



The
**ARUNA &
AMBIKA**
Paul Foundation

(formerly The Ambika Paul Foundation)





“

Ambika - who started it all.
An angel who changed my life.
Wherever she is she will always
be loved and missed.

”

Lord Paul

The Aruna and Ambika Paul Foundation (formerly The Ambika Paul Foundation) is a charitable trust set up in memory of Lord Swraj Paul's daughter Ambika, who died of leukaemia in 1968, aged 4.

It was to further the treatment of her illness that Lord Paul first came to Britain in 1966. He remained in England after Ambika's tragic death, and went on to create Caparo, a widely diversified global association of businesses with interests across many markets, products and services.

The Foundation was created in 1978 and since then, funded by donations from the Paul family and the family-owned Caparo businesses, has grown to have substantial net assets and an impressive programme of donations.

The Foundation promotes the well-being of children and young people all over the world through education, culture and health, and seeks to encourage and inspire them to learn about the world they live in.



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Capital
Projects



Over the years, the Aruna and Ambika Paul Foundation (formerly the Ambika Paul Foundation) has assisted numerous valuable causes that have directly or indirectly benefited children and young people, regardless of their nationality and background. The Foundation is proud to have been able to offer major financial support to the following projects:

- **London Zoo, UK**

African Aviary Bridge
Ambika Paul Children's Zoo
Baroness Paul Pygmy Hippo Enclosure
The Lord and Lady Paul Forest Reserve

The Chancellor's Hall, Wulfruna Building, Wolverhampton City Campus
Lord Swraj Paul Early Careers Research Fund
Lord Swraj Paul Excellence in Teaching Fund

- **University of Wolverhampton**

The Ambika Paul Building, Wolverhampton City Campus
The Angad Paul Building, Telford Campus
The Lady Aruna Swraj Paul Building, Wolverhampton Springfield Campus
The Lord Swraj Paul Building, Wolverhampton City Campus



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- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA**

Ambika Paul Mezzanine and Study Room
Swraj Paul Scholarship
The Swraj Paul Theatre at the Kresge Auditorium
Liberty Plaza, Chapman University, USA

- **Other Projects**

Ambika Foundation Support
Ambika Paul School of Technology, Jalandar, India
Auditorium at Appeejay School of Management, Delhi, India

The Lady Aruna Paul Wing, Loreto College, Kolkata, India
Mongwati Sports Stadium, Charkhi, India
Ambika Paul Learning Resource Centre, RSA Academy, Tipton, UK
Nehru Chair, University of Cambridge, 1983-1993
Ambika Paul Infant Lab Suite, Carnegie Mellon University, USA
Ambika Dispensary, Lomu, Kenya
Ambika 3 event and exhibition space at University of Westminster, UK



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at the
London Zoo

One of the first major beneficiaries from the Foundation's work was the Zoological Society of London. While in London receiving treatment, the Zoo became Ambika's favourite place to visit and in 1994, when it was threatened with closure, the Foundation donated a substantial amount to help the Society.

The donation was used to build a new Children's Zoo in her name. The Foundation has continued to support the Zoo on other projects since then, such as the Lady Paul Pygmy Hippo Enclosure, the African Aviary Bridge, the Tiger Territory, the Lord and Lady Paul Forest Reserve, with further projects planned for the future.



Top: Statue of Ambika at the London Zoo, book dedicated to Ambika and the Hippo Enclosure at the Zoo.
Bottom left: Zoo entrances and the Bridge in the African Aviary.
(Images courtesy of the London Zoo)

University of Westminster

In the UK the Foundation has sponsored the redevelopment of the P3 exhibition space at the University of Westminster, which was opened by Mrs Sarah Brown, wife of the former UK Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown MP, in June 2008. The Ambika P3 space is dedicated to innovation, experimentation and learning, with emphasis on the creative industries, enabling both students and professionals to exhibit their works.



Left to right: Entrance of the University of Westminster; Lord and Lady Paul with Sarah Brown at the opening of the P3 Exhibition Space; the Ambika P3 Entrance and one of the many impressive exhibitions held at the P3.



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The University of Wolverhampton

Faithful to its mission in helping young people to access education, over the years the Foundation has donated generously to the University of Wolverhampton, an institution it has forged close ties with.

University of Wolverhampton, which was used to further enhance the student experience. In honour of Lord Paul's daughter and her continuing legacy, the University unveiled the Ambika Paul Building in an official ceremony in 2015. They also unveiled the Lord Swraj Paul Building in early 2016.



In 2010, the Foundation provided support to establish the new Ambika Paul Student Union Centre at the University. Named after Ambika, the centre was completely refurbished and re-designed to meet the needs of the student population.

In 2018, a donation of £500,000 further supported the University's early career researchers, as well as their entrepreneurial students, and led to the naming of the Angad Paul Building at the University's Telford Campus, home of the Department of Engineering.

In 2023 a gift of £1 million has supported the university's research and teaching objectives, as well as supporting alleviating student hardship and the Lady Aruna Swraj Paul Building was named at the Springfield Campus in Wolverhampton.

In 2015, a gift of £1 million was presented to the

Left: Lord and Lady Paul with Anjili Paul



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Learning
Resource
Centre



Tipton, West Midlands



Left to right: Lord and Lady Paul with Principal Michael Gernon at the opening ceremony, the Learning Resource Centre itself, and entrance of the RSA Academy.

The Foundation has made a substantial donation to establish the Ambika Paul Learning Resource Centre at the new RSA Academy at Tipton in the West Midlands. The centre is on two floors comprising a study area and a library. Tipton is a leading Academy of the RSA's innovative curriculum framework 'Opening Minds' in which young people are encouraged to develop life skills.



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IT Study
Centre

John Leggott College, Scunthorpe

Thanks to The Aruna & Ambika Paul Foundation, in the late 1990s sixth form students from John Leggott College were given open access to an advanced computer suite. With a reputation for being at the forefront of learning technology, the development of the Ambika Paul IT Study Centre at the College represented an exciting development in its aim to provide students with the best learning environments.

Since its introduction, the Centre has been continually updated and now houses more than 100 PCs, all with access to the Internet and a variety of e-resources to assist students with their learning outside the classroom.

Support was also provided to the Ambika Paul Technology Laboratory at Thomas Sumpter School, now merged with another local college and called Meior Community College.



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Mezzanine
and The
Ambika Paul
Study Room

Massachusetts Institute of Technology/ MIT Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, USA



Left to right: Exterior of the new MIT E62 Building, the new modern light-filled environment for students and plaques commemorating Ambika.

The Foundation has also helped the MIT Sloan School of Management with funding that enabled the construction of a building that was formally dedicated in May 2011. The Ambika Paul Mezzanine and The Ambika Paul Study Room within this new facility provide valuable meeting and study space for both students and faculty. The Foundation has also supported The Swraj Paul Theatre at the Kresge Auditorium.

Swraj Paul (1952) MIT Scholarship Fund Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA



Established in 1987 to provide a full scholarship to undergraduate or graduate students from India or of Indian origin. Some of the Swraj Paul scholars are: Ashish Mishra, Ann Punnoose, Lynn Punnoose, Siddharth Sunder, Asilata Bapat, Jesika Haria. The Foundation has also supported the Swraj Paul Theatre at the Kresge Auditorium.



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Infant Lab
Suite

Carnegie Mellon University,
Pittsburgh, USA



The Carnegie Mellon University.

Promoting education is a priority for the Foundation, and over the years several large grants have been made. One example, which combines the furtherance of education with medical research into children's health, is the programme of donations to the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, of which a significant part is devoted to the Infant Lab Suite, where researchers are working to understand infant development to help children with disabilities such as autism and specific language impairment.



Liberty Plaza

Chapman University, Orange County,
California, USA

Liberty Plaza at Chapman University, Orange County, California has a large section of the Berlin Wall on display, given to Chapman by the City of Berlin in 1998 and underwritten by the Foundation. The Wall is surrounded by gardens with a reflecting pool and seating and the Plaza was dedicated to the memory of Ambika Paul on 4 May 1999. Liberty Plaza is a dramatic reminder to current and future generations of students that freedom is precious and must be protected. Chapman University is one of a small and prestigious group of recipients of large pieces of the Berlin Wall, including the Vatican and CIA Headquarters in Virginia.

Jalandhar, India



The Ambika Paul School of Technology in Jalandhar was completed in 2007 as a gift to Jalandhar from Lord Paul.

The School is run by the Punjab Technical University and offers graduate and postgraduate degrees in Engineering.



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School of
Technology

The Auditorium at Apeejay School of Management Dwarka, New Delhi, India



The Foundation sponsored the Auditorium at the Apeejay School of Management in Dwarka, New Delhi. The state-of-the-art air-conditioned auditorium seats 450 and hosts various academic activities such as conferences, seminars and symposia. The 350 stepped seating open-air theatre hosts cultural and extra-curricular activities.



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The Mongwati Paul Sports Stadium Charkhi, India



The Sports Stadium and plaque in Charkhi, dedicated to Lord Paul's mother Mongwati Devi.

The Foundation also made a sizeable contribution towards the opening of the Mongwati Stadium in Charkhi, India. This fully fledged stadium, named in memory of Lord Paul's mother, is part of the school and is also an invaluable asset to the local community of Charkhi village.



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The Lady Aruna Paul Wing, Loreto College Kolkata, India

The Aruna & Ambika Paul Foundation was delighted to support Loreto College, Kolkata in expanding their premises to enable the College to start new graduate and postgraduate courses.



Lady Aruna Paul unveils the commemorative plaque in the presence of College Principal Sister Christine Coutinho and Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Kolkata.



Donations and support to organisations in India

In India, The Aruna and Ambika Paul Foundation has worked with the following organisations on various projects supporting youngsters in the local communities:

- Arpana Trust
- CAP Foundation
- Magic Bus
- Prime Minister's Relief Fund, 2001
- Prime Minister's Relief Fund, 2004
- Prime Minister's Relief Fund, 2005
- Sathya Sai Central Trust
- Savitri Waney Charitable Trust
- Swaminarayan Sanstha

Other major donations

Outside of the United Kingdom, The Aruna and Ambika Paul Foundation has also assisted with funding the following organisations:

- Ambika Paul Scholarships, Forman Christian College, Lahore
- Bratek Charity, Poland
- Lord Paul Award, Indian School, Oman
- Namaso Relief Fund, New Orleans
- President of Pakistan Relief Fund, 2005
- Sri Lanka Relief Fund, 2004

On a smaller scale, many donations are also made each year to other UK and Indian organisations associated with children, health and welfare. Notably, significant sums have been given to disaster relief efforts, especially to India and Sri Lanka after the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, and to India and Pakistan after the 2005 earthquake.

Over the 30 years since its establishment, the Aruna and Ambika Paul Foundation has grown to be a significant force for the promotion of the education and welfare of young people, and aims to be able to continue this work on an increasing scale.

Thus the short life of a little girl, who died tragically at the age of four in 1968, is proving to be an inspiration, and a great force for gentleness and good that spreads far and wide.



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