

GOLDEN SHINE CULTURAL WELFARE TRUST

=====ANNUAL REPORT=====

2023-2024

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===== INTRODUCTION =====

Golden Shine Cultural Welfare Trust continues to rise as a beacon of hope, empowerment, and excellence in the realm of inclusive performing arts. Each passing year deepens our commitment to nurturing the immense musical potential among persons with disabilities, and the year 2023–2024 was no exception. It was a year filled with grand stages, soulful moments, and remarkable progress — not only in cultural expression but in real, tangible empowerment through income, visibility, and respect.

As we present this annual report, we do so with immense pride, knowing that every initiative taken, every stage conquered, and every smile shared helped light the path for a more inclusive and compassionate society.



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Dear Shining Stars Band,

We are writing on behalf of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities to extend our sincerest appreciation for your outstanding performance at the Purple Fest 2024 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi.

- The musical performance of your band in the esteemed presence of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, the Honorable President of India took the Purple Fest to a new level. Your performance is a hallmark of inspiration for persons with disabilities to reach greater heights.
- We thank you for performing at the Purple Fest and wish you all the best for your future endeavors.

Warm regards,

(Sunil Kumar Mahto)
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===== OUR STORY =====

Golden Shine is all about, paving a way for the others to follow. It all started as a childhood dream for Ankur Gupta and Chetna Nagpal, both people with visual disability to pursue music education, their challenges faced and finally making music accessible for all other differently abled people

The road was less travelled and very few to none opportunities were available, but this did not stop them from creating Golden Shine. This could not have been possible without the unparalleled support from Mohit Rathore who envisioned the same with them. Golden Shine Cultural Welfare Trust came into existence in 2018. Golden Shine is the manifestation of their vision that they continue to work for in a dedicated fashion. It aims to bring out the hidden talents of people with disabilities (PwDs) and the ones belonging to the economically weaker sections of society to give them a chance at life.

===== Our Mission =====

- Our mission is to promote music education for people with disability by providing personalized, empathetic support and guidance.
- Through our mission, we hope to break down the barriers that prevent people with disability from pursuing their passion for music.
- We firmly believe that music education should be inclusive and accessible to everyone, and we are committed to making this a reality.
- Our mission is rooted by empathy and understanding, and we strive to provide personalized support that meets the unique needs of each individual.
- We strive to create a community where people with disability can come together to share their talents and to learn and grow as musicians.

===== *Our Vision* =====

Our vision is to create a world where music education is accessible to all, regardless of disability.

With our innovative approach, we hope to revolutionize the music education system and create a more inclusive and accessible world for people with disability.

===== *Our Strategy* =====

Our teaching team consists of experienced music educators and disability advocates who are passionate about creating a more inclusive and accessible music education system. Our approach is grounded by guidance and understanding. We recognize that each disabled individual has unique needs and abilities, and we strive to provide personalized support and guidance throughout the learning process

We work closely with students to understand their goals and aspirations, and we tailor our teaching methods to meet their specific needs. In addition to providing individual music lessons, we also offer group classes and workshops that foster a sense of community and belonging.



===== ORGANIZATION PROFILE =====

The year 2023–2024 has been an immensely fulfilling one for us at Golden Shine Cultural Welfare Trust. Our efforts to empower persons with disabilities through music and the arts have gained strength and deeper meaning as we witnessed remarkable talent taking center stage, touching hearts, and breaking barriers.



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===== OUR OBJECTIVE =====

The objectives of Golden Shine are clear and are built with the betterment and upliftment of a people with disability to help them gain a status in the society built solely upon their talent.

We aim to provide personalized, adaptive music education that meets the unique needs of people with disability.

We aim to create a supportive community of disabled musicians that fosters a sense of belonging and empowerment.

We aim to promote disability awareness and advocacy within the music education system.

We aim to use technology and innovative teaching methods to make music education more accessible to people with disability.

We aim to assist with a platform for disabled musicians to showcase their talents and to inspire others.

We look forward to partner with organizations and stakeholders to promote disability rights and inclusion within the music industry.



Through these objectives, Golden Shine hopes to create a world where people with disability have the same opportunities to learn and perform music as everyone else.

===== MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR =====

1. The Sufi Music Affair – A Journey into the Divine:

Date: July 1, 2023

Venue: Azad Bhawan Auditorium, Delhi

In keeping with GoldenShine's mission of preserving and promoting the purest forms of music, our flagship concert for 2023 — The Sufi Music Affair — paid a moving tribute to India's rich Sufi traditions. Curated with spiritual depth and musical finesse, the concert brought together differently-abled vocalists and musicians from all corners of the country that performed Qawwalis, Sufi Kalam, and classical devotional compositions that left the audience entranced.



The auditorium was brimming with over 300 attendees, all immersed in a mystical experience that transcended physical boundaries and connected souls. The feedback was overwhelming, with many calling it one of the most soulful Sufi experiences they'd ever witnessed.

Apart from being a cultural celebration, the event also created income opportunities for our performers, many of whom rely on such platforms to sustain themselves financially and professionally. The event was made possible

with support from organisations such as the National Association for the Blind (Delhi) and the Pure Heart Club.

2. Diwali 2023 – Celebrating With Heart:

Our Diwali celebration this year was all about love, warmth, and family. Hosted with the extended GoldenShine family — students, supporters, teachers, volunteers, and well-wishers — the event was full of joyous moments. There was live music, games, food, and heartfelt conversations that brought people closer.

The highlight, of course, was the Diwali gifting ceremony, where each beneficiary received thoughtful gifts, a symbol of appreciation and care. Celebrations like these reinforce the emotional support system we strive to build at GoldenShine.

3. The Shining Stars at Rashtrapati Bhawan – A Historic Honor:

Date: February 26, 2024

Event: Purple Fest – Concluding Ceremony

Venue: Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi

The moment that will forever be etched in the history of GoldenShine arrived when The Shining Stars, our in-house band of differently-abled musicians,



performed at the Rashtrapati Bhawan during the Purple Fest — the flagship celebration of disability empowerment hosted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The band presented motivational and Bollywood music to an august

audience that included Honourable President Smt. Droupadi Murmu and the legendary lyricist Shri Javed Akhtar, who personally appreciated the artists for their soulful and powerful rendition of the Purple Anthem. The honour, the applause, and the tears of joy were shared by the entire country.

All participating artists were felicitated with certificates of appreciation and honorariums — a validation of their artistic merit and a symbol of national respect.

4. Performance Opportunities – Platforms to Prosper:

- The journey of The Shining Stars continued with electrifying performances throughout the year across renowned platforms: SBI Annual Event, Siri Fort Auditorium – April 16, 2023
- BRICS Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs, Hyatt Delhi – March 2024
- Multiple programs at inclusive schools, NGOs, and community events

Each performance not only showcased talent but also generated employment and income for our artists — many of whom are now building careers as full-time musicians and performers through the support and grooming provided by GoldenShine. The consistent opportunities throughout the year helped create a sustainable model for artistic livelihood and social dignity.



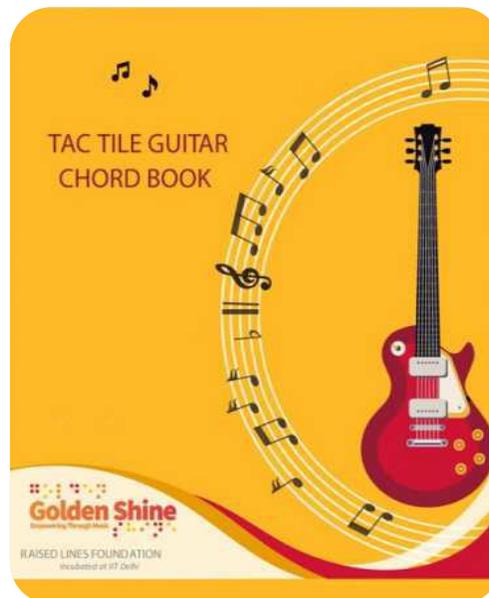
===== ACCESSIBLE MUSIC TRAINING PROGRAM =====

Saakar, meaning "turning to reality," embodies Golden Shine Cultural Welfare Trust's commitment to providing accessible music training to individuals with disabilities. Through Saakar, we offer a comprehensive range of courses tailored to the unique needs of our students, all provided free of cost.

COURSES OFFERED:

- ✓ Hindustani vocals
- ✓ Guitar
- ✓ Piano
- ✓ Tabla
- ✓ Drums
- ✓ Flute
- ✓ And more...

Our courses are designed to meet the accessible music learning needs of persons with disabilities, ensuring that every student can explore their passion for music in a supportive and inclusive environment.



CERTIFICATION UPON COMPLETION:

Upon successfully completing a course, students receive a certification recognizing their achievements. This certification not only serves as a testament to their dedication and hard work but also enhances their credentials for pursuing further opportunities in the field of music.

INCLUSIVE LEARNING MATERIALS:

We provide learning materials in accessible formats such as braille, tactile, and audio, ensuring that every student can access the resources they need to succeed in their musical journey. Additionally, we develop accessible music learning tools to enhance the music learning experience. One such tool is the tactile Guitar chord book, which we have developed to aid students in learning guitar chords through touch.



EMPOWERING EMPLOYMENT IN MUSIC AND ARTS:

Shining Stars is an initiative aimed at generating employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in the field of music and arts. Central to this initiative is the Shining Stars band, comprising talented individuals with disabilities who perform at various events.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Through Shining Stars, individuals with disabilities are provided with opportunities to contribute as performers, sound engineers, hotel musicians, and more. By showcasing their skills and talents, participants challenge perceptions and promote inclusivity in the music industry.

SHINING STARS BAND:

The Shining Stars band is a multi-genre ensemble comprising talented individuals with disabilities. With captivating performances at numerous events, the band not only entertains audiences but also inspires others to embrace diversity and inclusion in music.

EMPOWERING THROUGH PERFORMANCE:

By providing regular employment opportunities and a platform for expression, Shining Stars empowers individuals with disabilities to pursue fulfilling careers in music and arts. Through their performances, participants demonstrate their capabilities and contribute to a more inclusive and equitable society. Shining Stars is not just about music; it's about empowerment, inclusion, and breaking down barriers. Through this initiative, Golden Shine Cultural Welfare Trust aims to create a world where individuals with disabilities are recognized and valued for their talents and contributions to the arts.

PROJECT SAAKAR – ACCESSIBLE MUSIC EDUCATION FOR ALL

Our long-standing and flagship initiative, Project Saakar, continued to thrive this year as a specialised and accessible music training program tailored for persons with disabilities. The project remained one of the most vital arms of the Trust's work.

Throughout the year:

- ✓ Students from across India enrolled in online and



offline music classes across disciplines including vocal music, keyboard, tabla, guitar, and music theory.

- ✓ We maintained our strong focus on accessibility, using specially designed methods and formats that enable students with visual and other disabilities to learn effectively.
- ✓ Project Saakar went beyond just learning; it also offered opportunities for students to perform, record, and earn, creating a full circle of growth.

Importantly, GoldenShine also continued its commitment to employment generation through this project by hiring differently-abled music teachers and facilitators. Many of them, former students themselves, are now guiding new learners and earning stable incomes through teaching.

Project Saakar, thus, stood not just as a learning program but as a movement one that builds skills, provides jobs, and fuels the artistic dreams of those often left behind.

**===== EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT – OUR CORE
COMMITMENT =====**

At GoldenShine, empowerment is not a buzzword — it is a measurable goal. And in 2023–24, we were proud to see our initiatives lead to direct income generation for numerous artists, musicians, and facilitators.

- ❖ Performers under The Shining Stars were compensated for every performance enabling them to support themselves and their families.
- ❖ Music Teachers under Project Saakar, many of whom are visually impaired, earned respectable incomes while nurturing the next generation of artists.
- ❖ By collaborating with NGOs, government bodies, and corporates, we built a sustainable ecosystem that gives our artists what they deserve: respect, recognition, and remuneration.

**===== A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM THE MANAGING
TRUSTEE – CHETNA NAGPAL =====**

“There are years in an organisation’s journey that serve as a turning point — and 2023–24 was that year for GoldenShine.

From the spiritually transcendent Sufi Music Affair to the unforgettable performance at Rashtrapati Bhawan, from lighting lamps of love during Diwali to sparking lifelong learning through Project Saakar — this year has been a powerful reminder of what we are capable of when we work with conviction and compassion.

I’ve seen our artists transform, our students bloom, and our teachers become leaders. I’ve seen tears in the eyes of parents who never imagined their child would earn by performing on national stages. I’ve seen ministries, legends like Javed Akhtar ji, and the President of India herself rise in admiration for our work.

Behind all this is a community of supporters — our donors, volunteers, partner organisations, and families — who trust our mission and stand by us year after year. You are the real pillars of this movement.

GoldenShine is not just an NGO. It is a force. A collective of voices that will not be silenced. A home for music that heals and empowers.

Thank you for walking with us. For believing in the light we carry. Together, let’s keep shining brighter.”

सूफी संगीत प्रसंग-भावपूर्ण धुनों की एक शानदार शाम

संवाददाता (दिल्ली) गोल्डनशाइन ट्रस्ट और एन ए बी दिल्ली ने आईसीसीआर ऑडिटोरियम, दिल्ली के सहयोग से एक मनमोहक संगीत कार्यक्रम द सूफी म्यूजिक अफेयर प्रस्तुत किया, जिसने उपस्थित सभी लोगों का दिल जीत लिया। शाम को द शाइनिंग स्टार्स म्यूजिकल ग्रुप, दिल्ली का पहला पेशेवर बैंड, जो पूरी तरह से दृष्टिबाधित संगीतकारों से बना था, ने मंत्रमुग्ध कर देने वाली प्रस्तुतियाँ दीं, जिन्होंने अपनी भावपूर्ण कव्वालियों से दर्शकों को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। इस कार्यक्रम में प्रतिभाशाली कलाकारों की एक विविध श्रृंखला शामिल थी जिन्होंने अपनी असाधारण संगीत प्रतिभा को सामने लाया। प्रसिद्ध गायक श्री अंकुर गुप्ता ने मनमोहक कव्वालियाँ प्रस्तुत कीं जो दर्शकों के मन में गूँज उठीं और उन्हें एक गहन संगीत अनुभव में डुबो दिया। उनके भावपूर्ण प्रदर्शन ने सभी को उनकी उल्लेखनीय प्रतिभा से आश्चर्यचकित कर दिया। सुप्रसिद्ध एक्सेसिबिलिटी विशेषज्ञ और एनएबी दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री प्रशांत रंजन वर्मा की उपस्थिति ने इस अवसर की गरिमा बढ़ा दी। उनके समर्थन और भागीदारी ने कला में समावेशिता और पहुंच के महत्व को और रेखांकित किया। विशिष्ट अतिथियों में श्री पवन शर्मा (विधायक, आदर्श नगर), श्री राजीव अग्रवाल (उपाध्यक्ष, सैमसंग), श्री सुभाष गोयल



(एसटीआईसी ट्रेवल के संस्थापक और अध्यक्ष), और श्री अश्विनी गोयल (गोयल प्रकाशन के संस्थापक) शामिल थे। कार्यक्रम में उनकी उपस्थिति ने समावेशी वातावरण को बढ़ावा देने और अलग-अलग विकलांग व्यक्तियों की प्रतिभा को बढ़ावा देने के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। सूफी संगीत प्रसंग इन अविश्वसनीय कलाकारों की असाधारण क्षमताओं का प्रमाण है। गोल्डनशाइन ट्रस्ट और एनएबी दिल्ली ने अतीत में कई संगीत कार्यक्रमों में सहयोग किया है, जिससे इन संगीतकारों को प्रशंसनीय दर्शकों के सामने अपनी उल्लेखनीय प्रतिभा दिखाने के लिए एक मंच प्रदान किया गया है। गोल्डन शाइन ट्रस्ट, निःशुल्क और सुलभ संगीत शिक्षा प्रदान करने में अग्रणी संगठन है, जिसका उद्देश्य विकलांग व्यक्तियों को सशक्त बनाना और संगीत के क्षेत्र में उनके लिए रोजगार के

अवसर पैदा करना है। द शाइनिंग स्टार्स म्यूजिकल ग्रुप द्वारा इस तरह के असाधारण प्रदर्शन को देखकर हम सम्मानित महसूस कर रहे हैं। यह आयोजन एक अनुस्मारक के रूप में कार्य करता है कि सच्ची प्रतिभा कोई सीमा नहीं जानती है, और ऐसे असाधारण व्यक्तियों का पोषण और समर्थन करना हमारी जिम्मेदारी है। सूफी म्यूजिक अफेयर ने न केवल अपनी मनमोहक धुनों से दर्शकों को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया, बल्कि समावेशिता का एक शक्तिशाली संदेश भी दिया, जिससे साबित हुआ कि संगीत में बाधाओं को पार करने और दिलों को छूने की शक्ति है। अपने सामूहिक प्रयासों के माध्यम से, गोल्डनशाइन ट्रस्ट, एनएबी दिल्ली और उनके सहयोगी विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए संगीत की दुनिया में फलने-फूलने के अवसर पैदा करना जारी रखते हैं।

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Thank you