

Annual Report of the Krishna Trust (January 2013 – March 2014)

1. Krishna Trust was founded and registered in January 2013. The founding members are – Ranabir Samaddar, Paula Banerjee, Sibaji Pratim Basu, Chandra Sengupta, and Uttam Ray. Later Shikha Ganguly was invited to be a member of the Trust, as she was one of the founders, but on the day of registration she could not come from Delhi, where she stays.
2. Krishna Trust got the Income tax Account Number and on the basis of that opened its bank account in May 2013.
3. The Trust as its first activity collected money for its functioning, and began the task of arranging treatment and care of Krishna Bhattacharya – an Alzheimer’s patient. As part of the care arrangement the Trust procured a new wheel chair and other medical equipment for Krishna Bhattacharya. It also procured another old wheel chair for the same purpose.
4. It arranged for the hospitalization of Krishna Bhattacharya in August 2013 and looked after her treatment in the hospital till her death.
5. After Krishna Bhattacharya’s death on 6 September 2013 it organized a condolence meeting in association with the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group on 21 September 2013, and another condolence meeting in collaboration with the Pakistan-India People’s Forum for Peace and Democracy on 29 September 2013. Both meetings were well attended. The Trust declared its resolve to pursue its goals in memory of late Krishna Bhattacharya.
6. In this period it also deliberated and held consultations with various educationists on the task of organizing scholarships for women educationists from 2014.
7. It has also planned a series of lectures in memory of Krishna Bhattacharya on the two themes of (a) Care and (b) Women’s Education.
8. In this period it held three trustee meetings towards establishing the Trust properly, set up procedures, oversee the care and treatment of late Krishna Bhattacharya, and deliberate on other programmes to serve the objectives of the Trust, such as instituting awards and lectures on the themes of women’s education and care of the Alzheimers’ patients.
9. It donated two wheel chairs to Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital.
10. It gave Rs. 15,000/ (fifteen thousand rupees) each to the following caregivers of Alzheimer’s victims - Anajali Mistri, Rinku Deb, and Jabarani Samaddar - as recognition of their services to a victim of Alzheimer’s and as contribution towards their social security.
11. It held the first Krishna Memorial Lecture on 14 March 2014 on the theme of medical education of Women of Bengal in the initial years. The lecture was delivered by eminent historian at the State University of New York, Oswego, Professor Geraldine Forbes. The title of the lecture was, “I could live like a boy in every other respect: Misperceptions about Education for Women”
12. Finally in the year under consideration the Trust conferred the first Krishna Memorial Awards for Women educationists and caregivers to Noor Jahan Shakil and Amina Khatton for their exemplary services to Muslim girls’ education. Professor Md. Suleiman Khurshid gave the awards on 14 March 2014 – the same day the First Krishna Memorial Lecture was held.