

Annual Report 2016-17



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1.44mn
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From the team

We are happy to share with you our Fourth Annual Report.

It has been another eventful year. Even as we started sharing more of our stories with other media houses, through our Open Media initiative, we also started some new initiatives.

We used the opportunity of the TN assembly elections to launch the Chennai edition of Citizen Matters. Meenakshi Ramesh who has been a long time volunteer for city issues is anchoring the edition. We also launched the national site early 2017 and restructured the media into a nation urban focused edition and multiple city chapters.

We continued our partnership with Data Meet to do more work on public data and this resulted in the Open City urban data platform. Co Media Lab, our joint initiative with Radio Active and Jain University, got off to a great start in mid 2016..

We had a big setback in August 2016, in the form of a server crash. Although our sites were down for only 2 days, we have had to work very hard to painstakingly rebuild our archives. In 2017 we moved completely to a new and more robust platform,

All of the above would not have been possible without the support of donors and well-wishers like you. Thank you.



The organisation

Oorvani Foundation is a nonprofit that develops and promotes deep-diving journalism on governance, citizenship and society. Oorvani Foundation is one of India's first public-funded trusts for public affairs journalism. For media to remain independent, unbiased and non-partisan, the community needs to have stake in it, rather than parties with vested interests. Our funding comes from our readers who believe in us and the work that we do.

- Digital news media with insightful reporting on critical urban issues, ideas and solutions for cities, with local channels for civic journalism and community engagement.
- Co Media Lab is a newsroom and resource centre for citizen contributors and student journalists. We encourage, support and train community reporters/producers and young journalists.
- Open City is an Urban Data Portal - A collaboration between Oorvani Foundation and DataMeet.
- India Together is devoted to coverage of public affairs, policy, and development in India



Org Updates & Recognition

Staff

Associate Editor: Shree DN | Staff Reporter: Akshatha M |
Associate Editor: Satarupa Sen |
Editorial Coordinator (IT) - Sapana Rawat

Oorvani Foundation Leadership

Meera K, Managing Trustee | Meenakshi Ramesh
Ashwin Mahesh

October 2016 - Co Founder Meera K was elected an Ashoka fellow. Ashoka is a worldwide network of social entrepreneurs. Ashoka Innovators for the Public formally elected seven new Ashoka fellows for South Asia in 2016

Associate Editor Shree D N was selected for a fellowship to attend Uncovering Asia, the investigative journalism conference, organised by Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN) in Kathmandu in Nov 2016, on the basis of work done so far by the Oorvani team on environmental journalism and document-based investigative journalism.

Co Media Lab, partnered with the Emmy Award-winning International Reporting Program (IRP) at the University of British Columbia's School of Journalism.

We also worked with Biome on a project supported by Wipro to create a water knowledgebase - this resulted in urbanwaters.in

Stories from Citizen Matters

We covered some critical topics affecting Bengaluru and Chennai, as well as cities across India, managing the terrible pain of sorting out the server crash and retrieving our old stories. The team worked day and night, supported by former team members volunteering to get things on track.

- [Who is accountable for lake pollution in Bengaluru?](#)
- [Use BBMP data to know why your ward has a garbage problem](#)
- [Bengaluru garment workers protest: what really happened in April 2016](#)
- [Why BWSSB's notification on STPs is illegal, impractical and illogical](#)
- [Will restructuring into 10 zones help BBMP?](#)
- [What can residents affected by Namma Metro land acquisition get?](#)
- [Why is justice often delayed in child sexual offence cases?](#)
- [What I learnt from Chennai's Venkatamangalam composting yard](#)
- [From Chennai to Pune, citizens wage lonely battles to save wetlands](#)
- [How to organise cycle days in your neighbourhood](#)
- [How does Budget 2017 affect cities and citizens?](#)
- [Making our cities child-friendly, one park at a time](#)
- [How a design enthusiast in Mangalore is inspiring alternative farming](#)
- [Will Mysuru's bike sharing system transform commute?](#)
- [Why are Indian scientists asking you to march with them this August?](#)

Investigative Series:

- [Maverick's Eijipura project saga](#)
- [Right to Education](#)

[Tamilnadu Elections 2016](#)

We published info on all Chennai constituencies and information on candidates, manifestos, voter registration etc.

Open City & Data Journalism

- Setup the website in partnership with our friends at Data Meet
- We had got our first data intern - a Master student of Urban Data Science - Pierre de Masse from Paris. We deep dived into Bengaluru's public data on water, waste, power, etc in our Open City data blog. We crossed 110 public datasets on Open City data platform, and also collated hundreds of documents related to the city.
- We did a study on Tanker water pricing and Garbage spot mapping with the help of real time data shared by citizen journalists. [More >](#)

Co Media Lab

Started August 2016 in partnership with Radio Active 90.4 MHz CR, hosted at Jain University.

Workshops

- Organised events on Water, Air Pollution
- Journalism workshops for Jain University. Community Journalism Workshop at ECC. Young Journalists Workshop: Bangalore Literature Festival 2016

Community events

- Monthly meetings on topics from Masterplan, RERA, neighbourhood initiatives, garbage burning etc. Ideas and solutions were discussed. Some of these led to action on the ground.

Internships


- 3 interns from Christ University and Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media.



Collaborative project

Partnership with the International Reporting Program at Univ of British Columbia. Project on urban resilience. Fellows from India include four journalists from Bengaluru. Students engaged in weekly classes and collaborate in small teams to produce major stories

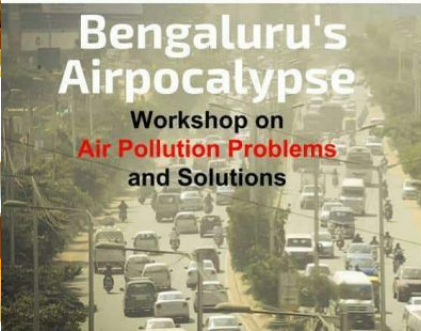


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Workshop on
Air Pollution Problems and Solutions



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Accounts

Oorvani Foundation

Charitable trust registration no: BNG-BMH244/2013-14

Date of registration: 6th August, 2013

Registered office address: 98/1, MMR Plaza, Sarjapur Road, Jakkasandra, Bangalore – 560034, Karnataka

Oorvani Foundation is registered as a charitable trust u/s 12 A of Income Tax Act 1961 Vide No. DIT(E)BLR/12A/H-257/AAATO4080E/ITO(E)-2/Vol 2013-2014 with effect from AY 2014-15.

Any donations made to Oorvani Foundation are exempt u/s 80G subject to limits prescribed under the Income Tax Act 1961. (Approval no. DIT(E)BLR/80G/12A/H-257/AAATO4080E/ITO(E)-2/Vol 2013-2014) with effect from AY 2014-2015.

Audited by: P N R & Co., Chartered Accountants, No 186/1, J.C. Complex Annexe, Sirur Park Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020

Oorvani Foundation

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Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2017

Liabilities		Amount	Assets		Amount
		Rs.			Rs.
Corpus Fund			Current Assets, Loans and Advances		
Contribution from Trustees		3,000.00	Bank Balance in Savings Bank Account with		
			- ICICI Bank A/c No. 100805000796		913,380.43
Excess of income over expenditure		807,560.43	Salary Advance		27,000.00
Current Liabilities and provisions					
Salary payable		59,200.00			
Consultancy Fee payable		63,198.00			
Professional tax payable		400.00			
TDS payable					
- TDS - Consultancy		7,022.00			
Total		940,380.43	Total		940,380.43

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31, 2017

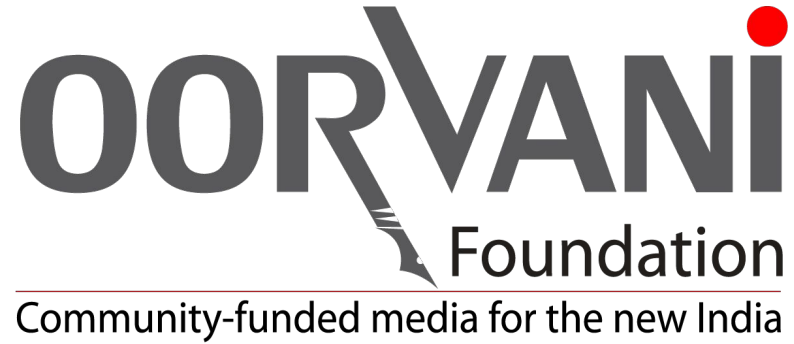
Expenditure		Amount	Income		Amount
		Rs.			Rs.
Salary and benefits		953,798.00	Contribution Received		1,941,171.10
Professional Charges		688,990.00			
Computer repair		2,500.00			
Event refreshment cost		8,310.00			
Rates and taxes		2,399.00			
Accounting Charges		16,000.00			
Office Rent		89,000.00			
Audit Fee		30,000.00			
Bank charges		114.50			
Excess of Income over expenditure		150,059.60			
Total		1,941,171.10	Total		1,941,171.10

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Receipts and Payments Account for the period from April 01, 2016 to March 31, 2017

Receipts	Amount Rs.	Payments	Amount Rs.
Bank Balance in Savings Bank Account with		Salaries	1,000,190.00
ICICI Bank - Account No.100805000796	781,375.83	Consultancy charges	578,408.00
Contribution received	1,941,171.10	Accounting Charges	16,000.00
		Audit Fee paid	30,000.00
		TDS on salary paid	36,483.00
		TDS on consultancy charges paid	40,362.00
		Interest on TDS	593.00
		Interest on PT late payment	6.00
		Office Rent	89,000.00
		Professional Tax paid - Enrolment Fee	1,000.00
		Event refreshment cost	8,310.00
		Computer repair	2,500.00
		PT paid	6,200.00
		Bank charges	114.50
		Closing Balance	
		Bank Balance in Savings Bank Account with	
		ICICI Bank - Account No.100805000796	913,380.43
Total	2,722,546.93	Total	2,722,546.93



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