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Picture from Rewati Prabhu

19th January 2021 (Nature)

RESQ Centre for Animals

On January 19th, Kartik's 4th Remembrance Day, the Trustees of The Kartik Foundation visited the RESQ centre in Pune - a sprawling 2-acre haven for rescued animals. Here, a team of experts led by Founder Neha Panchamia, look after domestic and wild animals until they are well and ready to be rehoused or set free in the wild. The Kartik Foundation has been supporting RESQ since 2018 and are currently developing ideas for further support in 2021.

The Trustees also planted a beautiful Sonchapa (Frangipani) tree in their adjacent plot in Kartik's memory.

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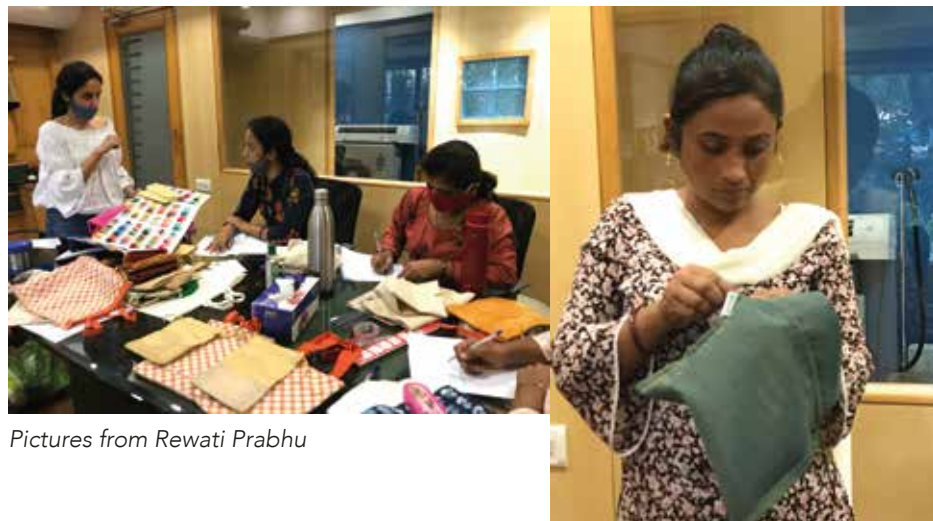
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16th January 2021 (Enterprise)

Re-FAB- Mann Deshi Training session at Sunaina Bajaj Studio

Re-FAB organised a day long training session for 3 tailoring entrepreneurs from the Mann Deshi Foundation at the studio of Mumbai fashion designer Sunaina Bajaj. Sunaina and her team of Ramesh Master and Noor Jahan trained the Mann Deshi ladies in how to create export quality products with an emphasis on pattern cutting, stitching, and finishing. The 3 ladies - Jyoti, Anita, and Rupali, will now share their learnings with other 15 tailors at Mann Deshi, Dhayri, to ensure the lessons are shared and all the products made by the Dhayri Unit are finished to world class standards.

The Kartik Foundation is deeply grateful to Sunaina Bajaj for her continued guidance and kind generosity to Re-FAB. Sunaina's fine aesthetic sense, vast experience, and commitment will be instrumental in the growth of Re-FAB



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Summer 2020 – Feb/March 2021 (Enterprise)

Mann Deshi Internship

Dheer Karia completed his 2020 Mann Deshi Internship, and while his experience was virtual due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, he still found it both fulfilling and enlightening. By assisting the Mann Deshi Foundation with their marketing and fundraising, assessing the use of technology across their programs, and mentoring the women entrepreneurs with their business proposals, Dheer provided valuable skills while expanding his own. Dheer completed his internship in the autumn of 2020 and issued his findings report to The Kartik Foundation.

He now hopes to build a community of Mann Deshi interns, and is helping keep this initiative going & growing as the Foundation works with Mann Deshi to see how the internship can be implemented for 2021. Later this year, Dheer hopes to give a virtual presentation sharing his experiences & suggestions with our charity Trustees, members of the Mann Deshi Foundation, and his fellow Cambridge University students. More details on his presentation will follow, should anyone wish to join.



Picture from Dheer Karia



Pictures from Mann Deshi Foundation

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Autumn 2020 (Art)

Creative Writing with Westminster School

This year The Kartik Foundation will commence an exciting Creative Writing initiative at Westminster School and its academies in collaboration with the English department at Westminster School. The aim is to nurture creative expression and connect young writers from diverse backgrounds before they move into the pressure of 6th form.

While final plans are still underway, the goal is to have celebrated writers of various genres lead the workshops, providing the students with mentoring & guidance from established authors. Westminster School will then host a competition for the workshop attendees, with the prize for fiction being named the Kartik Prabhu Prize to commemorate Kartik's passion for and skill in creative writing.

As virtual learning is becoming the norm during these unprecedented times, we hope this initiative can be a joyful & impactful addition to the Saturday online platform Westminster and its academies. In future years we plan to eventually hold the creative writing workshops in person and open to students beyond the current online platform.



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Spring/Summer 2020 (Art)

Memorial Sculpture & Window

Two beautiful pieces of art are now installed as memorials at Pembroke College Cambridge University. The first is the magnificent stained-glass window, designed & created by the Foundation's good friend Maria Cristina. Located at Foundress Court at the College, the multi-coloured work depicts a walk in the forest which pays homage to Kartik's deep love of nature.

The second is The Bench with a Difference, designed by The Kartik Foundation's good friend Dr Trevor Morriss. A unique yet functional sculpture integrated with technology in the form of USB chargers, the bench offers a welcome respite for those walking throughout the College grounds.



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