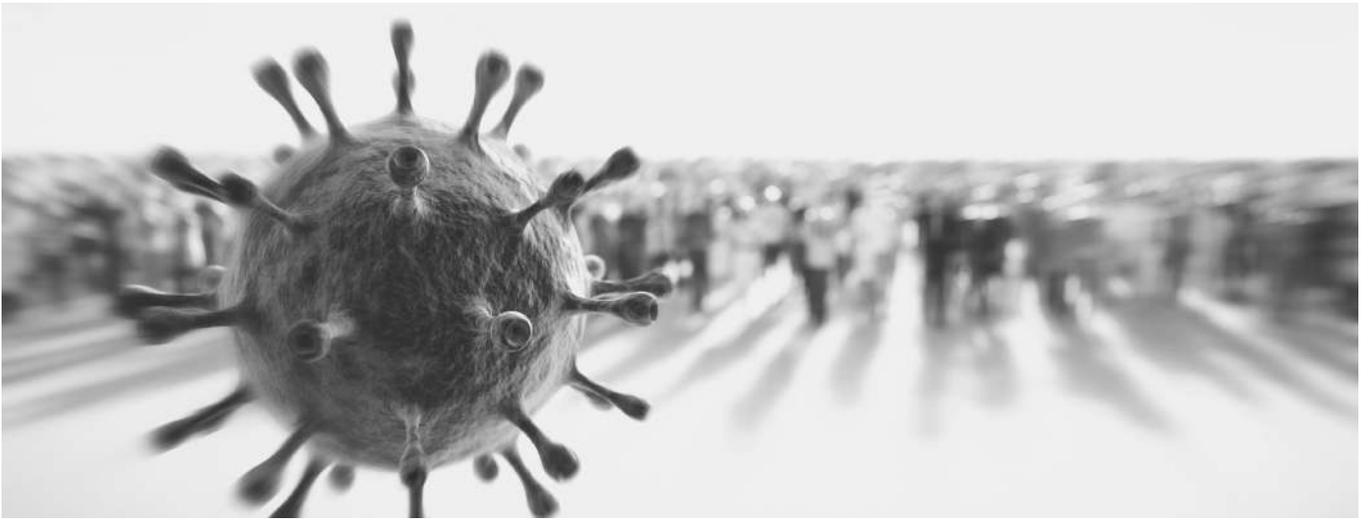




2020-2021

ANNUAL REPORT

CHERYSH TRUST



IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC

As a direct consequence of the pandemic and lockdowns, CherYsh'a projects at the field came to a halt.

This annual report highlights the work that was done in 2020 before the lockdown and January 2021 onwards when we were able to resume our projects.

While our work was on hold, we saw the importance of recording the social, economic and other impacts of the pandemic on the communities of Haliyal. These stories were shared on The CherYsh Posts.



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EDUCATE UPDATES

Shiksha Project

Shikshas were focused on exam preparations during the first three months of 2020. As the lockdown was announced, government schools and Shikshas were closed.

Despite urban areas moving to online modes of education and work, this was impossible in rural areas such as Haliyal. As a result, government schools and CherYsh Shikshas remained closed from March 2020 to August 2020.

Government schools opened in August; teachers reached students through CherYsh Learning Facilitators. Assignments and classwork were given to the LFs for various grades who then conducted Shikhsa classes in community spaces to help students. Safety protocols like maintaining social distance, and mandatory masks were followed. **The Shiksha model of working in community spaces to teach children proved helpful.**

Schools and shikshas were closed again because of the rising risk of COVID in Karnataka. It was in January 2021 that schools reopened, only for senior students. Shikshas were reopened across villages, functioning at half capacity and many other safety measures were in place. **All Shikshas, junior and senior, were fully functioning by the beginning of March.**



EDUCATE UPDATES

e-Shiksha Project

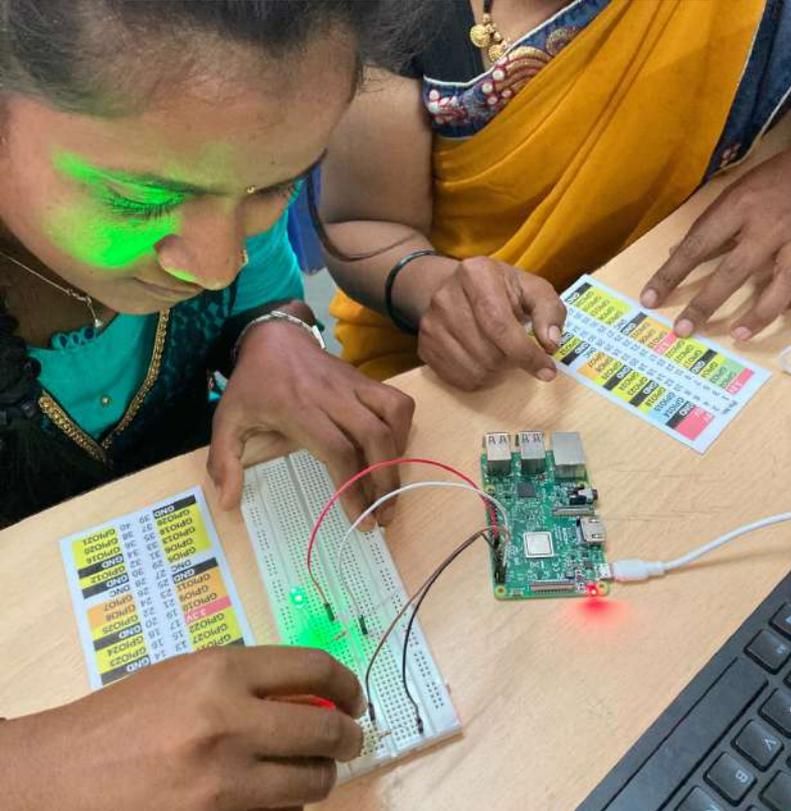
CherYsh launched a Digital Education Project- e-Shiksha in partnership with The PiJam Foundation to provide digital facilities for teaching and learning, building technical infrastructure and knowledge at the village level in Haliyal. The aim is to improve the quality of education, focus on computer science, and work against the widening rural-urban divide due to the pandemic.

The e-Shiksha Model digitises the existing shikshas with low-cost open source technology and Raspberry Pis. The curriculum includes digital computing, digital making, etc. Learning Facilitators will become TechTeachers; rural students will access digital education, making a pathway for rural girls and women into digital education.

Training of 15 Learning Facilitators

3-day in-person training for 15 Learning Facilitators was conducted in February to launch the project with PiJam trainers. The LFs were quick to learn and apply the lesson they learned on coding platforms like Scratch, Python and developed a good understanding of physical computing using Raspberry Pis.

Online training sessions for e-Shiksha LFs followed this training.



PREPARE UPDATES



Macrame Art Training

A women's livelihood group was formed in Halamaddi Village. This group received training on Macrame Art at Gadag. Even during the pandemic, the group continued to create and sell some pieces locally during functions and weddings.



Terracotta Jewellery Training

Madnalli is a village well known for pottery and has relevant resources for terracotta jewellery available locally. Trainers identified by CherYsh conducted terracotta jewellery training. This training was attended by 10 women

Kitchen Enterprise training

A solar-powered roti/ papad machine is provided to them by Selco Foundation. The group also received two sets of trainings on its operation, usage and maintenance.



SECURE UPDATES



Sugarbud Nursery Enterprise

The pandemic destroyed incomes and livelihoods across rural India. This only motivated the Sugarbud Enterprise to get back to production.



With capital support from CherYsh, the group entered their production season strong. This time they worked completely independently. Right from set-up, even to marketing to farmers via Facebook, they worked hard to make their season a success. They produced and sold over 2 lakh saplings (cross-check with Savitri) this season.

Mundwad Shawls and Stoles Group sells online

Exhibitions were ruled out for the group because of the pandemic. But the group made a huge number of sales online. A Hundred Hands, which the group is a member of, publicised the group on Instagram. A majority of the group's stock was sold via Instagram,



Kitchen Enterprise becomes solar-based

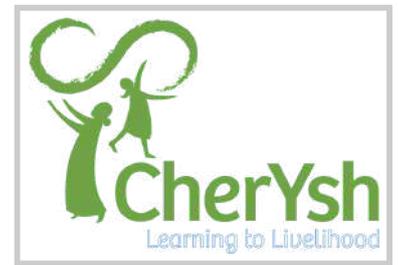
A solar-powered roti/ papad machine is provided to them by Selco Foundation. The Enterprise starts production of papads, kadak rotis and supplies at local festivals. They also provided samples at supermarkets and stores in Haliyal town.

Mask production by Zarina

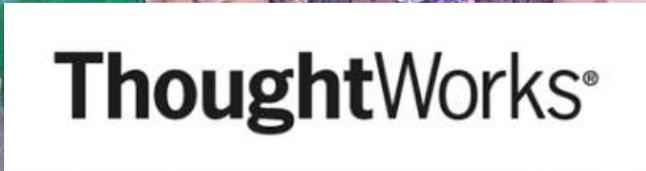
Zarina, a woman from Jogankoppa village and her daughter were provided support to start a venture making masks.

CherYsh bought these masks to be provided to or staff, Learning Facilitators and students across all Shikshas.

CHERYSH DONORS



Our programmes and work is possible through the generosity and support of our donors.



Annual Audit Report

**HARISH KARA &
ASSOCIATES**
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees of Cherysh Trust:

- a) We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of CHERYSH TRUST, Bangalore as on March 31, 2021, and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on March 31, 2021 prepared by the Institution.
- b) These financial statements are the responsibility of the Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examination on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

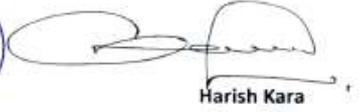
We report that:

- a) Subject to the limitation of audit indicated above, in our opinion and to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the institution:
 - i) The Balance Sheet read with the notes thereon (if any) is a full and fair Balance Sheet containing the necessary particulars and is properly drawn up to exhibit true and fair view of the affairs of the institution as of March 31, 2021 and
 - ii) The Income & Expenditure Account read with the notes thereon (if any) shows a true and fair view of the Surplus / deficit of the institution for the year ended March 31, 2021.
- b) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit and have found them to be satisfactory.

- c) Transactions of the institution which have come to our notice have been within the powers of the institution.

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 18-10-2021

For Harish Kara & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Firm Regd. No.: 0116055

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harish Kara".

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