



Dear GivingPi Member,

It is with immense pleasure that we announce H.S.H. Prince Max von und zu Liechtenstein has joined GivingPi as a Founders Circle Member. His legacy in philanthropy, marked by a steadfast commitment to sustainable development, resonates deeply with the core ethos of our network. Prince Max's leadership and dedication to fostering impactful change will serve to fortify our collective endeavor to drive lasting progress in India. His presence in our Founders Circle not only enriches our network but also signifies a new chapter of collaboration as we scale GivingPi globally over the next few years. We are elated to embark on this journey together and look forward to catalyzing a philanthropic movement led by families towards a new and inclusive India.

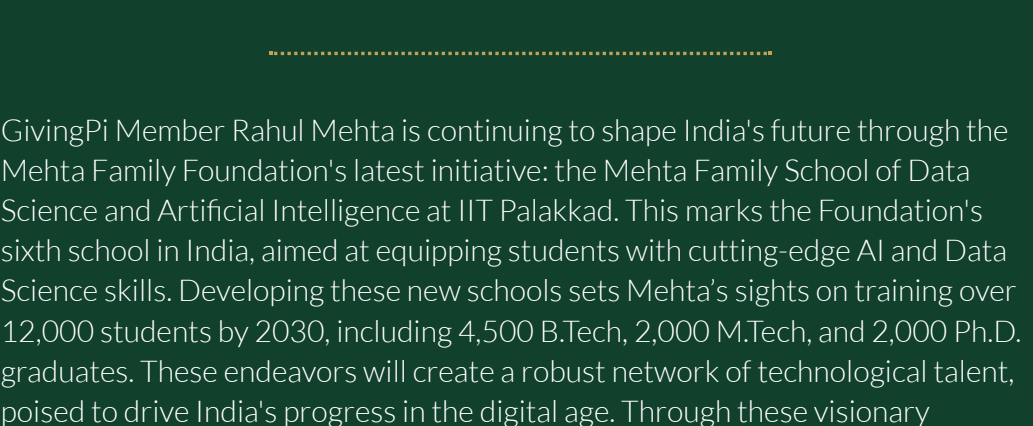
We are also excited to announce our upcoming event India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) Boston, co-anchored by Indiaspora and Dasra. This event will bring together 100+ diaspora philanthropists, foundations, experts and non-profit leaders to accelerate impact for India's most marginalized communities by sparking new ideas and igniting a movement for greater philanthropic giving to India. This is a must-attend gathering for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of philanthropy and social impact in India. If you or someone you know will be in Boston and would like to attend, please register your interest by writing to ethna@dasra.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

Updates from our community

In a significant step towards driving digital health education across India, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS). As part of the collaboration, MUHS will offer its Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC), developed with Koita Foundation, Co-Founded by GivingPi Members, Rizwan and Rekha Koita, to NHA. DHFC is a pivotal step in readying healthcare professionals for digital transformation and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) adoption. DHFC provides a comprehensive understanding of digital health fundamentals to doctors and healthcare providers and is open source. It is being adapted and used by several leading organizations including National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare (NABH), Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, National Cancer Grid (NCG), and Research Society for the Study of Diabetes (RSSDI) in India. Koita Foundation can support other national healthcare organizations use and adapt DHFC for their needs. To learn more, reach out to tinu@koitafoundation.org



The Dasra Social Impact Leadership Program (DSILP) 2024-25, supported by the A.T.E. Chandra Foundation, Co-Founded by GivingPi Member Amit Chandra, recently launched its 7th cohort with 53 participants from 46 NGOs. This year, the program has been redesigned to focus on second-in-line leaders across key verticals such as programs, M&E, and fundraising, in addition to CXOs. The 8-month journey commenced in Mumbai with sessions on leadership and strategy, led by Dasra's senior team and external experts, including Matthew Spacie, Founder of Magic Bus and Pooja Tapparla, Founder and Chief Executive of Arpan. The next module, focusing on organizational culture, will be held in Bangalore in October.



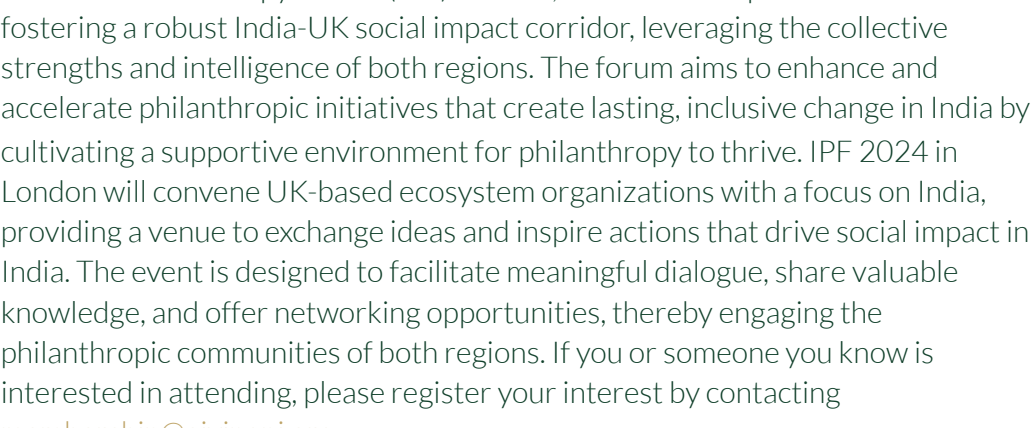
GivingPi Member Ruth DeFries serves as President of The DeFries Bajpai Foundation (DBF), which supports efforts to develop sustainable solutions with a keen focus on India's central highlands. With a goal of integrating conservation, economic growth, and community livelihoods, DBF fosters collaboration between scientists, engineers, and practitioners. Through its Network for Conserving Central India (NCCI) and its biannual Central Indian Landscape Symposium (CILS), DBF builds a community of researchers and NGOs. Additionally, the Foundation provides small grants aimed at promoting sustainable development in this ecologically significant region.



GivingPi Member Rahul Mehta is continuing to shape India's future through the Mehta Family Foundation's latest initiative: the Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at IIT Palakkad. This marks the Foundation's sixth school in India, aimed at equipping students with cutting-edge AI and Data Science skills. Developing these new schools sets Mehta's sights on training over 12,000 students by 2030, including 4,500 B.Tech, 2,000 M.Tech, and 2,000 Ph.D. graduates. These endeavors will create a robust network of technological talent, poised to drive India's progress in the digital age. Through these visionary partnerships, Rahul Mehta's philanthropy is fostering innovation and developing a skilled workforce to tackle tomorrow's challenges, propelling India's technological and economic advancement.



GivingPi Member and Trustee of the Janki Foundation, Mahesh Navani, is the Co-Founder and COO of eClinicalWorks, a leading provider of electronic health record (EHR) solutions supporting medical providers worldwide. An alumnus of IIT Mumbai, Mahesh has been involved in major philanthropic efforts at both his alma mater and Ekal Vidyalaya. His work reflects a deep commitment to innovation in climate and sustainability, with a focus on empowering rural and tribal communities. Mahesh's contributions include a solar-powered cold storage project in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, which improved local farmers' income, and an Integrated Village Development project in Jogmodi, Maharashtra, providing healthcare, skills training, and a sustainable agriculture program that helps farmers adopt organic farming practices, ensuring higher crop yields and revenues while providing market linkages to maximize outcomes for the community. Since joining Ekal's Board of Directors in January 2024, he has spearheaded the development of innovative projects to uplift rural and tribal communities across India.



GivingPi Members Digvijay Singh Kathiwada and Swati Kathiwada are spearheading a transformative initiative in Kathiwada, Madhya Pradesh. With a focus on rebuilding infrastructure and fostering sustainable development, they have introduced programs to revitalize health centers, restore Anganwadis, and support local economic growth. Their efforts aim to empower the community through self-sustenance and sports, creating spaces for healing and unity among Adivasi, Hindi, and Muslim populations. At the heart of this transformation is Kamal Vidya Niketan (KVN), a newly launched school that embodies their commitment to social equity. Led by Shruti Mehta, a Circle Entrepreneur-in-Residence and Teach For India Alum, KVN serves as a symbol of hope and renewal. The school brings together student from various cultural backgrounds, reflecting the diversity of the community, while focusing on empowering young minds to be future problem-solvers rooted in local relevance. Digvijay and Swati's vision extends beyond education to build a community that thrives together. By addressing historical oppression and creating pathways for development, they aim to foster a renewed sense of hope, resilience, and opportunity.



GivingPi Members Surbhi and Aman Mehtani, are driving change through Project Navchetana, which has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of students over the past three years. Focused on education and empowerment, the initiative has evolved into a critical platform for skill development and social awareness. Recent student exhibitions not only showcased their artistic talents but also highlighted their ability to address societal issues with confidence and clarity. These visible changes underscore the deep impact of the project in fostering leadership, resilience, and a brighter future for India's youth. With the program entering a new phase, Surbhi and Aman are committed to expanding its reach, empowering more students to achieve their potential and tackle challenges in their communities head-on. Their efforts exemplify how education and targeted interventions can create lasting social change, impacting the next generation of leaders and changemakers.



GivingPi Member Swati Apte, is the Director of Kshirsagarapate Foundation, which is spearheading the third edition of 'Mumbai Ektara', a platform promoting environmental sustainability through citizen-led initiatives. The Foundation is inviting young innovators under 30 to submit projects aimed at reducing the city's environmental footprint and enhancing urban living. Successful applicants will receive grants between INR 60,000 - 1,00,000 to implement their ideas for a cleaner, greener Mumbai. The application deadline is 30th November. For more details and to apply, visit www.kafindia.in



Upcoming Events

25th October 2024 | Boston

The India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) Boston, co-anchored by Indiaspora and Dasra, will be held on October 25th. This gathering will convene 100+ diaspora philanthropists, foundations, experts and non-profit leaders to accelerate impact for India's most marginalized communities by sparking new ideas and igniting a movement for greater philanthropic giving to India. This is a must-attend gathering for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of philanthropy and social impact in India. If you or someone you know will be in Boston and would like to attend, please register your interest by writing to ethna@dasra.org

14th November 2024 | London

The India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) London, 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 in India. 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

A Glimpse of the Past

5th September 2024 | Bhubaneswar

The Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation (BIPE), helmed by GivingPi Member Shaifalika Panda, in collaboration with Dasra, successfully hosted IDEATE 2024 in Bhubaneswar, on the theme 'Utkal Udyam: Community-Centric Development for Climate Resilience'. The event united policymakers, industry experts, and grassroots leaders to discuss strategies for empowering communities in climate adaptation. Key sessions highlighted the integration of local knowledge, women's leadership in climate action, and building collaborative ecosystems. Panelists emphasized the role of philanthropy in fostering equitable resource management and sustainable practices, advocating for grassroots-driven, localized solutions to strengthen climate resilience in India.

24th September 2024 | New York

In collaboration with GivingPi Ambassador, Riddhima Yadav and the World Economic Forum's Giving to Amplify Earth Action, we recently hosted our Rendezvous with Philanthropy event, 'Climate Crossroads: Catalyzing Indian Philanthropy for Climate Leadership' in New York during Climate Week, alongside the UN General Assembly. This exclusive gathering of philanthropic leaders explored how Indian philanthropy can shape global climate action. Key discussions focused on innovative strategies, partnerships, and collaborative efforts needed to drive India's net-zero and conservation goals.

We are deeply grateful to Riddhima for her unwavering support and for playing a pivotal role in uniting global philanthropists and changemakers for this event. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with her on future climate initiatives.

In the media

The Indian EXPRESS

By Donald Lobo | The Indian Express

In this piece, GivingPi Member Donald Lobo highlights how Project Tech4Dev leverages cost-effective, open-source technology to help Indian non-profits overcome resource constraints and enhance their impact.

The Indian EXPRESS

How biodiversity can increase the resilience of cities

By Radha Goenka | The Indian Express

In this opinion piece, GivingPi Member Radha Goenka asserts the critical role of land and marine biodiversity in enhancing urban resilience to climate change. She discusses how a conscious focus on preserving and restoring biodiversity can help cities better withstand environmental challenges, reduce climate risks, and promote sustainable living for future generations.

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Philanthropists must support non-profit media platforms in India

By Pratyaksha Jha & Ami Misra | IDR

This feature delves into how philanthropy can help build an alternative media ecosystem that centres community-driven narratives and publishes perspectives from the margins.

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