



GivingPi

India Family Philanthropy Network

Dear GivingPi Member,

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) London, set to take place on 14th November 2024. This second edition of IPF in London will convene diverse stakeholders like philanthropists, sector leaders, experts, ecosystem organizations, and academia with a shared focus on India under one roof to foster dialogue, share knowledge and provide networking opportunities, nurturing the India-UK corridor for philanthropic action.

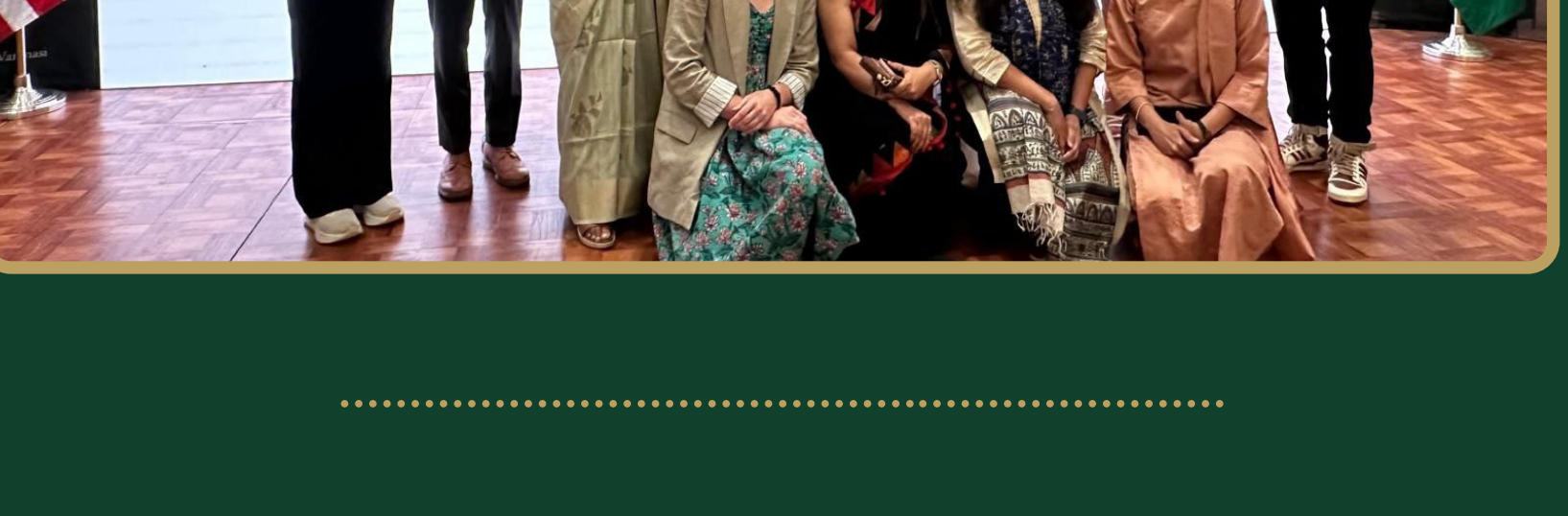
This exclusive one-day event is a must-attend gathering for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of philanthropy and social impact in India. Based on the theme, 'India for the World, World for India, this forum will have curated discussions and conversations around thematic areas like climate action, gender equity, innovation, data and technology and delving deeper into building a robust philanthropic ecosystem in India. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please [RSVP here](#). For more information, [click 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

## Updates from the community

Artisan:re, Founded by GivingPi Member Radha Goenka, focuses on transforming conventional farming into regenerative agriculture using a comprehensive 360-degree approach. The organization aims to create a sustainable and scalable positive environmental impact while enhancing the lives of farmers and their families. In the past four years, Artisan:re has trained 1,000 farmers in regenerative practices like avoiding chemicals, crop rotation, and composting, which improves soil health and supports sustainable water and waste management systems. Over 1,400 hectares of traditional farmland have been converted into organic farms, and more than 100 women have been upskilled, promoting economic independence. As a social enterprise, Artisan:re also connects farmers directly with consumers, enabling access to fair markets and diversified income streams while providing consumers with high-quality, sustainable, and traceable products. Artisan:re is registered on Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA), a platform that connects brands and philanthropic partners working together to positively impact the cotton sector and support farmers globally. To know more, [click here](#).



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GivingPi Member Lata Krishnan is the Co-Founder of the American India Foundation (AIF), an operating foundation addressing multi-dimensional poverty in India through high-impact interventions in health, education, and livelihoods. As part of its program portfolio, AIF spearheads the AIF Banyan Impact Fellowship, a transformative bi-national volunteer service program, vital to strengthening the US-India corridor. Both Lata and her husband Ajay Shah have been deeply involved in advancing the Fellowship, serving as significant financial contributors and supporters. By fostering collaboration between young professionals from both nations, the program nurtures future leaders dedicated to sustainable change and deepens the US-India relationship. Through a service-leadership model, fellows engage with communities across diverse themes - such as education, public health, climate justice, and social inclusion - contributing to projects aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Since 2001, AIF has supported 573 fellows and 255 partner organizations across 25 Indian states, and with the introduction of new segments, it continues to expand its reach by enabling Indian social change professionals to serve in the US. To know more, [click here](#).



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GivingPi Member, Hima Reddy, is the Director of IndiVillage Foundation, which is spearheading a campaign to encourage individuals and enterprises to donate their old computers and laptops to support their "Tech Her Forward" program. This initiative equips adolescent girls in rural schools with essential computer science and 21st-century skills, empowering them to make informed career and life choices. Currently, IndiVillage Foundation is educating 10,231 teenage girls across 99 rural Indian schools through a free three-year STEM education program, focusing on Digital Basics, AI, and Coding. Despite their efforts, over 50% of these girls still lack access to computer labs, which limits their ability to acquire critical digital skills. To bridge this gap, the Foundation is seeking donations of computers from organizations, enabling students to have hands-on learning experiences. Each device will be shared among multiple students, amplifying its educational impact. By donating a computer, you are opening doors to digital literacy, coding skills, and future opportunities in technology for these girls. If you or someone you know would like to donate a device, please [click here](#). To know more about this initiative, [click here](#).



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MB Foundation, Founded by GivingPi Member Namrata Shirodkar, has made significant strides in enhancing the environment for young cancer patients by supporting the redesign of the Pediatric Cancer Ward at the Basavataarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute in Hyderabad. This initiative aims to create a brighter, more comforting space that promotes healing and positivity for children undergoing cancer treatment. By transforming the ward into a welcoming and cheerful environment, MB Foundation not only addresses the physical needs of these young patients but also considers their emotional well-being, recognizing that a nurturing atmosphere can play a crucial role in the healing process. This commitment to improving healthcare facilities reflects the Foundation's broader mission to enhance the quality of life for vulnerable individuals and communities.












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The India Inclusion Foundation, Founded and Chaired by GivingPi Member V.R. Ferose, has launched the 8th edition of 'The Inclusion Fellowship', introducing nine new fellows dedicated to innovative solutions in the disability sector and beyond. Since its inception in 2016, the Fellowship has supported 54 entrepreneurs, empowering them to address complex challenges faced by people with disabilities. Among the notable contributions are a braille learning innovation featured in TIME magazine, groundbreaking solutions for the hearing impaired, initiatives providing livelihoods for individuals with disabilities, and the creation of an affordable bionic arm.

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**The Inclusion Fellowship**

Cohort 8.0 | 9 Fellows

 <b>Shraddha Agarwal</b> Founder, AuralApp Pvt. Ltd.	 <b>Sangita Thakur</b> Founder, Aishwarya Accessibility Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	 <b>Mehulkumar Pancholi</b> Founder, Multity Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd.	 <b>Anjali Vyas</b> Co-founder, Believe in the Invisible
 <b>Meera Vora</b> Founder, The Able Company	 <b>Prabu V</b> Founder, Tactile India	 <b>Rajesh Patil</b> Founder, Aco-Red	 <b>Shivani Shah</b> Founder, Sensory ALL I Accessible Designs LLP
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GivingPi Member, Minoo Deora has come forward to support Kalote Animal Trust (KAT), an NGO dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation and care of animals across farming, working and community animals. As a part of Aaurum Neev's contribution for social good, the organization led by Minoo & Ashish Deora, has pledged support for all expenses of the cattle shed for a year. KAT is supported by other GivingPi Members such as Nandini Singh and Pragma Kapoor, while Sridhar Gorthi sits on its Board. This partnership exemplifies the power of collaboration within the GivingPi network, showcasing how strategic alliances can amplify efforts, unlock new avenues of support, and create far-reaching impact for causes that matter. We wish them a successful collaboration ahead.



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GivingPi Member Dia Mirza recently launched Hamara Station Hamari Shaan, India's largest citizen-led public art initiative, in collaboration with Project Mumbai. At the Sewri railway station, Dia dedicated her time to beautifying the space, inspiring hundreds of students to volunteer alongside her. This initiative aims to revitalize 13 railway stations, transforming thousands of feet of public space through vibrant artwork. This initiative, which ran until October 15th, engaged both citizens and corporations in a collective effort to foster community ownership and transform Mumbai's public spaces.



## Upcoming Events

9th November | Mumbai

Ashoka Innovators for the Public invites GivingPi Members to join the Ashoka Fellows, an in-person event in Mumbai as Strategy Thought Partners for Ashoka Fellows. Since 1980, Ashoka has pioneered social entrepreneurship, supporting nearly 4,000 social entrepreneurs across 90+ countries, with India as its second-largest hub. The Ashoka Huddle connects Ashoka Fellows with leaders in business, technology, philanthropy, and CSR to refine their scaling plans for greater impact. This unique event features engaging one-on-one discussions, allowing you to apply your expertise to social causes and collaborate with dynamic entrepreneurs addressing India's pressing issues. With over 150 Strategy Thought Partners participating in the past, attendees have found these discussions highly valuable. GivingPi Members who have engaged include Nikunj Jhaveri, Jeet Marwadi, Ashank Desai, Ashok Bhansali, Isha Kedia, and Sanjiv Mehta. If you are interested in this opportunity, write to [ggarg@ashoka.org](mailto:ggarg@ashoka.org)

14th November | London

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## In the media

 **SYNERGOS**

**Empowering People and Society with Rohini Nilekani, Chairperson, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies**

By Melissa Durda | Synergos

In this Synergos Podcast, GivingPi Founders Circle Member Rohini Nilekani shares insights on how Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies is driving systemic change in India, while urging wealth-holders to contribute towards inclusive economic prosperity.

 **Hindustan Times**

**Reshaping Gender Expectations**  
By Shaifalika Panda | Hindustan Times

In this opinion piece, GivingPi Member Shaifalika Panda reflects on the progress made towards women's development in India, but questions whether society is truly prepared to embrace and support gender equity.

 **LSE**

**'Push'/'Pull' Factors of Household Donations to Non-Religious Organizations in India**

By Divya Chopra and Shaivya Verma | LSE

Despite increasing donations to non-religious organizations during the Covid-19 pandemic, such groups still receive a small fraction of household contributions compared to religious organizations. Divya Chopra and Shaivya Verma explore how factors like trust, outreach, and clear communication can help non-religious organizations attract more donations from Indian households.

## 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**

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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