



Dear GivingPi Member,

We're delighted to share a major milestone with you - GivingPi is now 400 families strong globally.

Over the past three years, GivingPi has grown into more than just a network. It's become a vibrant, trusted community of givers - families who are reimagining Indian philanthropy with purpose, collaboration, and heart. We are deeply grateful to each one of you for being part of this journey, and for the conviction, vision, and generosity you've brought into the shared space.

We'd also like to express our heartfelt thanks to Jyotirmoy Chatterji, who has led GivingPi since its inception. Under his leadership, the network has taken shape, deepened relationships, and expanded in ways that truly reflect our values. We thank him for his commitment, insight, and unwavering belief in the power of collective giving.

As we step into this next chapter, we're excited to welcome Geetika Dadlani as the new Head of GivingPi. With her experience and deep commitment to the sector, we're confident that she will lead us into an era of new possibilities - strengthening our community, deepening our impact, and continuing to shape the future of family philanthropy in India. To know more about the GivingPi team, [click here](#). Here's to growing stronger, giving smarter, and walking this path - together.

With gratitude,  
Team GivingPi

## Global Pulse Opportunities & Insights in Philanthropy

This section curates timely opportunities, events, and thought leadership shaping philanthropy and the social sector globally. Whether you're a funder, nonprofit leader, or ecosystem builder - here's where you'll find tools, conversations, and collaborations worth exploring.

### AVPN Learning Circles - Join Peer Learning Communities Across Asia

AVPN Learning Circles offer funders and impact organizations a chance to dive deep into topics like health equity, youth development, and climate action. These circles are designed as safe spaces to share challenges, collaborate, and accelerate impact together. Explore and join here.

### Fundraising That Actually Works - A New Must-Read for Nonprofits

Kevin L. Brown's new book, *Fundable & Findable*, is a practical guide to brand building and fundraising for nonprofits, essential reading for leaders aiming to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape. Get your copy [here](#).

### Resource Alliance Global Community Day - 12 Hours of Insights, Strategy & Innovation

On May 14th, join a dynamic virtual convening with sessions on digital fundraising, AI, income diversification, and more. A global space to learn, connect, and grow - plus, all sessions are recorded for replay. Register [here](#).

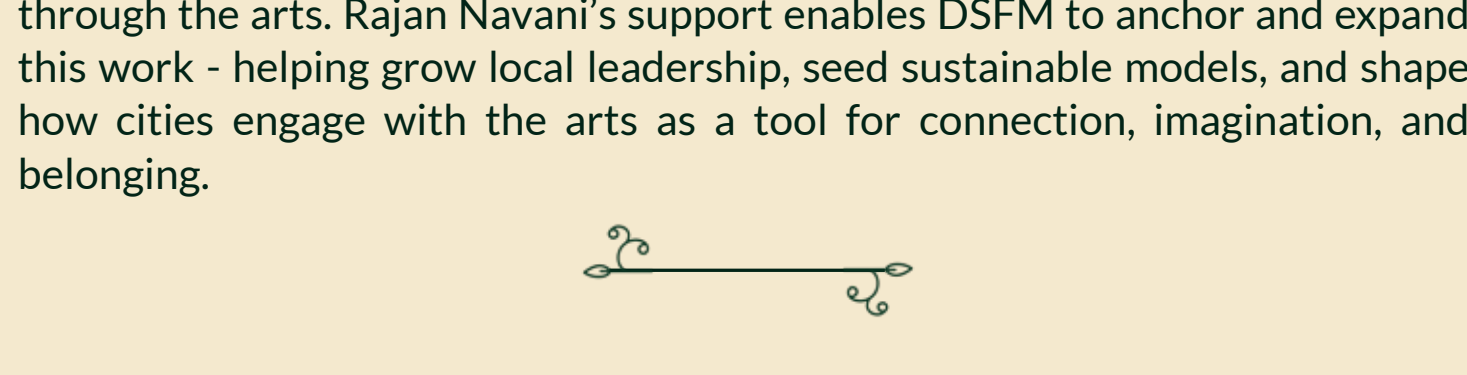
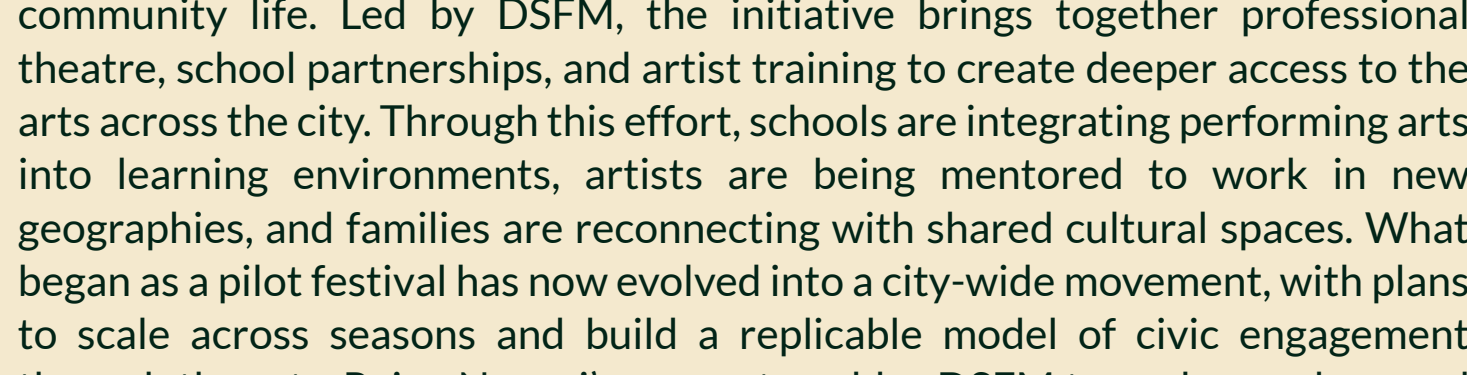
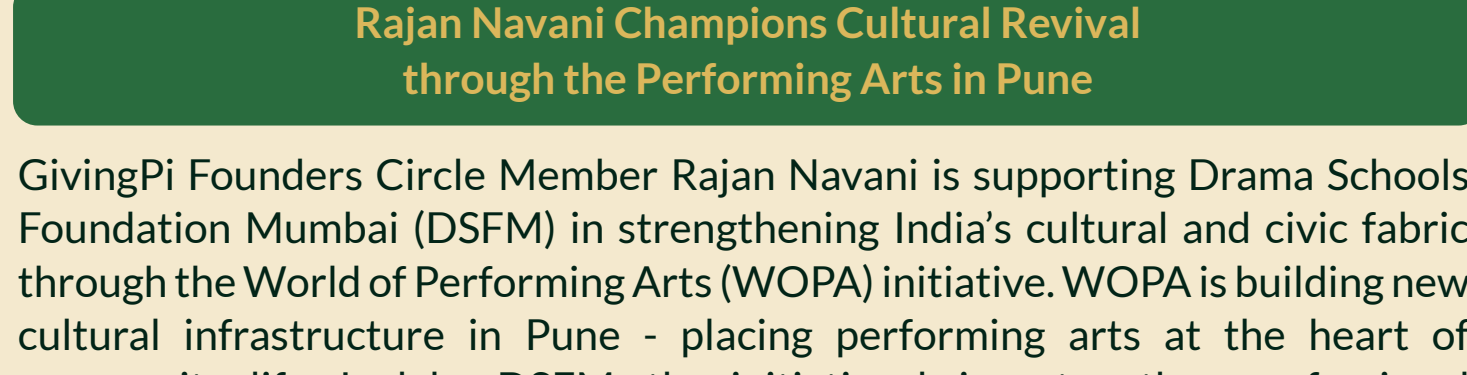
### Philanthropy Trends with the India Philanthropy Alliance

Watch a powerful panel featuring John Palfrey (MacArthur Foundation) and Ingrid Srinath (Co-Impact), as they discuss the shifting landscape of global philanthropy from trust-based giving to scalable, inclusive impact. Watch the full panel [here](#).

### Reimagining Philanthropy in Times of Crisis - A Live Conversation

Join Dimple Abichandani (author of *A New Era of Philanthropy*) and Nick Tedesco (President & CEO of the National Center for Family Philanthropy) for a conversation on transforming philanthropy through equity, shared power, and bold governance. Designed for funders seeking practical steps toward justice-aligned giving. Event details and RSVP [here](#).

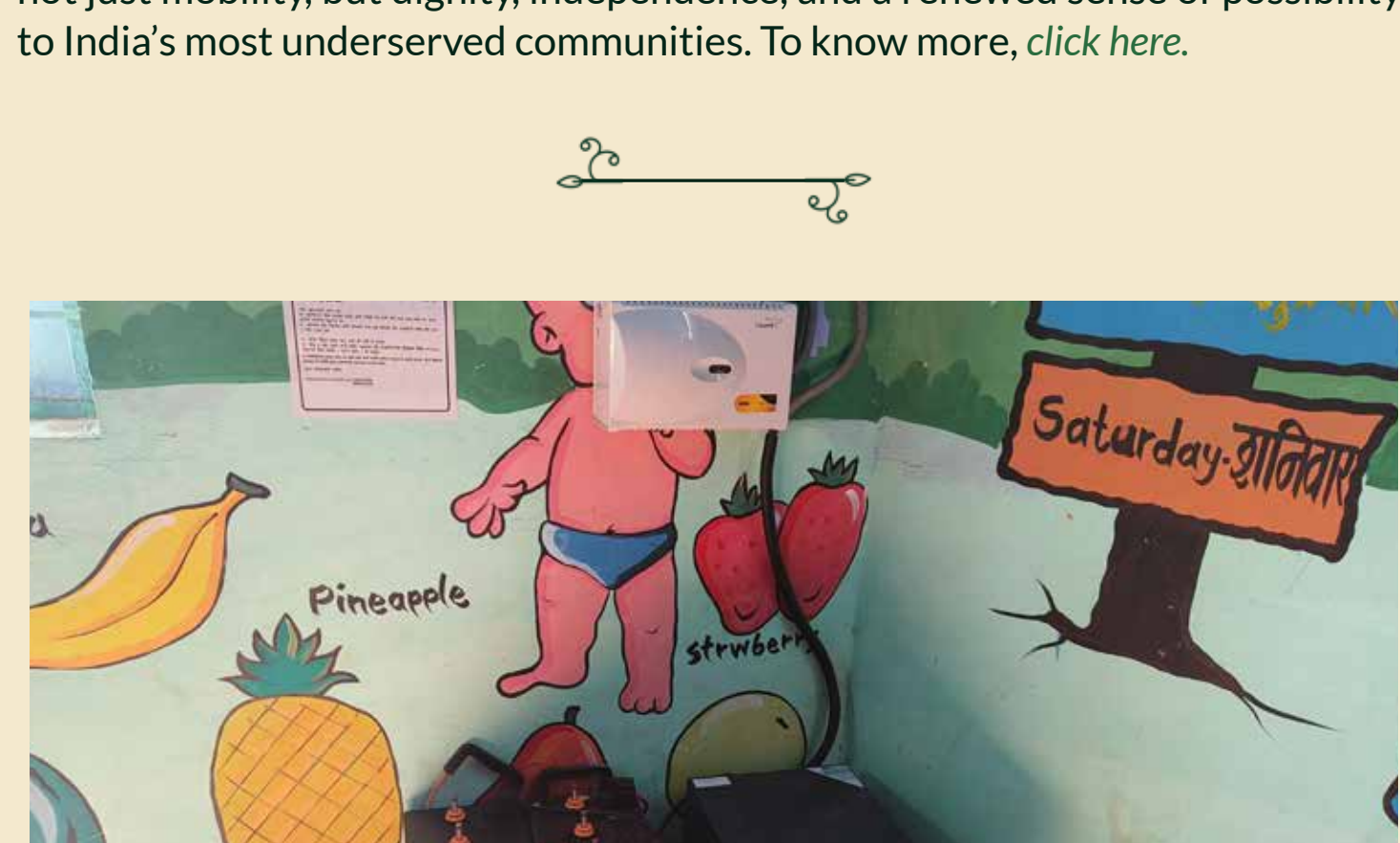
## Powered by GivingPi What We're Unlocking



### Shaping Systems for Menstrual Health

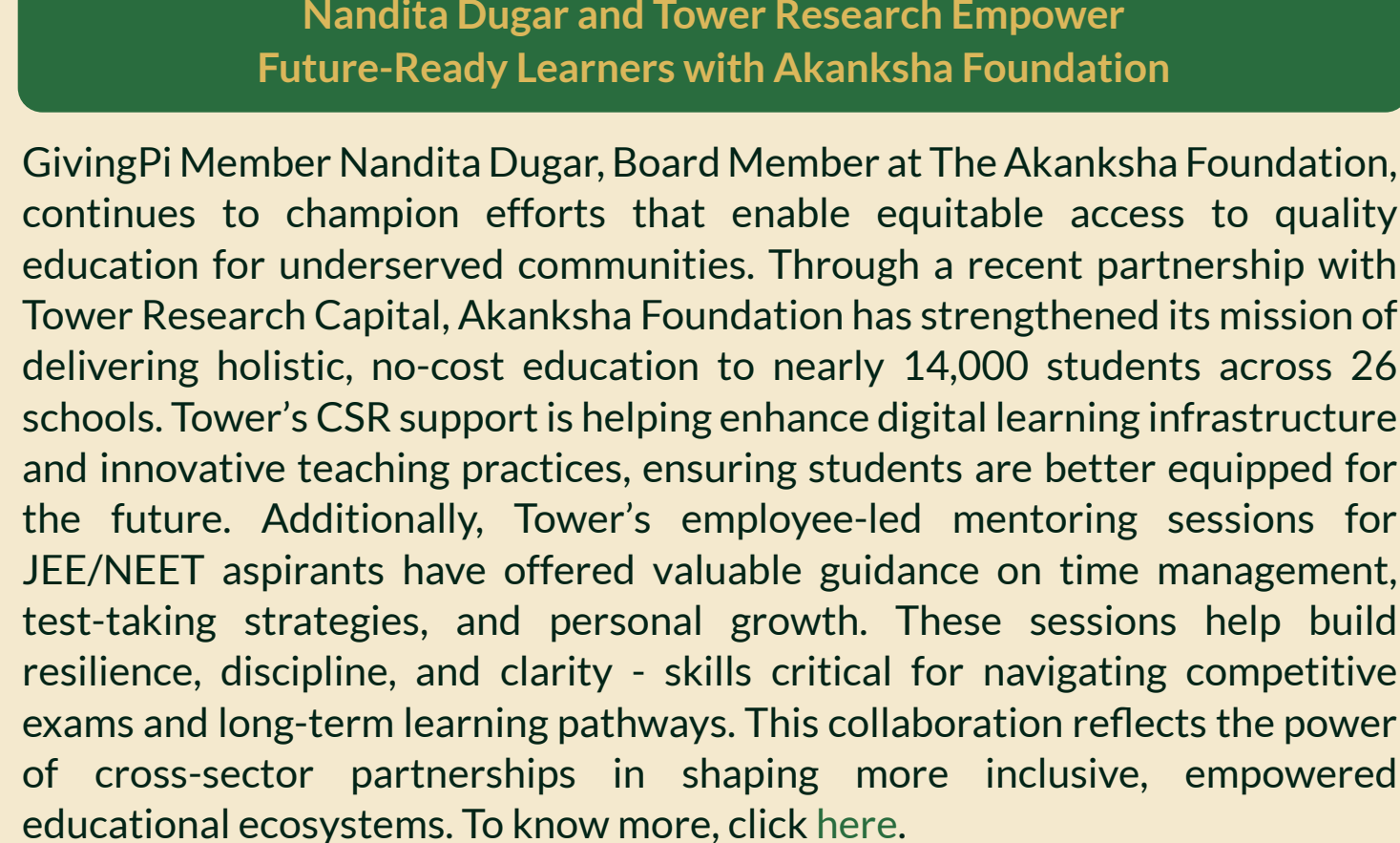
On the 25th of April in New Delhi, GivingPi partnered with the Gates Foundation to co-curate a high-impact roundtable on Menstrual Health Management (MHM), creating space for strategic funders, innovators, and policy influencers to build a collective vision for change. This convening explored how MHM can move beyond product access to become a systemic priority - tied to adolescent health, education, and public policy. With participation from GivingPi Members Radhika Bharat Ram, and Aradhana Rai Gupta, the dialogue underscored the power of peer learning and collaborative funding to unlock scale. From market-shaping to embedding MHM in government systems, the roundtable showcased how GivingPi is enabling intersectional impact - and strengthening the case for menstrual health as a cornerstone of equity and dignity.

## Updates from our Community



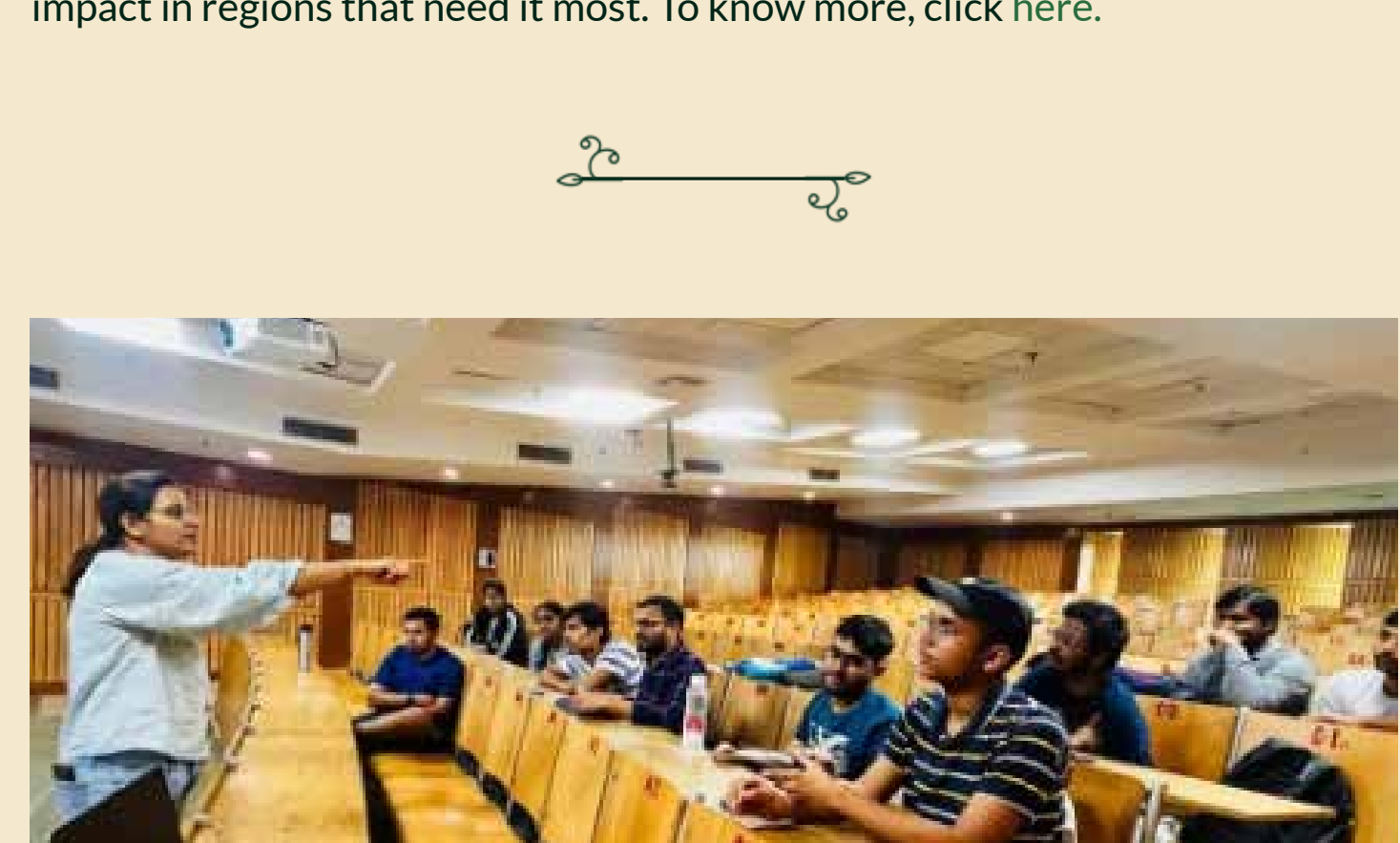
### Rajan Navani Champions Cultural Revival through the Performing Arts in Pune

GivingPi Founders Circle Member Rajan Navani is supporting Drama Schools Foundation Mumbai (DSFM) in strengthening India's cultural and civic fabric through the World of Performing Arts (WOPA) initiative. WOPA is building new cultural infrastructure in Pune - placing performing arts at the heart of community life. Led by DSFM, the initiative brings together professional theatre, school partnerships, and artist training to create deeper access to the arts across the city. Through this effort, schools are integrating performing arts into learning environments, artists are being mentored to work in new geographies, and families are reconnecting with shared cultural spaces. What began as a pilot festival has now evolved into a city-wide movement, with plans to scale across seasons and build a replicable model of civic engagement through the arts. Rajan Navani's support enables DSFM to anchor and expand this work - helping grow local leadership, seed sustainable models, and shape how cities engage with the arts as a tool for connection, imagination, and belonging.



### Engineering Mobility: Rajiv Mehta and the Ratna Nidhi Leg are Redefining Disability Access in India

GivingPi Member Rajiv Mehta, through the Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, is pioneering a new frontier in mobility for persons with disabilities (PwDs) with the creation of the Ratna Nidhi Leg - a tech-enabled, sustainable prosthetic solution designed for scale, comfort, and accessibility. Developed in partnership with IIT Bombay's BETIC Department, this innovation leverages CNC machining, parametric CAD modeling, and a hybrid thermoforming process to significantly reduce production time and improve fit and comfort. By eliminating the use of plaster of Paris, it offers an eco-friendly alternative while enabling centralized manufacturing that brings down costs and expands reach across India - making geography no longer a constraint. The USP of the leg is the 360-degree movement of the knee joint, a rare and significant breakthrough in prosthetic mobility. The principles of design thinking and human-centric design are the driving force behind this innovation, ensuring that every element is built with the end user in mind. Since 2022, over 1,000 beneficiaries have received the Ratna Nidhi Leg, and the Foundation is now poised to scale this transformative initiative further through a new facility in Palanpur, Gujarat. This work stands at the intersection of philanthropy and engineering - offering not just mobility, but dignity, independence, and a renewed sense of possibility to India's most underserved communities. To know more, [click here](#).



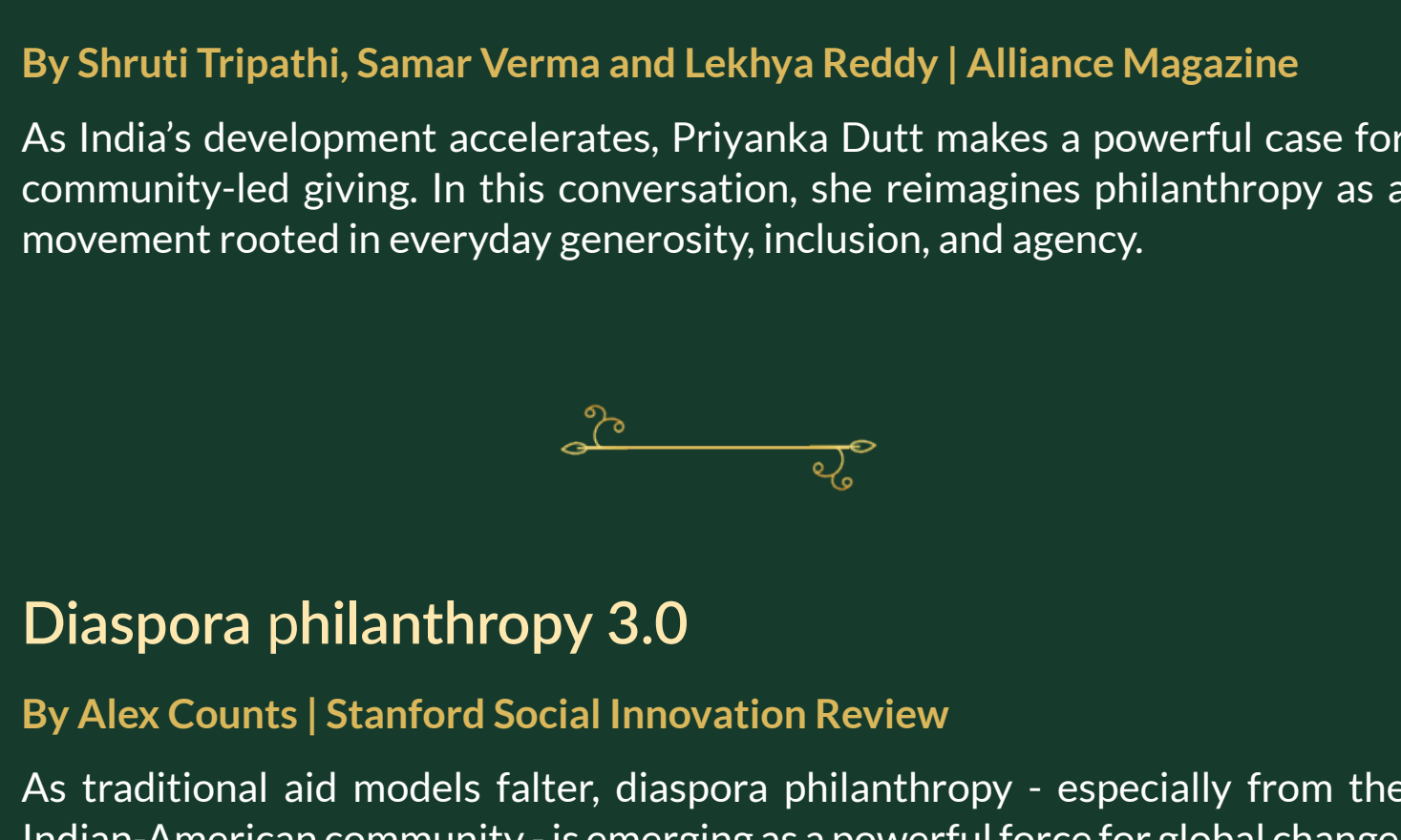
### Powering Grassroots Change: Viral Saraf Mittal and VOL's Partnership with Swades Foundation

GivingPi Member & Director of CSR at Vinati Organics Limited (VOL), Viral Saraf Mittal, has been a long-time supporter of community-led development through her partnership with Swades Foundation, Co-Founded by GivingPi Members, Ronnie and Zarina Screwvala. Viral's connection with Swades began during her time at Dasra, where their holistic rural development model stood out. Over the past five years, VOL has supported Swades across multiple interventions, including water security, sanitation, mobile health, solar electrification, and agriculture. In FY 2024 - 25 alone, they helped electrify four rural schools and two Anganwadis, improving learning conditions for 170 children. Their orchard initiative distributed over 5,000 saplings to 173 farmers, and 18 farmers gained access to irrigation, enhancing both crop cycles and incomes. Swades' strength lies in its deep engagement with local changemakers - teachers, Anganwadi workers, and village committees - who help design and implement solutions. Viral believes this community-rooted model is what makes their work sustainable: "When people take pride in the solution, they maintain it." Looking ahead, she hopes to see this model replicated in Ratnagiri and beyond, bringing Swades' vision of inclusive, grassroots-led transformation to more corners of India.



### Nandita Dugar and Tower Research Empower Future-Ready Learners with Akanksha Foundation

GivingPi Member Nandita Dugar, Board Member at The Akanksha Foundation, continues to champion efforts that enable equitable access to quality education for underserved communities. Through a recent partnership with Tower Research Capital, Akanksha Foundation has strengthened its mission of delivering holistic, no-cost education to nearly 14,000 students across 26 schools. Tower's CSR support is helping enhance digital learning infrastructure and innovative teaching practices, ensuring students are better equipped for the future. Additionally, Tower's employee-led mentoring sessions for JEE/NEET aspirants have offered valuable guidance on time management, test-taking strategies, and personal growth. These sessions help build resilience, discipline, and clarity - skills critical for navigating competitive exams and long-term learning pathways. This collaboration reflects the power of cross-sector partnerships in shaping more inclusive, empowered educational ecosystems. To know more, [click here](#).



### Rouble Nagi Advances Digital Access and Skill Training in Kashmir

GivingPi Member Rouble Nagi is the Founder of the RN Art Foundation (RNAF), which is advancing digital inclusion and skill development through a new initiative in Pulwama, Kashmir. As part of RNAF's commitment to transforming education in underserved communities, the Foundation is setting up a state-of-the-art computer lab and skill development centre at the Markazi Idara Roma Research Centre in Akbar Abad. Once operational, this centre will serve over 600 students - providing access to basic computer literacy, coding lessons, and vocational training alongside traditional learning. This initiative aims to equip young learners with the tools they need to navigate a digital world, expand career opportunities, and strengthen community resilience. By integrating modern education into existing structures, RNAF continues to bridge critical gaps and foster long-term impact in regions that need it most. To know more, [click here](#).



### Sarita Chand and IndicAI Drive Digital Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities

GivingPi Member Sarita Chand is the Co-Founder of IndicAI Foundation, which is championing inclusive education and employment for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through purpose-driven, accessible interventions. Over the past year, IndicAI enrolled 164 students in a range of upskilling programs from digital literacy and competitive exam prep to financial modeling and communication skills, delivered in formats tailored to individual needs. A key milestone was the Digital Literacy Program, conducted in collaboration with organizations like Saksham Disability, NFB Bilaspur, Bethany Society Shillong, and the J&K Handicapped Association. With support from corporate partners, refurbished and new laptops were distributed to students, particularly those with visual impairments, helping them build vital digital skills using assistive technology. Under Sarita's leadership, the Foundation also facilitated inclusive employment for 11 students across sectors such as tech, finance, and education. IndicAI now invites more companies to contribute refurbished laptops and support this growing initiative. If you would like to donate a laptop, write to [contact@indic-ai.org](mailto:contact@indic-ai.org).



### Vaidhei Pagaria's Project Khilona Brings Brain Gym to Rural Classrooms

Led by GivingPi Member Vaidhei Pagaria, the Pagaria Welfare Foundation is making strides in early education through Project Khilona. The Foundation has introduced Brain Gym exercises across its community centres - simple, movement-based activities that are already making a meaningful difference in how children engage with learning. Rooted in the idea that physical movement can support mental development, this initiative encourages children to connect body and mind in ways that improve focus, memory, and confidence. Educators are seeing the impact firsthand: sharper attention, more participation, and a renewed sense of joy in the classroom. This effort reflects Vaidhei's commitment to unlocking every child's potential through joyful, inclusive, and effective educational practices. With plans to expand Brain Gym to more learning spaces, the Foundation is continuing its mission to reimagine rural education with creativity and care. To know more, [click here](#).

## In the Media

### The women architects rewriting India's social change playbook

By Arnav Das Sharma | Fortune India

A powerful exploration of the women leaders redefining India's social sector - from grassroots changemakers to philanthropic pioneers - this story sheds light on the inequities they face and the bold solutions they're building.

### Unlocking the power of generosity: Priyanka Dutt on community-driven philanthropy in India

By Shruti Tripathi, Samar Verma and Lekhya Reddy | Alliance Magazine

As India's development accelerates, Priyanka Dutt makes a powerful case for community-led giving. In this conversation, she reimagines philanthropy as a movement rooted in everyday generosity, inclusion, and agency.

### Diaspora philanthropy 3.0

By Alex Counts | Stanford Social Innovation Review

As traditional aid models falter, diaspora philanthropy - especially from the Indian-American community - is emerging as a powerful force for global change. This piece explores how a new generation of givers can redefine impact through deeper, more inclusive engagement.

## Reach out to us



### Amplify

We would love to amplify your philanthropic efforts with the GivingPi community.

Please share relevant updates with us on [communications@givingpi.org](mailto:communications@givingpi.org)



### Concierge

If you have a query, need any support with your philanthropic journey, or would simply like to have a conversation, reach out to us on [connect@givingpi.org](mailto:connect@givingpi.org)

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