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ARMMAN
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ARMMAN is a secular, India-based non-profit organisation which works towards improving the well-being of pregnant women, infants and children in the first five years of their lives. The name ARMMAN (meaning a wish in Hindi) is an acronym for Advancing Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity of Mothers, Children and Neonates.
ARMMAN started in 2008 as a result of the experiences of Founder, Chairperson and Managing Trustee, Dr. Aparna Hegde, during her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Mumbai and is a product of her perseverance to minimize the preventable morbidity and mortality of mothers and children in India.

Pervasive systemic problems including lack of access to critical preventive healthcare information and services are among the major contributory factors towards maternal and child mortality and morbidity. When ARMMAN was conceptualised, there was an increasing penetration of mobile phones in India, and we realised that this technology could be leveraged for maximum effect to reach women and families with this critical life-saving healthcare information and services.

It was 1:00 am and I was called to the emergency room to examine Aruna, a 25 year old with gestational diabetes, having her first baby. Aruna had been transferred from Thane Civil Hospital with her baby’s head delivered, but the body stuck inside, as it was too large to pass through. I will never forget the first sight of her: a beautiful frail young woman with the head of a beautiful dead baby sticking out of her vagina. Aruna died three days later. Her death will forever stay with me. Not only because she died a most horrible death, but also because it was preventable... She had gone for her first antenatal visit but she had not been counseled about the remaining visits, danger signs, and potential complications. If only she had been...

Dr. Aparna Hegde, Founder, Chairperson and Managing Trustee, ARMMAN
Vision
A world where every mother is empowered and every child is healthy

Mission
ARMMAN leverages technology to enable healthy pregnancy, safe delivery and safe childhood by
• Addressing systemic gaps in health service delivery
• Promoting healthcare seeking practices by the community
• Creating evidence-based, cost-effective, scalable solutions

Values
• Service beyond self
• Commitment to Vision
  • Transparency
• Continuous improvement
  • Respect
  • Collaboration
• Cost efficiency and accountability
Health of Mothers & Children in India

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Geographical Presence

Kilkari + Mobile Academy
Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, UP, Bihar, Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, MP

mMitra
Gujarat, Karnataka

mMitra + Arogya Sakhi + Severe Acute Malnutrition
Maharashtra
Total Outreach

New and Expectant Mothers

- mMitra: 2,006,136
- Kilkari: 10,821,258
- Arogya Sakhi: 2924
- Total: 12,830,318

Health Workers

- mMitra: 7439
- Arogya Sakhi: 226
- Mobile Academy: 1,54,974
- Total: 162,639

Annual Report 2018-2019
mMitra is a free mobile voice call service by ARMMAN that sends timed and targeted preventive care information weekly/bi-weekly directly to the phones of the enrolled women through pregnancy and infancy in their chosen language and timeslot.

In specific rural and tribal pockets with poor tele connectivity and weak mobile penetration, mMitra calls are encoded on the mobile devices provided to female health workers (Sakhis) who play back the calls during home visits. In such cases, 18 animations for counselling on maternal and child care and nutrition are also encoded on the mobile devices of Sakhis.

Women are enrolled through two verticals
- Hospital Vertical – Health workers are posted in the antenatal/postnatal clinics of municipal/government/private hospitals and register women during their first check-up visit.
- Community Vertical – Enrollment in the slum is done through partner NGOs working in slum communities. Sakhis (community health workers) have been trained who enroll women directly in the early stages of pregnancy for a small incentive.

**Beneficiaries**

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mMitra Features

- The messages developed by ARMMAN and BabyCenter have been validated by The Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society of India (FOGSI) and National Neonatology Forum (NNF).
- **Frequency:** 145 individualised voice messages of 60-120 seconds are sent with the following frequency:
  - During pregnancy: Twice a week
  - First week after birth: Daily
  - Until 3rd month of infancy: Twice a week
  - 4th to 12th month of infancy: Weekly
- **Timed & Targeted:** The information in the calls is timed to the stage of the pregnancy or age of the infant, and is delivered directly to the women.
- **Chosen Timeslot:** The calls are sent in the timeslot chosen by the women.
- **Preferred Language:** Women can receive the calls in Hindi, Marathi, Kannada and Gujarati.
- **Repeat Calls:** There are three tries for every voice message.
- **Missed Call System:** If a woman misses all three calls, she can give a missed call to receive a call back.
- **Call-center:** A trained counsellor can be informed in case of a delivery, abortion or to change the phone number or timeslot.
mMitra Implementation

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Total Enrollment: 2,91,620

- Maharashtra: 225,059
- Gujarat: 5,587
- Uttar Pradesh: 944
- Karnataka: 438
- Delhi: 43,242
- Rajasthan: 1,202
- Haryana: 14,085
- Bihar: 1,063

2018-19 Enrollment:
- Total: 166,866
- NGO: 166,866
- Hospital: 124,754
- Others: 4,322

2017-18 Enrollment:
- Total: 587,069
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- Hospital: 169,404
- Others: 4,322

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2018-19:
- NGOs: 9
- Hospitals: 62

2017-18:
- NGOs: 10
- Hospitals: 51

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This is an add-on component for the mMitra programme, where 120 additional weekly/monthly customised and automated voice calls on nutrition and steps to prevent malnutrition are sent to mothers till the child is three. The messages have been created after discussion with Baby Center and the Pediatrics team at Sion Hospital, and reviewed by experts before translation and recording.

The service is currently available for women enrolled with mMitra in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
mMitra HIV

mMitra HIV is a free automated voice call service that sends preventive care information to the pregnant and lactating women who test HIV positive in the antenatal period. This programme is supported by Janssen Pharmaceuticals and their ‘Connect For Life’ technology platform. It delivers voice messages, specific to the women’s gestational age and culturally appropriate to the enrolled HIV+ pregnant women and the mothers of infants, in their chosen language and time slot, throughout the antenatal period and infancy, until the child turns 18 months of age. The primary aim of the programme is to prevent the vertical transmission from mother to child. The programme’s goal is to enrol women early in their pregnancy to ensure they adhere to ART through a major part of their pregnancy to prevent vertical transmission to her child.

The programme consists of a total of 351 voice messages (offered in Hindi and Marathi) empowering the women with critical information that focus on foetal development, counselling, medication (ART) reminders, importance of adhering to ART, positive living, right nutrition, breastfeeding, investigative tests and other important guidance. Besides these automated voice messages, the programme also offers automated visit reminder calls and follow-up by the dedicated call centre staff, thus hand holding them through the care process to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS to the infant.

The programme is currently being implemented in Delhi and the National Capital Region in partnership with Society for Participatory Integrated Development (SPID) and in Pune with the support of John Paul Slum Development Project.
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Total number of Beneficiaries in mMitra HIV till March 2019: 573
Case Study

Jyoti & Chinmay Ganve

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Kilkari

Kilkari is a mobile health education service that provides pregnant women, new mothers, and their families with timely, accessible, accurate and relevant information about Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child health. It aims to improve families’ knowledge and uptake of life-saving preventative health practices.

Kilkari uses IVR technology to deliver time-sensitive audio information directly to families’ mobile phones. Calls cover the critical time period – where the most deaths occur – from the second trimester of pregnancy until the child is one year old (72 weeks).

Subscribers receive one pre-recorded call per week, linked to the woman’s stage of pregnancy or the child’s age.

Total Number of Subscribers till March 2019

10,776,012
Mobile Academy

- Mobile Academy is a Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child health training course designed to refresh ASHA (frontline health workers) workers’ knowledge of life-saving preventative health behaviors, and improve the quality of their engagement with new and expecting mothers and their families.
- The programme uses IVR technology that is handset independent, audio based and accessed via a simple voice call.
- The course covers 33 months; from pregnancy until the child is 2 years of age.
- The course is divided into chapters, lessons and quizzes, and ASHAs receive an accumulative pass/fail score at the end.

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Total number of ASHAs
Started Course: 1,54,974
Completed Course: 1,24,730
Results of Telephonic Surveys with Kilkari and Mobile Academy end users

Around 96% of the high listeners said that Kilkari’s content is stage appropriate, clear, easy to understand, easy to adopt and being communicated at the right time and at the right pace.

50% of the respondents in the high listenership category said that they always followed Kilkari’s advice, while 26% of the respondents in this segment said that they mostly followed the advice.

82% of the beneficiaries in the high/completed segment reported to listen to Kilkari calls themselves.

Mobile Academy helped ASHAs become more effective in communicating the health content they had learnt during earlier trainings e.g. advising pregnant women and new mothers on looking after their own health and the health of their babies, and on advising families to ensure better health of mothers and babies.

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Priti Dwivedi

29-year old Priti Dwivedi from Unnao city went through mixed emotions when she found out that she was pregnant. While she and her husband were excited to welcome their first child, this excitement was punctuated by bouts of anxiety. Priti was anxious about going through her pregnancy without proper guidance from family elders since they lived in the village, and she didn't know anyone in the city.

When she was in the third month of her pregnancy, Priti and her husband visited the Anganwadi Kendra, where an ASHA worker told them about Kilkari’s weekly calls with informative content for pregnant women and new mothers. Priti was immediately registered in the government database with her husband’s phone number since her device was not functional and they started receiving the Kilkari calls.

Priti attended all the calls herself when the mobile was at home, but her husband listened to the calls when he was travelling and would diligently share the content with her once he returned. Priti never missed a call during her pregnancy and found advice regarding iron folic tablets, balanced diets, sufficient rest and regular check-ups particularly helpful.

On 30th July, Priti delivered a healthy baby girl at the district hospital in Unnao. Even though her mother-in-law lives with them now, Priti continues to listen to the Kilkari calls. She says, “Now I need to pay even more attention to the calls, so I know when to give my baby the right vaccinations.”

Mobile Academy

Mamta Shukla

When Mamta Shukla heard about Mobile Academy through the Block Community Process Manager of Nawabganj block in Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh, she was excited about the maternal and child health training course that would help her brush up her knowledge of life-saving preventive health behaviors. The ASHA (frontline health worker) from Kaushambi village had always been keen on pursuing her education after 12th grade, but taking care of her family left her with little time to do so. The audio-based format of the Mobile Academy lessons gave her easy access to the content and Mamta completed the course with impeccable results in just 3 days.

“I felt so proud after completing the course,” she says. “I felt like I have more knowledge than the ASHAs who have not done the course.” By refreshing her knowledge and strengthening her skills, Mobile Academy has given her greater confidence to do the job that she loves so much and inspire other health workers to do the same.
Arogya Sakhi Home-based Antenatal and Infancy Care Programme creates community-based women health entrepreneurs (Sakhis) to provide accessible and affordable healthcare during antenatal and infancy period in underserved areas with negligible public health infrastructure. The project addresses an unmet need for improved access to preventive, diagnostic, and monitoring services during antenatal and infancy period, impacting Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR). A tablet-based mobile application guides them through the care process (with supportive training videos); helps in early detection of high-risk factors; will send SMS-alerts to family and nearest health care facility, including the local Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and Medical Officer (MO), for prompt referrals and tracking screened mothers and children to ensure closure in the loop of care. The tablet has 145 preventive care voice messages and 18 animations for providing critical counseling.

The Arogya Sakhi programme is currently being implemented in the rural and tribal areas of Jawhar and Mokhada in Palghar district, Maharashtra with the support of Bajaj Financial Services. 60 Arogya Sakhis have been trained to support and offer doorstep diagnostic services to 6000 mothers and their children over a period of 3 years.

Total number of women and children reached via Arogya Sakhis in Palghar till March 2019: 2294 women; 870 children

The Programme was previously implemented in 250 villages across Solapur, Washim and Osmanabad Districts of rural Maharashtra. A total of 166 Arogya Sakhis were trained, who reached 630 women and their children.
Key Highlights/Features

Women from within the community are selected and trained to become Arogya Sakhis. They perform home-based preventive care, diagnostic and treatment interventions during the antenatal and infancy period and offer primary diagnostic tests to others in the community for a small fee.

**Equipped to perform basic diagnostic tests**
Arogya Sakhis are equipped with medical kits and trained to perform diagnostic tests (haemoglobin, blood sugar, urine, blood pressure, Fetal Doppler, anthropometric measurements) and provide care at the doorstep.

**Leveraging technology through mobile application for better care and improved efficiency**
Arogya Sakhis are supported by a mobile application encoded on a tablet that guides them through the care process, helps identify high-risk signs and symptoms and gives alerts regarding the need for treatment referrals. The application also has training videos for self-learning.

**Access to mMitra calls and animated videos for counseling**
Arogya Sakhis have access to mMitra calls and animations encoded in their tablet. 145 mMitra calls have critical preventive care information relevant to pregnancy and infancy. The calls are played to the beneficiaries according to their gestational age or the age of the infant. The 18 animations on nutrition and childcare encoded in the tablet are also used as a counseling tool.

**SMS-alerts for closure in the loop of care**
In case of high-risk cases, SMS alerts to be sent to the nearest health care facility (local ASHA, ANMs, MO) and family for prompt referrals and tracking of screened mothers and children to ensure closure in the loop of care.

**Creating women health entrepreneurs**
The Arogya Sakhis offer primary diagnostic tests for a small fee to others in the community. They can also be used as a distribution channel for providing products and services to areas that are difficult to access.
Arogya Sakhi Highlights

Arogya Sakhis Win Accolades from District Government

Six Arogya Sakhis from Palghar District, Maharashtra received awards for ‘Best ASHA Workers’ across various categories. Bharati Bhalla and Renuka Gawali bagged the first and second places at the district level while Bharati Jadhav was judged the best ASHA Worker among Jawahar Taluka's Primary Healthcare Centers. Ashalata Budhar received third place in the category of 'Best ASHA Worker' in Mokhada, while Heera Korade stood second at the PHC level and Tara Patekar was judged 'Model ASHA Worker' by the medical officers of the taluka.

The winners were decided on the basis of the cases (high risk referrals, delivery referrals, tuberculosis cases) handled by them in 2018 and were felicitated by the District Health Officer. The accolades from the state government are a validation of the skills imparted to ASHA Workers via the Arogya Sakhi Programme.
Case Stories

Arogya Sakhi

Vaishali Mokashe, 30, Nehale Budru Village, Jawhar

When Vaishali Mokashe entered Priya Shirke’s house in Pipple village, Palghar district for a regular monthly visit, she found the 27-year old lying unconscious on the ground along with her wailing newborn girl. There was blood on the floor and Priya’s mother-in-law sat helplessly beside her in a state of shock. No one else was at home as Priya’s husband had gone running to the fields to search for the dai (midwife) as soon as her contractions had begun.

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**MCTS - mKhushali**

Mother and Child high risk factor tracking (including mKhushali app) with SMS Alert system programme is a comprehensive mobile based tool that supports the work of the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and ensures that mothers and children with high risk factors are picked up early and referred in time.

It is designed to collate information of all pregnant women and children and use it to track high risk factors and ensure closure in the loop of care. The ANMs are provided with android based tablets with the mKhushali app (an intuitive job aid) that has encoded antenatal, postnatal, infancy and childhood forms that take the ANM through the signs and symptoms to be noted, diagnostic investigations to be performed and provide intuitive and real-time situational alerts regarding the high risk factor present, treatment to be given and need for referral.

In future, the real-time digital linkage of the data with the government health system can help to track the care provided. In addition, SMS alerts are sent to the Medical Officer at the Primary Health Centre (PHC), ANMs, Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Anganwadi workers and a family member to ensure that the women and children with high risk factors as well as those who have delayed accessing care can be identified and provided care in time in order to ensure no mother or child falls through gaps in the health system.

**Geography:** Dhadgaon and Taloda, Nandurbar

**ANMs Trained:** 37

**Women registered:** 7592

**Children registered:** 2437

**Women referred:** 2813

**Children referred:** 259
Randomised Cluster Trial to Evaluate Counselling Through Live Calls for Prevention of Severe Acute Malnutrition in Undernourished Children (SAM)

Supported by Grand Challenges Canada

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In March 2018, we received a grant from Grand Challenges Canada to develop and implement a programme to provide crucial lifesaving information to prevent undernourished children from lapsing into severe acute malnutrition. The project is being piloted with 1000 children in Mumbai and Pune as a randomised controlled trial. Trained nutrition counsellors handhold mothers of children with clinically defined under-nutrition through advice on nutrition (home recipes), sanitation, hygiene etc via weekly (10-15 minutes) calls for 8 weeks and fortnightly calls for 2 months thereafter. The study was initiated in October 2018 in M East ward of Mumbai. Participants were identified with the help of NGOs and ICDS. By December 2019, a pilot study was conducted with 108 participants. This pilot indicated that there were significant challenges in terms of women's access to phones and the feasibility of meeting the complex needs of children needing therapeutic intervention through a remote counselling service. Consequently, a decision was taken to redesign the trial to focus on a group which was more suited for this type of intervention. Thus, the trial was redesigned to focus on moderately underweight children and sites were selected with an emphasis on women's access to phone.
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In March 2018, we received a grant from Grand Challenges Canada to develop and implement a programme to provide crucial lifesaving information to prevent undernourished children from lapsing into severe acute malnutrition. The project is being piloted with 1000 children in Mumbai and Pune as a randomised controlled trial. Trained nutrition counsellors handhold mothers of children with clinically defined under-nutrition through advice on nutrition (home recipes), sanitation, hygiene etc via weekly (10-15 minutes) calls for 8 weeks and fortnightly calls for 2 months thereafter. The study was initiated in October 2018 in M East ward of Mumbai. Participants were identified with the help of NGOs and ICDS. By December 2019, a pilot study was conducted with 108 participants. This pilot indicated that there were significant challenges in terms of women’s access to phones and the feasibility of meeting the complex needs of children needing therapeutic intervention through a remote counselling service. Consequently, a decision was taken to redesign the trial to focus on a group which was more suited for this type of intervention. Thus, the trial was redesigned to focus on moderately underweight children and sites were selected with an emphasis on women’s access to phone.

Qualitative study involving interviews with subscribers having high listenership in Sewagram, Maharashtra

This study examined the factors that contribute to high listenership among mMitra subscribers. The key findings were that good counseling at enrolment, ongoing support, supportive home environment and involvement of the husband were contributory factors for high listenership. External factors that aided the mMitra programme were the stability of the population which allowed for sustained and consistent contact with the programme, endorsement by the hospital staff of the programme and advice to listen to the calls and a relatively high level of health literacy engendered by constant contact with a high-quality health service.
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Formation of Advisory Council and Steering Committee

The Advisory Council comprises of experts from various fields who provide strategic inputs in their domain. Members of the council play an active ambassadorial role and help us plan outreach and collaborations based on their deeper understanding of scale. Members include:

- Dhruv Khaitan
  Chairman, NeoGrowth Credit Pvt. Ltd

- Pravin Kabra
  Co-Founder, Creditone Payments

- Radhakrishnan RK
  Associate Editor, Frontline

- Rajesh Tahil
  Founder, Audiomatic, Media Consultant, Digital Media Expert

- Rizwan Koita
  Founder, CitiusTech

- Sean Sovak
  Co-Founder, Lighthouse Advisors India

- Dr. Prashant Desai
  Director – Regulatory Affairs & Business Quality, Janssen, Pharmaceutical Division of Johnson & Johnson Pvt. Ltd.

- Subbu Raghunathan
  Director - PayPal

The Steering Committee is responsible for the financial and programmatic oversight of the organization and provides guidance in fundraising and resource lead generation. Members are also responsible for regular evaluation of the CEO. They also provide insights into impact measurement and reporting, constantly reviewing the programmes and strengthening the organization.

- Dhruv Khaitan
  Chairman, NeoGrowth Credit Pvt. Ltd

- Rizwan Koita
  Founder, CitiusTech

- Sean Sovak
  Co-Founder, Lighthouse Advisors India

- Dr. Aparna Hegde
  Founder, Chairperson and Managing Trustee, ARMMAN

- Geetanjali Jha Chakraborty
  ED, ARMMAN
Key focus areas in the coming year include

Robust implementation and scale up of Kilkari and Mobile Academy

Enhancing Kilkari’s listenership while introducing innovations

Using mMitra as a sand-box for improvement, while scaling up through Kilkari. Improvements will include

- Focussed approach to enrollment and tracking of high-risk cases
- Customised multi-media content
- 2-way communication for deeper engagement
Looking Ahead
Key focus areas in the coming year include

Our People

Team ARMMAN at the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2019

Listening attentively to a presentation during Town Hall

Celebrating 10 years of ARMMAN

Total Number of Employees (As of March 2019)

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Senior Management Recruited in 2018-19

Kumar Madhu Sudan
Project Director, Kilkari and Mobile Academy

Dr. Rajnish Gourh
Director, Operations and Monitoring

George John
Deputy Director, HR & Administration

Suresh Chaudhary
Senior IT Consultant

New Employees in 2018-19: 14

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Our Supporters

Johnson & Johnson  
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FINANCIAL SERVICES

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Pfizer  
barefoot college

Lata Medical Research Foundation  
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inscripts  
IMI  
knowlarity  
BeeHyv

Content Partner:  
babycenter

Implementation Partner:  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India

Technical Partners:  
FRHS
Board of Trustees

Mrs. Sandhya Rajesh Kanchan
Professional

Dr. Aparna Hegde
Doctor

Dr. Janhavi Sanjay Raut
Doctor

Mr. Srinivaas V. Sirigeri
Businessman

Dr. Dayashankar R. Maurya
Doctor

Dr. Srikrishna Solgudu Ramachandra
Doctor

Mr. Arindam Mukherjee
Engineer

Dr. Geeta Sandeep Ghag
Doctor
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For **A R M M A N**

**V.P.BATAVIA**
**PROPRIETOR**
**M No:- 37004, Firm Reg.No-111539**

**TRUSTEE**
**TRUSTEE**
**The Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950**
**SCHEDULE - VIII [Vide Rule 17(1)]**

**Name of the Public Trust:**
A R M A N (Advancing Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity of Mothers, Children and Neonates)

## Balance Sheet as at 31ST MARCH, 2019

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<td>D - Rs.1,74,09,320.91</td>
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Account Policies & Notes to Accounts - Schedule - 13

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As per our report of even date
For **VIPIN BATAVIA & CO.**
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**Place : Mumbai**
**Date: 23/10/2019**

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