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# ABOUT PRAJWALA

## ABOUT PRAJWALA

Established in Hyderabad in 1996, Prajwala is a leading Indian non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to the eradication of sex trafficking and associated crimes against women and children. Founded by the Dr. Sunitha Krishnan (Padma Shri awardee) and late Brother Jose Vetticatil, the organization's genesis arose from the eviction of Hyderabad's red-light district. Their initial response was to establish an educational program for the vulnerable children of women in prostitution, thus pre-empting intergenerational exploitation.

Prajwala has since evolved a comprehensive strategy that involves prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration, and advocacy. The organization has developed and implemented innovative interventions such as safe homes that provide holistic rehabilitation, demand reduction programs Men Against Demand, community awareness campaigns Swaraksha, one-stop crisis centers, and training manuals on victim-centric investigation and care. These initiatives are now recognized as best practices on a global scale.

Prajwala's impactful legal advocacy has influenced national policy. Their efforts led to the Government of India drafting the country's first comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation, a historic bill now awaiting parliamentary introduction. Prajwala played a leading role in establishing the country's cybercrime portal for reporting instances of rape/gang rape videos, child sexual abuse material and drafting the first ever national plan of action against cyber enabled human trafficking.

Having successfully rescued over 28,200 women and children from the clutches of sex slavery and facilitated the rehabilitation of 26,500 individuals, Prajwala stands as a path-breaking organization in the anti-trafficking domain. It has been recognized as a powerful voice for the millions still enslaved, paving the way for alternative solutions and a future free from this modern-day scourge.

# MESSAGES



It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report for 2023-2024.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Sunitha Krishnan and the entire team of Prajwala whose sustained efforts ensures light in the lives of thousands of victims. This is not an easy work, but they continue to work undeterred in their mission.

This year like many before was not easy with continued struggle to make the organization financially stable. The uncertainty of FCRA renewal and multiple challenges on the ground while fighting this organized crime has not demoralized a single staff who believe in putting their efforts heart and soul. The achievement of this year is a standing testimony of their commitment.

I am happy Shri Mathew has joined our Governing Body this year. He brings his rich experience as an administrator from Indian Administrative Services which I believe will further improve our organizational governance.

The growth of the organization that I have seen in the last two decades of my association is phenomenal and I wish and pray we will continue to bring hope and dignity in the lives of those we serve.

**Dr. P. Balamba**  
President

# MESSAGES



Every year when I sit down to pen the message for the annual report, I am filled with gratitude for all those who are part of this path-breaking journey to end sex trafficking and sex crime. From supporters, donors and the huge list of partners every year we keep adding to the number.

This year has been unique in many ways. For the first time members from the Governing Body became part of the quarterly performance appraisal of all our interventions giving the work much needed direction and morale. The team under the steady guidance of appraisal panel were able to address various gaps in their efforts and we could see the improvement in outcomes every quarter.

Another unique milestone this year has been the organization's foray into understanding cyber enabled human trafficking through a solution driven research and trying to evolve a draft national plan of action. The coming year will see some positive outcomes in this regard.

The funding situation I must say has not been very positive with some international donor platform getting blocked by the government. These platforms were the only channel for hundreds of Indian supporters living abroad to donate to our mission and get a tax exemption. This needs some serious reflection on how to encourage more supporters living in India to donate.

I am grateful to my Board members who have stood by all the trials and tribulations of the organization and ensured that we sustained our efforts without any compromise. The team at Prajwala who led the mission with their commitment and dedication are a force to reckon for they personify the strength of right intention.

I continue to be indebted to all the powers above who ensure my zeal for the mission remains high and I can contribute to the best of my abilities.

**Sunitha Krishnan**  
Padma Shri Awardee,  
Founder and Chief Functionary

# MESSAGES



Warm greetings to all of you!

It gives me great pleasure and pride to write this message for Prajwala's Annual Report for 2023-24. At the outset, I place on record my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for the entire Prajwala team under the able and committed leadership of Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, who has built a team based on conviction, compassion and commitment.

Prajwala, under the leadership of Sunitha Krishnan, has continued to draw upon its endless reserve of compassion and empathy and responded to the needs of those most at risk. Forever seeking new ways of responding and working to identify vulnerable communities, this year is remarkable for Prajwala's continued engagement with the transgender community and extending and joining hands with them to prevent the selling and buying of sex. Another significant milestone is the Prajwala Industrial Training Institute (PITI) - a testament to and recognition of the quality of the economic rehabilitation work.

I salute the victims and the survivors who dare to dream and pray that all their dreams of dignity come true. We at Prajwala remain committed to the children and the women, and when they smile, we smile. All the very best to Sunitha and team in the year to come. I thank all of you — the government, the donors, and friends of Prajwala — who are walking alongside us on this journey to make the world a safer and better place for women and children. I pray that Prajwala's light continues to shine strong.

**Rekha Abel**

Joint Secretary

# MESSAGES



In a world where self-preservation takes the front seat, Prajwala and its team and their leader Dr Sunita Krishnan are constantly at odds to take care of the girls and give them a life filled with dignity and a sense of hope.

It is nice to see many young ladies studying hard to become something in life. Professional courses keep them ahead giving them an edge. As you all may be aware, a few are working hard towards becoming doctors, chartered accountants and in many other professional courses. It feels good to see hard work.

The Prajwala team has been working hard to keep the advocacy work going, working both at the state level and at the Central level. And it will produce results, while the hard work continues.

Earlier there were rays of hope, and we hope that justice will always prevail. There is a sense of positivity and joy pervading the Prajwala campus.

**Lalita Iyer**  
Treasurer

# MESSAGES



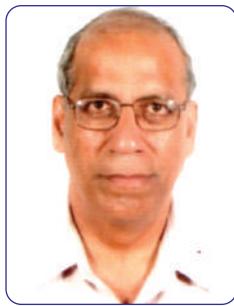
Another year has gone and as usual each year is a challenge. Navigating the Government, the people who want to take advantage of the system, the dangers which our staff might face is not an easy task. I salute Dr Sunitha Krishnan and her team for their tenacity to go through these issues.

Many a times, when I attend the board meetings, I feel that their job is a tough and a thankless one. But I am proud that they are doing it and making a difference in the lives of many needy ones.

I wish Sunitha Krishnan all the very best to continue doing this selfless service. God bless her and her team.

**Narendra. Paruchuri**  
Member

# MESSAGES



I feel honoured to be associated with 'PRAJWALA' and write this message for the year 2023-2024. Let me first take the opportunity to congratulate its leader in the forefront namely Dr Sunitha Krishnan and all the office bearers for their unconditional dedication and commitment towards the growth and development of the project in fighting against human trafficking thus bring smiles on the faces of liberated victims of this heinous crime.

It is heartening to note that PRAJWALA which had a humble beginning has grown by leaps and bounds with the dedicated efforts of the staff. I wish to salute them for their untiring efforts in keeping the flag of the mission flying high.

PRAJWALA today stands as a glowing tribute to the cause of the trafficked victims and its desire to equip them with skills and competencies that would make them live as responsible and happy citizens.

As per the words of Helen Keller, "The best and most beautiful things of this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart". Those who have benefitted from these interventions should be feeling obliged to contribute their mite so that many more could derive the same benefits and the impact may be multiplied.

I had the pleasant privilege to be associated with PRAJWALA for the past two decades. I am deeply impressed with the significant contributions towards the growth of the organization and genuine hard work of all concerned.

Wishing PRAJWALA, greater success in the years to come.

**Dr. Franky Norohna**  
Member

# MESSAGES



I am delighted to know that PRAJWALA is publishing its Annual Report - 2023-24. It is quite heartening to know that the passing year was a path breaking year for PRAJWALA as it could not only fight against trafficking more effectively but also venture into more complex and difficult areas of human trafficking including transgenders. It is all the more satisfying that the efforts made by Prajwala are producing more positive results and helping large number of victims to come out of the clutches of human trafficking and lead a healthy and peaceful life in the society with self-esteem and pride.

I am happy that I have been associated with Prajwala during the last one year and have been able to see its interventions more closely. Human trafficking is undoubtedly the most heinous crime against humans as it shatters oneself respect, esteem, and above all human dignity. Ultimately, it leads to decay and disintegration of the societal systems paving the way for all round anarchy and immorality that can shake the very foundation of civilized societies. Therefore, there is an urgent need to fight this evil with all our strength and encourage and support all those who are waging war against this social evil.

I am sure Prajwala under the able Leadership of Dr. Sunitha Krishnan will continue the fight against human trafficking and bring happiness to thousands of victims who have been wronged through this heinous and gruesome and most contemptuous offence in our society.

My best wishes to Prajwala and its team..

**Mathew C Kunnumkal,**  
IAS (Retd)

# PRAJWALA - An Eternal Flame

## PRAJWALA - An Eternal Flame

### **Vision**

Eradicate sex slavery and commercial sexual exploitation in all forms.

### **Mission**

Prajwala believes that the worst form of human rights violation is sex trafficking and the oldest form of sexual slavery is flesh trade. The numerous actions and efforts taken by Prajwala are aimed at mitigating root causes of trafficking and restoring the dignity to victims of commercial sexual exploitation with reintegration as the end goal.

### **Goal**

Establishing holistic field practices for comprehensive victim services and advocating for its nationwide replication and lobbying for laws and policies to achieve the larger goal of combating sex trafficking through a collaborative partnership model.

### **Journey So Far**

Prajwala has completed 27 years of unwavering dedication in the fight against sex trafficking and sex crimes. Driven by a shared commitment to end sex slavery and sexual exploitation, the organization has become a best practice model in providing services for the prevention and rehabilitation of women and children rescued from commercial sexual exploitation. During the financial year 2022-2023, a team of 202 committed staff, including both professionals and field workers, have managed all interventions of Prajwala, with 50% of them being survivors themselves. The rest of the team comprises dedicated professionals from diverse backgrounds, including individuals with postgraduate degrees in management and social work. It is the dedication and commitment of this team that makes Prajwala a successful needs-based organization. Prajwala also benefits from a small but highly committed group of volunteers who have dedicated their skills to this mission.

# Prajwala's Interventions

## Prajwala's Interventions

Over its 27 years of service, Prajwala has developed a comprehensive set of interventions that address sex trafficking and sex crimes in a holistic manner and believes in experimenting with different approaches to tackle the problem, implementing evidence-based solutions, and advocating with state and non-state partners to replicate or adapt these strategies.

It is one of the few pioneering organizations in the world that has tackled the issue from all angles with considerable success, focusing on prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, restoration, and reintegration—the five pillars of the organization.

### 1. PREVENTION

- Vocational Education
- Community Awakening
- Demand Reduction –Vikalp

### 2. RESCUE

- Victims of Sex Trafficking
- Victim of Sex Crime

### 3. REHABILITATION

- Psychological Rehabilitation
- Education/Economic Rehabilitation
- Civil Rehabilitation
- Access to Justice

### 4. REINTEGRATION

- Family Reunion
- Independent Living
- Marriage

### 5. ADVOCACY

- Policy
- Legal
- Media

# PREVENTION

## 1. PREVENTION

Although illegal, human trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation continues to thrive in India. Women and children continue to be vulnerable to trafficking. Traffickers are recruiting women and girls both locally and online for sexual exploitation. Children, in particular, have been vulnerable, being trafficked for sexual purposes, forced marriages, forced begging, and forced criminality.

In this context, Prajwala has persevered with unwavering determination to prevent human trafficking. Disrupting trafficking safely requires building the resilience and awareness of communities and empowering vulnerable individuals as well as the wider community.

The three major prevention strategies are:

- Prevention through vocationalised education
- Community based prevention programmes
- Demand Reduction – Vikalp Centres

### 1.1. Prevention through Vocationalised Educational Program

Prajwala started working with the children of women in prostitution in the Old city soon after the evacuation of Mehboob-ki-Mehendi in 1996 to prevent inter-generational entry into prostitution. Now the space has expanded to a wide range of vulnerable children and their mothers to protect them from the environment they live in.

**Goal:** Prevent second generation and inter-generational prostitution through the provision of education and vocational skills.

Objectives :

- Provide holistic education through educational center and open school for vulnerable children who could be potential victims of prostitution.
- Provide vocational skills and access to sustainable employment for vulnerable young adults.
- Foster community participation in the implementation of the intervention

In order to achieve the above objectives, Prajwala has Learning Centres that include an educational centre, an open school and a vocational centre. There are seven such Learning Centres located in different areas in the Old City of Hyderabad. Each Learning Centre has qualified and committed staff members who work with the students and the community members to counter the vulnerabilities of their social and economic background. Admissions to the different programmes in the Centre is decided by a Scrutiny Committee comprising of community members and teachers. During the year, four Scrutiny Committee were conducted, and new admissions were identified for the different programmes.

Educational Centre which caters to children from class 3 to 6, aged 8 to 14, belonging to severely impoverished background not having any family support and care and who are vulnerable to be sex trafficked. The objective is to provide these children access to education and prepare them for mainstream schools. Education in English, Urdu, Hindi, Telugu, Mathematics, Science, Social studies is provided by qualified teachers with emphasis on personality development, self- motivation and equal opportunity through planned activities. Every year children who are prepared are admitted to regular private or government schools. The organization supports the fees and educational material of these students till they complete graduation.

KEY RESULTS DURING THE YEAR	
Number of children who participated in the programme	12569
Number of children who were admitted during the year	320
Number of children who were mainstreamed during the year	541

**Open School** targets young adults – aged 14 and above, mainly girls, who are at highest risk of being trafficked. They are school dropouts who belong to vulnerable families and include young adults who may be orphans, step daughters, single parent, disabled, economically backward and children of prostitutes. The objective is to ensure that these vulnerable school dropouts get back to the education fold by helping them prepare for high school exams and connect them to the option of 'open school'. Qualified teachers bring these children up to the level of 10th standard so that they can appear and clear the 10th board exam, thereby opening avenues for higher education.

KEY RESULTS DURING THE YEAR	
Number of children who participated in the programme	6788
Number of children who were admitted during the year	177
Number of children who were mainstreamed during the year	151

Vocational Centre targets young adults aged 16 and above who have completed or are completing their basic education and are at high risk of being trafficked due to their family background or personal financial condition. The objective is to skill the youth in alternate livelihood options so that they can earn a living through dignified jobs. Qualified skill development partners conduct time based programs for skills training on different vocational skills and provide access to job placement to youth who have completed the training successfully. During the year, young persons were trained in Mobile Repair and Service, making of Jute Products, Dress Designing, Bangle Making.

KEY RESULTS DURING THE YEAR	
Number of young persons who received vocational education	586
Number of young persons gainfully employed	384

### Key Highlights:

- 13 students who are covid orphans/semi orphans received educational support of 3,20,000/-
- 163 community mothers were trained through Employability training unit on job skills out of which 69 mothers are employed in different companies and offices after ETU training and 63 members are motivated for self-employment and 6 members received self-employment support from management through employability training unit
- 42 staff members participated in a 10-days Residential teacher training program that was held in collaboration with Silver Oaks International School, 42 staff were equipped with new teaching and learning strategies.
- Leadership Skills programme was conducted in all Learning Centres for the students.
- Science Fairs were organised in all Learning Centres that were attended by students, parents, community members and even students from mainstream schools.
- During the Ramzan month, all Learning Centres organised iftar parties and also distributed provisions to 60 very poor families who were selected by the students of the centres.

- During this period, the learning centres received various items as in-kind donations following committee meetings. The donations included 9 mats, 7 stools, 4 fans, 4 pots, 2 carpets, 4 chairs, 1 iron box, 1 shoe stand, 1 green mat, and 50 notebooks. The total value of these donations is Rs. 1,70,031/-.
- Learning Centre Management Committees have been set up at 6 Learning Centres with community members taking responsibility for the management of the Centre. A bank account has been opened for each Centre with a community member as one of signatories. An amount of 6,15,960/- Rupees was received as community contributions from mothers and community members towards the corpus for implementing some of the centre's activities.



## Vocational Certificate Distribution



## Iftar Party Celebrations



## Scrutiny Committee Meeting



## LCMC Meeting



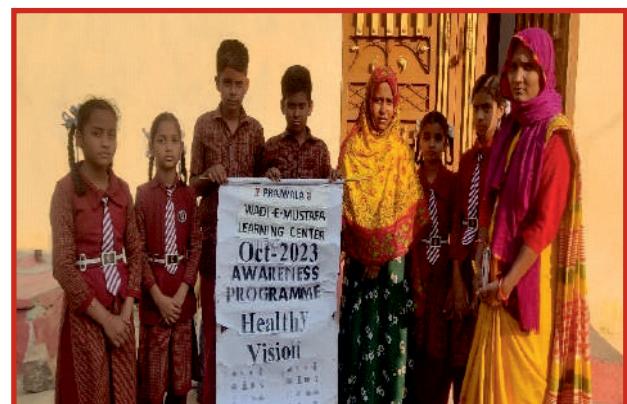
Students Exposure Visit



CRC Week



Community service



Science Day Celebrations



## Mainstream Students Meeting



## Students Leadership Training



## Milan Program



## 1.2. Community Based Prevention Program

Prajwala's Community Based Prevention intervention uses mass anti sex trafficking sensitization programs, campaigns and rallies to awaken the community (boys and men above 14 years) in a concerted effort to reduce demand and end the supply for prostitution. The team partners with local community members, police department officials and district administration to raise awareness about sexual crimes and sexual slavery. It also empowers individuals to take ownership of their local community to become more responsible, informed and vigilant citizens through the formation of Community Vigilance Groups (CVGs).

**Goal:** Prevent trafficking at source - both demand and supply

### Objectives:

- Empower young & vulnerable girls with the knowledge of sex trafficking and tactics used by traffickers so as to prevent them from being trafficked.
- Awaken communities on the consequences of trafficking and generate support to curb trafficking in their region.
- Awaken men on the impact of trafficking on women and generate support from them to curb demand for paid sex.
- Create community vigilant groups who can be the voice of anti-trafficking in the communities.

### Programmes:

The School and Hostel Programs target school children from Classes 7-10, who come from under-privileged and impoverished families and are highly vulnerable to being trafficked or married off early. This is conducted in government schools and residential educational institutions.

KEY RESULTS DURING THE YEAR	
Number of Student Awakening Programmes Conducted	108
Number of Students Participated	32,948
Number of Student Vigilance Groups formed	91
Number of members in Student Vigilance Groups	2,642
Number of Programmes conducted by Student Vigilance Group Members	76
Number of participants in Student Vigilance Group Programmes	2,242

The Village /Slum Programs target rural and urban poor communities mostly the supply area and focuses on parents, community members, men, women and young adults. This is conducted in slums, hamlets and villages with a population of around 5000 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. During the year, Prajwala conducted training programmes with frontline workers including Anganwadi workers and Village Organisation Assistants from the District Rural Development Agency. Smt. Dhana Laxmi, an Anganwadi teacher, conducted four awareness programs for Self Help Group members, reaching a total of 104 participants.

Ms. Jhansi, a member of the Community Vigilant Group (CVG), encountered a minor girl named Seelam Pawani during a bus journey. Pawani, aged 16 and from Kodad, was traveling to Vizag in search of a job due to familial discord. Previously, she had faced parental objection to a romantic relationship during her 9th grade, which strained her relationship with her family. Despite pursuing studies in Polytechnic, she decided to leave home without informing her family.

Sensing that something was amiss, Ms. Jhansi engaged with her, learned about her circumstances, and promptly contacted the CBPP team from Prajwala, who specialize in human trafficking prevention. The team provided counselling and assistance and with coordinated efforts, Pawani was reunited with her family safely, avoiding the risk of trafficking. This case exemplifies the positive impact of community-based prevention programs in safeguarding vulnerable individuals like Pawani.

### KEY RESULTS DURING THE YEAR

Number of Programmes Conducted for Frontline Workers	121
Number of Frontline Workers trained	7,777
Number of Community Vigilance Groups formed	111
Number of members in Community Vigilance Groups	5386
Number of Programmes conducted by Student Vigilance Group Members	14,656
Number of participants in Student Vigilance Group Programmes	3,38,068
Number of cases filed against identified traffickers	54

The Anti Demand Campaigns target men and young boys who constitute demand for paid sex. This is conducted in schools, colleges, auto rickshaw stands, auto drivers unions, truck drivers associations, men's clubs, etc. The Demand Reduction Trainings were conducted through 29 programs with a total of 2,376 members. 28 Community Vigilant Groups (CVGs) were formed, comprising a total of 807 members. These CVGs conducted 17 programs with 311 participants.

#### Programs Conducted by Trained CVG Members



## Swaraksha Day



## Demand Reduction Program



## Student Awakening program



## Anganwadi workers Training Program





## మనుషుల అక్కను రవాణా ను నిరోధించడం అందరి బాధకత



## మానవ అక్రమ రవాణా నేరం



ప్రాణి - ప్రాణిపురం

## మానవ అక్షమ రవాణా నేరం



మనుషుల అక్రమ రవాణాను నిరోదించడం అందరి బాధ్యత.. కోఆర్డినేటర్ ప్రాప్య శృంతి



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మానవ అక్తమ రణాశ్చా ఆణిపెద నేరం

### **1.3. Demand Reduction Program - Vikalp**

“Vikalp” aims to end demand for paid sex to combat trafficking. Its objective is to engage with male buyers of paid sex and provide them three-tiered counselling for behaviour modification.

In an attempt to reduce the demand, the organization in collaboration with police attempt to identify the vulnerable places with regard to street prostitution, conduct decoy operation to find out the sex buyers and counsel them. The main objective of this counselling is to change the attitude of women in prostitution and mind set of males buying sex, through different strategies and techniques so that there will be very less or no demand for paid sex in and around vulnerable places.

For this to happen, the organisation seeks help from trained counsellors, family members and faith leaders who can bring in a positive change in the very attitude of sex buyers.

The following steps are followed while counselling:

- Step-1:** Counsellors understanding the profile of the sex offender and then offer them counselling
- Step-2:** Showing documentary films like “Mein Aur Mere Sachhayee”
- Step-3:** Provide counselling for and with family members
- Step-4:** Faith leaders to further counsel the sex buyers.

### **Highlights of the year**

- During this period, the police team apprehended 219 sex buyers and provided counselling to each of them. Additionally, petty cases were registered against all 219 individuals.
- Follow-ups were conducted with 425 old and new sex buyers, and second counselling sessions were provided to them.
- On August 1st, 2023, a new counselling center named Vikalp was established at Meerpeta police station in the LB Nagar zone and inaugurated by Sri Anjani Kumar, DGP of Telangana Police, Padmashri Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, founder of Prajwala, Sri D S Chauhan, Commissioner of Police Rachakonda, and Sri Sai Sree, DCP of LB Nagar Zone.
- 103 transgenders visited the Vikalp centre and received various services: 4 received employment assistance, 6 received support for self-

employment, 42 obtained Aadhaar cards, 11 received transgender certificates, and 2 obtained voter IDs.

- A meeting was held with 150 transgender individuals at Kanakadurga Function Hall and the Vikalp team explained the services offered by Vikalp during the meeting.
- Successfully motivated and counselled 6 transgenders, leading them to cease begging and initiate self-employment ventures with support from Vikalp (Prajwala).
- Three awareness programs on reducing street prostitution demand and combating human trafficking were conducted in LB Nagar Zone. These programs were organized in collaboration with the Community Based Prevention Program-Prajwala.

#### Vikalp Inauguration





### Providing counselling to Transgender and Sex buyers





Provided Transgender certificates and Aadhaar cards





### Meetings with DCP/SHO's



### Aadhaar Camp in the Vikalp Center



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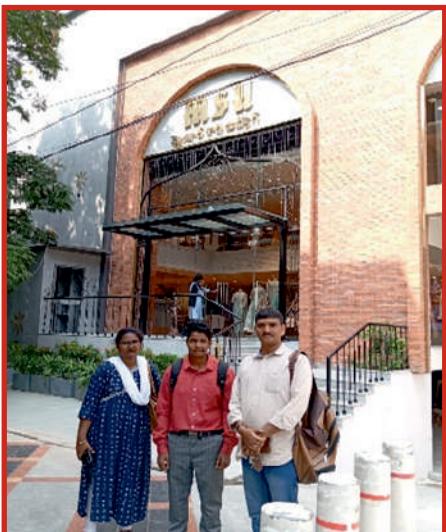
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# ఆధార్ ఎన్రోల్మెంట్ కేంద్రం

## Providing Employment and Self-Employment



## Meeting with Transgenders



## 2. RESCUE

Despite the determined efforts to prevent sex trafficking, a significant number of women and girls are trafficked and are subjected to endless cruelty, physical harm and emotional trauma. Removal of the victim from the place of exploitation becomes crucial. Prajwala's Rescue and Restoration team works closely with all stakeholders to facilitate the rescue of victims of sex trafficking and sex crime as well as repatriation, reintegration with family and community and the provision of post rescue support such as legal aid, recovery of belongings. At the operational level the team supports the local police and the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit to conduct the actual rescue operations.

Prajwala's rescue program has three main interventions:

- Planned rescue operations
- Rape Victim Support Program
- Victim Witness Protection

### 2.1. Planned Rescue Operations

Prajwala supports the police in a rescue operation by identifying and providing assistance in the place of exploitation while the police look at the crime and the criminal.

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### Key Results

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<b>Number of Adults Rescued</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Number of Minors Rescued</b>	<b>04</b>

## DECOY AND RESCUE OPERATIONS:

### Belonging Recovery



## Access to Family



## Victims Reintegration



## Accused Conviction & PD Acts

## ACCUSED GOT 3 YEARS IMPRISONMENT CONVICTION IN PROSTITUTION CASE

### Capital Information

**Hyderabad**, May 19 : The facts of the case are that, on 17-03-2013 at 2000 hours Kushaguda Police received a credible information regarding running of online brothel business by using Locanto Application by accused A1 Sai who is a main organizer with help of A2 Maturi Vamshikrishna whom Sri B.Sreeni SIP along with Police staff conducted a decoy operation at Eshwarpuri Colony, Sainikpuri where A1 who brought two women victims for indulging online prostitution through male customers on observing Police accused A1 fled away from the scene and apprehended A2 and two women victims. Basing on the above complaint a case was registered at Kushaguda PS.

During the course of investigation, IO collected the evidence and arrested the accused and sent to judicial custody. During the trial today i.e., 19.05.2023 the Hon'ble Ptl Senior Civil Judge cum Asst Sessions Judge at Malajgiri convicted the accused Matturi Vanashiksha S/o M. Narasimha Rao, Age 25 Yrs Occ Pvt Employee R/o Vijayawada to undergo 3 Years Rigorous Imprisonment conviction and imposed fine of Rs. 1000/- In this case the IO A. Manmohan Now SHO Abdullaipurmet PS, Addl PP. Smt. Nirmala, CDO P.Narsimha PC 4676, summons G.Balakrishna PC 10783 of Krishnaguda PS have attended on behalf of prosecution.

of Kushaiguda PS have attended on behalf of prosecution. CP Rachakonda D S Chauhan IPS., and Joint CP V. Satyanarayana IPS., appreciated the IO, CDO and Addl. PP for their efforts in getting the conviction to the accused persons and announced rewards to them.

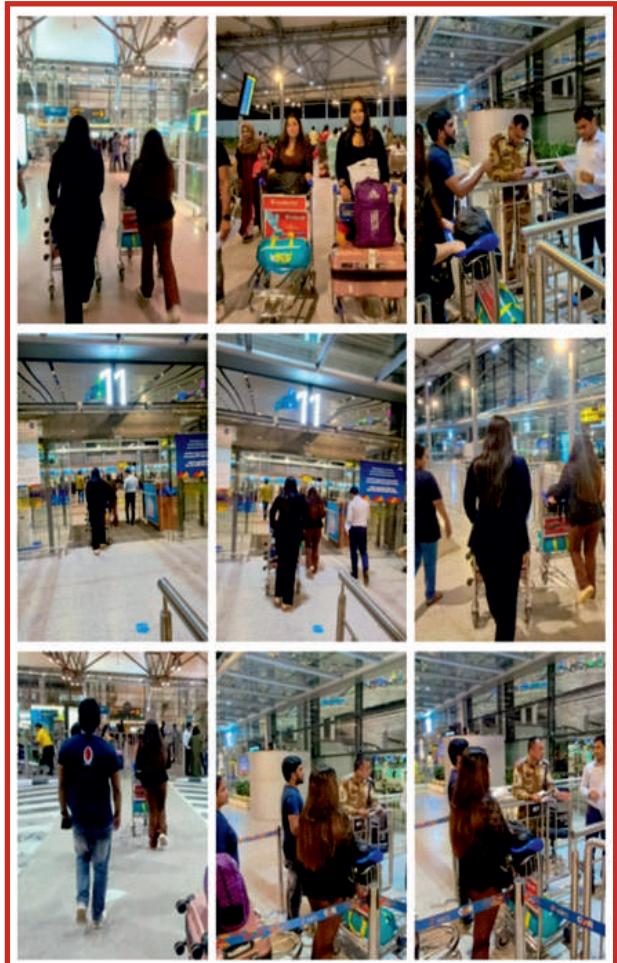


ದಾಂತ್ಯದ್ವಾರ್ತೆ ಜ್ಞಾನ ವಾರ್ತೆ, ವೇದಾಂಗಾಲ್ಕಾಲ್ಕಿ. ಡಾ.ಕೃಷ್ಣ

**HYD:** వ్యాధాల గ్రూప్ నిర్వాహకపులు వీడి యాక్ట్ మానవ అక్కమ రవాణాకు పాల్చడానుస్తు విశ్రద్ధ పాత నెస్టుపుల్న రావకొండ సీపి డీఎస్ పూర్వాన్ పీడి యాక్ట్ ప్రయోగించారు. బాటల శ్రీకార్, శ్రీమిసారాధ్రము పాక్స ప్రయోగించారు. విధి అంతాలకు తెంది విధి అభివృద్ధి ప్రాథమిక వీచి అందులో ఆన్ నెంబర్స్ ఇచ్చారు. HYD మేచివల్ విధిదీర్ఘ ఒక ఇంటిని ఆడ్కెల్ లీసుకొని వ్యాధార గ్రూప్ నిర్వాహకపులు ఫైల్పరిలో ఆస్తిసులు అశ్విన్ వెంకట అంజనా వార్క్ పీడి యాక్ట్ నెప్పించారు.

## వ్యభిచార నిర్వాహకుడికి మాదేండ్ల జైలు

# Repatriation of the Bangladesh & Thailand Victims



## 2.2. Rape Victim Support Program

The Rape Victim Support Program is specially designed to offer support for minor victims of sex crimes. With the overall objective to provide holistic care to a minor victim of a sex crime and ensuring victim witness protection and social integration, the program aims to provide:

- Emergency trauma care support to minor victim and her family
- Safe home for victims facing threat perception
- Facilitate effective prosecution and compensation

While most victims of sex trafficking are rescued from brothels or place of exploitation which could be a house, lodge, hotel, resort, massage parlour, beauty parlour, in the case of minor victims of sex crime, they are moved to a place of safety only when there is clear threat perception as expressed by parent or guardian or the parent or guardian themselves are perpetrators. Prajwala provides support during the court proceedings and the safe custody of the victim of sex trafficking once a court order has been provided. If the victim is a minor, then she is produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) which is the legally competent body to take decisions about children. No victim is shifted to safe custody without the orders of a legally competent body such as the court or the CWC. Prajwala removes adult and child victims from the places of commercial sexual exploitation and child victims of sex crime when there is a situation of threat perception.

### Key Results

This year a total of 254 adults and 04 minor victims were rescued from sex trafficking and sex crime. Among them several of them were from other countries. All rescues were conducted along with the Police Department.

Number of victims supported	163
Number of victims shifted to safe shelter	84 (included 24 Prajwala)
Number of victims supported in the community	79
Number of victims recorded 164 statement	15
Accused identified	08
Trials completed	18
Conviction	04
Received Immediate Relief Fund	30
Interim Compensation	18
Final compensation	04
Orphan certificates	07
New Adhaar card	40
Opened Bank Accounts	111
Family reintegration	19
Home shifted	05
Conducted DNA test	2

## Highlights of the year:

- 30 victims received Immediate Relief Fund amounting to Rs. 8,75,000 (25x25,000 & 5x50,000).
- 18 victims received Interim compensation amounting to Rs. 29,00,000
- 4 victims received final compensation amounting to Rs. 26,00,000. (1x10,00,000, 1x800,000, 2x400,000).

### Interacting with victims



### CWC & Bharosa Produce



### Victim Compensation & Aadhar Cards



## Family Reintegration & Outreach support



## 2.3. Victim Witness Protection

The Victim Witness Protection programme aims to ensure victim witnesses have a safe and non-threatening environment in their journey for access to justice. The support includes

- (1) Legal support to record initial statements in court, identify the accused and prepare them for final trial.
- (2) Recover all belongings including children from the place of exploitation
- (3) Connect to all entitlements including financial relief and compensation.

## Achievements during the year:

Activities	Number
Rescues	258
Adults	254
Minors	04
Total Accused Arrested	467
Absconding	72
Victims Belongings recovery	155
Home Investigation Reports	46
National - 20	
With in State - 25	
International - 01	
Status Reports	41
Parent Permission	12
Medical and Examination Support	29
164 Statement	62
Family Identification	63
Court Produce / Appearance	16
Trials, Chief & Cross.	37
Family Reintegration	196
Prajwala Petition	12
Repatriation	7
Follow up after reintegration	152

## Briefing the Victims for 164 Statements



## Preparing for Trial



# REHABILITATION

## 3. REHABILITATION

While rescue operations are swift and time-bound, rehabilitation is a prolonged process that demands considerable time and effort. A trauma-informed rehabilitation initiative encompasses three phases, each defining specific responses:

- **First Response:** This phase lasts for one month from the time the victim is removed from the place of exploitation. During this period, the victim experiences absolute confusion and distrust. Although the internalized behavior due to trauma may not be acutely visible, maladaptive coping mechanisms such as aggressive behavior, lack of trust, and attachment to the abuser are most prominent. This phase often includes withdrawal symptoms from substance abuse or alcoholism. The primary focus during the first response is on trauma counseling and appropriate healthcare. As this is the trust-building stage, survivor advocates and peer counselors play a crucial role in helping the victim her rights and connecting her to legal assistance. Legal protocols are completed, and basic life-skills and employability skills are provided. The Emergency Shelter offers first response support.
- **Long-term Rehabilitation:** At the end of the first response, a rescued person begins to identify herself as a victim and comprehend the specific exploitation she endured. During this stage, concrete support is extended, including psycho-social interventions, advanced life-skills, education, livelihood training, employment options, and access to victim assistance such as immediate relief and compensation. The Children's Home (Astha Nivas) and the Adult Home (Ashaniketan) provide long-term rehabilitation services.
- **Community-based Rehabilitation:** As the victim progresses to become a survivor and is ready to reintegrate into society, she needs a support system to help her navigate social stigma and ostracization. This support is especially critical if the family is unwilling to accept her, necessitating an independent start to her new life. Community-based rehabilitation aims to support the survivor integrating smoothly into a life of dignity. This includes need-based counseling, family interactions, access to employment or self-employment, after-care support, and a safety net such as being part of a survivor network. The After Care Home and the Survivor's Network provide community-based rehabilitation.

### 3.1. Shelter Programme

All three shelters - the Emergency Shelter, Astha Nivas (Children's Shelter) and Ashaniketan (Adult Shelter) - operate under common standards of care to ensure the emotional, psychological and medical well-being of the residents.

Emergency Shelter is where the victim is brought in immediately from the police station. A victim stays here for any duration for 1 day to 30 days depending on the individual case. The objective of the shelter is to provide immediate emotional support through counselling and earn trust of the victim as a place she can feel safe in. Most legal formalities for evidence recording u/s 164 of IPC are conducted from this shelter. Victims are also taken to medical emergencies and any conditions of HIV, pregnancy etc are detected from this shelter. Once the victim is comfortable with living in the shelter, she is transferred to Adult or Children's shelter depending on her age.

### Highlights of the year:

Admissions	247 (203 adults with 6 children, 25 minors, 19 one-night shelter)
Medical Support - General	247
Medical Support - Deaddiction	48
Medical Support - HIV+	5
Life Skills Training	235
Literacy Classes	25
Therapeutic art classes	All residents
Employability Training	154
Counselling Sessions	All residents
Family reintegration	93 (includes 2 Thailand nationals)
Legal Services - 164 Statement	40
Legal Hour Sessions	All residents
Release statements	32
Voluntary Disclosure	178

*Success note: 11 residents were informants and participated in a decoy operation leading to rescuing other victims.*

Children's Shelter is where the child victims (below 18 years) are brought from Emergency shelter for rehabilitation and healing. Victims stay at children's shelters for any duration upto the age of 18, or until their release orders from Child Welfare Committee. The objective of the shelter is to encourage children to take up education seriously. Children are sent to the learning centre within the campus to prepare them for normal school and thereafter admitted in government and private schools

outside the shelter as well as colleges outside the shelter depending on their educational qualifications. The shelter home follows a daily routine, which includes dorm management, school and study hours for 8 hours, cleanliness and maintenance of premises all managed and monitored by the young girls. Individuals requiring medical and psychological attention are taken care of on a on-demand basis besides regular sessions for the said purposes. Some mental health patients and pregnant and lactating girls are given special attention. Parent/Gaurdian visits are facilitated based on permissions given by Child Welfare Committee on a Sunday. Special care is taken for over-all personality development and grooming through exposure trips, leadership training, student management committees.

### **Highlights of the year:**

New admissions	25
Total residents	113
Continuing Education	81
Reintegrated with Family	19
Individual Counselling Sessions	113
Medical Support - HIV+	4
Medical Support - Mental Health Issues	24
Legal Support for court appearances	49
Pursuing higher education	16
Bank accounts	110

#### *Success note:*

- One victim testified against the perpetrator who was sentenced to 5 years in prison with a fine of 10,000 rupees. The victim received compensation amounting to 4,00,000 rupees. The judgment was issued by the POCSO Court in Mahabubabad district.
- Another victim received compensation of 7,00,000 rupees, and the offender (the victim's own father) was convicted and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. The final statement was completed at the POCSO Court in Shadnagar.
- 4 residents successfully secured convictions against their perpetrators in their respective cases.

Adult Shelter is where the adult victims (above 18 years) are brought from Emergency shelter for rehabilitation and healing. Mostly victims stay at adult shelters for any duration between 3 months to 2 years, depending on court release orders. The objective of the shelter is to provide holistic healing and long-term rehabilitation of victims through emotional and psychological healing and life skill support. Shelter home follows a daily routine, which includes dorm management, skill development, cleanliness and maintenance of premises. Individuals requiring medical and psychological attention are taken care of on an on-demand basis besides regular sessions for the said purposes. Victims/survivors are released on a court order. The court scrutinizes the Home Investigation Report and gives the final direction regarding each case.

### **Highlights of the year:**

New admissions	120 (includes 7 children)
Total residents	147
Therapeutic art sessions	108
Legal Support - 164 statements	72
Released	29
Interim Compensation	18
Economic Rehabilitation Programme	38
Employment	14 apprentices and 1 permanent staff
Employability training	22
ITI training	5
Continuing education - Open 10th	2
HIV treatment	4
Mental health treatment	8
Family reintegration	102
Repatriation	7

## Children Shelter Home Photo Gallery

Independence day celebrations



DIC inspection



Good Friday celebrations



Summer Cycling



Chetla panduga



Diwali celebration



Ugadi celebrations



Going to School



Pongal festival celebrations



CWC members from Yadadri interaction with residents



## Adult Shelter Home Photo Gallery

Kolatam and chekka bajana



Mothi making



Tailoring



Prayer



Group Therapy



Karate Certificate



Embroidery Work



Psychiatric Follow Up



Star of the Month



Staff Family Meet Celebrations



Womens Day Celebrations



Agriculture Activity



Holy



New Year celebrations



Bhogi



Pongal celebrations



At the Admission time



At the Release time



Iron Injection



Diwali celebrations



Milan Program



Bathukamma Celebrations



ETU Training Attend



Visitors



Women's Day Celebrations



Kutumba Diwas



Vinayaka Nimarjanam



### **3.2. Economic Rehabilitation**

The objective of the Economic Rehabilitation programme is to prevent the re-trafficking of victims by skilling and placement of victims. Prajwala provides employability training including basic numeracy, literacy, spoken English, personality development and workplace culture and ethics, job placements and skill development/industrial training in different trades.

#### **Highlights of the Year**

#### **Employment Training Unit**

The Employment Training Unit offers training for both the shelter residents and persons in the community vulnerable to trafficking. This year transgenders were included in the category of vulnerable persons and training offered to them too.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Number of victims trained	175
Survivors placed in jobs in the Prajwala interventions	49
Survivors placed in outside jobs	49
Survivors Self Employed	26
Follow up reintegrated survivors for job opportunity	582
Physical follow up	49
Number of companies visited for establishing linkage for jobs	400
Vulnerable Women trained	163
Vulnerable Women received employment	69
Vulnerable Women self-employed	63
Number of transgender doing self employed	6
Number of transgenders secured employment	2

## Provided Five days training for Victims



## Facilitated employment support for reintegrated survivors



## Facilitated Self-Employment support for reintegrated survivors



## Five days training for Vulnerbale women



## Facilitated employment support for Vulnerbale women



## Self-Employment support for vulnerable women



## Economic Rehabilitation Program

The In-house Training cum Production Centre offers training in Dress Designing & Fashion Technology, Carpentry, Welding, Book binding, and Organic Farming. Based on their choice and aptitude, shelter residents receive training in these trades and secure employment either in house or outside. The training center is also a production unit and undertakes orders from major companies. **A major achievement for this year is the elevation of the Centre as a Government recognised ITI and Prajwala ITI (PITI) is now open for admissions.**

### Highlights of the year:

Number of survivors trained	84
Number of survivors employed	44 (31 as apprentices and 13 full time)
Number of work orders completed	163 amounting to Rs. 64,53,708/-
Number of employed survivors enrolled in Open School	10





### 3.3. Civic Rehabilitation

Victim Centered Advocacy is a holistic approach that prioritizes the needs, rights, and well-being of the victim throughout the entire process of recovery and reintegration. This method focuses on empowering survivors by ensuring their voices are heard and their choices respected. It involves providing comprehensive support services, including legal assistance, medical care, psychological counseling, and educational and vocational training. By fostering a supportive environment, Victim Centered Advocacy helps survivors regain control over their lives, rebuild their self-esteem, and reintegrate into society with dignity. This approach also emphasizes the importance of collaboration with various stakeholders, including law enforcement, social service agencies, and community organizations, to create a network of support that addresses the multifaceted needs of victims. Ultimately, Victim Centered Advocacy seeks to transform survivors into self-reliant individuals who can lead fulfilling lives free from the shadows of their past.

As part of this, efforts are made to secure the following entitlements for the survivors:

- Bank Account, Aadhar Card, Ration Card
- Housing, Immediate Relief, Educational support
- Voter Id

During the year, alongside efforts to secure entitlements for victims, Prajwala also included efforts on behalf of transgenders

#### Highlights of the year:

<b>Immediate Relief Fund</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>Each one 20,000</b>
<b>Interim Compensation (Adult PITA victims )</b>	<b>7</b>	2 victims received Rs.50,000 each and the remaining victims got 20,000/- each
<b>Bank accounts</b>	<b>171</b>	
<b>Aadhaar card for victims</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Aadhaar card for Transgender</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>Transgender certificates</b>	<b>11</b>	
	<b>2</b>	For Transgender

*Success note: For the first time in Telangana, two adult victims received interim compensation of Rs. 50,000 each.*

Aadhaar Card Center Visit



Bank Account Received



Meeting MLSA Secretary



DWO Produced regarding Interim compensation



# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## 4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder engagement is an important part of Prajwala's advocacy efforts. As part of this the Chief Functionary of the organization undertook the following important interactions.

1. Addressing a gathering at @CGI a company that views all its employees as Member Partners on Inspiring Inclusion date on 05 march 2024.



2. Addressing the conference on Crime Against Women organised by Tamilnadu State Women's Commission in collaboration with International Justice Mission at Chennai date on 11th December 2023



3. Address 560 fresh recruits of civil services (IAS/IPS/IFS etc.) going through their #Foundation Course at LBSNAA, Mussoorie. Date on October 18, 2023.



4. At Santa Clara University as a part of the Student engagement organized by Home of Hope Inc date on 3-October, 2023



5. Addressed stakeholders from the criminal justice system including Judicial Officers, Prosecutors, Advocates, Police Officers, Child Welfare Committee at the Kerala High Court on 'Victim Assistance and Role of NGO' with other esteemed resource persons Retd Justice Shri Madan B Lokur, Dr PM Nair & Shri Manoj Abraham. This was organized by the Kerala Judicial Academy Date on October-19-2023.



6. Addressed a group of Journalists in Kolkata on how technology can facilitate Human Trafficking organised by #JournalismCentreOnGlobalTrafficking and supported by @ US Consulate General Kolkata date on July-14-2023.



7. Addressing at Athens on "Sex Trafficking & Mental Health ' as a part of SNFNOSTOS organised by SNF Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Date on June 24, 2023.



# RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

## 5. RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

1. Received Award of Excellence from Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swami, occasion of 1006th anniversary of Sri Ramanujacharya Swamy at Jiva Ashram on May-1-2023



2. Thailand Telangana Andhra Pradesh Friendship Awards 2023 - Prajwala was honoured for its efforts in supporting Thai nationals trafficked to India.



3. Felicitated at the Vatsal Bharat Symposium in Varanasi as an NGO dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and reintegrating sex-trafficked victims, that has successfully rescued more than 28,200 young girls and women across 12 countries on August 18-2023



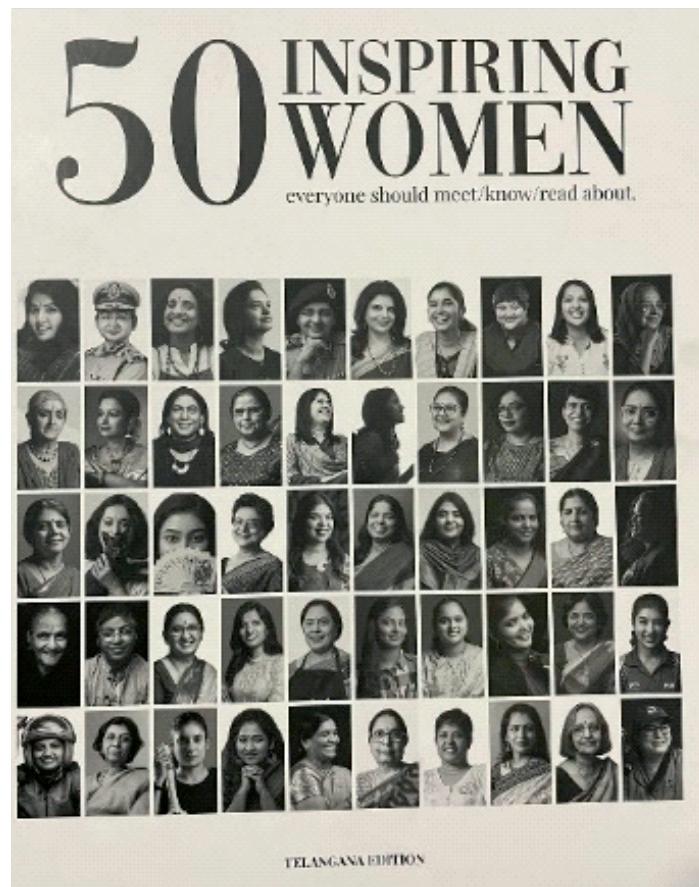
4. Received Journalist Diary Achievers Award - 2023 by former Vice-President of India Shri Venkaih Naidu  
Date on April -16- 2023.



5. Recognized by Consul-General of the Kingdom of Thailand  
in Chennai date on September-14-2023



6. Selected as '50 Inspiring Women, Telangana Edition October 18 2023.



# AUDITED FINANCIALS

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### Prajwala

(A Society for Poor and Deprived)  
Hyderabad

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2024

Particulars	Sch.	31.03.2024		31.03.2023	
		Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
<b>Sources of funds :</b>					
Capital Funds	1		2143,73,666		2159,08,191
Restricted Funds	2		102,19,907		121,38,109
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>3</b>				
For Capital Assets			-		20,296
Other Current Liabilities			51,65,493		27,17,466
			<b>2297,59,066</b>		<b>2307,84,062</b>
<b>Application of funds :</b>					
Fixed Assets	4		1135,14,409		1173,42,656
Current Assets, Loans & Advances					
Cash & Bank Balances	5 & 6	197,75,429		272,01,587	
Short Term Fixed Deposits		900,74,715		821,38,681	
Closing Stock		12,61,362		3,26,156	
Other Current Assets	7	51,33,150		37,74,982	
			<b>1162,44,657</b>		<b>1134,41,406</b>
			<b>2297,59,066</b>		<b>2307,84,062</b>

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Schedules referred above forms integral part of accounts.  
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Sunita Krishnan  
General Secretary

  
Lalita Iyer  
Treasurer

August 27, 2024



**Prajwala**  
**(A Society for Poor and Deprived)**  
**Hyderabad**  
**Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2024**

Particulars	Sch.	31.03.2024	31.03.2023	Amount in Rs.
<b>Incomes :</b>				
Donations from Indian Donors	8	344,26,852	243,47,972	
Donations from International Donors	9	444,17,843	502,41,379	
Economic Rehabilitation Programme Receipts	10	42,70,339	73,93,619	
Bank Interest and Interest on Tax Refund		65,85,564	39,25,661	
Other Income	11	18,64,208	13,71,269	
		<b>915,64,806</b>	<b>872,79,899</b>	
<b>Expenses :</b>				
Prevention - PTEP	12	127,40,583	133,34,584	
Prevention - CBPP	13	50,67,645	49,70,194	
Rescue and Restoration Program - RRP	14	53,53,799	57,00,587	
Rehabilitation - Shelters for Adult Victims of Sex Trafficking	15	119,18,537	134,77,958	
Rehabilitation - Home for Child Victims - Asthanivas	16	154,84,092	115,09,524	
Rehabilitation - ERP	17	96,57,013	108,80,847	
Rehabilitation - Rape Victim Support Programme	18	11,07,336	8,84,454	
Advocacy	19	2,53,046	10,54,672	
Administrative Expenses	20	130,86,304	118,76,004	
Rehabilitation - Emergency Shelter	21	68,73,581	61,68,439	
Victim Centered Advocacy - VCA	22	4,80,841	6,97,855	
CEHT - Cyber-Enabled Human Trafficking	23	57,25,557		
Depreciation	4	53,50,995	56,74,327	
		<b>930,99,329</b>	<b>862,29,444</b>	
Excess of income over expenditure		<b>(15,34,524)</b>	<b>10,50,455</b>	

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General Secretary



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Lalita Iyer  
Treasurer







If we choose 'zero tolerance'  
for any violence against women and children,  
the world will automatically become safe for all.

**Dr. Sunitha Krishnan**



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