

# **Activity Report of The Atisha Charitable Trust**



**The Atisha Charitable Trust, Headquarters  
Arasinakere, Mysore**

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## THE ATISHA CHARITABLE TRUST REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022

### *A Monument to Art and Devotion—The Ten.do*

We endeavoured to recreate a work of art called “The Abode to the Dharmapala” when all other activities remained restricted. It was when people everywhere resorted to distractions of self-indulgence, having become virtual prisoners to the ongoing lockdowns.

This work of art and an age-old tradition of commissioning a so-called ‘celestial mansion’ to a Protector Deity is no longer an arcane sacrosanct monumental structure limited to the boundaries of faith and its votaries. It is a cultural artefact for art lovers and believers, now within the public domain for all to see and cherish!

The project for the construction, installation and consecration of the *Thread Abode Mandala* of the Deity Dorje Shugden has reached a successful conclusion. Like other institutions, the Trust has faced conundrums in implementing some of its programmes since the year before. And yet it turned out to be a boon for the Trust in discharging a few of its vital schemes undertaken.

Benefactors & friends need to know that the only craftsman alive, the Ven. Losang Dondup and our team of monks have accomplished a rare feat. And this is not a mere religious artefact for believers but a masterpiece to serve the world and humanity at large for posterity. To begin with, we have dedicated it to the Indian nation and its well-being and prosperity.

### *Resurrecting A Long-Lost Project*

After a gap of twelve years again, the Mantra Scroll Project witnessed a resurrection, and its value is common knowledge to Buddhist votaries. What makes it unique, however, is the mind-boggling effort put into making it a masterpiece of perfection and the dedication for which the community of the Kundeling monastery does not seek any remuneration.

Others have demanded payments for the scrolls and made a franchise deal from those in need. The Kundeling monastery has for decades made the same free of charge for anybody in dire need of the same. The labour and time take a toll on the daily programme of the Kundeling Monastery. Yet, the community generously gave up their leisure and study time to create these precious capsules. Knowing that these mantra scrolls will serve others for posterity.

Our second initiative was during the lockdown, as outside activities remained restricted. As a Buddhist community, this was a golden opportunity for us to create these sacred capsules free of charge. A token of our labour taken as an obligation without being asked.

### *Developments of the Previous Year*

There had been a delay from the authorities in extending our FCRA permit—a certificate permitting the receipt of foreign funds. We, however, continued with our objectives that have always involved *Spiritual, Educational and Social* projects. We view our spiritual undertakings, besides our social projects, as our goals and means to serve mainstream society, mainly focusing on the underprivileged.

There was an impact on lifestyles, with the fallout on the economy, and the functions of various government and private institutions drastically stopped. These repercussions from two years of the pandemic have meant that we, too, have not been able to function the way we always have. We witnessed a slow but gradual recovery from the previous year from the repeated lockdowns. Schools had barely opened in the autumn of

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2022, with gatherings periodically restricted.

We were, however, allowed to distribute stationery goods and packed eatables on a small scale. Hindrances aside, we have, however, increased our engagements in areas where we could function within the parameters of the law. As we

could hold but one Medical Camp, unlike years before the pandemic, we went ahead with individual medical care and sponsorship for medical schemes. We reached out to orphanages and other institutions to provide contributions.

### ***The Kundeling Monastic Community***

The KMC is the pivotal undertaking of the ACT, its motto being “Buddhism in action”, and the goal or means to achieve it is “integration into mainstream society”. We continue to highlight this to friends and those curious about the role of this community. Combining spiritual education with the secular has been a tradition for over two decades. Recruits come and depart, as we offer the free choice to continue or forsake a lifetime commitment to ordination.

Activities of the ACT are jointly taken care of by the staff on payroll and members of the KMC. It implies that 70% per cent of the social project and labour involved in serving activities other than the usual Buddhist curriculum of spiritual engagements gets shouldered by our Community. Religious sacraments customarily consumed by the monastic establishments and votaries are distributed to the non-Buddhist underprivileged within villages. Those unable to comprehend our social engagements have always been welcome to our headquarters to witness this.

### ***In Conclusion***

Regulations involving institutions holding the FCRA permit must utilise 80% per cent of their funds acquired towards their avowed goals, as per law. Hence projects are usually embarked on within the given parameters of the aims & objectives of this Trust—the three mottos stated earlier.

Although the Income Tax Dept has stipulated us as 80% religious and 20% per cent social. This provision can, however, be misleading for those who view religion and its adherents as unproductive, living sedentary lifestyles and as retarded. Our endeavours mentioned in reports are even so self-explanatory. Hence, common sense alone will reveal our pursuits for what they are.

We hope those who read this report can figure out for themselves that activities in this year, 2022 are different from those of the years before and the resulting aftermath of the pandemic. Details of the reports on the expenditures incurred have been provided separately like in all the previous years.

We sincerely thank all benefactors, notably the Atisha India/Tibet Funds, for their unwavering support of our activities. Likewise, thank all of you who have continued to support the ACT and the KMC, with contributions, big or small.

***Subham astu Sarvajagam,***

***May there be auspiciousness throughout the Universe!***

From the President’s desk,

Kundeling Rimpoche



**The photos of the making of Mantra Scrolls that took place on 25th January 2022 in the Kundeling Monastery**



1. The preliminary process of washing mantra scrolls in medicinal liquid as preparation



2. Drying out the anointed Mantra scrolls in preparation for the next stage



3. The process of rolling the dry sheets of mantras into capsules for its next stage of preparation





4. The process of rolling into capsules and wrapping it in cloth concluded. The scrolls are carefully placed in containers.

**The photos of the making of “The Substitute Abode of the Deity” that took place on 10th April 2022 in the Kundeling Monastery**



1. The first stage of training in preparation to the actual work of constructing “The Substitute Abode of the Deity.”





2. The second stage of thread work upon wooden foundation to construct the walls to the Abode



3. The skeletal interior foundation of the Abode that will hold the structure of the Substitute Abode



4. The structure of Substitute Abode of the Deity Dorje Shugden in its magnificence





5. The working staff and expert together after completing and placing the 'Substitute to the Abode the Deity Dorje Shugden

**The photos of the Medical Camp that took place on the 9th October, 2022 in Arasinakere village, Mysore**



1. The Medical Camp that took place on the 9th October, 2022





2. Picturing the distribution of free Allopathic medicine



3. Monks of KMC in action distributing tea and biscuits to the voluntary staff at the Medical Camp



**The photos of the Annual Pooja (Paricharya) performed on 6th December 2022  
in the Kundeling Monastery**



1. The consecration ceremony of the Substitute of the Abode to the Deity Dorje Shugden



2. The Torma offerings to the rite of the “Pacification of the feindesses.”



3. The Burnt Offerings performed by Shar Gaden Monastics





4. Handing out tokens to the team of Shar Ganden monks as thanks giving



5. The distribution of eatables and drinks to the Arasinakere GPHS School