

# **SAKSHAM**

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#### **About Saksham**



Saksham Trust is a National award-winning NGO founded in 2003 by Mr. Dipendra Manocha and Ms. Rummi K. Seth. We believe that every person with visual impairment and low vision deserves the best chance for a bright future and we work to make sure they have these opportunities to thrive throughout their life. To turn this vision into a reality, we run programmes in the field of inclusive education, assistive technology, accessible books and cultural inclusion. Our Founders, Mr. Dipendra Manocha and Ms. Rummi K. Seth were driven to set up Saksham Trust with a belief that persons with visual impairment or low vision can do everything with only one change – the way things are done.

This powerful belief has since then led Saksham Trust to establish centers in Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Saksham school In Noida and Jalandhar works for the empowerment and education of children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities.

In 2017, our technology-providing arm - Saktek Foundation was launched to further our belief that power of technology can redefine what persons with disabilities can or cannot do.



## **Governing Body**



Former Ambassador, Mr. Swashpawan Singh, (Board Member and Trustee)



Mr. Anoop Seth (Board Member and Treasurer)



Mr. Dipesh Sutariya (Board Member)



Mr. Anubhav Mitra (Board Member)



Mr. Dipendra Manocha (Honorary Founder Managing Trustee)



Ms.Rummi K Seth (Honorary Founder Managing Trustee)



Mr. Prashant Ranjan Verma (Board Member)



Ms. Deepika Sood (Board Member)



## Assistive Technology, Training & Tech Support

#### **Fantastic Fridays**







Saksham Trust began fantastic Fridays with Saktek Foundation we have covered basic topics for the beneficiaries, such as how to use smart phone and communicate effectively and organized quizzes to help individuals to reach their potential



The webinar on workplace solutions focussed on a varied range of technologies and applications which can enable a person with visual disability working in a bank to perform their tasks with greater ease and efficiency.





#### **Subsidy Schemes for Persons with Visual Impairment**

In the month of May 2021,
Saksham launched
subsidy plans on assistive
devices for the beneficiaries
The scheme covered devices
like laptops, tablets,
refreshable braille display
among other products.



# Award winning titles made accessible for the Visually Impaired



A Rs 25-lakh award by JCB Foundation is presented each year to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian author, JCB launched the initiative in 2020 to make books shortlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature more accessible to the visually-impaired.

Till now, the shortlisted books of 2019 and 2020 have been converted to digitally accessible. For the first time, these shortlisted books will be accessible to those with a wide spectrum of visual impairment. Moreover, the eBooks will be made available to international libraries for visually-impaired communities in other countries through Sugamaya Pustakalya, online digital library by Saksham.





#### Saksham recognized as WSIS Champion 2021



Saksham becomes the winner of WSIS: On 19th May, 2021 our work towards empowering persons with visual impairment (PVIs) during the pandemic has been selected as one of the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2021 Champions.

#### **Global Accessibility Awareness Day**

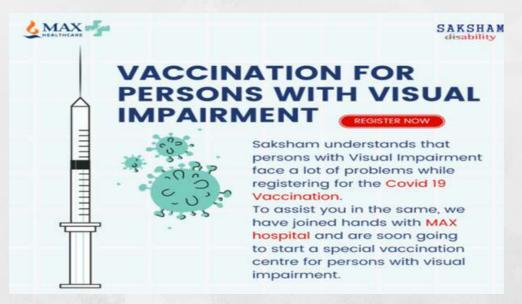


On the occasion of Global Accessibility Awareness Day, Saksham launched its survey, 'Status and opportunities for promoting use of Assistive technologies and content for persons with disabilities in India.

#GlobalAccessibilityAwarenessDay



#### Covid Vaccination Drive for Persons with Visual Impairment



On 27th May, 2021 Saksham helped persons with Visual for registering for the Covid 19 Vaccination. joined hands with MAX hospital and started a special vaccination centre for persons with visual impairment.

#### Hum hai Saksham with Koddi



Saksham launched series on assistive technology solutions. focused on the utilization of technology/ products for persons with visual impairment that can ensure a better quality of life and less dependence on others for their day to day tasks. sessions covered the orientation (hardware layout) of a smartphone, setting up the device and its basic accessibility features which will

include voice assistant, accessing additional options and screen layout. It was supported by KODDI (Korea Disabled people's Development Institute)



# Launch of Aarohan Project at Kirori Mal College, Delhi University





Saksham in collaboration with Kirori Mal College, DU, launched a new program Aarohan- An initiative towards creating opportunities for inclusion of students with blindness and low vision in higher education. Saksham provided laptops with screen readers, tablets, Refreshable Braille Displays, and Daisy Players to the 27 visually impaired students pursuing graduation at Kirori Mal College.







### Super Sunday Series

After successful fantastic Fridays series saksham collaborated with "Koddi" a new super Sunday series which was the part of "HUM SAKSHAM HAI" This super Sunday series covered mobility issues and usage of smart cane and different scenario.





Mobility training was one of the major topic that Saksham focused through collaboration with other organizations. When we saw everyone was focused on becoming smart with devices and gadgets, Saksham organized these sessions for the visually impaired people to support them and make them smarter with assistive devices. The sessions covered the basics of mobility with white cane and many other such devices.



#### **Assessment on Reading & Writing**



Saksham Mobility training has been one of our major themes that Saksham has been focusing through collaboration with other organizations. Since everyone around us are becoming smart with latest technologies and smart gadgets we at Saksham organized sessions for the visually impaired people to support them and make them smarter with assistive devices. The sessions covered the basics of mobility with white cane and many other such devices.



#### **Online Orientation Session on DotBook**

On November 19th, 2021, Saksham held an online orientation session for DotBook. Yet another step towards making high end affordable Refreshable Braille Display available to people with visual and hearing impairment.



# International day of persons with disabilities 6th December 2021

On the occasion of disability day, Saksham organized an online awareness session on accommodating special needs of children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities with online education. The session covered a virtual tour of the school and focused on the activities and programs.

Another session for Anganwadi workers was also conducted that focussed on how they could provide additional support to children with special needs.



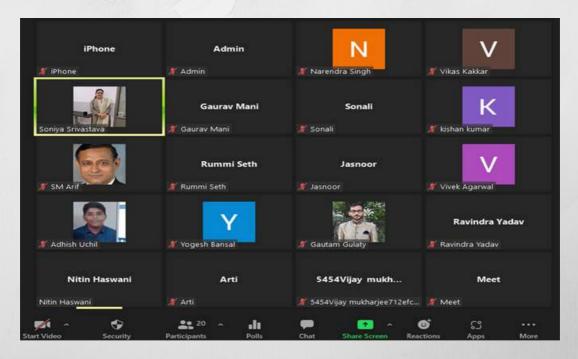




#### **Webinar on Career Oportunites**



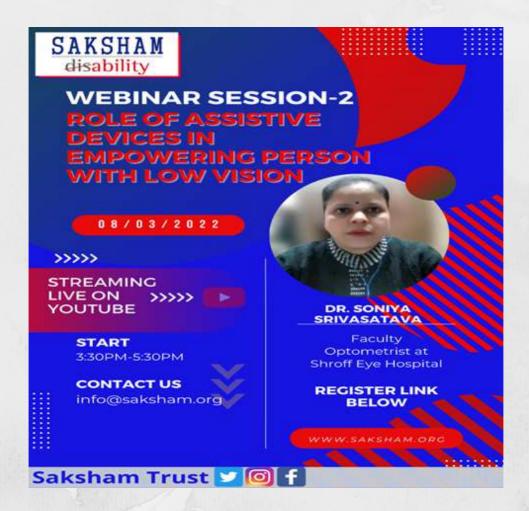
Career opportunities in Finance Sector for visually impaired was a hot topic which was covered by Saksham in the month of February 2022. The guest speaker- Mr. Ajay Minocha gave insights to all the participants. as an equal opportunity initiative the discussion was about how to leverage the finance industry's efforts to receive suitable employment opportunities for this group. The participants also got to know about options for visually impaired people to pursue a career in the finance sector.







# Webinar on Role of Assistive Devices in Empowering Persons with Low Vision



The webinar focused on how Visually impaired individuals have many assistive devices at their disposal to help with a range of daily activities. From reading printed text, using a computer, and engaging in sporting activities. Technologies such as magnification, voice output, and braille products can transform a person's life. Assistive devices help people with disabilities stay connected to their loved ones or read on their own so they are not dependent on others. We inspired youth independence from family members or caregivers and a higher quality of life.



#### **Our Partners**

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#### **Financial Statement**

#### SAKSHAM

#### BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH,2022

PARTICULARS	<u>sch</u>		31-3-2022	31-3-2021
LIABILITIES				E
CORPUS FUND		1	651100.00	651100.00
Income & Expenditure A/c			16856989.56	24538187.54
CURRENT LIABILITIES		2	6318864.42	3971586.41
	TOTAL		23826953.98	29160873.95
<u>ASSETS</u>				
FIXED ASSETS		3	1685200.00	2059666.00
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash & Bank balances		4	15740936.18	20584115.24 6490765.71
Loans and Advances Other Current Assets		5	6386597.80 14220.00	26327.00
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	TOTAL		23826953.98	29160873.95

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

As per our Report u/s 12A(1)(b) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961. For NIKHIL KHURANA & CO.

Chartered Accountants

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For SAKSHAM

(DIPENDRA MANOCHA)

Trustee

## **Financial Statement**

#### SAKSHAM

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/c FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022

PARTICULARS	2021-22	2020-21
INCOME	32857121.16	40139043.65
Voluntary Contributions Received	2203253.28	312703.50
Receipts from Charitable Activities		386536.00
Interest on bank accounts	328684.00 87883.00	99846.00
Interest on fixed deposits with bank	7835.81	6959.07
Miscellaneous Income	/833.81	0757.07
	35484777.25	40945088.22
	33484/11.23	
EXPENDITURE	020/00 00	4178335.15
Blind Aids & Appliances Obtained	830688.00	2979823.94
Accessible Book Preparation expenses	7028048.16	1129925.00
Subsidy on Assistive Devices	2621400.00	
Family Support expenses	0.00	121404.00 844968.00
Equipment Acquired	1512972.30	
Donations Given	1672200.00	1196850.00
Sponsorship Fee (Education Support)	100000.00	5000.00
Rent	2459100.00	2212400.00
Student Welfare expenses	132033.00	131831.00
Integrated Student expenses	1787935.98	1277952.05
Workshop & Training expenses	243522.00	12498.00
Function, Fair & Workshop expenses	2220.00	42283.09
Laptop Distribution with Subsidy	0.00	1940000.00
Salaries, Allowances & Ex-Gratia	19117291.00	20637541.15
Contribution to Provident & Other Funds	428332.00	1026477.00
Staff Welfare expenses	6551.85	4172.78
Communication expenses	105051.28	120731.78
Electricity & Water expenses	256075.88	198578.00
Conveyance expenses	19138.25	23295.00
Vocational Unit expenses	40857.00	61741.00
Security expenses	0.00	318696.00
Festival expenses	0.00	0.00
Professional expenses	2472862.00	2134515.00
Insurance Charges	66556.00	62006.00
Computer Accessories & Software	145653.60	544055.81
Courier & Postage	227074.70	88179.00
Printing & Stationery	224943.48	172659.00
Repairs & Maintenance (Equipment)	156135.00	199419.00
Repairs & Maintenance (Office)	15456.00	20361.00
Vehicle Operation & Maintenance expenses	304579.00	358400.00
Travelling expenses	0.00	108017.00







## **Financial Statement**

#### SAKSHAM

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/c FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022 (continued)

2021 22	2020-21
501185.60	162051.47
11624.65	21595.49
451681.50	323538.92
224807.00	279415.00
43165975.23	42938715.63
-7681197.98	-1993627.41
24538187.54	26531814.95
16856989.56	24538187.54
	451681.50 224807.00 

As per our Report u/s 12A(1)(b) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.

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