



**kalapuri**  
Foundation

# Annual Report 2024



Kalapuri Foundation is committed to reviving traditional Indian crafts and empowering rural artisans by providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities, skill development, and market linkages, while ensuring gender equality, fair wages, and eco-friendly practices.

# 01

## a word from the chair

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"At Kalapuri Foundation, we believe that preserving our heritage is not just about keeping traditions alive—it is about creating meaningful livelihoods for the hands that carry these traditions forward."

The year 2023–2024 has been a remarkable chapter in our journey. Through our projects in Kolhapuri chappals and handmade crafts, we have empowered over 150 artisans, most of them women, with skills, fair wages, and sustainable earning opportunities. Each project—from the revival of the iconic Kolhapuri chappals to training programs in traditional basket weaving—has not only uplifted incomes but also instilled confidence and pride among our artisan communities.

This year, our partnerships with L&T Technology Services, Thoughtworks Technologies, and Sainik Takli Grampanchayat have helped us build a strong foundation for inclusive growth.

We continue to uphold our commitment to gender equality, transparency, and cultural preservation, ensuring every artisan at Kalapuri has a voice and a fair share in the craft's future.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, partners, artisans, and the Kalapuri team for believing in our vision. Together, we are not just reviving crafts—we are reviving lives.

– Aparna Chavan  
Chairperson, Kalapuri Foundation

# 02

## vision & mission



- Vision: To create a self-reliant artisan ecosystem that preserves India's traditional crafts while uplifting rural livelihoods.
- Mission: To train, empower, and connect artisans to national and international markets through skill development, infrastructure, and fair trade practices.

# meet our core team

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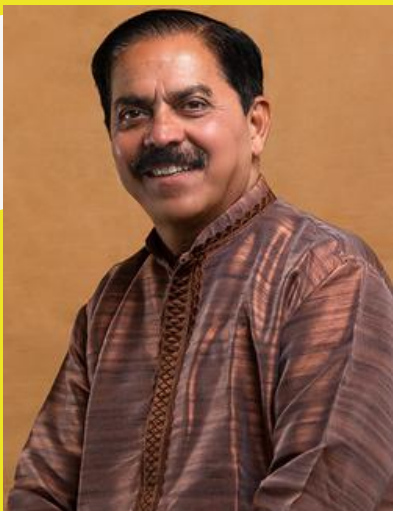
**Aparna Chavan**  
Co-Founder



**Atish Chavan**  
Co-Founder



**Amarsinh Bagal**  
Secretary



**Shridhar Vaidya**  
Advisor



**Ronald vanhet Hof**  
Advisor



**Dr. Toolika Gupta**  
Mentor

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# governance & compliance 04



**Regd. Address:** Milkat No 998/1  
Inamdarwada, A/p Yalgud, Tal-  
Hatkanangale, Dist - Kolhapur-416236.

**Registration Details:**

F/21351/Kolhapur Dated 01-04-2011  
Under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 -  
Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra

**PAN :** AGTA2099D

**TAN :** KLPA03767B

**12AA :** AAGTA2099DE20181

**80G :** AAGTA2099DF20205

**CSR-1 :** CSR00009455

**NITI Aayog :** MH/2017/0175988

**GSTN :** 27AAGTA2099D1ZS

**UDYAM :** MH-15-0013109

**Email Id :** kalapurifoundation@gmail.com

**Web :** www.kalapurifoundation.org

**Compliance:** The foundation adheres to all statutory requirements under the Income Tax Act, and CSR Rules 2014.

# 05

# why, what, and how we do it

## WHY:

**We embrace artisan communities, giving them new opportunities, hope, and a better life.**

Kalapuri works exclusively in the area of reviving the traditional handicrafts of Kolhapur. Current activities include the manufacturing of Kolhapuri Chappals, Kolhapuri Jewellery, Terracotta Pottery, Handmade Baskets, and Ethnic Apparels. While working on reviving these crafts, we try to break the cycle of poverty and ensure gender equality by remunerating them fairly.

## HOW:

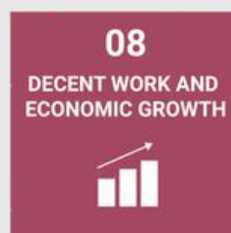
**We develop artisan communities into stakeholders in their own producer companies.**

First, we identify the craft that is on the verge of extinction. Then we identify the artisans who practice this craft in a traditional way and impart training to them in order to make them more professional in their craft. We give them advanced tool kits, and once the artisan is trained and ready to manufacture, we provide raw materials and designs to them. Finally, we buy back all the hand-produced goods from them.

## WHAT:

**We train and develop artisan communities into producer companies and bring their handicrafts to the global market through our Kalapuri® brand/platform.**

We encourage artisans to form their own producer company and give them an opportunity to be a stakeholder of their own enterprise. We follow ethical business practices. We empower artisans to earn a sustainable income to support their families. 70% of the artisans associated with Kalapuri are rural Women Artisans.



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## our impact

### **30 Villages Connected**

At present, artisans from 28 villages having a tradition of heritage crafts are working with Kalapuri. This generates employment opportunities for the rural artisans (mainly women), which prevents the migration of the villagers from villages to megacities for sundry jobs.

### **56 Self-help groups of women formed**

Kalapuri Foundation empowers women artisans with self-help groups, training, and digital payments, leading to enhanced empowerment, financial inclusion, and improved well-being.

### **65 Training Programs Conducted**

Kalapuri ensures artisans receive comprehensive training, leading to improved skills, increased income, market access, cultural heritage preservation, sustainable development, and empowerment with social inclusion.

### **80 Women Artisans**

Kalapuri Foundation empowers women through 100% female employment in jewelry and basket craft, creating economic growth, reducing poverty, and strengthening communities.

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# our impact

**650**

## **Tool Kits Distributed**

Kalapuri Foundation tackles artisans' financial constraints by supplying tool kits post-training, enhancing productivity, craftsmanship, creativity, and professionalism.

**1350**

## **Artisans Trained**

Kalapuri trains artisans in technical skills, design, entrepreneurship, and promotes gender equality for market success and social inclusion.

**2100+**


## **Artisans Registered**

Kalapuri Foundation uplifts 2000 artisans in Indian crafts through a dedicated unit and online marketplace, fostering skill enhancement and better lives..

**1500+**

## **Grocery Kits Distributed**

In the challenging 2-year Covid period, Kalapuri Foundation supported artisans like family, providing 1500+ kits for groceries, medical care, and education, positively impacting their well-being.



# 08 our partners & donors



# 09 awards & accolades



- Craft Council of Telengana Award of Recognition 2023 – Craftpreneur (National) Award
- Rotary Club of Kolhapur Vocational Service Excellence Award 2023-24
- 8th March 2024-Felicitated by the auspicious hands of our Chief Minister. Shri. Eknath Shindeji for her contribution in the field of Women's Empowerment.
- “Digital Artisans of India” Award in the category of “Social Enterprise” received from Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), Creative Dignity, and Digikargha.
- Kalapuri was honoured Ahilyabai Holkar Women Start-Up scheme award by Maharashtra State Innovation Society(MSInS)

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## Martha Farrell Foundation Award Due Diligence & Selection

The Martha Farrell Foundation team conducted a thorough due diligence visit across all our clusters, evaluating our work, impact, and processes. Following their comprehensive assessment, Kalapuri Foundation was honored to be selected as a finalist for the prestigious Martha Farrell Award, recognizing our commitment to empowering artisans and promoting sustainable livelihoods



## Chief Guest at Women Conclave, Belgaum

Our Chairperson, Mrs. Aparna Chavan, was invited as the Chief Guest at the prestigious Pink Samosa event in Belgaum. She delivered an inspiring talk on women's empowerment, highlighting the importance of creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and fostering confidence among women artisans. Her address emphasized the need for inclusive growth and the role of social enterprises like Kalapuri in driving positive change.



# our activities

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## Distribution of GI Certificates to Artisans

A significant milestone was achieved with the distribution of 32 Geographical Indication (GI) certificates to Kolhapuri Chappal artisans. The event was graced by the Hon'ble District Collector, Shri Rahul Rekhawar, who personally handed over the certificates. This initiative strengthens the identity of Kolhapuri Chappals as an authentic heritage craft and empowers artisans by providing them with rightful recognition and protection of their traditional skills.



## Presentation of Case Study and DPR to NABARD

Kalapuri presented a detailed case study and a comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Regional Office of NABARD at Pune. The DPR focused on the formation of a Farmer Producer Organization (OFPO) in Terracotta Handicrafts at Warnul. This initiative aims to organize artisans into a structured entity, enhance production efficiency, and provide sustainable livelihood opportunities through financial and technical support from NABARD.



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## Capacity Building of Rural Women at Sainik Takli

A comprehensive basket training program was conducted at Sainik Takli to build the capacity of rural women artisans. This initiative equipped 50 women with essential handweaving skills, improved their craft techniques, and empowered them to create market-ready handmade baskets. The program aimed to enhance their livelihood opportunities, promote self-reliance, and preserve traditional weaving practices.



## Guest Talk by Aparna Chavan at Saturday Club

Our Chairperson, Mrs. Aparna Chavan, delivered an inspiring guest talk at Saturday Club, focusing on the importance and need for sustainable livelihood opportunities. She highlighted how empowering artisans through skill development and market linkage can create long-term socio-economic impact, uplift rural communities, and preserve traditional crafts while promoting self-reliance among women and marginalized groups.



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## Guest Talk at CA Conference on Startups with Social Impact

Our Chairperson, Mrs. Aparna Chavan, was invited as a guest speaker at the Chartered Accountants Conference, where she shared valuable insights on building startups with a strong social impact. She highlighted Kalapuri Foundation's journey of empowering artisans, creating sustainable livelihoods, and balancing profitability with purpose. The talk emphasized innovative business models that integrate social responsibility with growth, inspiring attendees to support and invest in impactful ventures.



## Rotary Award for Women Empowerment – Recognition of Leadership

Our Chairperson, Mrs. Aparna Chavan, was honored with the prestigious Rotary Award for her exceptional contribution to women empowerment. This recognition reflects her relentless efforts in creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural women, fostering skill development, and promoting gender equality through Kalapuri Foundation's initiatives. Her leadership continues to inspire communities and stakeholders to work towards inclusive growth and social impact.



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## Basket Training for Women at Sainik Takli

Kalapuri Foundation successfully conducted a specialized basket-making training program for rural women at Sainik Takli. This initiative aimed to enhance their traditional craft skills, promote sustainable livelihoods, and open up new avenues for income generation. A total of 50 women artisans participated, receiving hands-on training in weaving techniques, quality standards, and market linkages. This program marked a significant step towards women's empowerment and self-reliance in the region.



# our activities

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## State-Level Workshop & Capacity Building at Nipani

Mr. Atish Chavan conducted a state-level workshop focused on capacity building of artisans at Nipani, in collaboration with KVIC and MSME. The program aimed to enhance artisans' skills in traditional handicrafts, improve production techniques, and educate them on modern market requirements. This initiative empowered artisans with practical knowledge, quality standards, and entrepreneurial insights to increase their income and sustain their livelihoods.



## Aparna Chavan Honored as 'Navdurga' by Jeevan Ashay Bal Vikas Kendra, Kolhapur

Mrs. Aparna Chavan, Chairperson of Kalapuri Foundation, was felicitated with the prestigious 'Navdurga' award by Jeevan Ashay Bal Vikas Kendra, Kolhapur, for her remarkable contribution to society. This honor recognizes her relentless efforts in empowering rural women, promoting traditional handicrafts, and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for marginalized communities.



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## Aparna Chavan Felicitated by Chief Minister Shri. Eknath Shinde on International Women's Day

Mrs. Aparna Chavan, Chairperson of Kalapuri Foundation, was honored by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde on the occasion of International Women's Day for her outstanding contribution to women empowerment and the revival of traditional crafts. This recognition celebrates her dedication to creating sustainable livelihoods for rural women and preserving India's rich artisan heritage.



## Aparna Chavan as Guest at Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust (HDFC Parivartan)

Mrs. Aparna Chavan, Chairperson of Kalapuri Foundation, was invited as a distinguished guest at the Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust event supported by HDFC Parivartan. She delivered an inspiring talk on women entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods, while also participating in the awards distribution ceremony to honor budding women entrepreneurs who are driving positive change in their communities.



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## Cork Kolhapuris Workshop at Malharpeth

Kalapuri Foundation successfully conducted a specialized workshop on Cork Kolhapuris at Malharpeth, engaging 50 rural women artisans. The program focused on imparting modern techniques and sustainable practices in footwear production, helping artisans diversify their skills and enhance their income opportunities. Kalapuri Foundation has been at the forefront of reviving the age-old Kolhapuri craft, a heritage of over 800 years. Through structured interventions, we provided advanced skill training, modern machinery, and market linkages to artisans. This project was supported by L&T Technology Services (LTTS).



# financial report

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**Kalapuri Foundation (Consolidated)**  
**At Post Yalgud, Kolhapur**  
Income & expenditure Account for the Period 01-04-2023 To 31-03-2024

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b><u>To Expenses Incurred</u></b>		<b>46,75,625.79</b>			
Skill Development Program	39,42,857.18		By Donation Received		4,95,920.00
Audit Fee	54,500.00		By CSR Grant Received		44,88,000.00
Bank Charges	1,933.43		By Grant Received		4,00,000.00
Site Expenses	3,835.00		By Bank Interest		11,804.00
Depreciation	1,49,804.85				
Exhibition Expenses	21,798.33				
Office Expenses	1,539.00				
Interest Paid	444.00				
Designer Expenses	90,000.00				
Resource Person Remuneration	3,000.00				
Salary Paid	3,81,719.00				
TDS Interest	975.00				
Training Expenses	18,500.00				
Tender Expenses	4,720.00				
To Surplus During The Year		7,20,098.21			
<b>Total</b>		<b>53,95,724.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>53,95,724.00</b>



For Kalapuri Foundation  
Chairman Secretary Trustee



FOR D. S. PATIL & CO.  
Chartered Accountants  
DHANANJAY PATIL  
(Proprietor)

# financial report

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Kalapuri Foundation (Consolidated)  
At Post Yalgud, Kolhapur  
Balance Sheet As On 31-03-2024

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<b>Trust Fund</b>		<b>1,96,390.00</b>	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Opening Balance	1,96,390.00		Furniture and Deadstock		<b>13,289.83</b>
Add - During the year	-		Opening Balance	14,766.48	
			Less - Depreciation	1,476.65	
<b>Kolhapur Traditional Jewellery Cluster</b>		<b>1,37,44,111.00</b>	Computer		<b>1,012.20</b>
- Grant Under SFURTI	1,17,22,000.00		Opening Balance	1,687.00	
- Add During the Year	-		Less - Depreciation	674.80	
- Member Contribution For Cluster	10,11,000.00		Shoe last & Dies		<b>2,31,893.60</b>
Sfurti Own Contribution	10,11,111.00		Opening Balance	2,72,816.00	
			Less - Depreciation	40,922.40	
			Chappal Machine l & t		<b>6,04,809.00</b>
			Opening Balance	7,11,540.00	
			Less - Depreciation	1,06,731.00	
			<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>10,11,111.00</b>
			Kolhapur Traditional Jewelry Cluster	10,11,111.00	
			<b>Kolhapur Traditional Jewellery Cluster</b>		
			(As Per Schedule)		
			(1) Soft Intervention		<b>4,53,867.00</b>
			- Opening Balance	3,92,156.00	
			- Add During The Year	61,711.00	
			(2) Implementation Agency Cost		<b>16,11,525.70</b>
			- Opening Balance	13,49,063.02	
			- Add During The Year	2,62,462.68	
			(3) Hard Intervention		<b>1,02,34,911.00</b>
			- Opening Balance	90,23,095.00	
			- Add During The Year	12,11,816.00	
			(4) Technical Agency Cost		<b>8,08,000.00</b>
			- Opening Balance	7,27,200.00	
			- Add During The Year	80,800.00	
			<b>Loans and Advances</b>		<b>3,91,000.00</b>
			Opening Balance	3,91,000.00	
			Add - During The Year	-	
			<b>Closing Balances</b>		<b>18,65,809.11</b>
			Cash In Hand	72,526.73	
			Union Bank ESCROW AC	15,09,048.00	
			Union Bank Current AC	43,169.30	
			Axis Bank	2,41,065.08	
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account</b>		<b>24,85,585.44</b>			
Opening Balance (Surplus)	17,65,487.23				
Add - During the year	7,20,098.21				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,72,27,228.44</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,72,27,228.44</b>

FOUNDATION  
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10/10/2011  
Dist. Kolhapur  
SUD. TAL. HATYANANGALE

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