

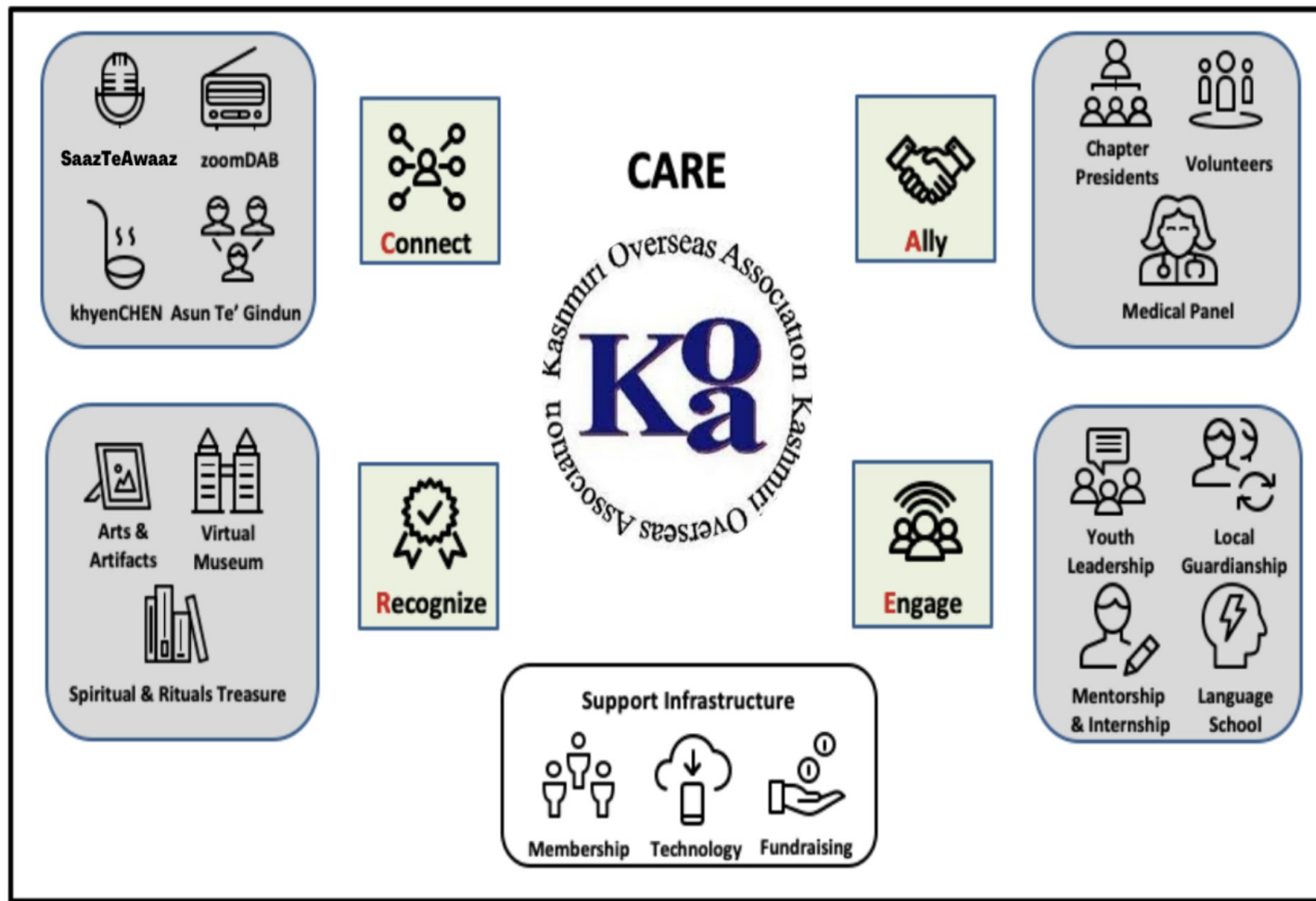


# Kashmiri Overseas Association, Inc.

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WELCOME  
TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING  
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT  
JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2022



**\*\*\*While the execution of the CARE vision continues to exceed expectations, KOA's emergency response to unforeseen incidents like COVID wave in India and the post-COVID Rehabilitation efforts took precedence over some planned projects.\*\*\***

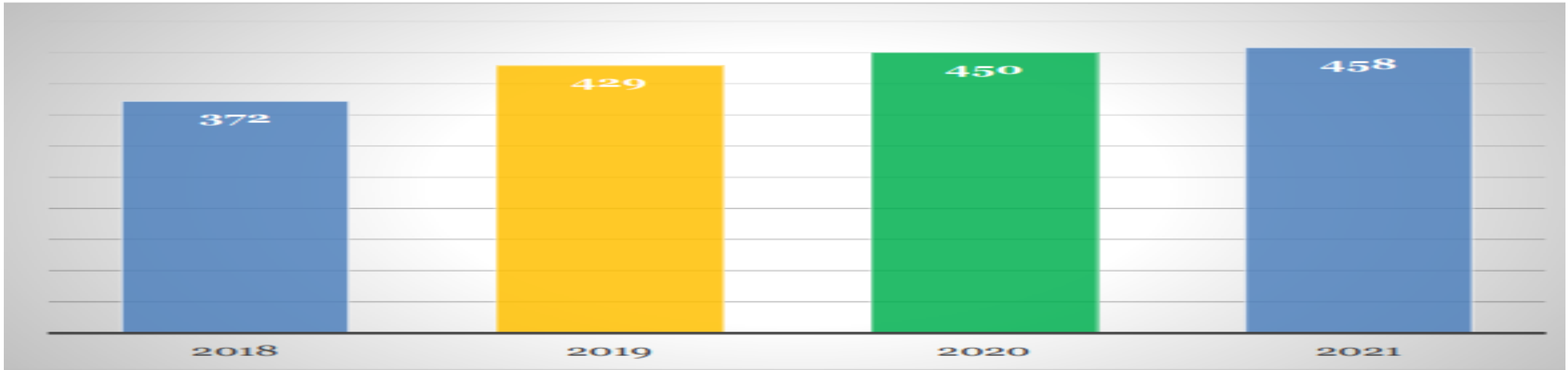
# SUPPORT-A-CHILD PROGRAM

- **Raised \$130,510; record number of 458 beneficiaries sponsored till date**
- **Supported 33 beneficiaries from Kashmir Valley**
- SAC portal for access to beneficiary's information that the donor supports
- Starting 2022, the annual sponsorship amount has been raised to \$325 per beneficiary

## **New Initiatives - Pilot in 2021:**

- "Aptitude Testing & Career Guidance" for 9th -12th grade students
- Executing pilot program with 31 kids, expected to expand to 100 students in 2022
- 3-week Summer Camp currently going on for students Communications and English proficiency – being conducted in Jagati Camp and Sharika Foundation

# SUPPORT-A-CHILD PROGRAM



# EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- **\$135,925 raised in 2021; Record number of 270 kids supported so far**
- Starting 2022, the annual sponsorship amount has been raised to \$625 per beneficiary

## GOALS for 2022:

- Track & Familiarize with EAP graduates
- Strong and engaged relation between Donor and Recipient
- Future engagement and create a sense of giving back & contributing to community
- Donor reach-out for future EAP graduates

# EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

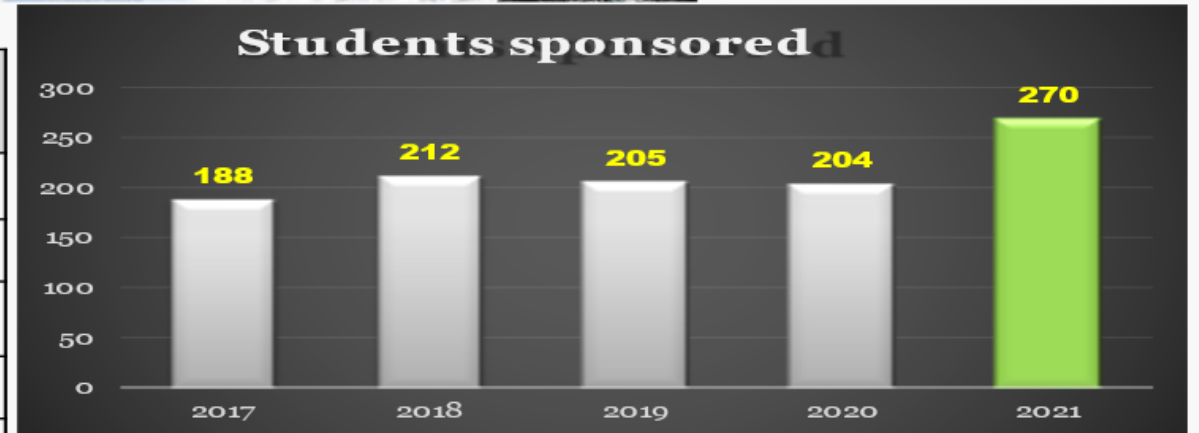


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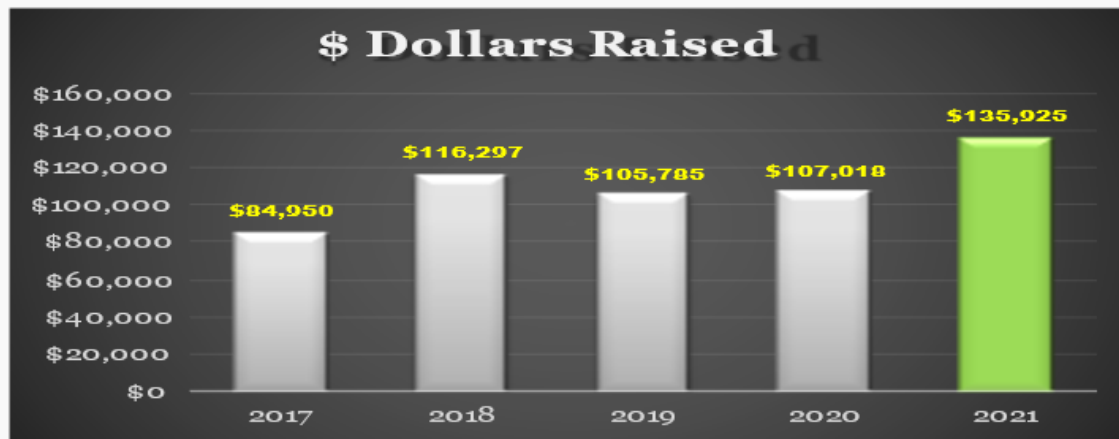
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## Five-year progression

Year	Students sponsored	Money raised
2017	188	\$84950 + INR 240,000
2018	212	\$116297 + INR 135,000
2019	205	\$105785 + INR 275,000
2020	204	\$107018 + INR 117,000
2021	270	\$135925 + INR 150,000



Students Sponsored → 32%↑ increase from 2020



Dollars Raised → 27%↑ increase from 2020



INR Raised → 28%↑ increase from 2020

Educational Assistance Program (EAP)

June 23, 2022



# COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

Equipment distributed across India  
in collaboration with  
**GKPD and Kakni Foundation (India)**

<b>O2 Concentrators</b>	245
<b>COVID Kits</b>	2000
<b>Pulse Oxymeters</b>	500
<b>PPE Kits</b>	200
<b>BiPap Machines</b>	5
<b>Meals</b>	1100

**Largest Donation Collection in the history of KOA: \$ 592,091.59**

**54% Donations > \$10,000.00**

**Highest donation of \$250,000 and second highest Donation of \$32,000.00**

**Collaborated with 32 KP organizations in India across 11 states and 17 cities**

# FAMILY AND KITCHEN SUSTENANCE PROGRAMS

In 2021 under the leadership of Dr. Archana Kokroo – KOA took up the noble mission of helping our brethren in distress and suffering from COVID pandemic. The program was approved by the board. The fundraising was done under this program banner and distributed to verified needy brethren in various parts of India. The program was divided into two parts:

- ❖ **Family Sustenance Program**
- ❖ **Kitchen Sustenance Program**



# FAMILY AND KITCHEN SUSTENANCE (CONTD.)

## Family Sustenance Program

- Received 35+ Applications for support. As of date, 30+ family's were verified approved and \$30,000 funds were distributed.
- One family recently supported in Valley for hardship due to deaths in the family from shootings.

# FAMILY AND KITCHEN SUSTENANCE (CONTD.)

## Kitchen Sustenance Program

The program objective is to support the KP families in Kashmir valley and help them make their end meet during the hard times. 44 families in Kashmir valley are suffering from COVID related hardships and have requested assistance of **about Rs 2000/- per month per family**.

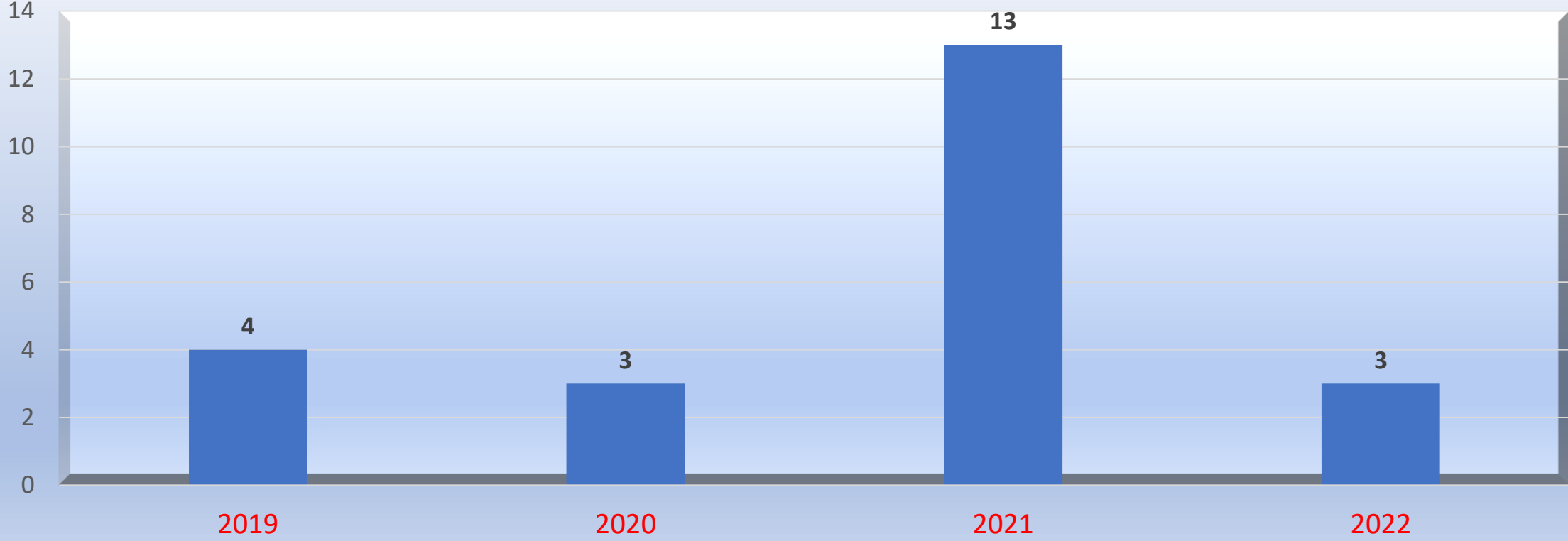
List of **44 families** received from our associates in valley. The support packages were developed with necessary food supplies. Distribution of the packages done on monthly / bi-monthly basis depending on the feasibility and situation on ground.

# MEDICAL PROGRAM

- Covered over 16 medical cases across India
  - 10 cases of malignancies; 3 cases of liver disease; the rest were tied to COVID complications
- Spent over \$60,000 so far in India
- **Tele-health services** provided during COVID wave in India by KOA Healthcare Network (HCN) of Physicians
- **Audio-visual aids** and instructional brochures were produced and distributed by the HCN during COVID waves in India
- **Multiple COVID Awareness conferences** conducted through virtual events

# MEDICAL PROGRAM

## Number of Cases Covered



# CATASTROPHIC FUND FOR U.S. FAMILIES

Supported one family in the Wild Fires of Colorado and one family in a domestic dispute.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

## AsunTeGindun: Program for kids of 5-12 years of age with over 25 intriguing sessions held so far

- BOD-DOH cultural series incorporated lessons on LalDed stories, Tithi calendar, Kashmiri festivities, etc.
- Fun activity series like the Vedic Math, Show and Tell, Puppet & Fashion Shows, Baking, storytelling/craft, etc.

## SaazTeAwaaz: The Cultural & Performing Arts Program with over 12 events so far

- **COVID Benefit Fundraising Event that raised around 270,000 USD**

Legends like Late Padma Shri Maestro Sh. Bhajan Sopori, Smt. Kailash Mehra, Smt. Arti Kaul, Smt. Neerja Pandit, Sh. Anurag Harsh, Sh. Abhay Sopori, Smt. Archana Jalali, Dr. Sapna Kachru, and young and budding artists from Athrot students of Jagti (Jammu) and from the US, Canada, UK, Dubai, Australia and India performed in various events

### **ZoomDub: platform for a discourse with our Community, with over 8 sessions so far**

- COVID-19, Exodus Day, Minority killings in Kashmir, Shivratri Vatak Pooza, conversations with celebrities like Padma Shri Dr. Subhash Kak, etc.

**KhyenChen:** The program started in 2020 and has grown from 9 to ~180 members, including celebrated Chefs of our community, with over 40 delectable sessions so far

- Hosted Chef Sandeep Pandit, Mrs. Nalini Sadhu, Mrs. Bhavana Challu, Chef Rahul Pandit and numerous local culinary enthusiasts
- Focus is to revive our lost forgotten foods, and document the authentic recipes for our Youth

### **2021 Virtual Annual Camp:**

- 3-day Camp activities with global participation in numerous cultural events for all age groups, Zonal competitions, celebrity interviews, Award ceremonies etc.
- ~ \$5,500 raised through Art Auction donations

### **Sports Tournament:**

- KOA sponsored the 2021 Sports Tournament in Jagati Camp, Jammu, to boost the physical and mental health of our Community Youth



# 2022 ANNUAL CAMP SOUVENIR PROJECT

Women of Muthi Camp, Jammu, were engaged in the hand-made Souvenir project for making 150 heritage-gift packs (Devgon packages)



# KOAYOUTH

## Extended membership to KOATeens

- KOAY social media forums and Newsletter
- Social Justice engagement
- Global and Zonal Social Events and Competitions
- Community Outreach Events

## Cultural Outreach Events

- Design KOAY Merchandise and numerous Fundraising programs
- Language and Mentorship programs
- H.O.P.E. (Humans Of Paradise On Earth) - project to catalogue a recorded history of Kashmiri Pandit lives back in Kashmir .
- **KOA-sponsored Youth Award programs:**
- Achievement awards for academic excellence
- Sharda Peth awards for culture and heritage presentations

**\*\*\*myPitch Entrepreneurial Contest\*\*\***

*in collaboration with "iqwat" (2022)*

## **IT UPDATES**

- **Mobile App – Scheduled to be launched SOON !!!**
- **Demo at East Coast Camp**
- **KP Directory in a new interactive digital format**

## **PROJECTS IN PIPELINE**

- **Youth Friendship and Dating App**
- **Revamp KOA Website**
- **Virtual U.S. KP Directory**
- **Blueprint of Heritage Project**