



Dear Arundhati,

As we step into July, we are elated to be celebrating a significant milestone - GivingPi completing its second year. It has been an incredible journey so far, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. In the past two years, we've been able to galvanize momentum towards family philanthropy in India by bringing together passionate philanthropists like yourself and amplifying the philanthropic work of our incredible community. We're also grateful for the opportunity to work closely with many of you on your giving journeys.

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to furthering our mission by expanding our global reach and fostering new partnerships to better support our members. As we mark our second anniversary, we are thrilled to announce our expansion into the US. This allows us to extend GivingPi's mission to a global community. By welcoming philanthropic families from the US, we aim to significantly increase giving to India. Together, we look forward to forging meaningful connections and having a greater impact. If you know of any families in the US who would benefit from our community, please write to [jyotirmoy@givingpi.org](mailto:jyotirmoy@givingpi.org)

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 in the Sector

### OUR SHARED FUTURE

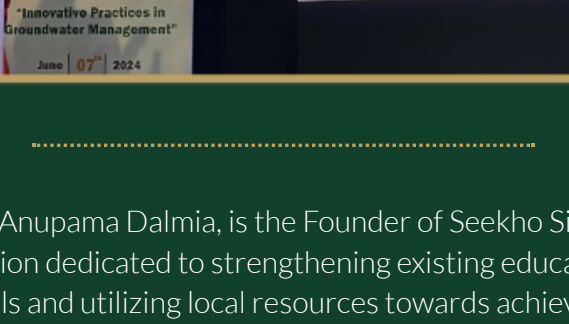
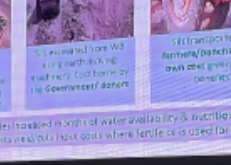
Securing Animal Welfare, Human Wellbeing and Sustainability in India



#### 'Our Shared Future | Securing Animal Welfare, Human Wellbeing and Sustainability in India'

India Animal Fund (IAF), Founded by GivingPi Member Parag Agarwal, and Dasra have come together to produce a first of its kind flagship report titled, 'Our Shared Future | Securing Animal Welfare, Human Wellbeing and Sustainability in India'. This report seeks to provide a holistic view of animal welfare across different segments in India, highlighting the numerous ways in which it intersects with human and ecological wellbeing. With a focus on critical areas such as farmed animals, working animals, community animals, and animals used in testing and experimentation, this report is the result of collaboration with diverse stakeholders including animal welfare practitioners, non-profits, funders, corporates, and sector experts. It aims to serve as a valuable resource for funders, policymakers, researchers, and advocates for animal welfare, striving to ignite action that will drive positive change for our collective future.

To read the full report, [click here](#).



### Rays of Light

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This report by Dasra delves into the concept of 'polycrisis' in India and the developing world, emphasizing the need for keen observation and illumination to understand this phenomenon and foster resilience. It highlights philanthropy, particularly that of GivingPi Member, Leena Dandekar, as a powerful force for addressing immediate needs and building sustainable solutions. Supported by the Omega Residence Awards, this report aims to deepen understanding of the polycrisis globally.

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to GivingPi Members, Luis Miranda, Raj Mariwala, Sunita Maheshwari and the Khorakiwala family, for their invaluable insights and contributions, which have greatly enriched the findings of this report.

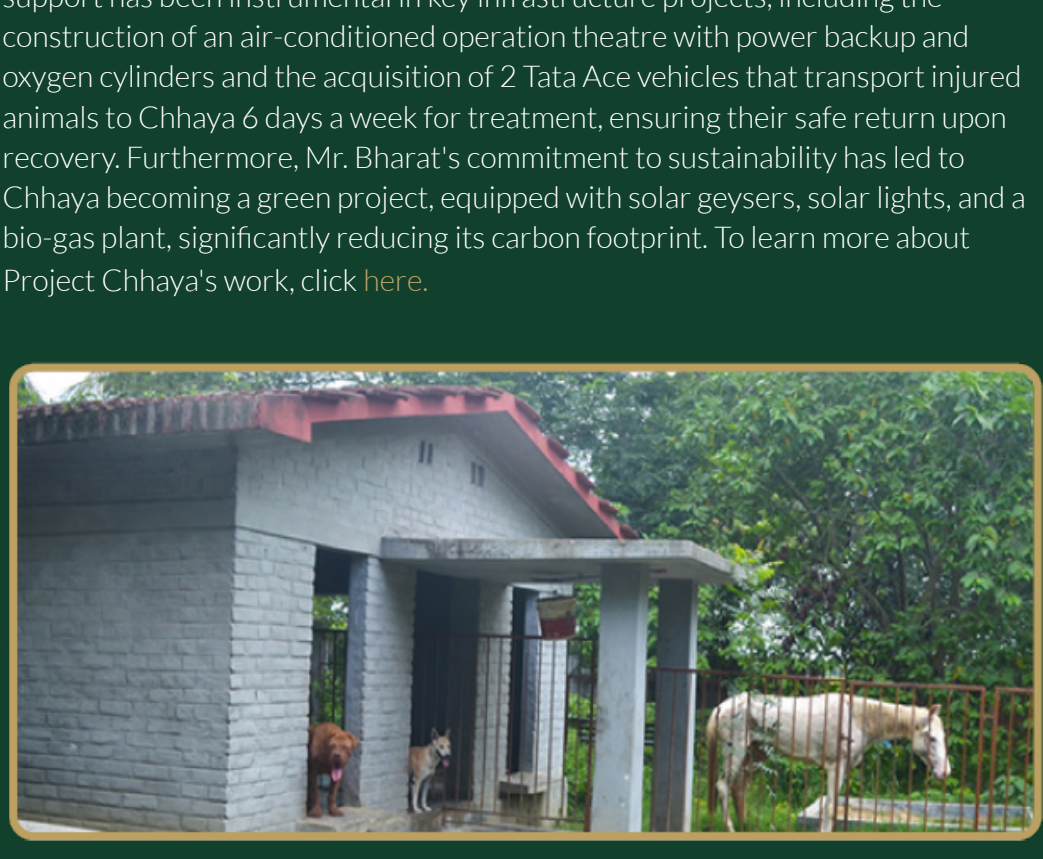
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## Updates from our community

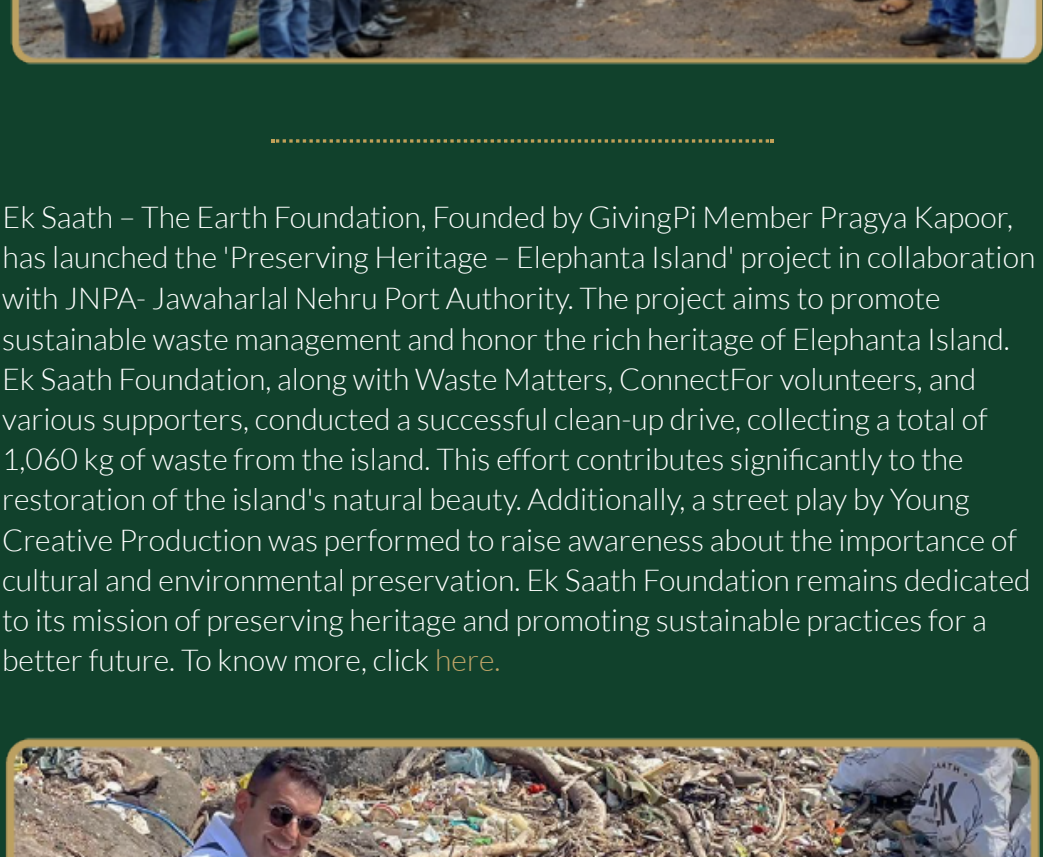
A.T.E. Chandra Foundation, Co-Founded by GivingPi Members, Amit and Archana Chandra, has been recognized as one of the top 10 innovative practices in groundwater management by the Atal Bhuja Yojana (Atal Jal), a central government scheme overseen by the National Project Management Unit (NPMU). The Foundation's goal is to rejuvenate 1.7 lakh waterbodies in eight of India's driest states, bringing access to water to 2.6 lakh villages. This recognition underscores their commitment to sustainable water management and their efforts to make a significant impact in addressing water scarcity in India. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member, Anupama Dalmia, is the Founder of Seekho Sikhao Foundation (SSF), an organization dedicated to strengthening existing educational systems in government schools and utilizing local resources towards achieving systemic and sustainable change. SSF recently organized a transformative 15-day summer camp across 117 government schools in rural Uttar Pradesh. This initiative, deeply rooted in community engagement, saw the active participation of local gram panchayats, school management committees (SMCs), and volunteers, fostering a stronger sense of ownership for education within the community. The camp featured a diverse array of activities designed to enhance life skills and academic engagement among children during their summer break. From creative sessions like "Kabaad Se Jugaad" (making useful items from waste) and clay art to environmental education through tree planting and medicinal plant identification, the camp was a vibrant blend of learning and fun. To know more about SSF, [click here](#).



Swades Foundation, Co-Founded by GivingPi Members, Ronnie and Zarina Screwvala, recently organized its fifth health camp in Peth, Nashik, as part of their ongoing initiative to conduct local health camps. With the support of their hospital partners PHC- Kumbhale, SMBT Hospital, and Tulsi Eye Hospital, the camp successfully screened over 230 individuals. Multiple cases of cataract, diabetes, and hypersensitivity were identified, along with suspected cardiac and gynecological complications that had previously gone undetected due to a lack of awareness or access. Additionally, over 100 specimens were distributed free of charge, and more than 100 blood samples were collected for CBR, lipid profile, liver function test, and thyroid test. With an encouraging response from the community on-ground, the Foundation is now looking to extend this initiative to other parts of rural Maharashtra. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member, Poonam Nanda, is the Trustee & Chief Mentor at the Yuvraj Singh Foundation (YouWeCan). Their 'Swasth Mahila, Swasth Goa' initiative, in collaboration with SBI Foundation and the government of Goa, has screened 110,000 women for breast cancer. This remarkable effort has led to the diagnosis of 58 cases, identification of 2,299 suspects, and treatment of 53 women. The project exemplifies unwavering dedication to women's health, demonstrating the impact of proactive healthcare initiatives. By providing early detection and treatment, YouWeCan is not only saving lives but also empowering women to lead healthier lives with dignity and strength. This initiative highlights the power of collaboration between government, NGOs, and philanthropic individuals in creating meaningful change in healthcare access and outcomes. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member, Raju Bharat, has provided significant support to Project Chhaya, a non-profit working in animal welfare. Through his trust-based philanthropy, Mr. Bharat has spearheaded crucial healthcare and infrastructure initiatives benefiting over 15,000 animals in the past three years. His financial support has been instrumental in key infrastructure projects, including the construction of an air-conditioned operation theatre with power backup and oxygen cylinders and the acquisition of 2 Tata Ace vehicles that transport injured animals to Chhaya 6 days a week for treatment, ensuring their safe return upon recovery. Furthermore, Mr. Bharat's commitment to sustainability has led to Chhaya becoming a green project, equipped with solar geysers, solar lights, and a bio-gas plant, significantly reducing its carbon footprint. To learn more about Project Chhaya's work, [click here](#).



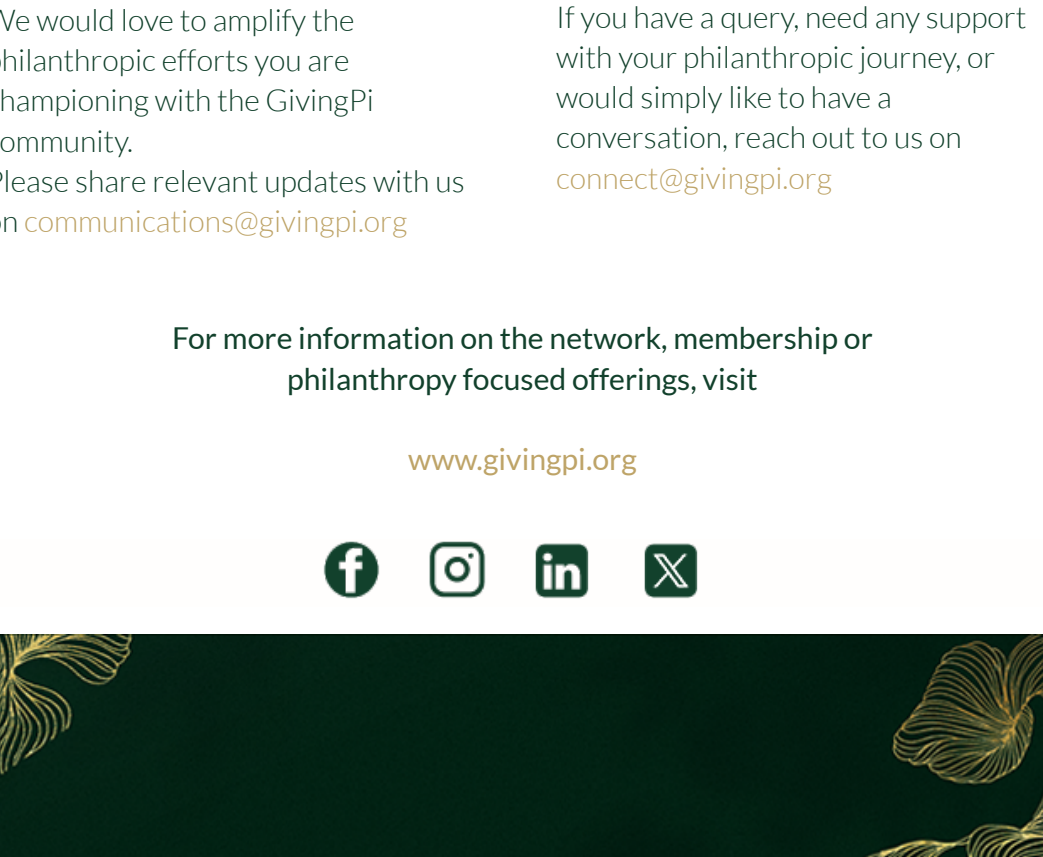
Mukul Madhav Foundation, Co-Founded by GivingPi Member, Ritu Prakash Chhabria, has been working for the past two decades to make safe and clean water more accessible to communities in India. Despite access to water being one of our most basic needs, over 35 million Indians still struggle to receive a consistent and safe supply of water. To bridge this gap, the Foundation has been working on numerous initiatives including rainwater harvesting, constructing Cement Nala Bunds (CNBs), and setting up pipelines, tanks, and RO filters. Their projects focus on creating sustainable, long-term solutions for water conservation and access. The Foundation's persistent efforts have significantly impacted countless communities, improving health and livelihoods by ensuring a steady supply of clean water. To know more about their work in water access and conservation, [click here](#).



Ek Saath - The Earth Foundation, Founded by GivingPi Member Pragya Kapoor, has launched the 'Preserving Heritage - Elephanta Island' project in collaboration with JNPA- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority. The project aims to promote sustainable waste management and honor the rich heritage of Elephanta Island. Ek Saath Foundation, along with Waste Matters, ConnectFor volunteers, and various supporters, conducted a successful clean-up drive, collecting a total of 1,060 kg of waste from the island. This effort contributes significantly to the restoration of the island's natural beauty. Additionally, a street play by Young Creative Production was performed to raise awareness about the importance of cultural and environmental preservation. Ek Saath Foundation remains dedicated to its mission of preserving heritage and promoting sustainable practices for a better future. To know more, [click here](#).



OTV Cares, an initiative by GivingPi Member, Jagi Panda, continues its commitment to empowering women from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. In its second year, the initiative has launched a free tailoring training center at Centurion University in Jatani, Khordha. This year, 25 women from various parts of Odisha have been selected to receive free training in tailoring. OTV Cares covers all costs for accommodation and food, providing these women with an opportunity for self-reliance by guaranteeing 100% placement for the trainees after completing their training. The initiative targets women from aspirational districts, offering them a chance to improve their lives through skill development and job placement. To know more, [click here](#).



Rouble Nagi Art Foundation, Founded by GivingPi Member, Rouble Nagi, recently opened its first computer training centre in Anantnag, South Kashmir. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to empower the local community through digital education and skill development. Equipped with modern technology, the centre will offer courses in basic computer skills, programming, Tally, Photoshop, and digital literacy workshops. This initiative reflects the Foundation's commitment to bridging the digital divide and fostering socio-economic growth in the region. This new venture marks another milestone in the Foundation's ongoing efforts to empower communities through education and skill development. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member and Chairperson at Avane Foundation, Avantika Dalmia is the co-chair on the advisory board of Sabhyata Foundation. The Foundation's vision is to preserve and promote India's cultural heritage, art and architecture. Under the 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0' project, Sabhyata Foundation has taken on the upkeep and promotion of four monuments in Delhi - Purana Qila, Humayun's Tomb, Safdarjung's Tomb, and Mehrauli Archaeological Park. The Foundation aims to enhance visitor experiences at these sites, focusing on amenities, accessibility, safety, and knowledge. Their efforts are supported by the Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India. To know more, [click here](#).



GivingPi Member, Shraddha Bhonsle from the erstwhile royal family of Sawantwadi is reviving the 16th-century art of Ganjifa by introducing design intervention and market linkages to empower local artisan communities and increase livelihoods in the region through art and craft. Artisans create innovative products across different categories, along with playing cards in ornamental boxes, available for sale both online and offline. Through their intervention the family has been able to provide employment to a dozen artists and collaborated with cultural organizations, government bodies, and non-profit groups to support and promote Ganjifa preservation. For more information or to collaborate regarding revival of this art form write to, [shraddhabhonsle@sawantwadipalace.com](mailto:shraddhabhonsle@sawantwadipalace.com)



GivingPi Member, Ashish Choudhary's family Foundation, Baijnath Choudhary Charitable Trust, recently collaborated with Artverse to host 'Identify', a 3-day visual art exhibition at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity. The event, curated by Mrs. Nainy Choudhary, Founder of Identify, showcased the works of 18 aspiring artists from West Bengal. The exhibition attracted eminent personalities from the art world, business houses, and corporates. Day two of the event included an art workshop for 20 students from Calcutta Rescue NGO, providing them with a unique creative experience. Anmol Industries Limited continues to support and promote art and culture, creating meaningful experiences for artists and the community alike.



## Upcoming Events

### 19<sup>th</sup> July | Virtual

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## In the media



### Neera Nundy on trust-based philanthropy and how partnering can innovate to deliver systemic change

By Samantha Welsh | LUX Magazine

In this interview piece, Neera Nundy, Co-Founder & Partner, Dasra, is in conversation with Samantha Welsh from Lux Magazine on trust-based philanthropy, and Dasra's impact journey over the last 25 years.



### Mental health at the non-profit workplace

By Deval Sanghavi | Hindustan Times

This op-ed piece by Deval Sanghavi, Co-Founder & Partner, Dasra, talks about the sacrifices non-profit leaders make, often at the expense of their mental health and well-being. The article emphasizes the need for philanthropic support to address these challenges and sustain the vital work of non-profits.



### How animal cruelty harms humans

By Samidha Jain | Forbes India

In a collaborative effort, India Animal Fund (IAF) and Dasra created a flagship report in animal welfare titled, 'Our Shared Future | Securing Animal Welfare, Human Wellbeing, and Sustainability in India'. This landscape report provides a thorough overview of animal welfare and underscores its indispensable role within India's socio-economic and ecological frameworks.

## 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)



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