



GivingPi
India Family Philanthropy Network

Dear GivingPi Member,

As we step into December and the year draws to a close, it offers us a moment to reflect and celebrate the progress we have made together. At GivingPi, we remain deeply inspired by the families who shape this community - your generosity, conviction, and unwavering commitment to building an India where every individual can thrive with dignity and opportunity.

This final edition of the year carries a spirit of appreciation and optimism. We are grateful for the thoughtful ways in which Members have engaged with GivingPi throughout 2025 - by hosting conversations, championing sector priorities, and fostering meaningful collaborations that strengthen our collective impact. Your leadership continues to be the foundation of this growing network.

In this edition, you'll find highlights from the past month, updates on member-led initiatives across the country, and insights from sector convenings that are shaping the philanthropic landscape. Together, these stories reflect the power of a community that believes in action, empathy, and partnership.

Thank you for the trust and energy you bring to this network. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the year ahead.

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.

Insights from Sonal Sachdev Patel on Trust-Based and Next-Gen Philanthropy

GivingPi Member, Philanthropist-in-Residence at the Marshall Institute (LSE) and CEO of GMSP Foundation, Sonal Sachdev Patel joined Rhodi Davies, Founder and Director of Why Philanthropy Matters, on a new episode of the Philanthropisms podcast for a rich conversation on the practice and evolution of philanthropy. The discussion explored what philanthropists could contribute beyond capital, how to apply skills with humility, whether next-generation wealth holders think differently about giving, and what meaningful trust-based funding truly requires. Listen to the full episode [here](#).

Executive Education on Public Policy & Geopolitics | ISPP & PAFI

In an increasingly interconnected and volatile world, understanding geopolitics is no longer optional - it is essential for leaders shaping business, policy, and strategic decision-making. The Indian School of Public Policy (ISPP), Co-Founded by GivingPi Member, Luis Miranda, in collaboration with the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), is hosting a 2-day Executive Education Program designed to help senior leaders decode global trends and build resilient, future-ready strategies. Through sessions led by diplomats, policy experts, and practitioners who have shaped India's international engagements, participants will gain a nuanced understanding of global power shifts, trade dynamics, and policy environments that directly impact Indian businesses and development efforts. This program is especially relevant for CXOs, policy leaders, and strategy or risk professionals looking to strengthen their geopolitical fluency and organizational preparedness. The program will be held on the 12th and 13th of December at ISPP, New Delhi. For any enquiries, you can write to executiveeducation@ispp.org.in or devneela.nahuja@pafi.in. To apply, click [here](#).

Amit and Archana Chandra Reflect on Partnership, Purpose, and Philanthropy on the 'Give It A Go' Podcast

GivingPi Members Amit Chandra, Co-founder, A.T.E. Chandra Foundation & Chairperson, Bain Capital India Advisors and Archana Chandra, CEO, Jai Vakeel Foundation & Co-founder, A.T.E. Chandra Foundation joined the 'Give It A Go' podcast for a heartfelt conversation on what it truly means to build a purposeful partnership. They share how love, respect, and a shared commitment to creating impact shape both their personal and philanthropic journeys. Watch the full episode [here](#).

Insights from Nick Tedesco on Family Philanthropy Practice

As families and advisors prepare for year-end giving, Stephanie Ellis-Smith, Dean of Philanthropy at the Purpose Planning Institute speaks with Nick Tedesco, President and CEO of the National Center for Family Philanthropy about what effective family philanthropy looks like today - beyond metrics and mission statements. Together they explore how clarity of purpose, equity, and family alignment can make giving both more joyful and more purposeful. Tune in for a grounded, hopeful discussion about how generosity can meet this moment with intention and impact. Listen to the full conversation [here](#).

Powered by GivingPi What We're Unlocking

Where partnerships are sparked, networks deepen, and bold conversations take shape



India Philanthropy Forum | London

Over 190 philanthropists, leaders, and changemakers came together at IPF London 2025 for a day of ideas, exchange, and collaboration - featuring 8 sessions, 1 roundtable, and 30+ speakers - reflecting the evolving landscape of Indian philanthropy. Rooted in this year's theme, 'India for the World, the World for India', the Forum celebrated the growing momentum of Indian giving, the contributions of the diaspora in shaping social change, and the rise of women-led philanthropy redefining traditional models of giving. Through conversations on mental health, data and AI, narrative building, social entrepreneurship, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion, the Forum explored how philanthropy can deepen its intent, embrace innovation, and respond to India's social challenges with empathy and urgency. Each discussion reaffirmed that India's development journey is not an isolated one - it is part of a global story of shared progress and purpose.

A big thank you to the Forum's Co-Chairs - GivingPi Members **Dr. Nitya Mohan Khemka**, **Radhika Piramal**, and **Sonal Sachdev Patel** - for their unwavering guidance, leadership, and support in bringing IPF London 2025 to life.

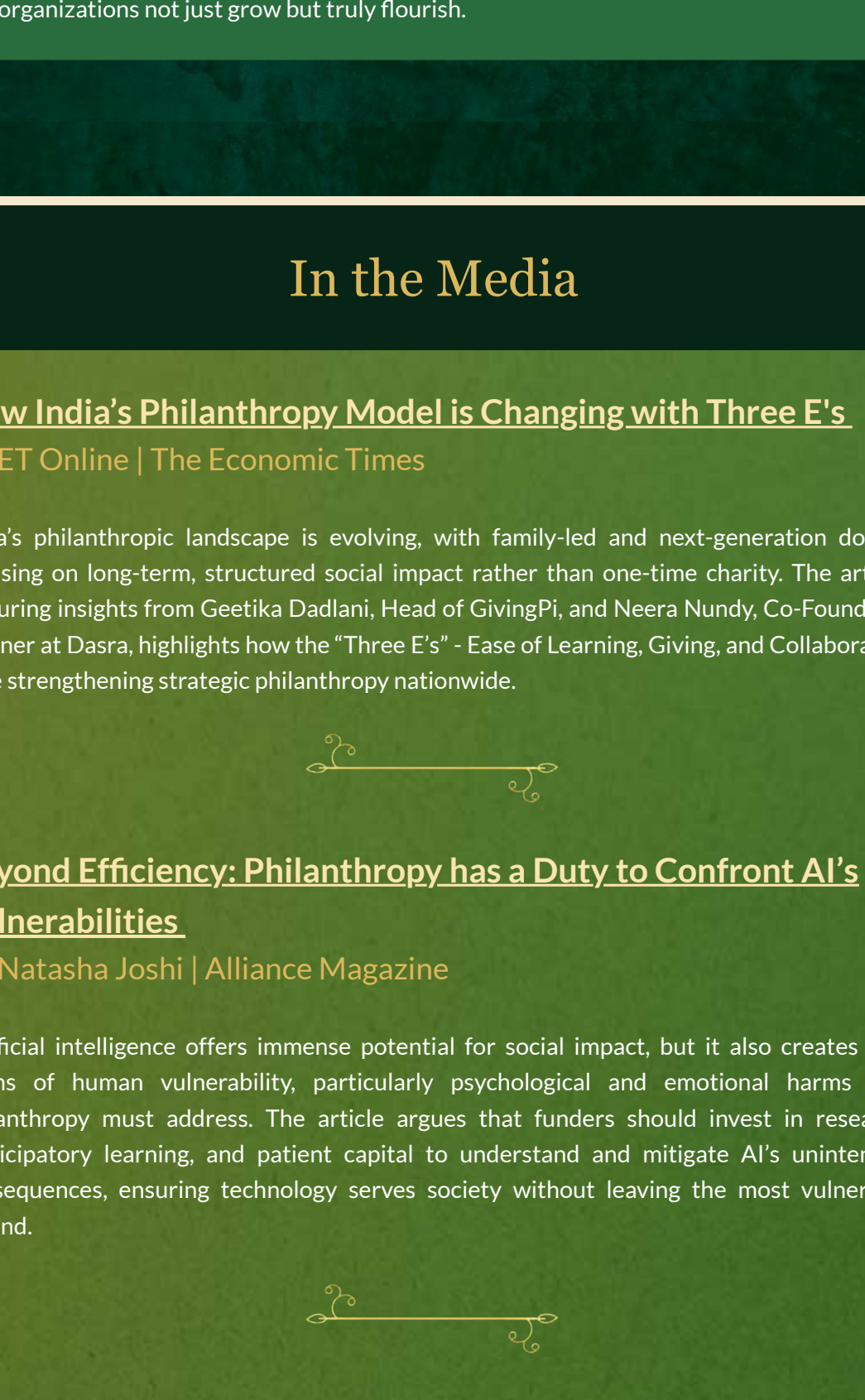
Updates from our Community



Sunil Raisoni: Advancing Holistic Community Development Across Education, Health, Environment, Sports, Culture & Research

GivingPi Member Sunil Raisoni, Chairman of the Raisoni Group and Founder of the Raisoni Foundation, leads a multi-dimensional philanthropic vision spanning education, health, environment, social welfare, sports, culture, and research. His four foundations work across Maharashtra through large-scale programs, grassroots engagement, and institution-building. Education remains central, with national quiz competitions, digital literacy programs, scholarships, creative workshops, and the Orange City Literature Festival, which has become a vibrant platform celebrating ideas, reading culture, and artistic exchange. Health and wellness are priorities through preventive care drives, blood donation camps, menstrual hygiene programs, yoga, self-defense, mental well-being initiatives, and community efforts for sanitation and clean water. Environmental sustainability is advanced through tree plantation drives, "Click Green - Book Green" campaigns, and responsible waste management. Social welfare programs support differently abled individuals, marginalized communities, and vulnerable groups through prosthetic limb distribution, learning support, and recognition initiatives.

Sunil's philanthropy also strengthens India's sporting ecosystem through District, State, and National-level tournaments in Chess and Badminton, along with major events in football, swimming, futsal, archery, table tennis, and other sports, engaging thousands of youth. Cultural preservation continues through classical music festivals, children's theatre, arts workshops, and the G.H. Raisoni Karandak, one of Maharashtra's fastest-growing youth theatre competitions. Across all efforts, his foundations combine grassroots outreach with institutional scale to foster holistic, sustainable community development rooted in education, values, culture, and opportunity.



Deepak Chopra's Freedom Employability Academy: Transforming Lives Through Mentorship

Freedom Employability Academy (FEA), Founded by GivingPi Member, Deepak Chopra, has been empowering first-generation learners from underserved communities across north India's Hindi belt for over 25 years. Through a network of 1,500 FEA training centers, about 85,000 students attend classes daily, equipping them with English communication, digital literacy, and adaptive mindsets to pursue meaningful careers. A cornerstone of FEA's work is its mentorship program, where working professionals guide small groups of 15-20 students through five one-hour virtual sessions. Mentors help students build confidence, explore career paths, and navigate personal and professional challenges. FEA programs focus on career planning and broadening horizons, while rural programs introduce students to new opportunities and practical guidance on overcoming obstacles. Mentors make a lasting impact simply by taking an interest and sharing their experiences - no formal preparation is needed. Over 6,500 mentors have contributed 46,000+ volunteering hours, helping students perform better in interviews, work effectively in teams, and pursue more fulfilling lives. FEA is actively inviting volunteer mentors, especially professionals from Tier 1 cities, to inspire and guide the next generation. Register [here](#) to become a mentor.

Ira Khan and the Agatsu Foundation: Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being

GivingPi Member Ira Khan is the driving force behind the Agatsu Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to mental health and well-being. Founded in 2021, Agatsu - meaning "Self-Victory" - helps individuals find balance in life by fostering self-awareness, emotional resilience, and personal equilibrium. The foundation combines preventive support, community engagement, and accessible therapy to promote holistic mental health. Through its community centre in Mumbai, Agatsu hosts free activities, peer support groups for the youth, LGBTQIA+ individuals, caregivers, and more, and offers therapy on a sliding-scale to ensure access for all. Their approach is empathetic, non-judgmental, and focused on integrating mental well-being into everyday life. Agatsu also encourages public dialogue around mental health through initiatives like "The Curious Case of..." - a podcast hosted by Ira, exploring therapy, emotional well-being, and self-care in an approachable, jargon-free way. Through Agatsu, Ira Khan is building a community that champions mental health not as a crisis intervention, but as a life-long, inclusive, and empowering practice. To know more about the Foundation, click [here](#).

Vipul & Shibani Jain: Shaping Pathways of Hope for Every Child

GivingPi Members Vipul and Shibani Jain, Co-founders of Catalysts for Social Action (CSA), believe that real change begins with empathy and community. Their work focuses on ensuring that children in need of care and protection find stability, opportunity, and the confidence to thrive. Earlier this month, at 'The Change Table: Together We Shape Hope', the Jains opened their home to friends eager to understand the realities faced by children in Child Care Institutions (CCIs). Many were surprised to learn that most children in CCIs are not orphans but are placed there due to unsafe circumstances or family distress. CSA's focus on supporting children beyond 18 - through education, life skills, and mentoring - sparked meaningful reflection. The evening's highlight was Aruna, a young adult supported by CSA, who shared her journey from institutional care to independence through programs like Bindass Bol and financial literacy initiatives. Building on this spirit, CSA recently launched Udbhav in Raipur, Chhattisgarh - an innovative initiative in partnership with the state administration to strengthen care and protection for children in institutional care. Inaugurated by Honourable WCD Minister Mrs. Lakshmi Rajwade, Udbhav integrates nurture, rehabilitation, and aftercare, creating a model that ensures sustained well-being and opportunity for every vulnerable child.

Parul Mehta: Celebrating Grassroots Livelihoods through the Yellow Ribbon NGO Fair

GivingPi Member Parul Mehta, Managing Trustee of the Ishanya Foundation, continues to champion sustainable livelihoods and social entrepreneurship through the Foundation's flagship initiative - the Yellow Ribbon NGO Fair (YRNF). Now in its 18th edition, the Fair has grown into one of India's most respected platforms for NGOs, SHGs, artisans, farmers, and social enterprises to showcase and sell their products, while building visibility, networks, and market linkages. Held annually before Diwali, the Yellow Ribbon NGO Fair brings together over 3,000 handcrafted, eco-friendly, and community-made products from 20+ states, ranging from textiles and weaves to organic foods, upcycled goods, artisanal crafts, and festive decor. This year's theme, Explore, Embrace, Evolve, underscored the Fair's purpose: connecting rural producers with urban consumers, celebrating India's handmade traditions, and enabling dignified livelihoods at scale. Beyond the vibrant marketplace, YRNF is a platform where every stall tells a story - of women artisans earning steady incomes, weavers preserving age-old techniques, farmers turning to sustainable practices, and social enterprises building greener and more inclusive futures. The Fair also featured cultural performances, workshops, conversations with makers, and authentic Maharashtrian cuisine, making it a community event rooted in celebration and purpose. Under Parul Mehta's leadership, the Yellow Ribbon NGO Fair has become a beacon of empowerment, bridging India's rural and urban economies and providing thousands of individuals and collectives with the opportunity to thrive.

Poonam Nanda: Driving Nationwide Women's Health Impact through YouWeCan

GivingPi Member Poonam Nanda, CEO of the YouWeCan Foundation, continues to champion transformative, preventive healthcare for women across India through the Foundation's flagship initiative, Swasth Mahila Swasth Bharat (SMSB). Built on the belief that early detection saves lives, SMSB is creating a national movement for breast health awareness, screening, and stigma-free conversations. In partnership with Xiaomi India, SMSB has reached deep into India's heartlands - conducting community-led workshops, screenings, and peer education across states including Assam, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujarat, Kerala, and more. From tea garden workers in Barpeta to youth groups in Dahod and SHGs in Uttar Pradesh, the program ensures that women everywhere can access critical knowledge and care. The initiative's state-level model, Swasth Mahila, Swasth Goa, demonstrates its success: with 1.85+ lakh women screened and 78 early detections, it stands as a blueprint for scalable, structured preventive health. Across districts, local champions, ASHA workers, educators, and survivors are joining hands to build a culture where women lead their own health journeys. Under Poonam's leadership, YouWeCan is not only expanding access to healthcare - it is reshaping narratives around women's health, bringing dignity, awareness, and life-saving interventions to communities that have long lacked them.



Amit Chandra and ATECF: Strengthening Organizations, Multiplying Impact

A.T.E. Chandra Foundation (ATECF), Co-Founded by GivingPi Member, Amit Chandra, has partnered with Pravah for three years through their Capacity Building program, supporting both Pravah's growth and the wider social impact ecosystem. Through the SaansTha program, Pravah has collaborated with 54 organizations across India - from Jharkhand to Maharashtra, Kashmir to Karnataka. One such partner, Under the Mango Tree (UTMT), which promotes beekeeping to enhance rural livelihoods, experienced meaningful growth with ATECF's guidance. Weekly mentor calls strengthened trust between on-ground and office teams, while a two-day leadership workshop encouraged collaborative decision-making and creative fundraising approaches. UTMT reflects that this journey has been "extremely helpful" in clarifying priorities and building stronger leadership practices. Their gratitude to ATECF underscores how consistent, thoughtful support can help organizations not just grow but truly flourish.

In the Media

How India's Philanthropy Model is Changing with Three E's

By ET Online | The Economic Times

India's philanthropic landscape is evolving, with family-led and next-generation donors focusing on long-term, structured social impact rather than one-time charity. The article, featuring insights from Geetika Dadlani, Head of GivingPi, and Neera Nundy, Co-Founder & Partner at Dasra, highlights how the "Three E's" - Ease of Learning, Giving, and Collaborating - are strengthening strategic philanthropy nationwide.

Beyond Efficiency: Philanthropy has a Duty to Confront AI's Vulnerabilities

By Natasha Joshi | Alliance Magazine

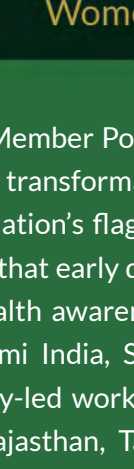
Artificial intelligence offers immense potential for social impact, but it also creates new forms of human vulnerability, particularly psychological and emotional harms that philanthropy must address. The article argues that funders should invest in unintended, participatory learning, and patient capacity to understand and mitigate AI's unintended consequences, ensuring technology serves society without leaving the most vulnerable behind.

Why Indian philanthropy must move beyond charity

By Amrat Singh and Pritika Nayak | Policy Circle

India's philanthropy sector is growing rapidly, but to truly advance the SDGs, it must move beyond short-term charity toward long-term, systems-focused change that engages communities, strengthens governance, and fosters collaboration. The article highlights emerging models, next-generation philanthropists, and initiatives that illustrate how strategic, data-driven giving can create sustainable, equitable impact.

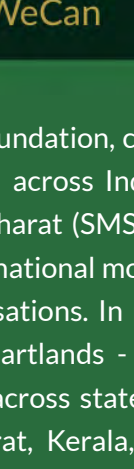
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Amplify

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Concierge

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