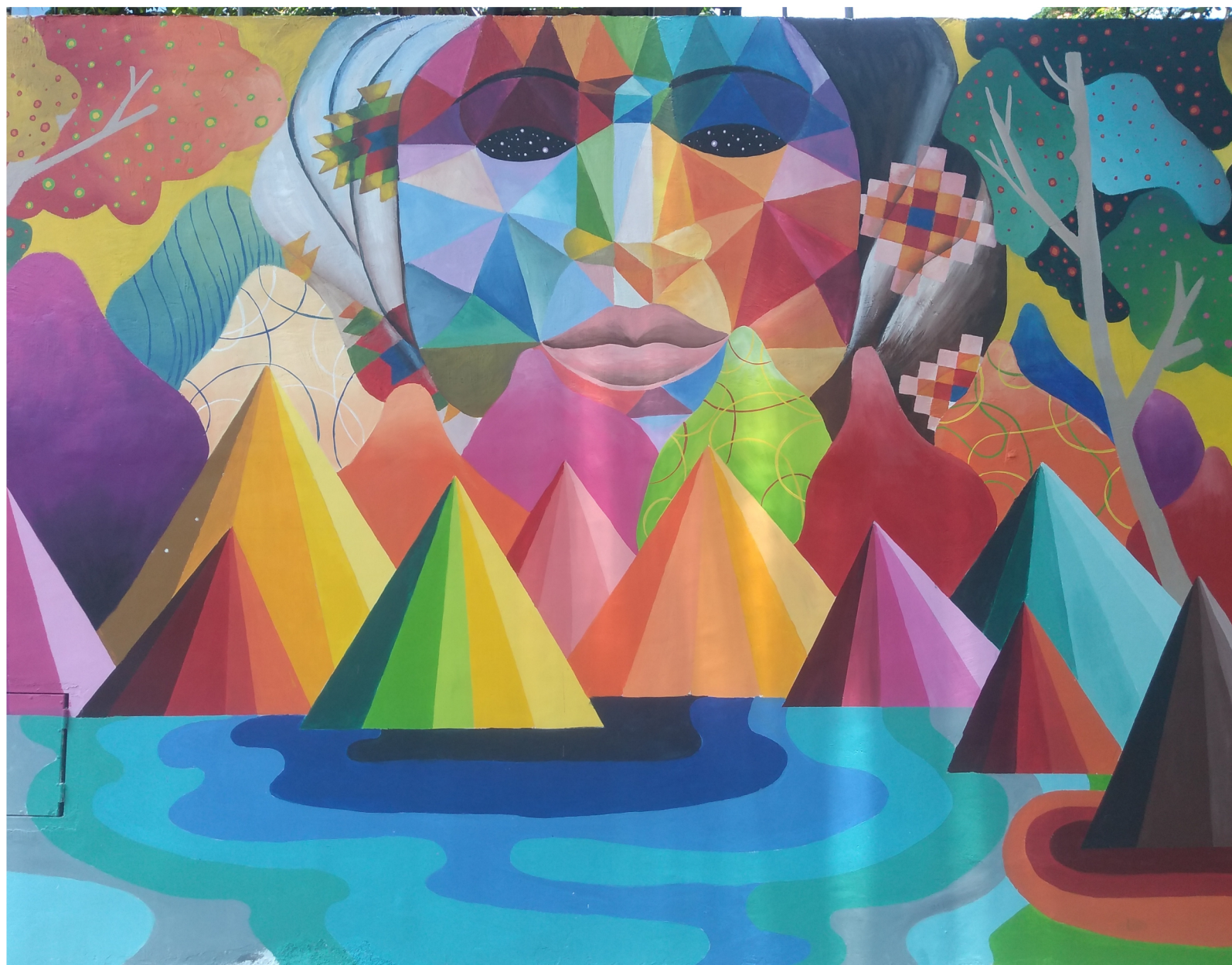




ECO SOCIETY INDIA

# ECO SOCIETY INDIA ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Inspiring Ecosystem Protection  
& Sustainable Development



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I am glad to compile our **4th annual report** for the year 2021-2022. The year 2021 started off with a positive note with a slew of awareness wall painting events in government schools and public buildings. As the year progressed we have to limit our volunteering initiatives due to back to back natural disasters. **COVID 19 pandemic and unprecedented rainfall during the monsoon affected the poor & vulnerable tribal communities**, therefore we began to reach out to poor tribal communities who were affected by the lockdown by raising funds with the help of individual donors to a tune of **Rs 1,09,500/-** and distributed dry ration to **103 families**. We received a support of **Rs 13,00,000/-** from **WIPRO FOUNDATION** to help **500 families** affected by unprecedented rainfall from October 2021 until January 2022. As the lockdown was slowly relaxed we tried **mural artworks** at Government run schools, public and private buildings with the help of our trained artists team.

In an effort to increase the impact we involved our dedicated volunteers as part time staffs and successfully completed **7 awareness wall painting** projects and disaster relief projects.

Altogether we conducted **31 events** and engaged with **150 volunteers** with **441.5 hours** of volunteering this year. Our events has been covered **7 times** in print media by leading media houses such as The Hindu, Deccan Chronicle, DT Next and Thinamalar News papers. As we embark on our 5th year we would like to work closely with funding agencies to increase the fund flow to our organization and do result oriented project works. We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our volunteers for braving the pandemic to serve the poor and needy and helping to save the saplings planted at Agaramthen lake area. **We extend our sincere thanks to all our donors**, supporters, partner NGOs, Media houses, Government officials, Government departments, Companies and Corporations for making 2021-2022 an impactful year for Eco Society India.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darwin Annadurai'.

Regards,  
Darwin Annadurai, M.Sc., M.Tech.,  
Founder & Managing Trustee,  
Eco Society India.



## About the Organization

Eco-Society India is a registered non-profit, non political, non religious, voluntary and professional citizen group founded to sensitize and train the communities to protect and preserve the urban ecosystems.

## Our vision

Our endeavor is to be a renowned NGO in social and ecological research, education, advocacy and action. Our vision is to create awareness & capability among the communities to undertake nature conservation and restoration leading to sustainable development of communities.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to create a resilient and just world for all living beings in this planet. Towards this mission we help communities from underdeveloped regions, ecological scientists and researchers, conscientious consumers and ecological entrepreneurs understand the principles of socio-ecological system through our education. The approach is rooted in holistic principles on ecological economics, environmental justice and sustainable development of communities.

## Our Key Objectives

1. To impart training among communities in the protection and preservation of ecosystem by creating awareness about ecosystem functions and services to the communities.
2. To develop sustainable water resources management strategies.
3. To create awareness about low impact development (LID) and promote Eco-friendly LID.
4. To develop a sustainable business model in Eco friendly decentralized solid waste management.
5. Biodiversity Conservation and restoration of ecosystems.

## Our strategy

Working across the thematic priorities of ecosystem restoration, green cities, sustainable development, Water resources, Education, Health & sanitation.

Eco Society India aims to deliver impact through seven strategic outcomes:

1. Improved health, access to clean water, sanitation and eco friendly waste management.
2. Improved air quality.
3. GHG emission reduction.
4. Enhanced adaptation to climate change.
5. Improved supply of ecosystem services.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

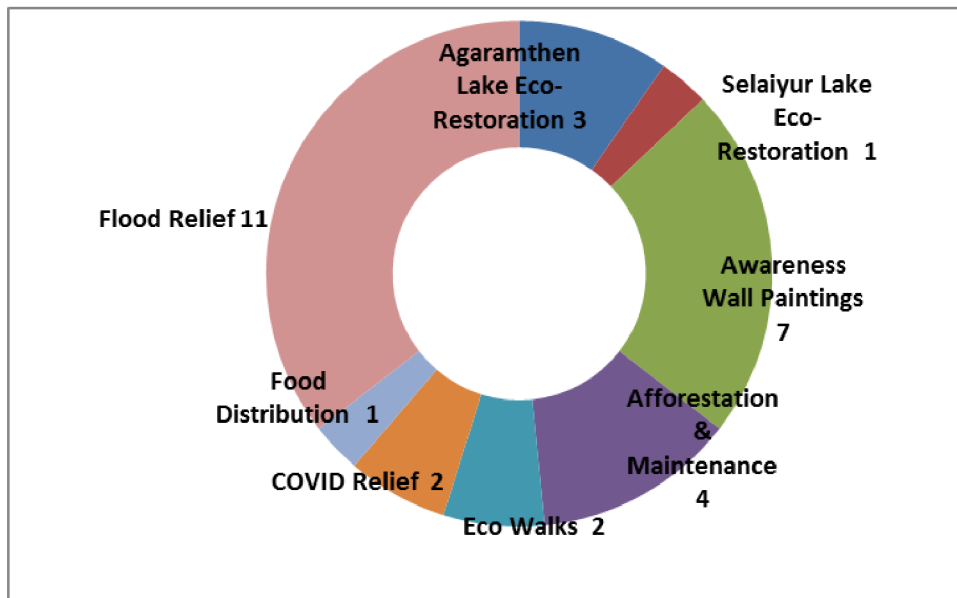


Figure 1: Number of events by type

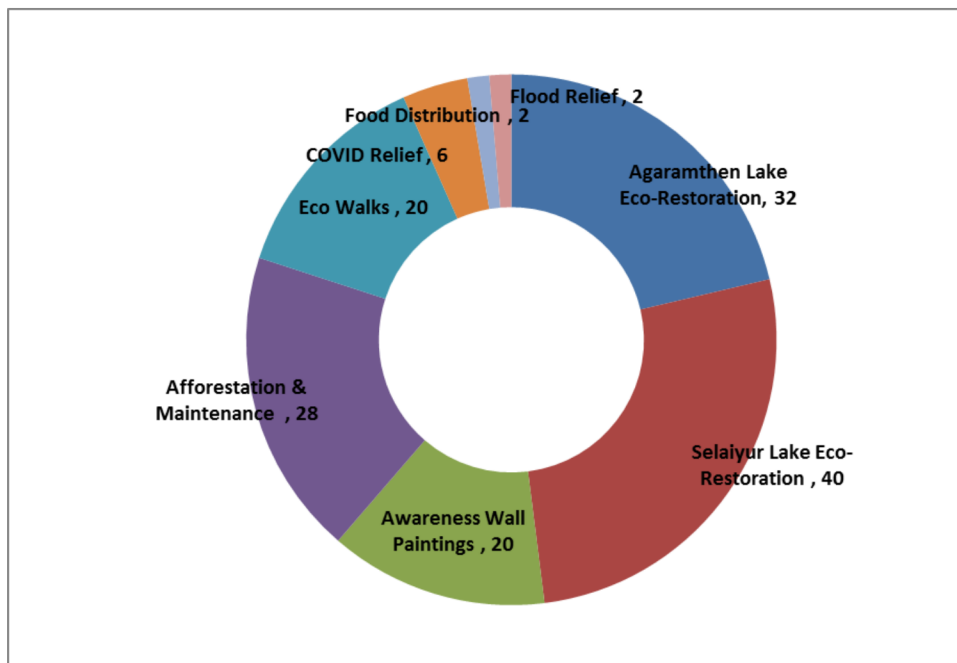


Figure 2: Number of Volunteers by events type



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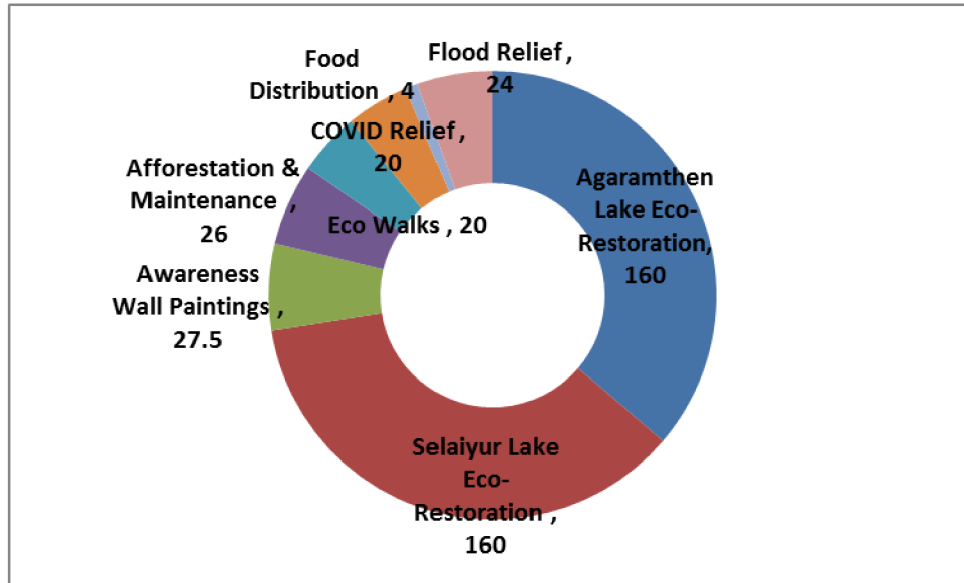


Figure 3: Number of Volunteering hours by event type

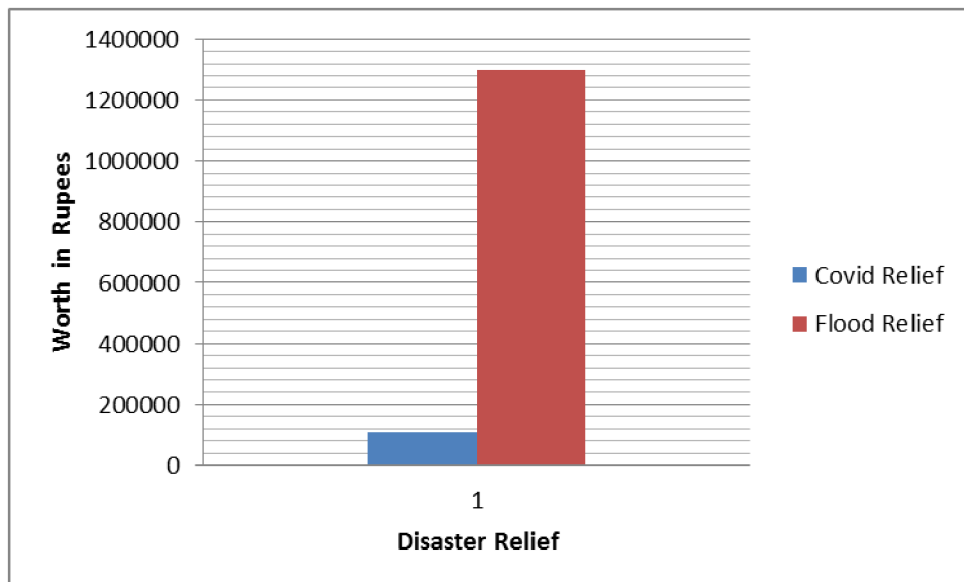


Figure 4: Funds spent for COVID Relief and Flood Relief



# SELAIYUR LAKE ECO-RESTORATION

After the lockdown restrictions were eased Eco Society India actively continued eco-restoration of Selaiyur Lake. As part of the World Wetland Day on February 2nd 2022 Eco Society India by Collaborating with **Tamil Nadu State State Wetland Authority and Easwari Engineering College**, jointly organised a cleanup up campaign to remove plastics and non biodegradable waste from the Lake Shore.

**Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, Dr. Deepak Srivastava, IFS**, presided the event and gave a enlightening speech the gathering.

Over **40 students** from Easwari Engineering College participated and actively worked to remove plastics dumped on the lake shore.

**Objective:** The objective of the initiative is to restore the lake to its original glory and protect the Selaiyur Lake by creating awareness and by protecting the native vegetation of the lake bund that is providing a habitat for birds, reptiles, mammals, insects and other living beings.

**Outcome:** Removal of over 240 kg of garbage dumped by people frequenting the lake bund area for consuming liquor.





# Wetland Eco-restoration





# AGARAMTHEN WETLAND ECO-RESTORATION

During the Year 2021-2022 Eco Society India actively continued eco-restoration of Agaramthen wetland.

**Objective:** The objective of the initiative is to restore and protect the Agaramthen natural wetland by creating awareness and by protecting the native vegetation of the wetland that is providing a habitat for birds, reptiles, mammals, insects and other living beings.

**Outcome: Biodiversity Assessment -**

- Recorded - 103 Species of Terrestrial Plants.
- Recorded - 43 Species of Aquatic Plants.
- Recorded - 72 Species of Birds. (Migratory and Resident).
- Recorded - 33 Species of Butterflies.
- Recorded - 20 Species of Odonates.
- Recorded - 19 Species of Fishes.

**Removal of Invasive vegetation and 140 kg of garbage dumped on the lake shore.**

**Acknowledgements:** We Acknowledge **Poovulagin Nanbargal** team for helping in Bird & Insect Surveys.













## Wetland Restoration

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# AFFORESTATION EVENTS

During the Year 2021-2022 Eco Society India actively continued our afforestation project using landscape restoration approach in Selaiyur Lake area.

**A tree plantation event was conducted - during 15th August 2021 to commemorate our 75th Independence day. We also helped to procure saplings for students of Madras Christian College and Rotary club of Temple City.**

Eco Society India relied on core volunteers support for the plantation and maintenance activities.

**Objective:** The Objective of Afforestation initiative is to improve the green cover in the city, to improve the biodiversity in the region and to create awareness about the importance of protecting trees and offering a habitat for birds, insects and other living beings.

## Impacts of afforestation events

**Number of saplings planted: 250**











Afforestation Outcome



27th November 2019.



7th January 2022



## COVID 19 RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

During the COVID 19 pandemic Eco Society India actively worked to support underprivileged and tribal communities who were badly affected by the lockdown.

**Objective:** To provide dry ration to the people who have lost their livelihood due to the lockdown.

**Impacted :** 103 families.





## FLOOD RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

Eco Society India actively worked to support underprivileged and tribal communities who were badly affected by incessant rains.

**Objective:** To provide Flood Relief materials to people affected by incessant rains.

**Impacted :** 500 families.

**Funded by:** WIPRO FOUNDATION





DISASTER RELIEF





## AWARENESS WALL PAINTINGS

During the Year 2021-2022 Eco Society India actively created Mural artworks on the theme - Education, Environment, Culture and Tradition on Government run Schools, educational institutions, Public & Private buildings.

Dedicated Artists of Eco Society India did the wall painting activities. Altogether we conducted **7 wall painting events**.

**Objective:** To convey awareness and social messages to people of all ages and create a positive social change. The site selected for wall painting is usually a public place where people gather in large number or places where large number of people passes through. Generally we focus on drawing awareness messages in the walls of Governments school, Colleges, and public buildings.





# Awareness wall paintings





# ECO WALKS

**Objective:** To disseminate information on the significance of native plants that provides habitat for various life forms and the importance of protecting it to maintain its ecosystem function.

**Impact:** Reached 20 volunteers who visited the Agaramthen lake area to see the Wetland Ecosystem.





## COVERAGE ON MEDIA

### Print media

1. <https://www.dtnext.in/News/TopNews/2021/05/24013949/1296322/City-volunteers-help-daily-wagers-with-food-essential-.vpf>
2. எந்த பகுதியில் மரக்கன்று நட தொடர்பு கொள்ளலாம். சென்னை தினமலர் ஆகஸ்ட் 26 2021.
3. Chennai gets uplift with Artwork. Deccan Chronicle dated 9th Sep 2021.
4. Invasive fish Species at lake in Southern Suburbs. Water body conservation organization reports presence of African Catfish in Agaramthen Lake.
5. <https://www.thehindu.com/society/a-lake-sustains-local-residents-during-lockdowns/article38183308.ece>
6. Helpline Number to address wetland-related complaints. The Hindu Downtown. dated February 6th 2022.
7. World Wetland Day: Mission to ramp up eco-restoration of 100 Wetlands. The Deccan Chronicle dated Feb 2nd 2022



### NGO Partners



### Media Partners



### Corporate Partners





## BALANCE SHEET &amp; FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021-22

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2022					
EXPENDITURE		Rs.	INCOME		Rs.
To	Afforestation	61943	By	Donation	1777532
"	Awareness Wall Painting	3700	"	Grants	250000
"	Accounting Charges	10000	"	Bank Interest	4573
"	Audit Fees	5000			
"	Covid 19 Relief Materials Distribution	126285			
"	Labour Charges	67236			
"	Bank Charges	384			
"	Office Expenses	14121			
"	Petrol Expenses	22266			
"	Postal & Courier Charges	3841			
"	Printing & Stationery Expenses	13902			
"	Relief Materials Distribution	1223589			
"	Wall Painting Material	52240			
"	Staff Salaries	259400			
"	Tools & Equipments	6262			
"	Travelling Expenses	53504			
"	Telephone Expenses	2678			
"	Village Map	984			
"	Miscellaneous Expenses	8650			
"	Excess of Income Over Expenditure	96121			
		<b>2032105</b>			<b>2032105</b>

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2022.				
Liabilities	Amount		Assets	Amount
	Rs	Rs		Rs
<b>Capital Account</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>	
Capital Fund	11671		Cash in hand	10641
Add: Excess of Income			Cash at Bank	268534
Over Expenditure	<u>96121</u>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		107792	TDS Receivable	40000
Sundry Creditors		8300		
Other Payables		203083		
		<b>319175</b>		<b>319175</b>



## BOARD MEMBERS

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Year of joining</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
1.	Mr. Darwin Annadurai	Founder & Managing Trustee	2018	Director, Eco Society India
2.	Ms. Cynthia Stephen	Member	2018	Founder, President at TEDS Trust
3.	Mr. Rajendran Prabhakar	Member	2018	Founder, at Maarga Society
4.	Arivazhagan Rayan	Member	2018	Founder, Roots Trust
5.	Ms. Sangeetha Kathan	Treasurer	2018	--

- None of the Board Members have any blood relations with any other Board Member.
- None of the Board Members made any International travel trips funded by Eco Society India during this period.
- None of the Board Members receive any remuneration from Eco Society India.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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