



GivingPi
India Family Philanthropy Network

Dear GivingPi Member,

Philanthropy's most meaningful progress is made when people, institutions, and ideas come together around a shared purpose.

Across this edition, we explore how collaboration is strengthening philanthropy in practice. Funders are working alongside governments to improve public systems, research institutions are joining forces to advance healthcare innovation, and cultural organizations are creating new ways for communities to engage with heritage. In each instance, partnership is helping turn individual effort into more enduring and far-reaching change.

This spirit of collaboration is also shaping conversations on the global stage. As leaders gather around the United Nations General Assembly, the India Philanthropy Forum New York will bring together philanthropists, diaspora leaders, and ecosystem partners to explore how cross-border collaboration can create new pathways for India's development.

Together, these stories remind us that the future of philanthropy will be shaped not only by the resources we mobilize, but also by the relationships, trust, and shared ambition that enable lasting impact.

With gratitude,
Team GivingPi

Global Pulse Opportunity & 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.

India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) New York 2026

Convened by Dasra, IPF New York returns this September on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, bringing together philanthropists, diaspora leaders, social innovators, and sector experts to explore the future of diaspora philanthropy. For more details on this global convening shaping cross-border collaboration for India's development, [click here](#).

Philanthropy Masterclass | Funding Her Future: What Does It Take to Meaningfully Support Progress for Women and Girls in India?

As conversations around gender equity evolve, so must the way philanthropy supports the organizations driving change. This upcoming virtual masterclass by Dasra offers an early look at insights from its 'Funding Her Future' research, exploring where philanthropic capital is flowing, the gaps that remain, and how more trust-based, long-term funding can strengthen impact. Bringing together philanthropists, practitioners, and ecosystem leaders, the session will take place on 20th August 2026, from 4:00-5:30 PM IST. [Click here](#) to register.

As the United States of America celebrates its 250th anniversary, what state is its philanthropy in?

A reflective piece written on the eve of America's 250th anniversary, that examines the legacy and history of American philanthropy and what the future may hold. To read the piece, [click here](#).

Updates from our Community



George and Fonsa Brody: Integrating Research, Medicine, and Innovation

GivingPi Members George and Fonsa Brody, through their support for the IISc Foundation, are helping advance two transformative initiatives designed to strengthen the future of healthcare through research, education, and innovation.

The Tata-IISc Graduate Medical School is reimagining medical education by integrating clinical training with science, engineering, and research to develop a new generation of physician-scientists equipped to tackle complex healthcare challenges and improve the health of the next 7 billion people. Complementing this is the Bagchi-Parthasarathy Hospital, an 832-bed not-for-profit, fully digital multispecialty teaching and research hospital that will combine advanced patient care with clinical research, MedTech innovation, and translational medicine.

Together, these initiatives reflect IISc's vision of advancing convergence across science, engineering, and medicine to deliver more equitable and affordable healthcare. By integrating research, education, and patient care within a single ecosystem, they aim to accelerate innovations that improve health outcomes in India and beyond. To learn more, [click here](#).



Nikunj Jhaveri: Building More Inclusive Classrooms through Peer Learning

GivingPi Member Nikunj Jhaveri, as an Advisory Board Member of Involve, is supporting a model that places students at the center of improved learning outcomes. Working with district education departments across 7,000 government schools in Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar, Involve has reached nearly 1 million students by embedding peer teaching into everyday classroom practice. The success of the model lies in its simplicity. Student champions are mapped to groups of learners, and in their groups, they engage in activity and play based learning, during their school hours.

The approach is particularly meaningful for children who often struggle to participate in traditional learning environments. In Bihar, for example, a student with hearing and speech impairment can stay engaged in class through the consistent support of her peer who helps navigate lessons, solve problems, and build confidence alongside her. Teachers believe that this simple space, created 3-4 times/gap, leads to students becoming more confident in asking doubts, bridges learning gaps faster and allows them to tailor instruction even better.

By strengthening collaboration between students and making it complementary to teacher-led instruction, the simple model is helping create more inclusive and future-ready classrooms where participation, confidence, and learning become shared responsibilities. To learn more, [click here](#).



Anisha Padukone: Expanding Access to Community Mental Healthcare

GivingPi Member and CEO of the Live Love Laugh Foundation (LLL), Anisha Padukone is helping expand access to community-based mental healthcare in rural India, where treatment remains out of reach for many. Through LLL's Community Mental Health Program, the Foundation has reached approximately 25,000 persons living with mental illness and an equal number of caregivers across 14 districts in eight states, addressing both access to care and the long-term support needed for recovery.

Recognizing the critical role caregivers play, the program also strengthens their wellbeing through training, health support, and opportunities for financial independence. A recent independent evaluation by Population Council Consulting found that the program generates a Social Return on Investment (SROI) of 8.7, meaning every rupee invested creates ₹8.70 in social value. By combining evidence-based care with community ownership, LLL is demonstrating how accessible mental healthcare can create lasting outcomes for individuals, families, and communities. To learn more, [click here](#).



Jaishree Goyal: Transforming School Libraries into Learning Ecosystems

GivingPi Member Jaishree Goyal, Founder and CEO of Anandaya Foundation, is helping strengthen foundational literacy in Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) primary schools through Project Pustakalaya, which transforms underutilized school libraries into active learning spaces that build reading, comprehension, critical thinking, and expression.

A recent independent quasi-experimental evaluation compared 30 Project Pustakalaya schools with 10 MCD comparison schools to assess the program impact. The findings showed consistently stronger learning outcomes in intervention schools. Among Grade 5 students, 98% achieved paragraph reading proficiency compared to 49% in comparison schools, while 95% demonstrated strong narrative expression versus 38%, reflecting a clear shift from "learning to read" to "reading to learn."

Beyond literacy gains, Project Pustakalaya is embedding a culture of reading through structured library periods, teacher enablement, and school leadership, demonstrating a scalable model for advancing foundational learning across government schools. To learn more, [click here](#).



Avantika Dalmia: Bringing India's Ancient Monuments to Life

GivingPi Member Avantika Dalmia, Co-Chairperson of the Advisory Board at the Sabhyata Foundation, is helping reimagine India's heritage sites as vibrant public spaces that strengthen cultural participation, tourism, and local livelihoods.

Under the Archaeological Survey of India's 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0 program', Sabhyata manages five monuments across Delhi, including the Red Fort, Purana Qila, and Safdarjung Tomb. Beyond conservation, it has curated more than 12 festivals, performances, concerts, and heritage experiences across these sites over the past year, engaging nearly 20,000 visitors and reaching over 27 lakh people digitally, while expanding its Heritage Walks platform to make history more accessible.

The Foundation is also partnering with the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board to enhance the visitor experience at Orchha, which is being prepared for a World Heritage Site UNESCO nomination, alongside a new collaboration with the Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation (DTTDC) and the Government of NCT of Delhi to create a year-round Delhi Heritage Circuit of festivals, performances, heritage walks, and immersive cultural experiences. Together, these initiatives demonstrate how heritage can be preserved through meaningful public participation while creating new opportunities for artists, artisans, and cultural practitioners. To learn more, [click here](#).

In the Media

Diaspora philanthropy is rising. India must build systems to absorb it

Geetika Dadlani & Prachi Pal | Fortune India

This article examines the rapid growth of Indian diaspora philanthropy and argues that stronger philanthropic infrastructure is now essential to sustain its momentum. It highlights the role of trusted intermediaries, collaborative platforms, and peer networks in helping donors translate growing intent into informed, long-term, and systems-oriented giving.

Why India's climate philanthropy needs sharper direction

Parnasha Banerjee & Prachi Pal | Outlook Business

Drawing on data from the India Philanthropy Report 2026 by Dasra and Bain and Company, this analysis piece notes that climate action still accounts for only roughly 0.5% of India's domestic philanthropic giving, even as nearly 40% of its districts face high climate risk. It argues that the challenge is not only the scale of funding, but also directing capital toward the areas where it can have the greatest impact.

India Has Put CSR on Dalal Street. Can Markets Understand Social Impact?

Pooja Sanghani & Amir Ullah Khan | The Wire

A sharp analysis of the CSR- Social Stock Exchange amendment that took place in May. The piece argues that routing charitable capital through a securities exchange may favor organizations that can navigate complex compliance requirements over those doing the most consequential work.

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