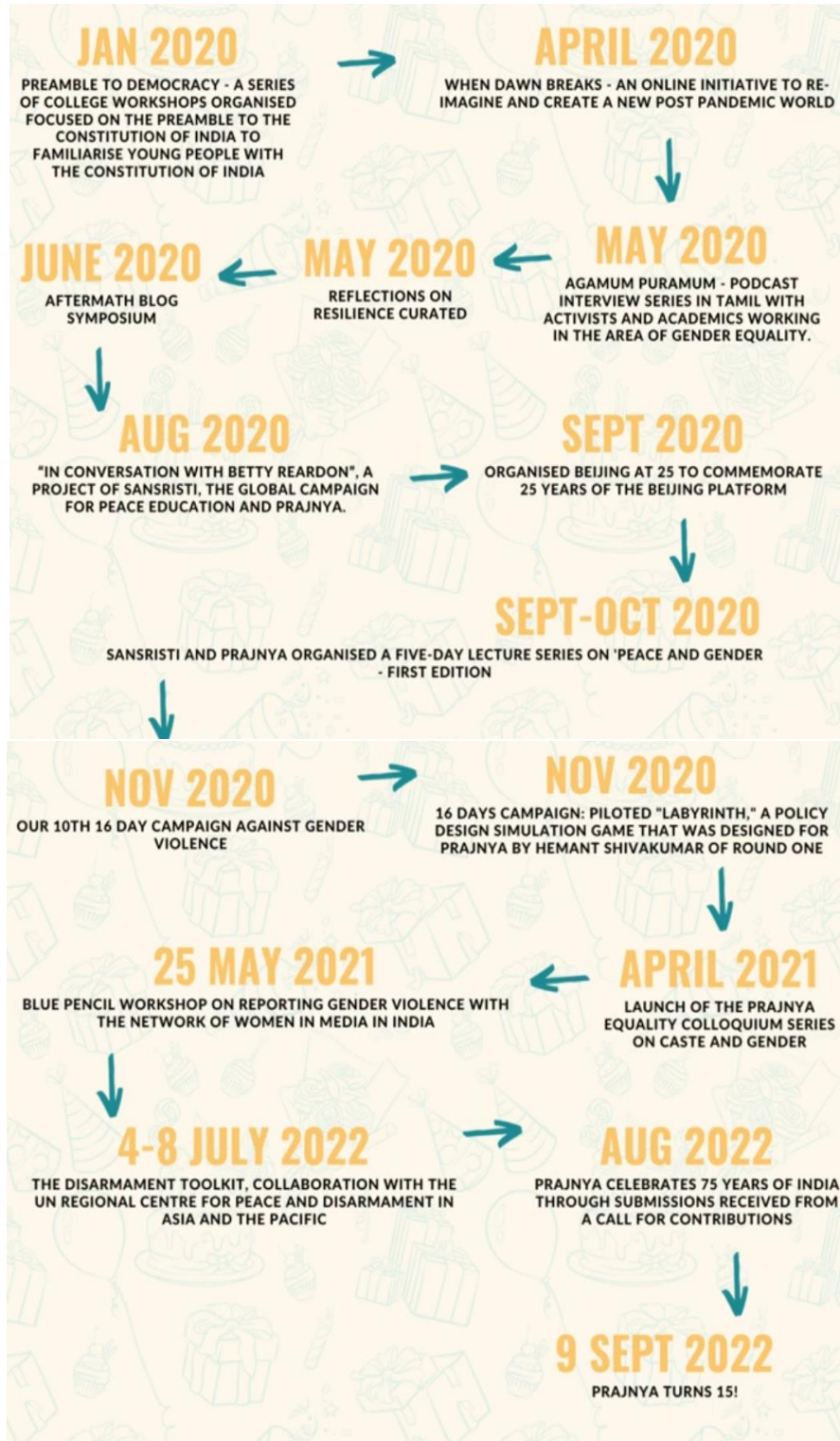
This consolidated report covers our activities from April 2021 to March 2024. Activities are reported programme-wise. Our donor list is consolidated. Our audit reports (for 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) are included year-wise at the end of the document.

*Swarna Rajagopalan*







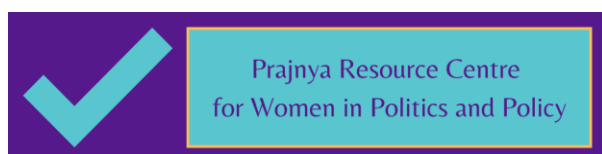




## POLITICS, SECURITY AND GENDER

This rubric covers all of Prajnya's gender equality work: women's history, women in politics, gender, peace and security and our most visible activity, creating gender violence awareness.

### Prajnya Resource Centre on Women in Politics and Policy



Where are the women in the public sphere? Prajnya began with the intention of documenting answers to this question, knowing that women had contributed immensely, if invisibly, to the public sphere.

### Prajnya Archives

During the pandemic, the Prajnya Archives opened a call for Photo-Narratives to celebrate [Healthcare Heroes](#). In our view, this could include both health care professionals, as well as social workers who provide last-mile care, as well as the countless women who care for the sick at home without being celebrated for their work. In 2021, we re-opened all our photo-calls.

In January 2024, Sambhrant Das joined us as Archives Intern. We have the process of updating the Archives, something that had been stymied by the pandemic and technical challenges.

### The Prajnya Gender Talks (formerly the Women's History Roundtable Series)

#### 2022-23

March 11, 2023: Uddipana Goswami, [Gendered Conflicts and Feminist Peace](#)

October 8, 2022: Sameera Khan, [Still Half the Story](#)

August 13, 2022: Ashwini Tambe, [The "Teen Girl" and the "Girl Child": Mapping their transnational circulation in India](#)

July 11, 2022: Ruchira Goswami, [Child Marriage: Mapping the Legal Conundrum](#)

June 13, 2022: Professor Ritu Dewan, [Pandemic, Policy and Patriarchy](#)

April 9, 2022: Jasmeen Patheja, [Towards the Right to be Defenceless: I Never Ask For It](#)

## **2021-22**

March 12, 2022: Srimati Basu, [Speaking Around Law: Gender-Based Violence, Pluralism and Accountability](#)

February 15, 2022: Dr Divya Kannan, [Writing Histories of Childhood in India](#)

December 11, 2021: Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta, [Contesting Power and Creating Space: 50 years of the Women's Movement in Bangladesh](#)

November 13, 2021: Dr. Vibhuti Patel, [Women's Movements in Maharashtra: A Visual and Oral History](#)

October 9, 2021: Asha Hans, [Gender, Climate Change and Securitisation](#)

September 11, 2021: Rita Manchanda, [Feminising Security: Resisting Militarisation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda](#)

August 14, 2021: Dr. Saba Gul Khattak, [Defiant Crossings: The Women's Movement and Feminist Solidarities in Pakistan.](#)

April 10, 2021: Japleen Pasricha, [The Feminism in India \(FI\) Journey](#)

## **Prajnya Equality Colloquium**

Launched in April 2021, the Prajnya Equality Colloquium has become an annual Prajnya fixture. Four lectures on caste and gender, delivered by experts (scholars, activists and artists), two in English and two in Tamil, are organised on Fridays in the month. The lectures are video-recorded and made available online.

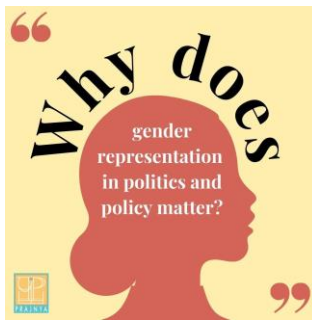
View each year's PEC playlist here: [2022](#) [2023](#) [2024](#)

பிரக்ஞா சமத்துவ விரிவுரைகள் PRAJNYA EQUALITY COLLOQUIUM SERIES சாதி, பாலினம் குறித்த விரிவுரைகள் மற்றும் உரையாடல்கள் A SERIES OF LECTURES AND INTERACTIONS ON CASTE AND GENDER		
2022	2023	2024
NRITHYA PILLAI நிருத்யா பிள்ளை	CYNTHIA STEPHEN சிந்தியா ஸ்டீபன்	DR. AISWARYA RAO DR. ஐஸ்வர்யா ராவ்
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கிரேஸ் பாணு GRACE BANU	எஸ். ஆனந்தி S. ANANDHI	கவுசல்யா KAUSALYA

### Gender Equality Election Watch

In 2016, we drafted the [Prajnya Gender Equality Election Checklist](#), laying out measures parties should adopt and issues voters should consider, if they were committed to gender equality.

Anticipating the 2024 Parliamentary elections, we launched the Gender Equality Election Watch project in October 2023, just as Assembly elections in five Indian states were being announced. The GEEW project would primarily document instances of gendered hate speech, but also, instances of election-related gender violence and information on gender representation. Nine undergraduate students from Krea University joined us in this pilot phase, each one monitoring news reports in English and Indian language papers.



The second phase of the project led up to the Parliamentary elections themselves and a smaller team re-distributed the monitoring work. In March 2024, this was augmented by an awareness campaign around women's electoral representation and participation. The long drawn-out schedule of the elections was the culmination of the project and project interns organised and analysed the data they had collected, compiled publicly available numbers and conducted gender audits of key party manifestos. [Project-related blogposts can](#)

[be found here](#). Related datasets are linked to the posts.

## Consultations and Reports

The pandemic reinforced the isolation in which we work, although our goals and values may be the same. With a view to building bridges and keeping conversations (and solidarities) alive, Prajnaya has hosted occasional consultations. We have selectively invited those deeply invested in the issue at hand and kept the discussions off the record in order to facilitate easy communication. Follow-up action has varied considerably and depended on the interest and capacity of participants.

### *Six Months of Conflict in Manipur: A discussion, November 2023.*

Prajnya organised a small closed-door discussion on the continuing violence in Manipur and its continuing, gendered, humanitarian impact.

### *Discussion on Women's Commissions, March 2022.*

A small group of Tamil Nadu social activists met online to discuss the potential and effectiveness of Women's Commissions.

### *The Aftermath Review, May 2021*

Prajnya organized a virtual roundtable discussion with Aftermath blog symposium contributors, inviting them to reflect on their blog posts. The goal was to facilitate an informal discussion with our community members as audience, around what has changed, and what remains unchanged. [A report](#) was compiled by Nafeesa Usman.

## Prajnya Oral History

In 2022, in order to mark 15 years of Prajnaya, volunteers Dr. Sudha Rajagopalan and Dr. Archana Venkatesh embarked on a series of oral history interviews with key members of the Prajnaya team. The interviews are still underway, forming part of Prajnaya's own digital archive. Those interviewed include volunteers, Board members and 16 Days Campaign Associates.

## Gender Violence Research and Information Taskforce (GRIT)

Women's participation in the public sphere is limited by the fear of sexual and gender-based violence, as are their other life-chances. This reality drew us into working to create awareness, saying: violence is more common than we want to believe; it takes many forms, and there is help. Since 2008, our gender violence sensitization work follows our three mandates of research, public education and network-building.

### Research

#### R. Rajaram Fellowships

Founded in the memory of R. Rajaram in his centenary year, the Rajaram Fellowship is envisioned as a programme of support—financial, mentoring and networking—for original research on sexual or gender-based violence. Since 2021, we have supported research projects that are both academic and media-oriented.

#### ***Rajaram Research Fellows:***

- Tanya Rana, 2024, A Study on the Functioning of One Stop Centres in New Delhi, India
- Preeti Karmarkar, 2022, Understanding the Efficacy of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 in the Unorganised Sector—Insights from Maharashtra
- Arshie Qureshi, 2022, Domestic violence and redressal pathways during Kashmir's communication shutdowns
- Radheshyam Jadhav, 2022, Sexual and gender-based violence against women sugarcane cutters in Maharashtra.

#### ***Rajaram Media Fellows:***

- Maitreyee Boruah, 2024, How violence is killing the childhood of Assam's Adivasi girls
- Shafeeq Thamarassery, 2022, Transcending Boundaries: Eight Years of Transgender Policies in Kerala. (film)

## GRIT Publications

<https://prajnya.in/gritpapers>

### *Gender Violence in India*



Every year, we compile public domain data around gender-based violence in India as a ready-reckoner for mediapersons, activists, students, lawyers, academics and anyone with an interest in gender justice. An information initiative of the Gender Violence Research and Information Taskforce at Prajnya, this has become our flagship gender violence research project and is widely appreciated by users.

The **2021** report was updated and prepared by Kausumi Saha. It included a new chapter on gender-based violence against the Dalit and Adivasi communities. Read the report [here](#).

The **2022** report was updated and prepared by Kausumi Saha. We restructured the Gender Violence in India Report into two distinct sections, with the aim of furthering our intersectional approach to compiling the report. This would allow readers to contextualize individual acts of violence and situate them within the wider systems in which they take place. Read the report [here](#).

The **2023** report is being completed at this time.

### *Prajnya Research Papers*

**Farheen Nahvi, *In the Shadow of Conflict*, 2022:** An overview of support services available to survivors of gender-based violence in Kashmir, plus a directory of resources.

This report was produced with the aim of providing a comprehensive understanding of the state of support services available in Kashmir for survivors of gender-based violence. The report includes a directory of such services operating in Kashmir, and includes contact information, nature of services available, and area of operation. The report forms part of a larger research study undertaken on gender-based violence in conflict areas.

### *Prajnya Research Reports*

#### **Safe Workplaces: A Status of Compliance Survey 2021**

We began this survey with a keen interest to understand workplace safety standards for women in the Global Business Services industry, with offices based in Chennai. This research, seen as a pilot, reached out to IT/ITES/BPO/KPO/R&D companies. Conducted by Prajnya volunteers, the team reached out to HR specialists and leaders to understand organisational profile, with a focus on the gender composition of employees; legal compliance; effectiveness of legal compliance

and preventive measures; and level of awareness among employees about workplace sexual harassment and workplace rights.

### *Seminar and Consultation Reports*

#### **Child Marriages in Tamil Nadu during the COVID19 Pandemic: Report from the Grassroots, 2022**

We invited our partner organisations around Tamil Nadu to participate in a consultation on child marriage in the State. There were reports of increased prevalence during the pandemic period. We were interested in hearing from those who have been working with children and stopping child marriages on the ground.

#### **Navigating Sexism in the Gaming Industry: A Report, compiled by Ojasvi Vyas and Maryam Nayaz, 2022**

A virtual roundtable panel discussion titled ‘Navigating Sexism in Online Gaming Communities’ was held on the 20th of August, 2021. The objective was to provide a platform to female gamers, game designers and other gaming enthusiasts to discuss the challenges that they face on a regular basis. We also aimed to bring about discussion around the larger points of representation and misogyny in game development.

#### **Domestic Violence in Tamil Nadu During the COVID-19 Lockdown: A Summary of Accounts from the Field, 2021.**

In order to understand the lockdown-driven rise in domestic violence cases, we invited our civil society partners around Tamil Nadu to a consultation that representatives from 37 organisations in 34 districts attended on December 4, 2020. In preparation for this conversation, we sent out a small questionnaire that they filled out. This report presents a summary of questionnaire responses.

## Public Education

## Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence

2022



Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence 2022 invites you to

**VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

**Panel and Interaction**  
featuring photographers Vidya Kulkarni & Priyadarshini Ravichandran  
facilitated by Philippa Williams

Saturday, December 3, 2022  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. IST

To register:  
<https://cutt.ly/gvpix>

This conversation is part of the research project **Surviving Violence: Everyday resilience and gender justice in rural-urban India**  
<https://www.survivingviolence.org/>

The spotlight issue for the 2022 Campaign was domestic violence, following Prajnya team members' participation in the Surviving Violence project that studied help-seeking and access to justice by domestic violence survivors. The domestic violence-focused programs included a discussion on visual representations of violence, a presentation of preliminary research findings and a pan-South-Asia discussion of access to justice. Apart from these, we organised a bilingual poetry reading; showcase panels for our Rajaram Fellows' research and an in-person workshop for obstetricians and gynaecologists on responding to domestic violence.

[Read the 2022 campaign report here.](#)

2021

**Dignity.  
Choice.  
Equality.  
Rights.**

**Freedom from violence.**  
Persons with disabilities have the same entitlements as anyone else.

Art by Anu Das

The 2021 edition of the Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender violence placed a spotlight on dowry, with a review panel featuring a lawyer, veteran activist and academic.

Other highlights included posters created in partnership with the Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre; a discussion around the challenges of conducting gender violence research and a regional panel discussing honour killings with participants

from around India and from Pakistan.

[Read the 2021 Campaign report here.](#)



## GRIT Processes

<https://prajnya.in/psg/grit>

## Special partnership initiatives

- Citizens For Safe Mobility, a fellowship program in collaboration with Chennai Corporation Gender Policy Lab., March 9-27, 2023.
- Short videos on workplace rights for unorganised workers in three sectors (domestic work, agriculture and street vending) in Tamil, Hindi, Marathi and Bangla, produced in partnership with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung India. [Access the playlist here](#). December 2021.

**Equal Workplaces:** Workplace Sexual Harassment outreach and training for awareness creation and compliance support

- Webinar hosted by Prajnya on Continuing Challenges of Compliance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 by Akila R, January 24, 2024
- Madras School of Social Work, January 19, 2024, (talk for the Internal Committee inauguration)
- National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram, August 31, 2023 (2 sessions)
- Society of Auditors, July 7 ,2023 (talk on “Preventing Sexual Harassment at the workplace”)
- Sai University, April-May 2023
- Madras Institute of Development Studies, March 24, 2023
- Bharat Kalanjali, March 11, 2023 (“Perspectives on Sexual Abuse in the Arts: Discussion”)
- Complaints Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CCASH), IIT Madras, November 22, 2022 ('Shakti Mahotsav,' awareness fortnight on workplace sexual harassment)
- Bala Mandir, January 6, 2022 (leadership training, “Gender Violence and Sexual Harassment at the Workplace: From recognition to redressal”)

## Other training and sensitisation:

- Gender violence sensitisation, Stella Maris College, Jan 2024
- “Surviving Violence” photo exhibition, Patrician College, October 2023.
- Domestic violence, workshop for Inner Wheel Club, March 11, 2023
- Gender sensitisation, Krea University, April-May 2021 (for students)

**Programmes attended**

- “A decade since enactment of laws on sexual violence, sexual harassment and trafficking: stocktaking and exchange,” national conference organised by Partners for Law in Development, August 23-25, 2023.
- “Enabling safe and Empowered spaces for women and girls in tea gardens,” roundtable organised by Sakshi, August 1, 2023.
- LEAD Webinar on Gender-based Violence, November 26, 2021



## Integrating Peace into Education

The pandemic derailed our teacher training programmes and our other in-person activities for children. However, The Peace Blog experienced a revival, led in large part by Prajnya Shanti Fellow Chintan Girish Modi. Apart from writing original pieces for the blog, Chintan has also been regularly posting book and film reviews in his series, Chintan Recommends.

In February 2024, we revived PeaceVerse, and a jury selected five submissions for publication on the blog. You can [read PeaceVerse 2024 entries here](#).

### *Peace Offerings for a ceasefire*

Cup a moon moth in your hands.  
Sidestep an ant.  
Dust around a spider's web.  
Spare small lives.  
Restore the scales to balance.  
Fill the void left by the children erased,  
their names unwritten.  
Your voice is a whimper,  
your will is ash.  
Yet, you make your offerings of peace.  
Water the lime plants in their pots.  
Let the caterpillar eat.


Maureen Tai

## Peace and Disarmament Education

While the teacher training and peace club activities ground to a halt in the pandemic, familiarisation with online meeting platforms facilitated our peace and disarmament education work.

## Peace and Gender Lunchtime Lecture Series

The Peace and Gender Lunchtime Lecture Series, launched in September 2020 in partnership with Sansristi, has settled into a biannual rhythm. In February and in September, we organise a schedule of five lectures covering an overview of the relationship between peace and gender, the official 'women, peace and security' agenda, human security, disarmament and 'doing peace.' The online lectures are free and open to all and we have been fortunate to have a veritable galaxy of academic and peace movement stalwarts volunteer their time.

<p>Sansristi and Prajnya present</p> <h1>Peace and Gender</h1> <p>A Lunchtime Lecture Series</p> <p>September 20-24, 2021 1-2 p.m.</p> <p>Sessions will be held on Zoom.</p> <p>Lectures are free. To register, please enrol at: <a href="https://cutt.ly/pg1921">https://cutt.ly/pg1921</a></p> <p>Attendance certificates available upon request, to those who attend all five lectures.</p> <p>For queries, email: <a href="mailto:programmes.prajnya@gmail.com">programmes.prajnya@gmail.com</a></p>  	<p>September 20, 2021 Session 1: Gender, Peace, Security</p> <p>Dr. Anuradha Chenoy Former Dean (Retd.), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p>	<p>February 21, 2022 Session 1: Gender, Peace, Security</p> <p>Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan The Prajnya Trust Women's Regional Network Krea University</p>	<p>September 19, 2022 Session 1: Gender, Peace, Security</p> <p>Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan The Prajnya Trust Women's Regional Network Krea University</p>	<p>February 20, 2023 Session 1: Gender, Peace, Security</p> <p>Dr. Anuradha Chenoy Former Dean (Retd.), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p>	<p>Monday, September 18, 2023 Session 1: Gender, Peace, Security</p> <p>Rita Manchanda Researcher, writer and activist</p>	<p>February 12, 2024 Session 1: Gender, Peace, Security</p> <p>Rita Manchanda Researcher, writer, activist</p>	
	<p>September 21, 2021 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Soumita Basu South Asian University</p>	<p>February 22, 2022 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Soumita Basu South Asian University</p>	<p>September 20, 2022 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Soumita Basu South Asian University</p>	<p>February 21, 2023 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Soumita Basu South Asian University</p>	<p>February 21, 2023 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Soumita Basu South Asian University</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 19, 2023 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda: 1325 and Beyond</p> <p>Dr. Anuradha Chenoy Former Dean (Retd.), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p>	<p>February 13, 2024 Session 2: 1325: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Soumita Basu South Asian University</p>
	<p>September 22, 2021 Session 3: Refugees, Human Rights and Peace</p> <p>Dr. Priyanka Mathur JAIN (Deemed) University</p>	<p>February 23, 2022 Session 3: Refugees, Human Rights and Peace</p> <p>Dr. Priyanka Mathur JAIN (Deemed) University</p>	<p>September 21, 2022 Session 3: Women and Wars: Living the Difference</p> <p>Dr. Swati Parashar University of Gothenburg</p>	<p>February 22, 2023 Session 3: Uprootness and Survival: South Asian Women Refugees</p> <p>Dr. Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury Observer Research Foundation</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Session 3: Gender and Disarmament</p> <p>United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific Team</p>	<p>February 14, 2024 Session 3: Gender &amp; Disarmament</p> <p>Boyi Zhang UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific</p>	
	<p>September 23, 2021 Session 4: Gender &amp; Disarmament</p> <p>Ida Scarpino Steven Humphries UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament</p>	<p>February 24, 2022 Session 4: Gender &amp; Disarmament</p> <p>Ida Scarpino Steven Humphries UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament</p>	<p>September 22, 2022 Session 4: Gender &amp; Disarmament</p> <p>Ida Scarpino Steven Humphries UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament</p>	<p>February 23, 2023 Session 4: Gender &amp; Disarmament</p> <p>UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific Team</p>	<p>Thursday, September 21, 2023 Session 4: Gender Perspectives on Refugees, Human Rights and Peace</p> <p>Dr. Priyanka Mathur JAIN (Deemed) University</p>	<p>February 15, 2024 Session 4: Gender Perspectives on Refugees, Human Rights and Peace</p> <p>Dr. Priyanka Mathur JAIN (Deemed) University</p>	
	<p>September 24, 2021 Session 5: Women building Peace</p> <p>Lalita Ramdas Peace, Human Rights and Anti-nuclear Educator</p>	<p>February 25, 2022 Session 5: Education, Active Citizenship and Peace</p> <p>Shreya Jani Youth Capacity-builder and Peace Activist</p>	<p>September 23, 2022 Session 5: Journeying with Ahimsa: Promise and Peril</p> <p>Rajni Bakshi Founder-Curator, Ahimsa Conversations (YouTube Channel)</p>	<p>February 24, 2023 Session 5: Women Networking for Peace: The Northeastern Indian Experience</p> <p>Kheshell Chishi Peace Activist</p>	<p>Friday, September 22, 2023 Session 5: Paigham-e-Aman: Enter the Women</p> <p>Syeda S. Hameed Writer and peace activist</p>	<p>February 16, 2024 Session 5: A Civil Society Woman Amongst Policymakers</p> <p>Dr. Radha Kumar Scholar, Policy Expert and Peace Advocate</p>	

## Disarmament Toolkit

In 2022, Prajnya and the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific partnered to organise the first edition of The Disarmament Toolkit, a free online course on disarmament and peace covering technical, legal and political questions. Sessions were led by technical experts from across the UN system and peace and disarmament NGOs. Those who attended all the days of the course received an attendance certificate. The enthusiastic response to the first edition encouraged to organise a second, and then, a third edition.

Reports compiled by the UNRCPD team are available here: [2022](#) [2023](#) [2024](#)



**UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) & Prajnya present**

## THE DISARMAMENT TOOLKIT

An online course on peace and disarmament

**July 4-8, 2022, 4-7 p.m. IST**

Register here: <https://cutt.ly/dtk22>

There is no course fee. Those who attend all five days of the course will receive a participation certificate.

For any queries: [peace.prajnya@gmail.com](mailto:peace.prajnya@gmail.com)

**Day 1, Monday, July 4, 2022**  
The Disarmament Agenda  
Arms Control and Disarmament: Concepts & Gender Dimensions  
Conventions and Norms: History and Overview  
Women, Peace and Security

**Day 2, Tuesday, July 5, 2022**  
Conventional Arms  
Small Arms and Light Weapons  
Land Mines

**Day 3, Wednesday, July 6, 2022**  
Weapons of Mass Destruction (Chemical, Biological and Nuclear)  
Missiles

**Day 4, Thursday, July 7, 2022**  
Emerging Technologies and Responsible Innovation  
Private Security and Mercenaries  
Arms Trade and Trafficking

**Day 5, Friday, July 8, 2022**  
Youth and disarmament  
Disarmament Education and the Sustainable Development Goals  
States, Markets, War and Patriarchy



UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) & Prajnya present

## THE DISARMAMENT TOOLKIT

An online course on peace and disarmament

June 25-29 and June 28-30, 2023, 4-7 p.m. IST (10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. UTC)

Six days of expert presentations, interventions and panels to introduce and explain the basics of peace and disarmament, weapons systems, arms control regimes and emerging security issues. Lectures and discussions will be in English.

Register here: <https://cutt.ly/dtk23> There is no course fee. Those who attend all six days of the course will receive a participation certificate.

<small>Day 1, Wednesday, June 28, 2023</small>	<small>The Agenda for Disarmament and emerging programmes: New agendas for Arms, Women, Peace and Security, Gender Equality.</small>
<small>Day 2, Thursday, June 29, 2023</small>	<small>Conventional Arms: categories, proliferation, misuse and impact, illicit trafficking, Customised Arms Lists – weapons that are incompatible with the international Global Instruments and the role of the International Community.</small>
<small>Day 3, Friday, June 29, 2023</small>	<small>Weapons of Mass Destruction (Chemical, Biological and Nuclear): Delivery systems</small>
<small>Day 4, Wednesday, June 28, 2023</small>	<small>Emerging Technologies and Responsible Innovation: Cyber Spaces Cyber Security</small>
<small>Day 5, Thursday, June 28, 2023</small>	<small>Perspectives on States, Markets, War and Patriarchy</small>
<small>Day 6, Friday, June 29, 2023</small>	<small>Disarmament education and citizenship: Learning platforms, volunteer networks, civil society and youth engagement</small>

For any queries: [peace.prajnya@gmail.com](mailto:peace.prajnya@gmail.com)



## THE DISARMAMENT TOOLKIT

An online course on peace and disarmament

June 26, 27, 28 and July 3, 4, 5, 2024, 4-7 p.m. IST (10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. UTC)

Register here: <https://cutt.ly/dtk24>

There is no course fee. Those who attend all six days of the course will receive a participation certificate.

<small>Day 1, Wednesday, June 26, 2024</small>	<small>The Agenda for Disarmament, Gender, Peace and Disarmament</small>
<small>Day 2, Thursday, June 27, 2024</small>	<small>Weapons of Mass Destruction</small>
<small>Day 3, Friday, June 28, 2024</small>	<small>Emerging Technologies and Responsible Innovation</small>
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<small>Day 5, Thursday, July 4, 2024</small>	<small>Perspectives on States, Markets, War and Patriarchy</small>
<small>Day 6, Friday, July 5, 2024</small>	<small>Disarmament education and citizenship</small>

The Education for Peace Initiative at Prajnya in partnership with South Asia Peace Action Network and Gather (The impact arm of Seeds for Peace) organised the talk titled, “Where do I start? Tools to build peace in a broken world.” The talk was delivered by Mumbai based peace builder and interfaith research scholar, Urmi Chanda. Key findings from three reports of the Institute of Economics and Peace were discussed.

### Citizenship Education

Prajnya’s citizenship education work has slowed down since the pandemic, other than occasional contributions to *The Peace Blog*. In advance of the 2024 Parliamentary education, in March 2024, the Prajnya team hosted workshops for young women where they drafted manifestos based on their wish-list for a gender equal society. Read our [Vote Gender Equality: A Gender Visioning Workshop](#) report.



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**Select talks:**

- “Constitutional Values, Human Rights, Fundamental Duties and Gender,” Avinashilingam University Gurudakshata programme, February 2024.
- “Teaching for Peace,” talk at the University of Kashmir Gurudakshata programme, January 20, 2023.



## CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECTS

### Thoduvaanam

After the pandemic, Prajnya has slowly resumed the Thoduvaanam sessions. In these sessions, expert professionals volunteer their time to teach their skills to others. The sessions are meant primarily for those who work in the social sector but they are open to all. Between April 2021 and March 2024, we have organised 7 sessions.

- *Websites for NGOs: Why, What, How*, by Jayavelraj July 26-27, 2024
- Introduction to Social Media: An online workshop, by Meera Rajagopalan, May 31, 2024
- Introducing to Mobile Photography: Workshop, by Gayatri Nair, March 29, 2024
- Understanding Gender Budgeting: A workshop, by Kamatchi S., January 19 & 22, 2024
- Building Emotional Intelligence, by Rina Vivekanandan, October 14 & 17, 2022
- Nonviolent communication, by Ranjitha Jeurkar, April 27-28, 2022
- Everyday Wellness: The Ayurveda Way, by Dr. D. Jayashree, Jul 22, 2021

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# **Audit Reports**

## **2021-22**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To  
The Trustees,  
The Prajnya Trust  
B 402, Prince Villa  
No.7, Rajamannar Street, T Nagar  
Chennai – 600 017.

**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Prajnya Trust (the Trust), which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31, 2022, and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the applicable laws and regulations applicable to the Trust in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at March 31, 2022, and its excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

**Basis for opinion**

I conducted our audit in accordance with the standards on auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. My responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the Trust in accordance with the code of ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the code of ethics.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

**Management's responsibility for the financial statements**

The Trust is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and its financial performance in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting standards specified by ICAI. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting



records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trust is responsible for assessing its ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the financial statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the financial statements may be influenced. I consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of my audit work and in evaluating the results of my work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the financial statements.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during my audit.



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I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Date: September 03,2022

*S. Athmaram Bhatt*  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT  
Mem.No.: 013814  
UDIN:22013814BBSQXB1573



THE PRAJNYA TRUST			
B-402, PRINCE VILLA, NO.7, RAJAMANNAR STREET			
T.NAGAR, CHENNAI 600017			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2022			
EXPENDITURE	Rs.P.	INCOME	Rs.P.
To Accounting charges	12000.00	By Donations - General	673841.70
To Repairs and maintenance	6045.00	By Interest on IT Refund	810.00
To Office expenses	83676.00	By Workshop income	254000.00
To Honorarium	60000.00		
To Postage and courier	332.00	By Interest on FD	1940.00
To Printing and Stationery	1937.00		
To Rent	240000.00	By Excess of Exp over Income	153932.86
To Travelling and Conveyance	43400.00		
To internet and telephone expenses	21626.00		
To Bank charges	8949.56		
To Salaries	129000.00		
To Depreciation	10857.00		
To Project exp.	438000.00		
To Audit Fees payable	5000.00		
To Tax consultancy exp payable	2500.00		
To Website renewal exp	21202.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1084524.56</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1084524.56</b>
For The Prajnya Trust		As per books of accounts produced and explanations given by the Trust	
<i>(Signature)</i>		<i>S. Athmaram Bhatt</i>	
Sd./- (DR.SWARNA RAJAGOPALAN) Managing Trustee		Sd./- (S.ATHMARAM BHATT) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT M.No 13814	
CHENNAI			
03-09-2022			



**THE PRAJNYA TRUST**  
**B-402, PRINCE VILLA, NO.7, RAJAMANNAR STREET**  
**T.NAGAR, CHENNAI 600017**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2022

LIABILITIES	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	ASSETS	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
<b>CORPUS FUND</b>					
Balance as on 1.4.2021	218004.00		Cash on Hand		3165.00
Add: Corpus Donation	<u>100001.00</u>	318005.00	Cash at HDFC Bank		331075.93
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
Balance as on 1.4.2021	265176.90		FDs with HDFC Bank		
Less: Excess of Exp over Income.	<u>153932.86</u>	111244.04	-A/c.No.52526	20165.55	
			-A/c.No.54020	<u>10533.23</u>	30698.78
<b>Sundry Creditors</b>					
Loan from Ms.Swarna Rajagopalan	90821.00		Rental advance		150000.00
Add: Web renewal exp.	21202.00				
Loan received	<u>41500.00</u>				
	153523.00				
Less: Repaid during the year	<u>21202.00</u>	132321.00	TDS		59649.94
Accounting charges		3000.00			
Rent payable		20000.00	<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Audit fees		9000.00	Recorder	1336.80	
Tax consultancy charges		2500.00	Printer	3658.74	
DG Vaishnav College		52200.00	TV purchased	33415.63	
			Camera	<u>1587.83</u>	
				39998.39	
			Less: Depreciation at 15%	<u>6000.00</u>	33998.39
			Computer accessories	1,345.00	
			Less: Depreciation at 40%	<u>538.00</u>	807.00
			Furniture and Fittings	43194	
			Less: Depreciation at 10%	<u>4319</u>	38875.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>648270.04</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>648270.04</b>

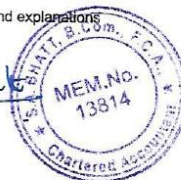
For The Prajnya Trust

FOR THE PRAJNYA TRUST  
  
 Sd/-  
 (DR.SWARNA RAJAGOPALAN) Trustee  
 MANAGING TRUSTEE

CHENNAI  
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As per books of accounts produced and explanations  
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**2022-23**



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Date: September 03, 2023

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UDIN:24013814BKBFE5381



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023			
EXPENDITURE	Rs.P.	INCOME	Rs.P.
To Accounting charges	12000.00	By Donations - General	894531.17
To Repairs and maintenance	17766.00	By Interest on IT Refund	2780.00
To Office expenses	75821.00	By Workshop income	84000.00
To Postage and courier	2055.00	By Interest on FD	19377.00
To Printing and Stationery	52146.00		
To Rent	130000.00	By Excess of Exp over Income	49264.51
To Travelling and Conveyance	31455.00		
To internet and telephone expenses	24261.00		
To Bank charges	6305.68		
To Salaries	378667.00		
To Depreciation	9311.00		
To Project exp.	239925.00		
To Audit Fees payable	5000.00		
To Tax consultancy exp payable	2500.00		
To Website renewal exp	63740.00		
To Excess of Income over Exp	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1049952.68</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1049952.68</b>
<p>For The Prajnya Trust</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For THE PRAJNYA TRUST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan</i></p> <p>(DR. SWARNA RAJAGOPALAN) MANAGING TRUSTEE</p> <p>CHENNAI 03.09.2023</p>		<p>As per books of accounts produced and explanations given by the Trust</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>S. Athmaram Bhatt</i></p> <p>(S.ATHMARAM BHATT) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT M.No 13814</p> 	

THE PRAJNYA TRUST B-402, PRINCE VILLA, NO.7, RAJAMANNAR STREET T.NAGAR, CHENNAI 600017					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2023					
LIABILITIES	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	ASSETS	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
<b>CORPUS FUND</b>					
Balance as on 1.4.2022	318005.00		Cash on Hand		2894.00
Add: Corpus Donation	500000.00	818005.00	Cash at HDFC Bank		191066.42
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
			<b>FDs with HDFC Bank</b>		
			-A/c No. 90151	210049.00	
			-A/c No. 89266	157057.00	
			-A/c No. 66580	200195.00	
			-A/c No. 33489	100058.00	
Balance as on 1.4.2022	111244.05		-A/c No. 52526	21523.55	
Add: Excess of Income over Exp	-49264.51	61979.54	-A/c No. 54020	11193.23	700075.78
Sundry Creditors					
Loan from Ms. Swarna Rajagopalan	132321.00		Rental advance		75000.00
Add: Web renewal exp	69111.00				
Loan received	31000.00				
	232432.00				
Less: Repaid during the year	75111.00	157321.00	TDS		19699.79
Accounting charges		2000.00	Sundry Debtors		15000.00
Rent payable		10000.00	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Audit fees		14000.00	Recorder	1136.28	
Tax consultancy charges		5000.00	Printer	3109.93	
			TV purchased	28403.29	
			Camera	1349.66	
				33998.55	
			Less: Depreciation at 15%	5100.00	28698.55
			Computer accessories	807.00	
			Less: Depreciation at 40%	323.00	484.00
			Furniture and Fittings	38875	
			Less: Depreciation at 10%	3888	34987.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1068305.54</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1068305.54</b>
For The Prajnya Trust <i>Swarna Rajagopalan</i> (DR. SWARNA RAJAGOPALAN) MANAGING TRUSTEE			As per books of accounts produced and explanations given by the Trust <i>S. Athmaram Bhatt</i> (S. ATHMARAM BHATT) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT M No 13814		
CHENNAI 03-09-2023					

**2023-24**

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In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the applicable laws and regulations applicable to the Trust in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at March 31, 2024, and its excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

**Basis for opinion**

I conducted our audit in accordance with the standards on auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. My responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the Trust in accordance with the code of ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the code of ethics.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

**Management's responsibility for the financial statements**

The Trust is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and its financial performance in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting standards specified by ICAI. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting



records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trust is responsible for assessing its ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the financial statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the financial statements may be influenced. I consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of my audit work and in evaluating the results of my work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the financial statements.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during my audit.





S.ATHMARAM BHATT B.Com.,F.C.A.,  
Chartered Accountant

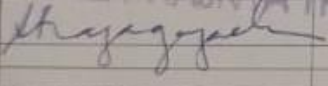
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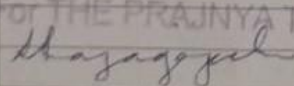
I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Date: September 03,2024

*S. Athmaram Bhatt*  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT  
Mem.No.: 013814  
UDIN:24013814BKBFH2726



THE PRAJNYA TRUST B-402, PRINCE VILLA, NO.7, RAJAMANNAR STREET T.NAGAR, CHENNAI 600017			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024			
EXPENDITURE	Rs P.	INCOME	Rs P.
To Accounting charges	12000.00	By Donations - General	824203.10
To Repairs and maintenance	17579.00	By Workshop income	116500.00
To Office expenses	33016.00	By Interest on FD	45656.00
To Postage and courier	1130.00	Rounding off	0.64
To Printing and Stationery	6890.00		
To Rent	120000.00		
To Travelling and Conveyance	30502.00		
To internet and telephone expenses	22381.00		
To Bank charges	6137.02		
To Salaries	322000.00		
To Depreciation	8028.00		
To Project exp.	1575.00		
To Audit Fees payable	7500.00		
To Tax consultancy exp payable	5000.00		
To Website exp	94211.00		
To Payment gateway charges	2921.44		
To Excess of Income over Exp	295489.28		
<b>Total</b>	<b>986359.74</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>986359.74</b>
For The Prajnys Trust		As per books of accounts produced and explanations given by the Trust	
			
(DR.SWARNA RAJAGOPALAN) MANAGING TRUSTEE		(S.ATHMARAM BHATT) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT M.No 13814	
CHENNAI 03-09-2024			

THE PRAJNYA TRUST B-402, PRINCE VILLA, NO.7, RAJAMANNAR STREET T.NAGAR, CHENNAI 600017					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2024					
LIABILITIES	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	ASSETS	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
<b>CORPUS FUND</b>					
Balance as on 1.4.2023	818005.00		Cash on Hand		251.00
Add: Corpus Donation	0.00	818005.00	Cash at HDFC Bank		469870.56
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>FDs with HDFC Bank</b>		
Balance as on 1.4.2023	61979.54		-A/c No. 90151	0.00	
Add: Excess of Income over Ep.	295489.28	357468.82	-A/c No. 89266	0.00	
			-A/c No. 09280	163518.00	
			-A/c No. 11682	218025.00	
			-A/c No. 68580	214614.00	
			-A/c No. 33469	107307.00	
			-A/c No.52526	22930.55	
			-A/c No.54020	11865.23	738259.78
<b>Sundry Creditors</b>					
Loan from Ms.Swarna Rajagopalan	157321.00		Rental advance		75000.00
Add: Web renewal exp.	8241.00		Interest on FDs accrued		2906.40
Loan received	2000.00				
Less: Repaid during the year	167562.00		TDS		35665.39
	8241.00	159321.00			
Accounting charges		2000.00	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Rent payable		10000.00	Recorder	965.84	
Audit fees		21500.00	Printer	2643.44	
Tax consultancy charges		10000.00	TV purchased	24142.80	
			Camera	1147.21	
				28898.69	
			Less: Depreciation at 15%	4335.00	24563.69
			Computer accessories	484.00	
			Less: Depreciation at 40%	194.00	290.00
			Furniture and Fittings	34987	
			Less: Depreciation at 10%	3499	31488.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1378294.82</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1378294.82</b>
For The Prajnya Trust			As per books of accounts produced and explanations given by the Trust		
 (DR. SWARNA RAJAGOPALAN) MANAGING TRUSTEE <i>Managing Trustee</i>			(S.ATHMARAM BHATT) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT M.No 13814		
CHENNAI 03-09-2024					

