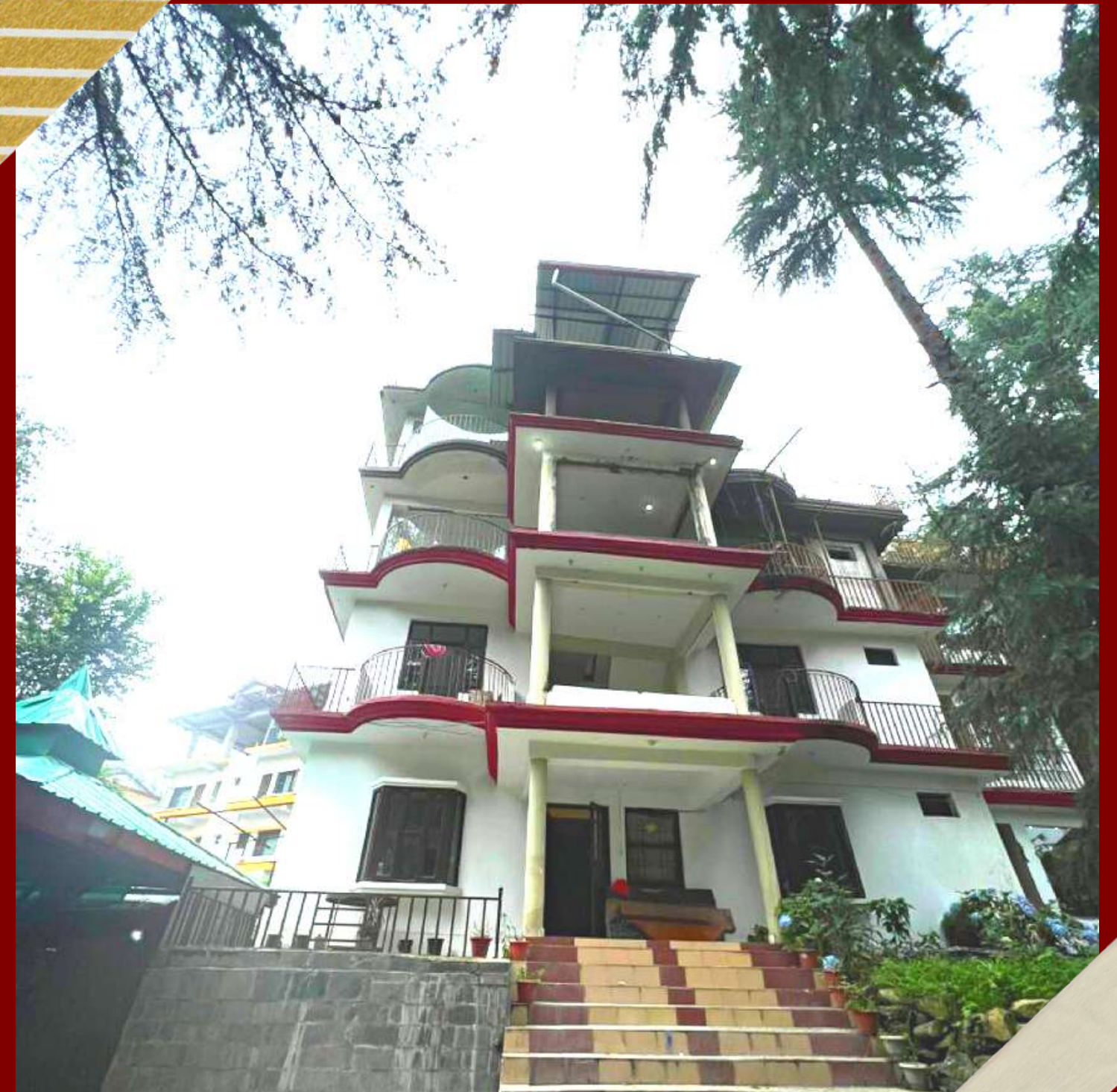


KRANTI SCHOOL

Empowering girls from
India's red-light areas
to become agents of
social change!



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Who We Are

- We were born & raised in India's most infamous red-light areas.
- We are survivors of trafficking & we are daughters of sex workers.
- We are girls & young women with big plans & big dreams.
- Kranti means "Revolution" in Hindi & we are Revolutionaries! (Krantikaris)



What We Do...

- We Learn** >>> Many of us have never been to school; some of us are India's first girls from red-light areas to study abroad. Everywhere we go, we redefine "education."
- We Grow** >>> Using therapy, theatre, music, art, adventure, workshops & travel, we rise above stigma & discrimination to proudly share our stories with the world.
- We Fight** >>> We fight not just for survival but for dignity. For our own rights & the rights of all marginalized people in India. We embrace our pasts & dream our futures.
- We Teach** >>> We are India's youngest leaders giving speeches & conducting workshops on difficult issues like child sexual abuse, gender equality & sex workers' rights.
- We Live** >>> We laugh loudly, live happily & love openly. We aspire & we inspire everyone we meet. In other words, we're busy changing the world!!

What We Believe



Kranti believes that girls from marginalized communities have an added value as change agents, not "despite" our background, but because of it. If we have access to the same education, training & opportunities as people from privileged backgrounds, we will become exceptional leaders – more innovative, compassionate & resilient due to our life experiences.



Performing our Play, Laal Batti Express



Creating Agents of Social Change



Our Goals

We focus on developing the 5Cs:

1. Communication Skills
2. Creative Thinking
3. Critical Analysis
4. Community Leadership
5. Compassion



Our Curriculum

Music Mondays
TED Talk Tuesdays
Worldly Wednesdays
Thinking Thursdays
Field Trip Fridays



Our Students

Kranti School accommodates learners with a wide range of ages, abilities, languages, literacy levels, learning disorders & mental health issues.

Revolutionary Results!



In the past 10 years, Kranti's girls have: become the first girls from India's red-light area to study abroad, received UN awards for their social justice work, given 500+ TEDx talks & other speeches around the world & been featured on dozens of international media platforms. They've also written, directed and performed their own play in front of a million audience members, including Google & Facebook Headquarters. In 2017, their play was showcased at Edinburgh Fringe Festival & featured on BBC. In 2016, Kranti's alternative school was named a Top 10 finalist for the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize. Krantikaris are currently studying in 12 colleges across the US, UK, Europe & India.

Why Himachal



1. In Himachal, a 5 crore investment will create a permanent home for 50+ girls and women, whereas 5 crore in any major Indian city would only purchase 1-2 small flats. (We've paid up to 75K/month rent in Mumbai to house 25+ girls/women for 10+ years.)

2. Owning a space ensures long term security as opposed to renting. We have been evicted from 8 homes in the past 12 years in Mumbai - our 9th home will just lead to our 9th eviction.



3. MettaKranti space will enable us to run several income generation programs including: running a cafe, selling the Krantikaris' artwork & charging for yoga classes or drum circles. In the next 5 years, we hope to fund 50% of Kranti's programs through income generation.

4. Himachal has a global, cosmopolitan community with an endless flow of volunteers, classes & teachers for Kranti School. (This place has a footfall of 5 million tourists/year, half of whom are foreigners attending meditation/yoga retreats & the Dalai Lama's teachings.)



5. Living in Himachal will deepen our connection to the Buddhist community, many of whom are Kranti donors. Himachal's natural environment will also enhance the Krantikaris' journeys of healing as well as improving their mental, emotional & physical health.

Budget for Kranti School, Himachal



Itemised List	INR	USD
Building	3,65,00,000	\$ 438,488
Stamp Duty, Registration etc (6%)	21,90,000	\$ 26,309
Brokerage (2%)	7,30,000	\$ 8,770
Renovation (build kitchen, classrooms, etc)	1,50,00,000	\$ 180,100
Furnishings (bunk beds, solar panels, etc)	20,00,000	\$ 24,029
Miscellaneous (shifting costs, etc)	10,00,000	\$ 12,014
Estimated Total	5,74,20,000	\$ 689,710

Donations for 40% Down Payment, Paid in June 2023	INR	USD
Morari Bapu Trust	50,00,000	\$ 60,060
Aparna & Radhika Piramal	30,00,000	\$ 36,036
Eric Lofholm International	20,00,000	\$ 24,024
Crowdfunding (Milaap)	18,00,000	\$ 21,621
Individual Donors	12,00,000	\$ 14,414
Tulsiram Devidayal Charitable Trust	10,00,000	\$ 12,012
Lighthouse Advisors Ltd.	10,00,000	\$ 12,012
TOTAL	1,50,00,000	\$ 180,179



staff workspace &
meeting area

classroom, theater, therapy &
workshop area





new bunkbeds awaiting
new Krantikaris!

Terrace for yoga,
exercise & meditation



A home full of hope, healing & happiness...



Funds to Raise

	INR	USD
Total Budget for Kranti School	5,74,20,000	\$ 689,710
40% Down Payment, Paid in June 2023	- 1,50,00,000	- \$ 180,179
	4,24,20,000	\$ 509,531

MEET THE KRANTI TEAM



Robin

Born in the US, Robin was an officer in the Air Force, but always had a calling to work for social change. She'd already worked with dozens of NGOs in 20+ countries before deciding to start Kranti at 25. After a decade negotiating with traffickers, being beaten by the police & dealing with runaway Krantikaris, Robin was diagnosed with burnout in 2020. She then spent 2.5 years in silence & solitude, living in a mud hut at 13K feet in the Himalayas before returning to Kranti in 2023. Robin spends her "spare" time playing with Kranti's cats & fighting with the Krantikaris.



Bani

Forced into marriage at 19, Bani came to Mumbai with her husband. Shortly after she gave birth to her daughter, her husband abandoned her. To support her mother, daughter & 4 sisters, Bani found work in Mumbai's largest anti-trafficking NGO. For 5 years, she conducted brothel raids & managed a 100-bed shelter home. In 2010 she joined Kranti's founding team & has since managed Kranti's finances, accounts & operations. Bani spends her (rare) spare time taking afternoon naps & watching animated movies with the Krantikaris.



Vandana

Born & raised in Kamathipura, Vandana was forced into sex work as a teen but was one of the few girls who managed to fight back. She found factory work instead, barely managing to keep her 3 daughters fed. She joined the Kranti team full time in 2014, where along with managing operations of Kranti's shelter home, she shoves girls out the door to be on time for class, therapy & programs. Vandana is a YouTube junkie obsessed with cute cats, lazy pandas & Bollywood gossip. She also loves finding healthy new recipes for Kranti's kitchen.



Jareena

Trafficked at nine and forced into sex work at 11, Jareena escaped the brothel at 16. Her daughters were Kranti's first beneficiaries & Jareena finally quit sex work in 2017 to become a full time Kranti team member. In addition to being Kranti's community leader in Kamathipura as well as an inspiration to many sex workers, Jareena uses her super powers to cook meals for 20+ people and take hundreds of selfies every day, all while managing to accomplish the impossible - getting Krantikaris to do their chores and clean the house!



Shweta Tara

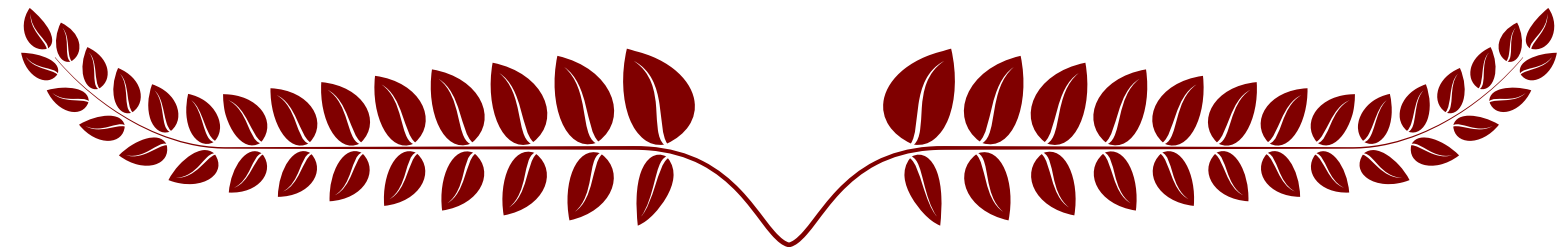
Shweta-Tara (Kranti beneficiary turned team member) came to Kranti at 16. By 17, she'd been named a "25-Under-25 Young Women to Watch" by Newsweek & at 18, she earned a scholarship to Bard College in New York, becoming the first girl from an Indian red-light area to study abroad. At 19, she received the UN's Youth Courage Award & at 20, she won a full scholarship to Semester at Sea and had the opportunity to visit 20 countries. She then spent four years studying Buddhist Philosophy in Italy before deciding to join the Kranti team full time.



Sheetal

Sheetal (Kranti beneficiary turned team member) came to Kranti at 17, only having studied in 4th & 7th standards. At 19, she finally abandoned formal education to pursue her passion, drumming. After being rejected by all music schools in India, Sheetal became famous for winning a scholarship to study drumming in Washington. Since then, she's trained as a drum circle facilitator & arts based therapist, empowering 10K+ children from 100+ marginalized communities. Sheetal spends her spare time with the true love of her life, her rescued puppy DeeJay.

Kranti Awards



1. **2023 Rotary Club of Bombay
Women's Empowerment Award**
2. **2022 Angels of Mumbai Award**
3. **2020 Women's Economic Forum
Exceptional Woman of Excellence**
4. **2019 French-German Human Rights**
5. **2017 IIT International Award of Merit**
6. **2016 Global Teacher Prize Finalist**
7. **2016 Shoorveer Awards**
8. **2014 UN Youth Courage Award**

Videos about the Krantikaris



[Sandhya on AskHer, 2022](#)



[Taniya on Josh, 2021 \(Hindi\)](#)



[Global Teacher Prize, 2016](#)



[Camino Walk Feature, 2021](#)



[Trust Women London, 2018](#)



[Quint Mother's Day, 2020](#)



[Rani on Matador Network, 2019](#)



[BBC Edinburgh Theatre, 2017](#)

Krantikaris in the News



SheThePeople on
Krantikari Shweta (2021).



Al-Jazeera on Kranti's
COVID programs (2020).



The Hindu on Krantikari
Rani's life (2018).



Hindustan Times on
Kranti's play (2017).



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Kranti School (2017).



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UN Award (2014).



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home eviction (2014).

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