



*Fostering Inclusion*

2017-2018  
ANNUAL REPORT

**JOURNEY SO FAR.....**

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**Prateek Kaul**

As we continue to evolve, and go deeper in to set of challenges and potential solutions, we realize the power of innovation and out of box thinking. Ability to collaborate with like-minded individuals and institutions to spread the message of inclusion as far and wide possible. GiftAble's focus continues to be marginalized children with disability and women with disability. And as you would see with outcomes delivered this year, our intent matches' execution. Long term goal is to establish Residential Spinal Rehabilitation Centre for Women with Spinal Cord Injury and support them in independent living. Another high priority task is to capitalize on corporate opportunity for Livelihood generation of Persons with Disability. Inclusive Procurement is a huge opportunity for Corporates to create impact at grass root level. The thought is to ensure whether in semi urban or rural area is able to earn his / her own living.

In last few years my belief in human spirit has increased exponentially. GiftAble has been bestowed with lots of love and contribution from folks around the world. Unselfish and tireless efforts of our hundreds of our volunteers across the country it's our goal to meet benefactor in creating a just and inclusive India. I know your best wishes are always with us.



GiftAble is a Social Enterprise which strives to create an ecosystem of like-minded individuals to collectively build an inclusive society.

We have been fortunate to have the constant support of volunteers from diverse backgrounds who have also given us their valuable inputs.

Our sensitization workshops are designed to bust myths (unfortunately too many of them have been passed down to us) surrounding disability, and give the audience an insight into the real needs of the disabled and an understanding of how to approach and interact with them.

We strive to design our events in a manner that keeps volunteers coming back, and encourages them to keep the chain going, and share their knowledge with a larger audience.

Looking back at the events of the past years, it gives us great pleasure to announce with pride the ones that embody the GiftAble principles.





# 5<sup>th</sup> Year

*As we progressed over the 5th year of our organization, has made us more wiser and experienced working in the location. Our team expanded to suit the needs of our clients and beneficiary in a better. We still remember the Journey made throughout the year which started of with a small pack. This year along with other incredible events in the pipe line, we started our campaigns to expand our base to rural parts of the country to do more impactful projects. We do believe there is much to learn and explore.*

# Project 1: Livelihood

## Skilling

One week training was conducted for 10 women on tailoring at the rural part of Koppal.

This beautiful laptop sleeve is the result of the training.



# Skilling

GiftAble Foundation conducted toy making workshop for 15 NGO representatives. We initiated our project Swathanthra – The Freedom under which we will Train the trainers (TOT) and will support vocational training programs. Through this GiftAble works towards procuring at least minimum wages for persons employed in sheltered/ supported work environments, by facilitating entrepreneurship and skill development, innovative product designing and development, adaptations and mechanization where appropriate and feasible. It would create micro-enterprises of sheltered workshops and market products made by using sound strategies in Product, Packaging, Pricing, Placing and Promotions.

We aim to empower 2000+ PwDs and their care takers with support of our partner NGO's as craft unit or micro-entrepreneurs by 2020.





# Automated Roti Making

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Cooking large numbers of Rotis is an extremely difficult and tedious task. The B.D Tatti School for the hearing impaired in Gadag is required to do this for every meal. Over 250 children eat food here every day. Three women do the cooking for the entire school.

By providing them with a Roti machine, it simplifies their work and helps them feed all the children. This has helped the three hard-working women serving in the kitchen.





# Keyboard

Music is not just a hobby, it is a passion for some and a livelihood for many. GiftAble presented Hanumanth, a visually impaired performer with a Keyboard for his Music Lessons.

Now



Then



# Placements



Echoes is a popular restaurant in the heart of Koramangala, Bangalore. All the employees here have an auditory disability. We assisted 3 energetic individuals in procuring a job at this concept eatery.

# Project 2: Education

## Tactile Library

How can we represent a mountain, building or the ocean better for the visually impaired? The solution to this is 'tactile books.' This creative expression of concepts has the capacity to open up worlds for numerous adults and children. Sighted Children, learn a lot from stories in picture books and animations. Reading in braille, primarily for a beginner will be laborious and troublesome to comprehend. Now, with tactile books, learning is more fruitful, imaginative, fun and uncomplicated for learners. Voice-based technological advancements play a significant role in education as well, but tactile books have the ability to create more clarity. Learning through touch brings about a lot of engagement in learning as well as a clearer understanding of concepts.



## Tactile Library

Tactile books represent a set of graphics, figures and designs that a visually impaired student can learn from easily by feeling. Hence, it is important to set up libraries with various books for students to learn from.

We aim to reach such books to the rural parts of India by encouraging this advancement in learning. This will serve thousands of children and adults to understand the world around them better.



Siddaganga Blind School,  
Tumkur

Our organisation started setting up Tactile Libraries last year, and the effort has continued and spread. This year, 8 tactile libraries were set up across Karnataka. This effort benefitted over 800 visually Impaired learners. The following list has the locations of the 8 libraries.

## Tacticle Library

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The following list has the locations of the 8 libraries.

Siddaganga Blind School, Tumkur

Karnataka Navachethana Blind  
School, Kunigal

M Krishna Blind School, Hassan

Jyothiseva School and Home for  
the V.I Girls, Hennur

School of Karnataka Welfare  
Association for the Blind, Bangalore

J S B Free Residential School for the  
Blind, Ramanagara

The Karnataka Welfare Association for  
the Blind, Devanahalli

Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy  
for the Blind, Bangalore



# Library Pal

It's storytime! Storytelling is an art that spurs up infinite emotions and teaches individuals. Volunteers from TATA AIG enjoyed spending time reading books to young and energetic children. 27 Participants were present.





# Project 3: Health

## SRC at Koppal

The World Health Organisation states that “sexual health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality.” Awareness of this is necessary as it plays a major role in the physical and emotional wellbeing of a person. It is essential to understand that this is a significant part of our lives and we must embrace it.

A Sexual Health Workshop was conducted for our Spinal rehabilitation centre participants and faculty. For conceiving more transparency on the topic counselling sessions were conducted at the Centre. This unique session happened in Koppal and over 40 candidates benefited from this



# Aid and Appliances for Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy is a chronic- congenital dysfunction of mobility , muscle-tone or posture. Over 1 million people in India suffer from this . It occurs due to an abnormality in the development of the brain. These growing children require assistance and rehabilitation to lead their lives.

We distributed appliances and granted aid for 35 kids with Cerebral Palsy. This effort took place at Devagiri in partnership with Samuha Samarthya.



# Aid and Appliances for Kids with Developmental Delay

Early intervention help if they have developmental delays or specific health conditions. It helps children to meet developmental milestones through a wide range of services

Aid and appliances support was provided to 9 children in the early intervention centre at Mundargi, Gadag



## Hearing Aids

Over a million people in India have the inability to hear or have a loss in hearing. Today with technological advancements, hearing aids have been made to improve the quality of hearing for a beneficiary.





## Hearing Aids

GiftAble in conjunction with McAfee, provided hearing aids for 30 children from the rural parts of North Karnataka.

This was conducted through an earmold impression camp where many families came for support.

On another occasion, McAfee donated hearing aids for 185 kids in Saavnur.

On behalf of all the kids and their families, we wholeheartedly appreciate McAfee for supporting these children.



# Project 4: Events

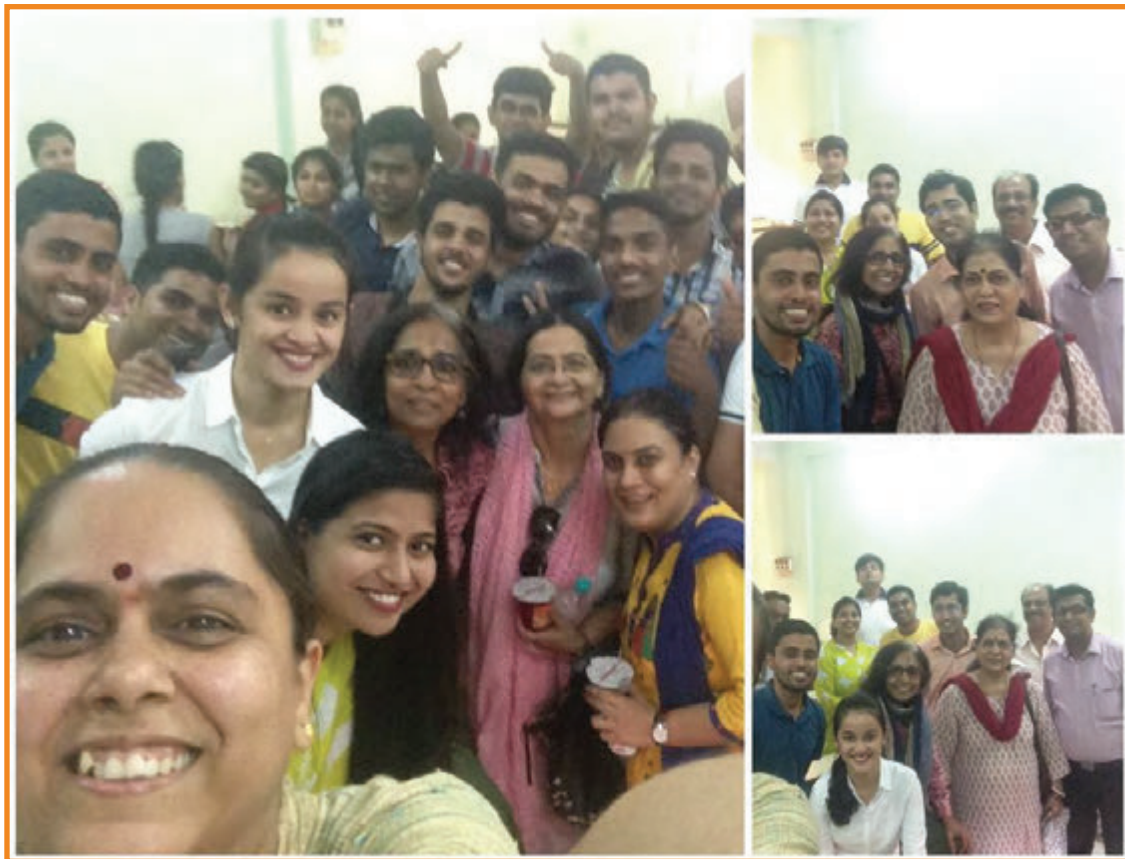
## Archery

Archery is a sport of precision, focus and vision. This event was part of a life skills development initiative where archery was taught to visually impaired students to increase their confidence level.



# DaanUtsav

As part of the Joy of Giving Week we had a soft skill training session and counselling about career paths. This initiative was held for hearing impaired individuals to upskill and grow



# Toy making Workshop

Playing with toys brings a smile on to many young children's faces. Our product designer, lead a workshop to create more of these bundles of joy. Attendees were taught how to make some toys. 20 participants from 16 NGO's



# Bed Drive

A good night's sleep is vital for us to rejuvenate and function well. Several volunteers came forward and committed to this cause. We helped 45 Visually Impaired children to get beds, pillows, and bedsheets. Thank you, Volunteers!



# Toy Drive

Each child deserves to have fun and enjoy their childhood. GiftAble conducted a toy collection drive to give joy to kids from families who can't even afford basic necessities. A special acknowledgement for the volunteers who donated toys



## News Article



Volunteers take part in 'signsAthon - a silent human chain,' to create awareness on the needs of the disabled and to teach people sign language to mark the birth anniversary of Helen Keller at Koramangala on Sunday. dh photo



committed: Young people are increasingly coming out on the streets to create awareness on social issues. (Above) College students miming about the problems of the differently-abled recently. DH Photo by B H Shivakumar

Bangalore Mirror

# Persons of interest

A lesson in Braille and sign language can provide an insight into the lives of people with disabilities. Here's what we learnt

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- Activity 1:** Talk about the best moment of your life without any facial expression  
**Activity 2:** You cannot speak or write. Now share your name  
**Activity 3:** Introduce yourself while hopping on one leg for a minute  
**Activity 4:** Pair up. Put on a blindfold, and take turns to walk each other around with a cane stick  
**Activity 5:** Let's learn the basics of sign language  
**Activity 6:** Time to Braille

**A**t a workshop by Bengaluru-based NGO GiftAble (it conducts workshops and sensitisation programmes in villages, at malls, on roads, at hospitals; for students, corporates, and cops), the agenda was set: To offer us – the participants, the 'normal' people – a glimpse into the lives of People with Disabilities (PWDs). People who can't see, hear, speak or walk.

Every activity questioned our confidence. "How do we do this?" was the first response to every challenge. "Am I making any sense?" was next. "Okay, this works", as we somehow finished the task. The two-hour session left us emotional. We had come face-to-face with our inability to think alternatively; that despite 'privileges', two minutes of silence and darkness managed to unsettle us, as we struggled to express our names with signs and gestures, talk without smiling, or walk blindfolded.

## Eye-openers

Writing in Braille offers a wholly different insight into the lives of the visu-

ally impaired. The whole of the Braille script – every letter of the alphabet, number, punctuation – is a combination of six dots. "How do the blind write their exams so fast?", "How do they remember these combinations?" the participants asked each other, as we struggled to pinch the white paper with a stylus.

Learning the American Sign Language (ASL), and Indian Sign Language (ISL) was easier. While the former is universal, the Indian government is now laying more emphasis on the latter. It took us barely five minutes to learn to sign A to Z through symbols and gestures, plus 'Good morning/afternoon/evening/night', 'Thank You', 'Welcome', 'Please', 'Can I get some tea, or water?'.



A few things though. Speak the letter or word as you sign, and speak it slowly and clearly. That's because a few deaf and hard-of-hearing people can lip-read too. Don't forget the expressions. If you sign 'happy', smile. If you sign 'sorry', look the part. "And if you want to sign a 'hello', simply wave your hand at the person. Don't look too hard for signs and symbols for everything. A lot of it is common sense – we do it in our lives," trainer Nataraja R explains.

If there are 10 hearing-impaired men with same name in a group, how do you call out to one? They have 'sign names', prefixed or followed by the



sign of a unique characteristic such as a moustache or mole, or a habit.

## The don'ts

Sensitivity is key. Don't label PWDs 'gifted', 'special', or 'inspiring'. They are people with different abilities. Period. While deaf and blind people don't mind being referred to as such, it's rude to refer to anybody as 'dumb'. "Acknowledge the person first, and not his ability or disability. That's why the term is People with Disabilities, and not disabled people," Nataraja points out.

Don't assume that a blind person always needs your help. Ask them first. If they say they need help, ask, "Where do you want to go?" Let the elderly hold on your shoulder or arm, and let children grab your wrist as you navigate them. "Don't drag them and never hold their cane if they are using one." Plus, don't give too many directions. If your cheer doesn't evoke a smile on their face, don't assume they are disinterested. "Since they have never seen a smile, they can't express one," he adds.

## Field work

A few days after the workshop, I dropped by their Koramangala office. There, Shylaja Asangi signed at me: "What's your name?" I introduced myself. Asangi, a hearing-impaired, got back to her inventory management job. She was constantly sifting through paper and online files, engrossed in her work. She signed at me, via her colleague Deekshitha R, "The one big advantage of being deaf is that I can concentrate on my work well, no distractions, no gossip." The PWDs and the TABs in the room had a good laugh.

For the uninitiated, TAB (temporarily abled bodies) is a term given by the PWD community for the 'normal people' to suggest that their 'abilities' are temporary – they could lose it to age, or an untoward incident. Something to remember.

## Step up and volunteer

As per the 2011 census, there are 2.68 crore people with varying degrees of disabilities in India. Beginning with 30 volunteers in 2013, the NGO has 400-plus of them today, still an abysmally low number, according to GiftAble cofounder Prarthana Prateek Kaul.

Kaul is at pains to explain that the lives of PWDs are not as smooth or hassle-free as ours, but they're not ones of abject misery either. "They accept their limitations and move on," she says. But since PWDs

have to interact with a "slightly different world than us", they often need support. And that's where volunteers come in. "We need scribes to write exams for the visually impaired. We need interpreters to talk on behalf of the hearing-impaired during interviews, at hospitals, in police stations. We need employers, colleagues and teachers to learn sign language to communicate with their PWD peers and students. We need volunteers to bring in more volunteers."

"PWDs don't know about a lot of critical things because nobody tells them. Other times, doctors don't know how to communicate with them," Kaul says. That's why in their health awareness programmes, differently-abled women are taught about body parts, menstruation, pregnancy, breastfeeding, etc.

Initiatives such as these could have prevented many a tragedy. Kaul tells us how a pregnant hearing-impaired woman could not reach the hospital on time when her water broke. "She was in pain, but she didn't realise the gravity of the situation. Nobody had ever told her this is part of the process of childbirth. She delivered a stillborn baby," Kaul explains. Then there is the case of three siblings in Koppal in north Karnataka. "These women are deaf and blind and just don't step out of their home."

Volunteers can help take the PWDs out of their cocoons and darkness. For that, they need to be equipped with right skills, which are handed down in workshops such as the one this reporter attended.



# Auditor's Report

FORM NO. 10B  
[ See rule 17B ]

Audit report under section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of **GIFTABLE FOUNDATION, AACTG0169J** [name and PAN of the trust or institution] as at **31/03/2018** and the Profit and loss account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust or institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the abovenamed trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us, subject to the comments given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

(i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at **31/03/2018** and

(ii) in the case of the profit and loss account, of the profit or loss of its accounting year ending on **31/03/2018**

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

Place **Bangalore**  
Date **15/09/2018**

Name  
Membership Number  
FRN (Firm Registration Number)  
Address

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**204258**  
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## ANNEXURE

### Statement of particulars

#### I. APPLICATION OF INCOME FOR CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

1.	Amount of income of the previous year applied to charitable or religious purposes in India during that year ( ₹ )	3949211
2.	Whether the trust has exercised the option under clause (2) of the Explanation to section 11(1) ? If so, the details of the amount of income deemed to have been applied to charitable or religious purposes in India during the previous year ( ₹ )	No
3.	Amount of income accumulated or set apart for application to charitable or religious purposes, to the extent it does not exceed 15 per cent of the income derived from property held under trust wholly for such purposes. ( ₹ )	No
4.	Amount of income eligible for exemption under section 11(1)(c) (Give details)	No
5.	Amount of income, in addition to the amount referred to in item 3 above, accumulated or set apart for specified purposes under section 11(2) ( ₹ )	0
6.	Whether the amount of income mentioned in item 5 above has been invested or deposited in the manner laid down in section 11(2)(b) ? If so, the details thereof.	No
7.	Whether any part of the income in respect of which an option was exercised under clause (2) of the Explanation to section 11(1) in any earlier year is deemed to be income of the previous year under section 11(1B) ? If so, the details thereof ( ₹ )	No
8.	Whether, during the previous year, any part of income accumulated or set apart for specified purposes under section 11(2) in any earlier year-	
(a)	has been applied for purposes other than charitable or religious purposes or has ceased to be accumulated or set apart for application thereto, or	No
(b)	has ceased to remain invested in any security referred to in section 11(2)(b)(i) or deposited in any account referred to in section 11(2)(b)(ii) or section 11(2)(b)(iii), or	No



## Auditor's Report

(c)	has not been utilised for purposes for which it was accumulated or set apart during the period for which it was to be accumulated or set apart, or in the year immediately following the expiry thereof? If so, the details thereof	No
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1. APPLICATION OR USE OF INCOME OR PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 13(3)

ANNEXURE - C INCOME OR PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 13(3)	
1. Whether any part of the income or property of the trust was lent, or continues to be lent, in the previous year to any person referred to in section 13(3) (hereinafter referred to in this Annexure as such person)? If so, give details of the amount, rate of interest charged and the nature of security, if any.	No
2. Whether any part of the income or property of the trust was made, or continued to be made, available for the use of any such person during the previous year? If so, give details of the property and the amount of rent or compensation charged, if any.	No
3. Whether any payment was made to any such person during the previous year by way of salary, allowance or otherwise? If so, give details	No
4. Whether the services of the trust were made available to any such person during the previous year? If so, give details thereof together with remuneration or compensation received, if any	No
5. Whether any share, security or other property was purchased by or on behalf of the trust during the previous year from any such person? If so, give details thereof together with the consideration paid	No
6. Whether any share, security or other property was sold by or on behalf of the trust during the previous year to any such person? If so, give details thereof together with the consideration received	No
7. Whether any income or property of the trust was diverted during the previous year in favour of any such person? If so, give details thereof together with the amount of income or value of property so diverted	No
8. Whether the income or property of the trust was used or applied during the previous year for the benefit of any such person in any other manner? If so, give details	No

### III. INVESTMENTS HELD AT ANY TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR(S) IN CONCERNS IN WHICH PERSONS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 13(3) HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST

S. No.	Name and address of the concern	Where the concern is a company, number and class of shares held	Nominal value of the investment(₹)	Income from the investment(₹)	Whether the amount in col. 4 exceeded 5 per cent of the capital of the concern during the previous year-say, Yes/No
<b>Total</b>					

Place  
Date

Bangalore  
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# Balance Sheet

## GiftAble Foundation

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	AS AT
		31/03/2018
<b>SOURCES OF FUND</b>		
<b>CORPUS FUND:</b>		
Opening balance as on 01/04/2017	9,30,176	
Add: Corpus donations received during the year	-	
Less: Excess Of Expenditure Over Income	1,93,654	
	7,36,522	7,36,522
<b>Loans:</b>		
Loan - Prarthana		88,250
<b>Current Liabilities :</b>		
Sundry Creditors		4,660
		<b>8,29,432</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS:</b>		
<b>Currents Assets:</b>		
Cash in hand	1,963	
Cash at bank	8,27,469	8,29,432
		<b>8,29,432</b>

For GiftAble Foundation

*[Signature]*

(Managing Trustee)  
Place: Bangalore  
Date : 15.09.2018

*[Signature]*

(Trustee)

As per our Report of even date attached  
For Satish & Ravi Associates,  
Firm Registration No 07214S  
Chartered Accountants,

*[Signature]*

Satish Makhija  
Partner  
M.No.204258



# Balance Sheet

## GiftAble Foundation

Income and Expenditure Account For The Year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
To Rent	50,256.00	By Bank Interest received	38,988.00
To Courier	985.00	By Donation Received	39,10,223.00
To Conveyance	15,935.00		
To Water charges	640.00	By Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,93,654.20
To Printing and Stationery	10,058.70		
To Program Expenses	35,92,234.50		
To Staff welfare Expenses	26,583.00		
To Bank Charges	118.00		
To Bonus	27,000.00		
To Salaries	3,88,000.00		
To Office Expenses	3,565.00		
To Incentives	16,000.00		
To Other Expenses	2,600.00		
To Travel Expenses	8,890.00		
	<b>41,42,865.20</b>		<b>41,42,865.20</b>

For GiftAble Foundation

*[Signature]*

(Managing Trustee)

Place: Bangalore

Date : 15.09.2018

*[Signature]*

(Trustee)

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FRN : 07214S  
Chartered Accountants,

*[Signature]*

Per Satish Makhlja  
Partner

M.No.204258



# Balance Sheet

## GiftAble Foundation

Receipt and Payment Account For The Year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To Opening Balance	10,20,775	By Rent	50,256
- Bank account	2,311	By Courier	985
- Cash in hand	-	By Conveyance	15,935
- Petty Cash	39,742	By Water charges	640
To Bank Interest received	39,10,223	By Printing and Stationery	10,059
To Donation Received		By Program Expenses	35,92,235
		By Staff welfare Expenses	26,583
		By Bank Charges	118
		By Bonus	27,000
		By Salaries	3,88,000
		By Office Expenses	3,565
		By Incentives	16,000
		By Other Expenses	2,600
		By Travel Expenses	8,890
		By Bank Interest	754
		By Closing Balance	8,27,469
		- Bank account	1,963
		- Cash in hand	-
		- Petty Cash	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,73,051</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,73,051</b>

For GiftAble Foundation

*[Signature]*

(Managing Trustee)

Place: Bangalore  
Date : 15.09.2018

*[Signature]*

(Trustee)

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