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PRAJNYA
Annual Report
2016-17



From the Managing Trustee

2016-17 was the year in which we began to leave behind the question of whether or not to shut down.

With our first full-time Programme Officer enabling us to branch out in half a dozen new directions, we closed the year feeling confident enough to hire our first full-time Research Fellow for the Gender Violence Research and Information Taskforce. We attended the Indian Association of Women's Studies conference in Chennai, with different affiliations but there were four of us from Prajnya, and that felt good!

For the first time, when the financial year ended, we were not thinking about how we would manage another year and where the money would come from, but how far we had come! September 9 would mark ten years since the launch of Prajnya Initiatives for Peace, Justice and Security. While unsure of what our achievements had been, we were sure we wanted to celebrate survival, and all those partnerships that made it possible.

So I close this annual note with a 'thank you'! Thank you for helping us make it to this milestone—for the support, the partnerships and the solidarity. Please keep walking with us!

Swarna Rajagopalan

GRIT@Prajnya

What a difference it makes to have a full-time person to run programmes! Although 2016-17 saw a change of guard as Ragamalika Karthikeyan moved back to journalism and Sudaroli Ramasamy took over from her, we benefited from year-long planning and work.

The year opened with a Walk for Gender Equality on April 6. In July 2016, we submitted an RTI petition to ask about the status of Local Complaints Committees in Tamil Nadu. We have been following up on this, and compiling the information as it comes in. In August, we organised Citizenship for Democracy, a three-day orientation to politics, social and gender issues in India. In October, planning for the 16 Days Campaign got underway.

In the middle of all this, we did short training sessions at colleges and corporates.





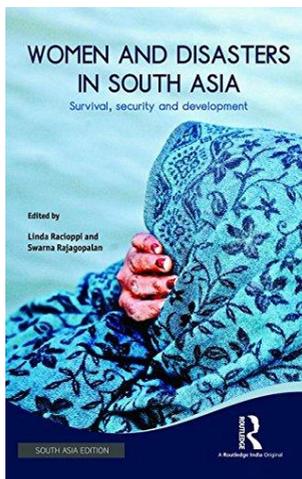
2016 Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence

The seventh of our campaigns sought to deepen our partnerships and reach out to new audiences. We planned several low-on-cost, light-on-logistics programmes and two public events, including a public forum finale. The death of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Cyclone Thane necessitated some redrawing of the calendar. Read more at: <http://prajnya.in/storage/app/media/16d16report.pdf>

The most memorable events of the 2016 Campaign were the Dummies' Guide to Sexual Harassment, Letterbox Resistance, What's the Story? (a discussion of violence and books) and Just Between Us (an intergenerational conversation).



Prajnya Resource Centre on Women in Politics and Policy



You are invited to a panel and discussion on
'CRISIS AND GENDER'
featuring

Chaman Pincha, gender and disaster expert
Eklayya Prasad, Megh Pyne Abhiyan
Ihbir Bhatt, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
Prema Gopalan, Swayam Shikshan Prayog

The book project on gender and disasters in South Asia that Saakshi Fellow Linda Racioppi and Swarna Rajagopalan began in 2011 came to fruition with the publication of *Women and Disasters in South Asia: Survival, Security and Development* (Taylor & Francis India).

The discussion will be preceded by the launch of
WOMEN AND DISASTERS IN SOUTH ASIA: SURVIVAL, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT
edited by Linda Racioppi and Swarna Rajagopalan.

Ms. Santha Sheela Nair, IAS (Retd.) will preside.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2016, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the KAVIKKO CONVENTION CENTRE,
No. 6 Second Main Road, CIT Colony, Mylapore, Chennai 600004

ALL INDIA DISASTER MITIGATION INSTITUTE
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“The book brings together interdisciplinary perspectives in gender studies. It provides a good collection of references for students and researchers to build upon.” (Malini Nambiar, reviewer, Economic and Political Weekly)

We organised a book launch on June 16th, 2016, in partnership with Swayam Shikshan Prayog, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute and Meghe Pyne Abhiyan. Ms. Santha Sheela Nair presided. Four contributors and the co-editors were present. A discussion on the practical gender dimensions of disaster response followed.



Prajnya Archives

On 15 August, 2016, the Prajnya Archives launched a call for photos.

“We are looking for photos of women's attendance at August 15, 1947 (the first Independence Day) celebrations and those stories AND/OR photos of women who can share their memories of the day--where they were, what it was like (because it was a day that came in many shades) and what they recall.”

A small number of entries were received in response to the *Freedom Generation* call, underscoring how urgent it is to document women's experiences during the crucial years of the 1940s.

In March 2017, we launched a second call to highlight the social (including neighbourhood) contributions women make, *The Citizen Next Door*.

Read about these women at <http://prajnyaarchives.wordpress.com>



A little help from...

Daan Utsav

Interns

In 2016-17, we took on more interns than we had in all our previous years. Leaving their indelible impress on our office and ways, were:

- Mangalam Sridhar and Priya Prabhakar who worked during the summer of 2016. Mangalam worked on the RTI project and Priya designed all the book launch paraphernalia.
- In January 2017, we had Vaishnavi and Neeraja come from Madras School of Social Work. They offered administrative support as well as some programme assistance.
- We also had Shalini Pathy sign up as an Archives Intern and help with the Citizen Next Door call.

In September 2016, Prajnya was part of Daan Utsav for the first time. Our mentor was Meera Rajagopalan and Ragamalika Karthikeyan took on this fundraising campaign enthusiastically. With the support of interns from Women's Christian College and colleagues from our hosts, Shree Ayurvedic Multispeciality Hospital, we were able to hold the fort at two Indian Oil Corporation petrol pumps. In addition, we were part of the SPI Cinemas wish-tree, which garnered a significant sum of money for us.



Our Financial Supporters, 2016-17

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Vishal

What we received in 2016-17

| | |
|--|------------------|
| General Donation | 324991.87 |
| IT Refund | 33700.00 |
| Prajnya 16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence | 87700.00 |
| Training Fees | 52748.00 |
| Vasundhara | 100000.00 |
| Total Income | 599139.87 |

What we spent in 2016-17

| | |
|---|------------------|
| GRIT Research Fellowship | 20000.00 |
| GRIT Processes | 49800.00 |
| Prajnya 16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence 2016 | 82193.00 |
| Teaching Peace | 5230.00 |
| Vasundhara/ GRIT Programme Officer | 356000.00 |
| Total Expenditure | 821060.00 |

What we held in 2016-17

| | Bank | Cash | FD |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| What we held April 1, 2016 | 456685.25 | 5982.00 | 288618.73 |
| What we held March 31, 2017 | 234310.00 | 9811.00 | 309708.63 |

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

No.34, Ground Floor, TNHB Complex,
180 (New No. 4), Luz Church Road,
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004
Ph: 2498 2933

To
The Trustees,
Prajnya Trust,
'Prince Villa', No.7.Rajamannar St.,
T.Nagar, Chennai-600 017.

AUDIT REPORT

I have examined the Balance Sheet of The Prajnya Trust, B-402, 'Prince Villa', No.7, Rajamannar Street, T.Nagar, Chennai-600 017, as at March 31,2017 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date, which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said Trust.

I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office/branches of the above named Trust so far as appears from my examination of the books

In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the information given to me, the said accounts give a true and fair view:-

- i) in the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above-named Trust as at March 31,2017

and

- ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the excess of Expenditure over Income of its accounting year ended March 31,2017.

Place: Chennai
Dated: 09.09.2017

S. Anandaraman
MEMBER
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017

| EXPENDITURE | Rs.P. | INCOME | Rs.P. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| To Accounting charges | 12000.00 | | |
| To Printing & Stationery | 31048.00 | By Donations | |
| To book release exp | 13124.00 | | |
| To website renewal | 2400.00 | | |
| To repairs and maintenance | 1620.00 | | |
| To office expenses | 3453.00 | | |
| To Postage and courier | 3414.00 | - General | 512491.87 |
| To Travelling and Conveyance | 39023.00 | | |
| To Training exp | 6867.00 | By Workshop receipts | 52000.00 |
| To internet and telephone expenses | 27383.00 | | |
| To membership fees | 1000.00 | | |
| To Bank charges | 228.80 | | |
| To Establishment expenses | 119571.00 | By Interest on IT Refund | 2064.00 |
| To Salaries | 448000.00 | | |
| To Advertisement charges | 2587.50 | By Interest | 19659.00 |
| To Depreciation | 8572.00 | | |
| To Project exp. | 104688.00 | By Excess of exp over income | 238764.61 |
| To Rounding off | 0.18 | | |
| Total | 824979.48 | Total | 824979.48 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017

| LIABILITIES | Rs. P. | Rs. P. | ASSETS | Rs. P. | Rs. P. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| CORPUS FUND | | | | | |
| Balance as on 1.4.2016 | 218004.00 | | Cash on Hand | | 9811.00 |
| Add: Corpus Donation | 0.00 | 218004.00 | Cash at HDFC Bank | | 234310.82 |
| | | | | | |
| Loan from Ms.Swarna Rajagopalan | 28186.00 | | FDs with Hdfc Bank | | |
| Add:Recd.during the year | 2400.00 | | | | |
| | 30586.00 | | | | |
| Less:Repaid during the year | 0.00 | 30586.00 | -A/c.No.26814 | 44595.70 | |
| | | | -A/c.No.46285 | 106199.51 | |
| | | | -A/c.No.50521 | 13852.49 | |
| | | | -A/c.No.844700 | 105916.40 | |
| | | | -A/c.No.52526 | 16499.55 | |
| | | | -A/c.No.54020 | 8417.15 | 295480.80 |
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | |
| Balance as on 1.4.2016 | 571835.30 | | Int.accrued on above | | 2893.00 |
| Add:IT Refund | 0.00 | | | | |
| | 571835.30 | | | | |
| Less: | | | | | |
| Excess of Exp over Income. | 238764.61 | 333070.69 | TDS | | 14769.70 |

For THE PRAJNYA TRUST

Rajagopal

Managing Trustee



| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|--|
| | | | Fixed Asset: | | | |
| | | | Recorder | 3012.83 | | |
| Accounting charges | | 1000.00 | Printer | 8245.00 | | |
| Sukirthrani | | 2000.00 | Camera | 3578.54 | | |
| | | | Less: Depreciation at 15% | 14836.37 | | |
| | | | | 2225.00 | 12611.37 | |
| | | | Computer accessories | 8469 | | |
| | | | Add: Additions | 0 | | |
| | | | | 8469 | | |
| | | | Less: Depreciation | 5081 | 3388.00 | |
| | | | Furniture and Fittings | 12662 | | |
| | | | Less: Depreciation | 1266 | 11396.00 | |
| TOTAL | | 584660.69 | TOTAL | | 584660.69 | |
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| | | | | | | |
| For The Prajnya Trust | | | As per books of accounts produced and explanations given | | | |
| For THE PRAJNYA TRUST | | | and as per my report attached. | | | |
| <i>Shayyazulu</i> | | | <i>S. Anandaram Prasad</i> | | | |
| (Managing Trustee) | Managing Trustee | | (Chartered Accountant) | | | |
| | | | M.No.13814 | | | |
| Place: Chennai | | | | | | |
| Date: 9.9.2017 | | | | | | |



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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2017

| Receipts | Cash Rs. | Bank Rs. | Payments | Cash Rs. | Bank Rs. |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| To Opening balance | 5982.00 | 456865.25 | By cash withdrawn | 0.00 | 195000.00 |
| To Donations received: Towards Corpus | 0.00 | 0.00 | By Cash deposited | 33800.00 | 0.00 |
| Towards Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | By Printing & Stationery | 23173.00 | 7875.00 |
| Towards Peace education | 0.00 | 460524.87 | By Postage & Courier | 3414.00 | 0.00 |
| Towards GRIT Workshop | 0.00 | 0.00 | By Travelling & Conveyance | 43139.00 | 1432.00 |
| Towards Dharm Utsav | 51969.00 | 0.00 | By Training exp | 6867.00 | 0.00 |
| To amount recd. towards EPI Workshop | | 47200.00 | By Membership Fees | 0.00 | 1000.00 |
| To cash withdrawn | 195000.00 | | By Web renewals | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| To cash deposited | | 33800.00 | By Internet and Telephone Expenses | 7.600.00 | 19,769.00 |
| To IT Refund | 0.00 | 33770.00 | By Book release exp | 2124.00 | 11000.00 |
| To refund of air tickets | | 5548.00 | By Project expenses | 43605.00 | 61085.00 |
| | | | By printer purchased | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | By Review projects | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | By Advertisement exp | | 2587.50 |
| | | | By Bank Charges | 0.00 | 228.80 |
| | | | By Repairs and maintenance | 540.00 | 1980.00 |
| | | | By Office expenses | 3453.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | By Establishment charges | 75427.00 | 44144.00 |
| | | | By Salary | | 4,48,000.00 |
| | | | By rounding off | | 2.00 |
| | | | By Accounting charges | | 12,000.00 |
| | | | By Balance c/d | 9811.00 | 234310.82 |
| Total | 252951.00 | 1039528.12 | Total | 252951.00 | 1039528.12 |

For THE PRAJNYA TRUST

S. Arun Kumar

Managing Trustee



PRAJNYA FACTFILE

- Prajnaya was established as a public charitable trust in January 2006. It was registered under section 12AA of the Income Tax Act 1961 (695/06-07). (PAN: AABTT4334M)
- The Trust launched Prajnaya Initiatives for Peace, Justice and Security in September 2007.
- Prajnaya's work is organized into thematic initiatives each of which addresses a cluster of issues and is anchored by a cornerstone project that will form its core agenda.
 - Politics, Security and Women
 - Education for Peace
- Donations to Prajnaya from 01-04-2008 to 31-03-2011 qualify for deduction under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as per I.T. Dept. Notification DIT (E) No. 2(573)2006-07 dated 26-09-2008.
- At this stage, we are not eligible to receive donations either from any non-Indian individual or other entity. If you hold an Indian passport, however, you can donate no matter where you live, PROVIDED you also scan and send a copy of the first page of your passport. The [Home Ministry clarifies](#) this: *"Contributions made by a citizen of India living in another country (i.e., Non-Resident Indian), from his personal savings, through the normal banking channels, is not treated as foreign contribution. However, while accepting any donations from such NRI, it is advisable to obtain his passport details to ascertain that he/she is an Indian passport holder."*

Board of Trustees 2016-17

- Swarna Rajagopalan, political analyst and writer, Managing Trustee.
- Shilpa Anand, businesswoman
- D. Jayashree, Ayurvedic physician
- Anuradha Venkatesh

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- Stephen P. Cohen, Rajmohan Gandhi, Ingrid Srinath, Ammu Joseph, N. Shekar

Prajnya Coordinates

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APPEAL

Prajnya's work is entirely made possible by individual supporters like you.
We get no grants.
Not from government. Not from corporates.
We run a very tight ship, and we make every rupee go the furthest it can.
This report is evidence of how much we achieve, and with how little.

But we need funds. Urgently. We need your donation.
We are very grateful for donations that come for programmes.
But we also need money for the other, invisible, things.
Things that no one pays for, but that are essential.
Like rent, so we can work out of a stable space,
where we can also hold small meetings and trainings.
An administrator who manages our logistics.
An accountant, so we can report back to you.
Stationery, phone, electricity, drinking water. Internet.
These costs amount to Rs 40,000 every month.

We keep these costs extremely low and are happy to make them public,
as you will see from our expenditure report.

I ask you to support us with these costs this year again, so that we can remain an
independent, small organisation, doing important work on gender and peace.

Rs 40,000 for one month's expenditure.
Rs 20,000 for half a month
Rs 10,000 for a week
Any other amount of your choice _____

You can donate by making a transfer online:

Account name: The Prajnya Trust
Bank & branch: HDFC Bank, T.Nagar, Chennai 600 017
Account number: 02062560002557
RTGS/ NEFT IFSC: HDFC0000206
SWIFT Code: HDFCINBBCHE

Thank you!

Swarna