

Special Note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were closed for a large part of this year. School did not open until September (for classes 2-8) or October (for KG-Class 1). We again had a lengthy corona-induced closure in January/February. Even when school was running, any assembly larger than one class was forbidden. For this reason, we could not feed our students a school lunch. Because we could not feed the students, we were forced to run on a minimum day schedule (we were open from 8-1 instead of our usual 8-3 timings). Because we had shorter days, we could not run our arts program. Our after-school program was also suspended this year.

- **Teacher Salaries** includes monthly salaries as well as bonuses for holidays. Our teachers did not receive a raise this year since they were working less time than usual. Their salaries ranged from Rs. 3000-9500 per month depending on their position. Our expenses in this category dropped some over the previous year since we did not have any arts teachers, and we had no substitute costs.
- Rent, Utilities, and Maintenance includes all expenses related to the rent (as well as the Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) paid to the government based on our rent amount), maintenance of the school building, and computer lab upkeep. This category also includes, electricity, internet charges, and salaries for our handyman and custodian.
- School Expenses in this report include educational supplies (like books and photocopies) as well as several additional projects including: covid relief, phone data recharges for our graduate students who used their phones to attend online classes, our Children's Day picnic and 8th Class graduation party. and the purchase of cabinets for our classroom projector sets (funded by the One Percent Scheme, with money coming through Benares Schoolfund Foundation). We were not able to stage an annual performance this year, bringing costs in this category down considerably.
- School Lunch costs this year were low because we were not allowed to serve lunch to our students. Expenses here include our cooks' salaries (66% of this category) which continued throughout the year at previous levels. It also includes expenses of food and cooking gas for the meals which were prepared almost daily for the minimal staff who worked full-time at school.
- **Graduate Program** costs mushroomed this year amounting to almost half of our expenses this year. 55% of these funds covered all educational costs for 29 Asha Deep graduates in classes 9-12 and 3 graduates studying at college level (Rs. 15,84,682). The remaining amount (Rs. 13,08,239) was spent on an additional 24 former Jeevan School students who were accepted into our graduate program so that they could continue their studies. All expenses in this category were entirely covered by designated donations.
- NGO expenses were largely Rs. 57,146 fees paid to our chartered accountant. The remaining Rs. 34,451 covered government and bank charges.