



Dear Arundhati,

We are thrilled to share a significant milestone in our journey—our expansion into the US as a focus geography. This will enable us to extend GivingPi's mission to a global community, strengthening our commitment to increasing philanthropic efforts towards India. By welcoming a curated group of philanthropic families from the US into our network, we aim to drive impactful collaborations with Indian philanthropic families, amplifying our collective efforts at scale. To anchor this expansion, we are delighted to welcome **Ashish Shah** to the GivingPi team. Ashish brings over two decades of experience in driving social impact across various organizations. His deep understanding of the philanthropic landscape in both the US and India, coupled with his strategic vision and passion for fostering meaningful change, makes him an invaluable addition to our leadership team. Under Ashish's guidance, we look forward to unlocking the giving potential of the US diaspora, creating new avenues for transformative impact in India.

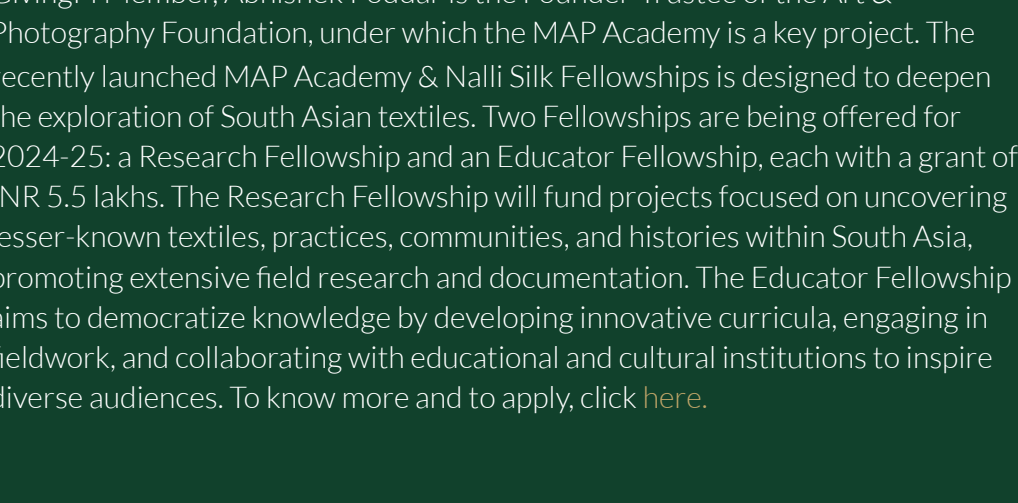
As we embark on this new chapter, we are also excited to announce our upcoming event, 'Climate Crossroads: Catalyzing Indian Philanthropy for Climate Leadership', in partnership with the World Economic Forum's Giving to Amplify Earth Action (GAEA) and GivingPi Member, Riddhima Yadav. Taking place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly during Climate Week in New York, this event will celebrate India's pivotal role in advancing global solutions for net-zero. We invite you to join fellow leaders from the public, private, and philanthropic sectors to explore partnerships that can help achieve India's climate and conservation goals. If you or someone you know will be in New York and is interested in attending, please RSVP [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.

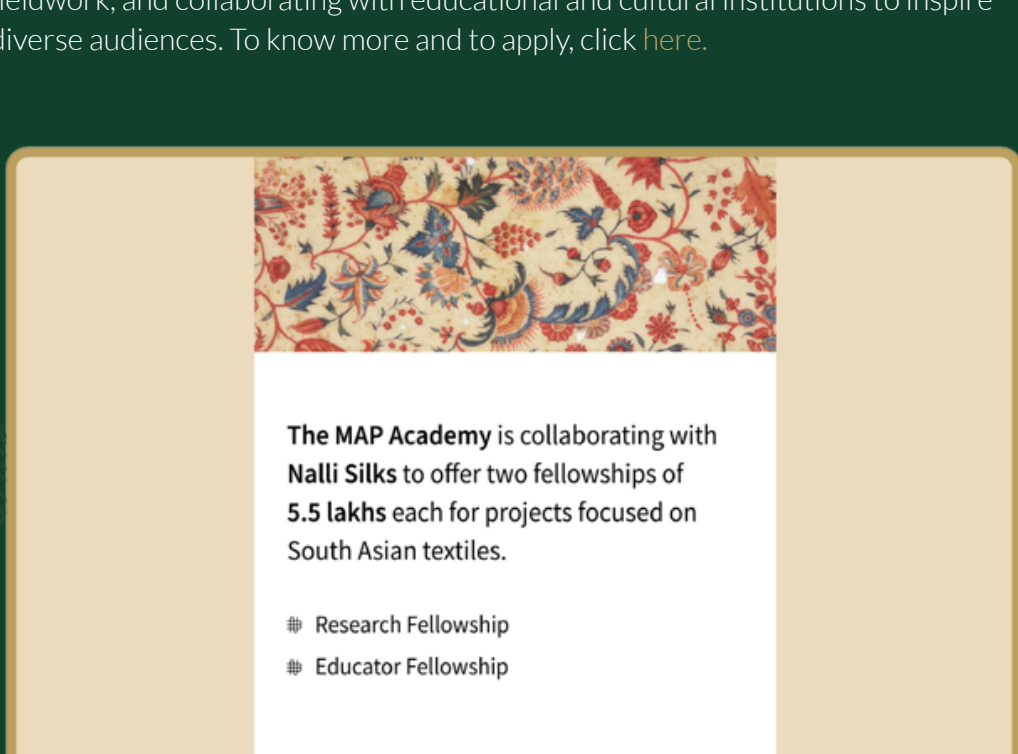
With gratitude,  
Team GivingPi

## Updates from our community

GivingPi Member, Nikunj Jhaveri, is a dedicated philanthropist who offers capital, advisory, and mentorship support to a broad spectrum of NGOs in India. His contributions span crucial sectors such as education, livelihoods, healthcare, and women empowerment, with support extended to organizations like Access Life, Mantra 4 Change, PRIDE India, and MukkaMaar amongst others. Beyond this, Nikunj is committed to helping some of India's most vulnerable communities, including ragpickers, abandoned children, and former sex workers, while also working in some of the country's most challenging regions, such as Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. His innovative funding approach, which includes extending credit lines and matching grants, empowers organizations to focus on building capacity, especially in the fundraising area, so as to maximize future impact rather than immediate financial constraints.



Dani Sports Foundation, led by GivingPi Members, Jalaj and Vita Dani, has launched a premier high-performance leadership development program. This initiative offers participants the unique opportunity to learn from top experts, experienced practitioners, and academic leaders from Loughborough University (UK)—recognized as a top university in the world for sports—and other leading global sports organizations. Senior executives and performance specialists passionate about advancing India's sporting talent are invited to join this transformative program and take their expertise to the next level. To know more and to apply, click [here](#).



GivingPi Member, Abhishek Poddar is the Founder-Trustee of the Art & Photography Foundation, under which the MAP Academy is a key project. The recently launched MAP Academy & Nalli Silk Fellowships is designed to deepen the exploration of South Asian textiles. Two Fellowships are being offered for 2024-25: a Research Fellowship and an Educator Fellowship, each with a grant of INR 5.5 lakhs. The Research Fellowship will fund projects focused on uncovering lesser-known textiles, practices, communities, and histories within South Asia, promoting extensive field research and documentation. The Educator Fellowship aims to democratize knowledge by developing innovative curricula, engaging in fieldwork, and collaborating with educational and cultural institutions to inspire diverse audiences. To know more and to apply, click [here](#).



deAsra, Founded by GivingPi Member Anand Deshpande, has launched an initiative called INSPIRE, aimed at guiding youth towards entrepreneurial success and innovation. With over 50 programs organized across Maharashtra, INSPIRE has engaged approximately 3,000 students from various colleges, universities, and vocational institutes. Further to this, deAsra has collaborated with the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training in the Pune Region to empower ITI students with essential entrepreneurship skills. This partnership aims to foster entrepreneurship and nurture young talent across all 419 government ITIs in Maharashtra, equipping them for their entrepreneurial journeys.



GivingPi Member, Ganesh Natarajan is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Lighthouse Communities Foundation, which orchestrated a successful employment drive in partnership with community leaders. This high-impact event saw an extraordinary turnout of 1,800 jobseekers and 55 companies, culminating in 314 successful job placements. This initiative's success underscores the profound impact of collaborative efforts in forging pathways to meaningful employment and empowering community members.



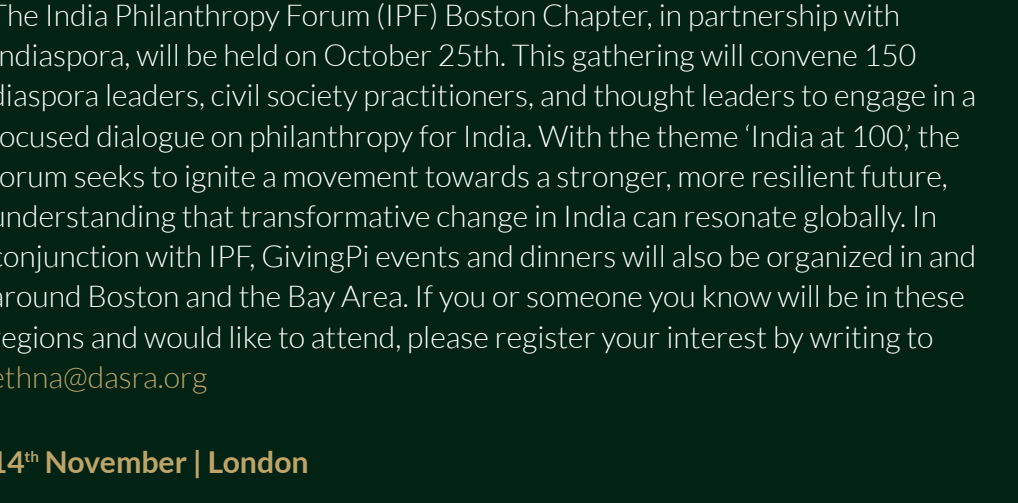
GivingPi Member Shaifalika Panda, is the Trustee and Founder CEO of Bansidhar and Ila Panda Foundation (BIPF), which piloted a tailoring and stitching training program in Dhirikuti Sahl Slums, Bhubaneswar. Due to the successful completion of the program 20 women graduated having gained the skills needed for financial independence and self-reliance. Certificates and stitching kits were distributed, serving as both rewards and tools for their future entrepreneurial ventures. With support from Mr. Dharmesh Goel, VP of BIPF and Mrs. Pravasini Mohanty (Corporator), these women are now empowered to create new opportunities for themselves. BIPF has now scaled up this program to empower another 100 ladies.



GivingPi Member Sandeep Singhal, is on the Advisory Board of Avaana Capital, dedicated to innovation in ClimateTech, which aligns its mission with empowering climate Founders to scale and succeed. Avaana is working to advance the future of women-led startups through their partnership with Pitch Forward. This initiative by Startup India and DPIIT connects women entrepreneurs with top investors and industry leaders. Through Pitch Forward, startups can access expert-led capacity-building sessions, present ideas to marquee investors, and gain invaluable mentorship across sectors like ClimateTech, FinTech, DeepTech, and more. To know more, click [here](#).



GivingPi Member, Vedika Agrawal, is the Director of Motilal Oswal Foundation, which collaborated with Marudhar Mahila Shiksha Sangh to construct a new girls' hostel in Rajasthan. The hostel, inaugurated by Mr. Motilal Oswal, Group MD & CEO of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd., is located on a 65-acre campus that serves over 2,000 girls, offering lodging up to degree college. This modern facility aims to provide accommodation for 100 girls from remote areas, with the aim of enhancing and supporting their access to education and a brighter future.



GivingPi Member, Richa Agarwal, is the Chairperson of the Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC), which recently supported a groundbreaking initiative. KCC hosted the first-ever 'All Bengal Rapid Chess Tournament' for visually and hearing-impaired chess players and launched the KCC Braille Library. These efforts reflect the centre's commitment to inclusivity, by making art and cultural experiences accessible to individuals with visual impairments through tactile representations and detailed Braille descriptions.



## Upcoming Events

### 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 | Bhubaneswar

The Bansidhar and Ila Panda Foundation (BIPF), helmed by GivingPi Member Shaifalika Panda, is collaborating with Dasra for the 13th edition of IDEATE. This year's theme, 'Community-Centric Development for Fostering Climate Resilience', will bring together experts across sectors to discuss how vulnerable communities can build resilience to climate change. IDEATE 2024 will focus on identifying vulnerabilities, incorporating local knowledge into resilience planning, and empowering communities to become climate champions. The event aims to create a framework for enhancing community resilience across India, with a particular emphasis on Odisha. To attend the event and register your interest, email [rsvp@givingpi.org](mailto:rsvp@givingpi.org)

### 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 | New York

Dasra Philanthropy Forum (DPF) 2024 is set to ignite meaningful dialogue and inspire collective action for social change. This year's forum will bring together leaders, innovators, and change-makers united in their commitment to advancing equity. The theme, 'Thriving Through Equity', highlights the belief that true progress is only possible when every community thrives. As Dasra celebrates 25 years of transformative impact, DPF 2024 will emphasize collaboration and community at the heart of every discussion. If you or someone you know will be in New York and is interested in attending, click [here](#).

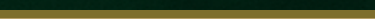
### 25<sup>th</sup> October | Boston

The India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) Boston Chapter, in partnership with Indiaspora, will be held on October 25th. This gathering will convene 150 diaspora leaders, civil society practitioners, and thought leaders to engage in a focused dialogue on philanthropy for India. With the theme 'India at 100', the forum seeks to ignite a movement towards a stronger, more resilient future, understanding that transformative change in India can resonate globally. In conjunction with IPF, GivingPi events and dinners will also be organized in and around Boston and the Bay Area. If you or someone you know will be in these regions and would like to attend, please register your interest by writing to [ethna@dasra.org](mailto:ethna@dasra.org)

### 14<sup>th</sup> November | London

The India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) London Chapter is an exclusive platform dedicated to fostering a robust India-UK social impact corridor, leveraging the collective strengths and intelligence of both regions. The forum aims to enhance and accelerate philanthropic initiatives that create lasting, inclusive change in India by cultivating a supportive environment for philanthropy to thrive. IPF 2024 in London will convene UK-based ecosystem organizations with a focus on India, providing a venue to exchange ideas and inspire actions that drive social impact. The event is designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue, share valuable knowledge, and offer networking opportunities, thereby engaging the philanthropic communities of both regions. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please register your interest by contacting [membership@givingpi.org](mailto:membership@givingpi.org)

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Flexible funding: The catalyst for India's development story

By Govind Iyer | Indiatimes

Explore how flexible funding is shaping India's development journey in this insightful opinion piece by GivingPi Member Govind Iyer. Discover why empowering NGOs with adaptable resources is key to creating lasting impact in the social sector.

**BW BUSINESSWORLD**

**The Evolving Landscape of Women in Philanthropy**

By Harshita Jain | Businessworld

This feature piece highlights how GivingPi Founders Circle Member, Rohini Nilekani and GivingPi Member, Radhika Bharatram and other leading women in philanthropy are breaking barriers and leading transformative change by focusing on social equity, education, and healthcare. Despite challenges like gender bias and underrepresentation, their strategic approaches are redefining the sector, creating lasting and inclusive impact.

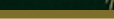
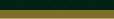
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**The Socio-Economics of Generosity**

By Unusual Suspects | Moneycontrol

In a changing landscape where regulatory actions are reshaping foreign funding for NGOs in India, the role of family philanthropy has become increasingly significant. Neera Nundy, Co-Founder & Partner, Dasra, provides an in-depth analysis of these shifts and the emerging trends in strategic giving.

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**Concierge**

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