



Loka in 2020

The year started with guest teachers visiting, ambitious plans and new collaborations. Due to the lockdown the school closed its doors during the summer & monsoon and continued creating learning experiences on a small scale. Some students left and new ones joined. The isolated location in combination with a small amount of students and a green and spacious campus made Loka's school a safe & inspiring space for learning during the global pandemic. **LEARNING** Loka's friends of Shangri-Lah Foundation created a mural with students. An Art Workshop was conducted by **Artreach India** and performer Arka Mukhopadhyay explored with students & teachers the possibilities of the human body through theatre techniques. Students visited the Sher Shah Suri Tomb in Sasaram and walked in the footsteps of the Buddha from

Pragbodhi to Bodh Gaya. They also participated in the Stories of Human Migration Learning Journey through **Out of Eden Learn**. Online classes from guest teachers included: slow journalist Paul Salopek, poet/publisher Rizio Yohannan and artist Stephanie Rhode. Grade 9 was guided online in preparing for exams by Sanchit Toor & friends. **ORGANIC FARM** Harvests: vegetables, fruit, pulses, wheat & rice. Installation of a drip irrigation system. **WORK IN PROGRESS** Maintenance, managing repairs and waterproofing roofs. **COMMUNICATION** Lila Foundation made a **short documentary** on Loka and created a **student magazine**. Project Zero's Out of Eden Learn at Harvard published a Video on the **Planetary Health learning journey** in which Loka participated. **ORGANISATION** Hans Leewens served as

What? Loka is a small school with big dreams in a village along the Punpun river in Bihar, India. **Why?** Loka explores ways of learning for a Beautiful, Just and Sustainable World. **Who?** Loka's 90 students aged 4-15, from nursery to grade 9, receive a complete education of Head, Heart & Hands. **How?** At Loka students are equipped to create their livelihoods, empowered to uplift their surroundings and enriched with a sense of purpose.

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Chairman of Stichting Loka for the last 5 years and helped create a solid foundation for the school to blossom & grow. Sander Tideman is Loka's new Chairman. His mission in life is to cultivate the positive qualities of the human mind and heart with the aim of building a more compassionate society and healthy sustainable ecosystem. **REMEMBERING** Trustee and dear friend Pradeep Sachdeva lives on through the buildings he designed, his flower and tree books in the library and his unwavering trust that helped create Loka. The life motto of Loka's inspiration Stephen Leech was: *We move to make the impossible possible*. His last contribution was materials for the Maker Space that will be built in his memory. Loka student Kajal and former student Vivek both left this world too soon. Strength and love to their families & friends. *May Peace be Everywhere*



Balance Sheet Stichting Loka (Loka NL)

Credit

Balance on 1/1/2020	€ 93.022
Donations & other income	€ 33.560
Total	€ 126.582

Debit

Donations Loka NL to Sarvodaya*	€ 52.850
Costs Loka NL	€ 408
Total	€ 53.258

Balance Sheet 31/12/20 € 73.324

Expenditure by Sarvodaya Society (Loka India)

Loka's Centre - operational Costs	€ 42.300
Loka's Centre - Investments	€ 10.550
Total	€ 52.850

*Sarvodaya Society is Loka's sister organisation in India.

Operational costs are structural costs, such as: school materials, salary teachers & supporting staff, electricity, communication, school trips, workshops, courses, school van, maintenance and office supplies. **Investments** included: construction of a room at the entrance gate, rain water harvesting system, waterproofing roofs, drip irrigation system, school uniforms, painting and strengthening boundary, school furniture, tree plantation, a bathroom, repairing, strengthening and maintaining buildings.

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Pradeep Sachdeva (1957-2020)

People of Loka

Founders

Sanat Kumar & Charlotte Leech
Loka India (Sarvodaya)
Pradeep Sachdeva, Lakshmi Saripalli, Vrinda Dar, Uma Prajapati

Loka NL (Stichting Loka)

Sander Tideman, Alain Hubers
Anne Wibaut, Trudy Kamsteeg

Advisers & Ambassadors

Shari Tishman, Rizio Yohannan,
Ishan Khosla, Danielle Winter,
Sandeep Kumar & Paul Palmarozza

Guest Teachers

Ashutosh Prasad, Stephanie Rhode,
Shivani Karmakar, Sanchit Toor,
Ekta Andani, Arka Mukhopadhyay

Loka Team

Nityanand, Sneha, Tripti,
Devendra, Ram Mohan, Deepak,
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