



GivingPi  
India Family Philanthropy Network

Dear Arundhati,

We are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the second season of 'Unusual Suspects', a podcast series in collaboration with Moneycontrol. This season featured exclusive conversations with GivingPi Members and other leading philanthropists, including Raj Mariwala, Archana Chandra, Jacob Kurian, Radhika and Kartik Bharat Ram, Ashok Bhansali, and Sonal Sachdev Patel. These leaders are making significant strides in addressing challenges in some of India's most underserved sectors. To listen to the full season, check out the next section in this newsletter or visit GivingPi's social media channels.

We are also excited to announce the return of the Young Philanthropist Program (YPP), a collaborative initiative between GivingPi and Stanford PACS. This 2-week intensive program in Mumbai provides students aged 14-20 with a comprehensive introduction to the Indian development sector. Participants engage in research projects, fundraising activities, expert sessions, mentorship, and peer learning opportunities. This year, YPP will host over 15 students in 20+ sessions, offering interactions with 10+ experts and 2+ planned NGO visits. If you are interested in applying or know someone who might be, please complete the application form available [here](#).

As always, in this edition, we will be amplifying our GivingPi families and their philanthropic activities, highlighting upcoming events, and keeping you informed on the latest thought leadership in the field of philanthropy.

With gratitude,  
Team GivingPi

## New Launches at GivingPi



### Episode 1 - Prioritizing Philanthropy in Mental Health

By Moneycontrol in collaboration with GivingPi

Featuring GivingPi Member and Director, Mariwala Health Initiative, Raj Mariwala. To listen, [click here](#).

### Episode 2 - Building an Inclusive India that Leaves No One Behind

By Moneycontrol in collaboration with GivingPi

Featuring GivingPi Member, & CEO, Jai Yakeel Foundation & Research Centre, Archana Chandra, and Jacob Kurian, Hon. Secretary, The Association of People with Disability. To listen, [click here](#).

### Episode 3 - Leveraging Philanthropy to Advance Gender Equity

By Moneycontrol in collaboration with GivingPi

Featuring GivingPi Members and the Founders of KARM Trust, Radhika Bharat Ram and Kartik Bharat Ram. To listen, [click here](#).

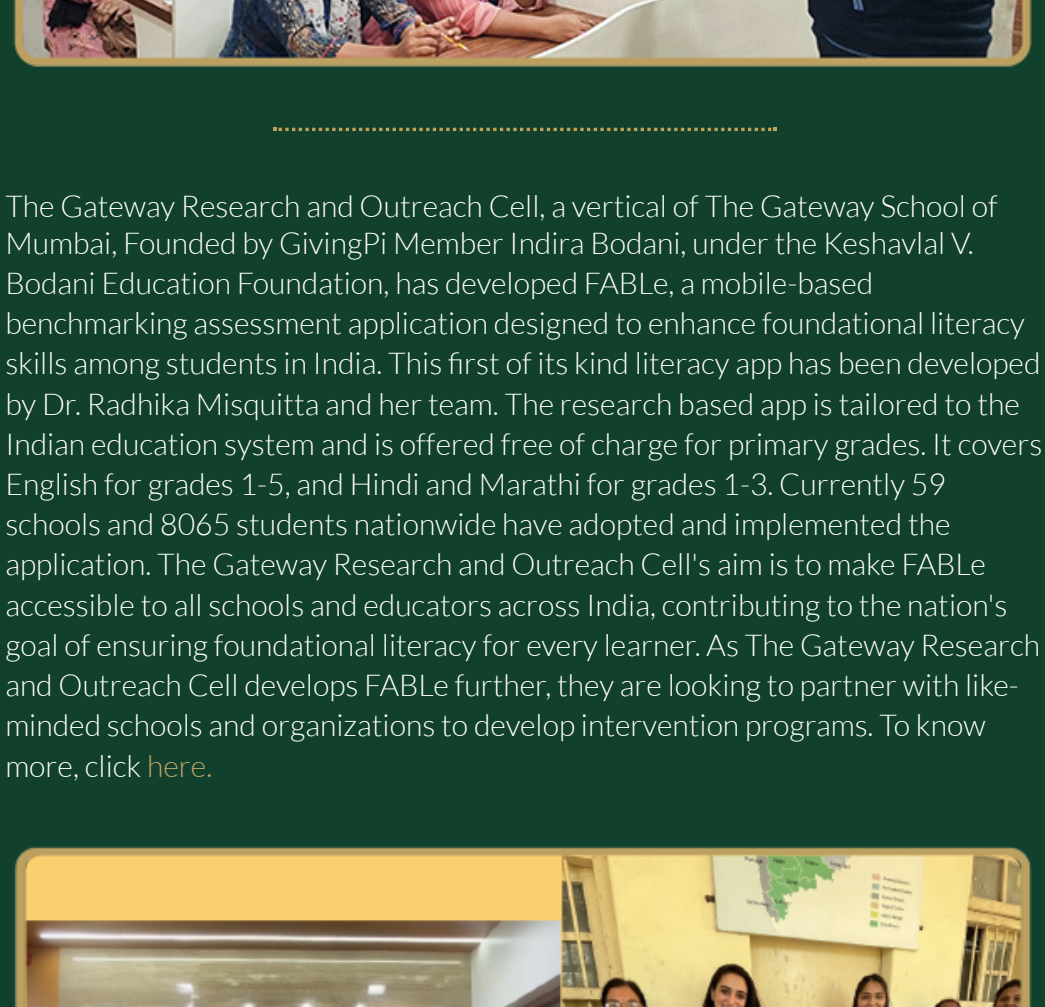
### Episode 4 - Empowering Underfunded Communities for a Better Tomorrow

By Moneycontrol in collaboration with GivingPi

Featuring GivingPi Members, Ashok Bhansali, Co-owner, Bhansali & Co and Trustee, Bhansali Trust, and Sonal Sachdev Patel, CEO, GMSP Foundation and Philanthropist in Residence, LSE, Marshall Institute. To listen, [click here](#).

## Updates from our community

Rohini Nilekani, GivingPi Founders Circle Member, serves as the Chairperson of Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, which, alongside Instituto Beja, Non Profit, and Skoll Foundation, Co-founded the Centre for Exponential Change (C4EC). This global action hub is dedicated to reimagining solutions for the world's most pressing social challenges. The founders of C4EC recognize that traditional, linear solutions are inadequate in addressing the rapid proliferation of global issues. They advocate for exponential thinking and action, believing it to be the key to addressing challenges effectively. Through C4EC, they aim to foster a future where innovation, collaboration, and steadfast determination drive solutions to every problem. C4EC serves as a co-creation space, bringing together diverse supporters to accelerate the efforts of system orchestrators in tackling social issues at scale. To learn more about C4EC and its mission, [click here](#).



Koita Foundation, Co-founded by Rizwan and Rekha Koita recently collaborated with the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) to set up the Koita Centre for Digital Diabetology (KCDD). The Centre will promote the use of digital technologies and tools to improve diabetes care across India. KCDD aims to facilitate research and innovation in diabetes leveraging digital technologies while promoting the use of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) platform. To drive better management of diabetes, KCDD will drive adoption of diabetes-specific Electronic Medical Records (EMR), interoperability of patient information, remote tracking of patients, and use of consumer health applications and devices. In addition, KCDD will support the creation of large-scale data for diabetes research and registries, which are important for research and public health initiatives. In addition, KCDD will also partner with hospitals, universities and research organizations to promote research and development in diabetes care.



Swades Foundation, Co-founded by GivingPi Members, Ronnie and Zarina Screwvala, has partnered with Mankind Pharma Ltd. for their shared vision of an empowered rural India. To kickstart and commemorate this collaboration, the team inaugurated a water for irrigation program in Igatpuri, Nashik and goat and dairy program in Mahad, Raigad - laying the foundation for joint efforts that will focus on healthcare and sustainable rural livelihood opportunities. The collaboration aims to support rural families with cataract surgeries, spectacles, a mobile medical unit, goat programs, dairy programs, farmland with water for irrigation and toilet construction at the individual household level. To know more, [click here](#).



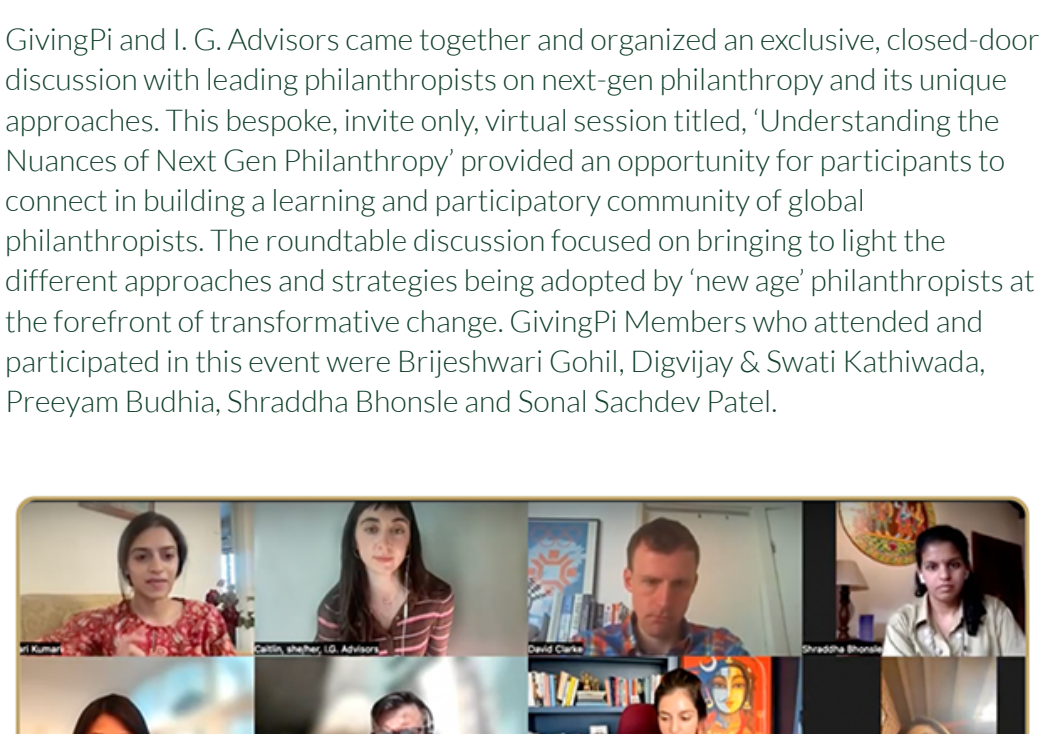
GivingPi Member, Mekin Maheshwari, is the Founder & CEO of Udhyan Learning Foundation, which recently partnered with SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) for 'The Istri Project', an initiative aiming to help ironing vyapaaris with LPG by assisting them in switching from coal-based iron boxes to iron runs with LPG. The partnership was kickstarted with the distribution of LPG iron boxes to Istri Vyapaaris in Bangalore last month. The Istri Project has already improved the lives of over 5,300 Istri Vyapaaris with 25Cm+ income upliftment through the transition, 38L additional productive hours enabled and 2.5K tonnes of coal usage reduced. With SIDBI's partnership, The Istri Project is poised for even greater impact. To know more, [click here](#).



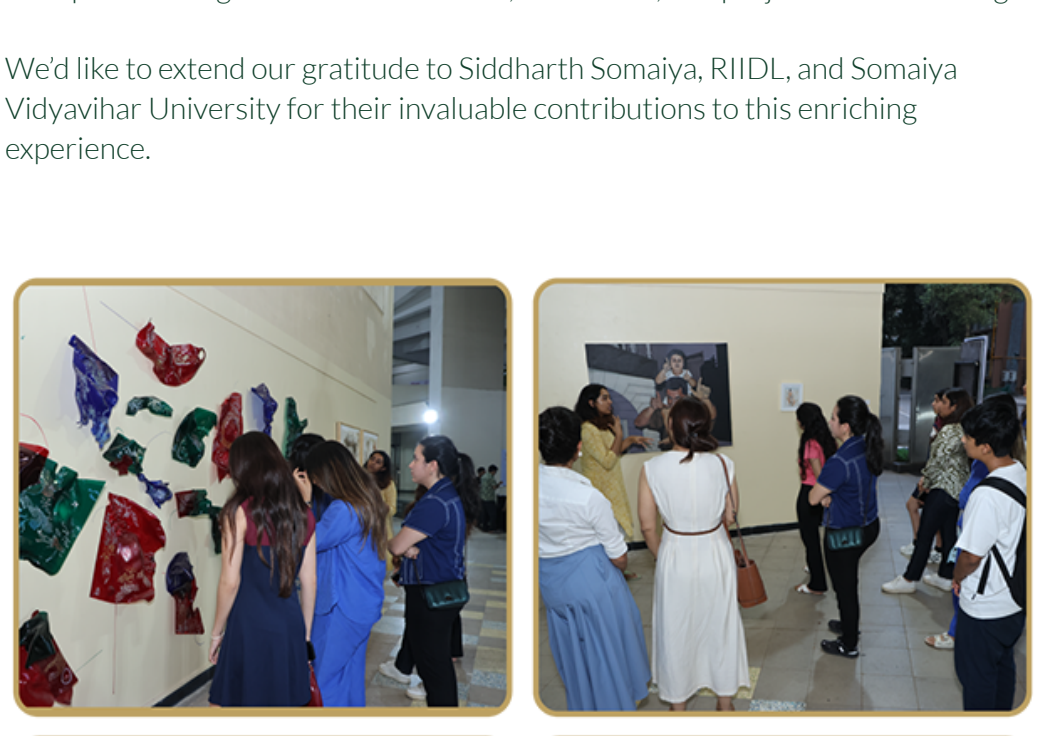
deAsra Foundation, Founded by GivingPi Member, Anand Deshpande, partnered with the Army Wives Welfare Association in Pune, to empower women with tools for self-sustainability through business training courses and workshops. These learning and development sessions covered a range of industries such as baking, fashion, and beauty, geared to instill an entrepreneurial mindset with focused seminars on key components of running a successful business such as accounting, marketing, and customer service. The partnership aimed to equip the army wives with practical skills and knowledge to start and manage their own businesses, fostering self-reliance and financial independence.



GivingPi Member, Dr. Akhil Shahani is the Managing Director of Thadomal Shahani Centre for Management, which has partnered with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to launch an initiative where accredited Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) courses at the centre are made available to a range of NSDC partner across India. Aimed at fostering holistic development, this program will offer various skilling and placement opportunities. To know more, [click here](#).



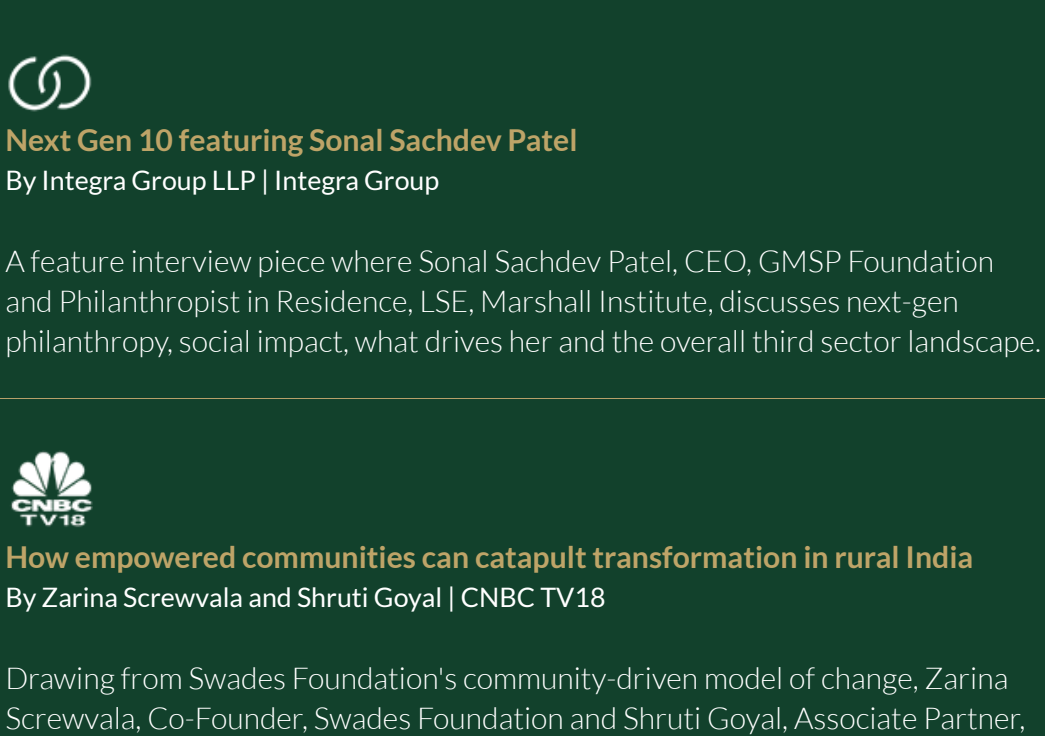
The Gateway Research and Outreach Cell, a vertical of The Gateway School of Mumbai, Founded by GivingPi Member Indra Bodani, under the Keshavlal V. Bodani Education Foundation, has developed FABLE, a mobile-based benchmarking assessment application designed to enhance foundational literacy skills among students in India. This first-of-its-kind literacy app has been developed by Dr. Radhika Misquitta and her team. The research-based app is tailored to the Indian education system and is offered free of charge for primary grades. It covers English for grades 1-5, and Hindi and Marathi for grades 1-3. Currently 59 schools and 8065 students nationwide have adopted and implemented the application. The Gateway Research and Outreach Cell's aim is to make FABLE accessible to all schools and educators across India, contributing to the nation's goal of ensuring foundational literacy for every learner. As The Gateway Research and Outreach Cell develops FABLE further, they are looking to partner with like-minded schools and organizations to develop intervention programs. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member, Pragna Kapoor, is the Founder of Ek Saath - The Earth Foundation, which recently organized a health camp in Kokarli, Mumbai. The camp catered to 100+ residents, providing free eye screenings, doctor consultations, eye examinations, and distribution of free eyeglasses for those that needed them. The health camp was conducted in collaboration with local healthcare professionals and volunteers, ensuring that the residents received comprehensive medical care. This initiative aimed to improve access to healthcare services and raise awareness about preventive health measures in underserved communities. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member, Rumana Hamied, is the Managing Trustee of Cipla Foundation, which has seed funded Sukoon Nilaya, Mumbai's first free in-patient palliative care centre. Sukoon Nilaya is now poised to grow from being a 16-bed facility started two years ago to 50 beds, to meet growing demand. From geriatric conditions like dementia to auto-immune diseases to paralytic strokes, patients suffering from these conditions along with their caregivers, are housed after hospitalization, and counselled on nutrition, physiotherapy and how to cope. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Members, Mirisch Damani, Founder Trustee, and Aschak Damani, Trustee, of Rambha Philanthropy Foundation (RPF), recently organized a capacity building gathering for their non-profit partners in Nashik, Maharashtra in collaboration with Dasra, to find synergies and aid in capacity building. At the gathering, Mirisch Damani shared RPF's journey of moving from a charity-based foundation to strategic philanthropy over the last 8 years and the ongoing desire to make sustainable impact on human lives across India through partnerships and leadership. The session covered topics such as collaborative leadership, partnership development, innovative problem-solving, and sustainable practices. Participants shared their challenges, learnings, and success stories, and were encouraged to participate in cross-learning and engage in community building. The gathering saw participation from Shehalaya, Deshpande Foundation, Yuva Mitra, Quality Education Support Trust, SPMESM, Step Up for India, BAVP's Shri Gururaj Ragnalaya, and Seva Sankalp Samiti.



## A glimpse from the past

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April | Mumbai

As part of our Rendezvous with Philanthropy series, GivingPi hosted a fireside chat titled, 'The Ateliers of Impact: Look to the Past to Shape our Future'. This curated discussion with Sangita Jindal (Chairperson, JSW Foundation), Tasneem Zakaria Mehta (Managing Trustee & Director, Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai) and Karishma Swali (Creative Director, Chanakya International and Chanakya School of Craft | Chairperson, Chanakya Foundation), delved into the evolving role of philanthropy in restoring, reviving and mainstreaming impact through arts, craft and heritage in India.

We'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to GivingPi Members, Neha Mehta and Biyash Choksey, for co-anchoring this event.



### 13<sup>th</sup> April | Mumbai

GivingPi collaborated with Ashoka Innovators for the Public for the Ashoka-GivingPi Huddle, uniting Ashoka Fellows who are some of India's most prominent social entrepreneurs with GivingPi Members and business leaders. The collaboration aimed to co-create solutions for India's most pressing social needs. GivingPi Members Sandeep Singhal, Urja Shah, Sonakshi Agarwal, Adam Khorakiwala, Isha Kedia, Ashok Bhansali, Jeet Marwadi, Rohini Tannan and Ajay Upadhyaya along with business leader Sonali Pradhan participated as strategic thought partners, engaging in meaningful discussions with Ashoka Fellows. Conversations during the Huddle focused on understanding the operations of NGOs and social enterprises, effective communication strategies, evidence-building practices, and pathways to unlock funder peer networks. The Huddle acted as a catalyst for exploring innovative strategies to harness the interconnections between business, philanthropy, and social impact, amplifying the collective influence of changemakers across India's social impact landscape.



### 17<sup>th</sup> April | Virtual

GivingPi and I.G. Advisors came together and organized an exclusive, closed-door discussion with leading philanthropists on next-gen philanthropy and its unique approaches. This bespoke, invite only, virtual session titled, 'Understanding the Nuances of Next Gen Philanthropy' provided an opportunity for participants to connect in building a learning and participatory community of global philanthropists. The roundtable discussion focused on bringing to light the different approaches and strategies being adopted by 'new age' philanthropists at the forefront of transformative change. GivingPi Members who attended and participated in this event were Brijeshwari Gohil, Digvijay & Swati Kathiwada, Preeyam Budhia, Shradha Bhonsle and Sonal Sachdev Patel.



### 19<sup>th</sup> April | Mumbai

GivingPi partnered with YPO YNG Mumbai Chapter to host the inaugural edition of its new property 'Philanthropy Routes' in partnership with GivingPi Member, Siddharth Somaia, which comprised a half-day immersion into philanthropy and grassroots leadership. Participants enjoyed bespoke experiences, including a curated walk-through of the show IMMERSE, which included interactions with nine artists in their studios, and guided tours of campus innovations through their start-up incubators. Additionally, attendees had the privilege of meeting 20 event founders at Research Innovation Incubation Design Labs (RIIDL). The event concluded with an insightful fireside chat featuring angel investor and philanthropist Siddharth Somaia and Gaurang Shetty the Chief Innovation Catalyst/CEO of RIIDL. The conversation delved into RIIDL's remarkable contributions, including facilitating over 70 startups, creating 300+ full-time jobs, and spearheading initiatives in research, innovation, and project-based learning.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to Siddharth Somaia, RIIDL, and Somaia Vidyaiah University for their invaluable contributions to this enriching experience.



### 25<sup>th</sup> April | Mumbai

As part of our 'Rendezvous with Philanthropy' series, we collaborated with Club Joies and St+art India for an insightful conversation on 'Unveiling the Impact of Art'. This curated discussion brought together GivingPi Member, Radha Goenka (Director, RPG Foundation | Founder of Pehlay Akshar, The Heritage Project, nature and arts centre), Anjali Mody (Founder and Creative Director of Josmo) and Giulia Ambrogio (Co-founder and curator of St+art India Foundation and XXL Collective) to explore the transformative power of creativity in enriching culture, fostering social change, and shaping a brighter future for the arts.



## In the media

### YOURSTORY

#### Breaking barriers: The rise of women-led philanthropy in India

By Neera Nundy | YourStory

In this opinion piece, Neera Nundy, Co-founder & Partner, Dasra, dives into women-led philanthropy and the immense potential it holds to reshape India's philanthropic narrative, while presenting the opportunity for women to drive change through their giving.



#### Next Gen 10 featuring Sonal Sachdev Patel

By Integra Group LLP | Integra Group

A feature interview piece where Sonal Sachdev Patel, CEO, GMSP Foundation and Philanthropist in Residence, LSE, Marshall Institute, discusses next-gen philanthropy, social impact, what drives her and the overall third sector landscape.



#### How empowered communities can catapult transformation in rural India

By Zarina Screwvala and Shruti Goyal | CNBC TV18

Drawing from Swades Foundation's community-driven model of change, Zarina Screwvala, Co-Founder, Swades Foundation and Shruti Goyal, Associate Partner, Dabeng, make a case for empowered communities and the role they play in a nation's growth story.



#### Women leaders & the trials on the path to success | Future Female Forward

By Shereen Bhan | CNBC TV18

Neera Nundy, part of a power-packed panel, in conversation with Shereen Bhan on her leadership style, women-led philanthropy, and the role of women in the giving economy.

## Reach out to us



### Amplify

We would love to amplify the philanthropic efforts you are championing with the GivingPi community. Please share relevant updates with us on [communications@givingpi.org](mailto:communications@givingpi.org).



### Concierge

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