ROTI BANK SAMACHAR

The monthly newsletter of Roti Foundation Mumbai





Cost of a nutritious meal is Rs. 40/-

19,182,190 Meals distributed so far



THANKS A TON FOR THE TONNES!

A heartfelt thank you to Panchsheel Garden Foundation for their donation of <u>1450 kgs</u> of dry ration. This contribution will help us stock up on muchneeded supplies to prepare meals for the less fortunate. We are so grateful for their kindness. Special appreciation to <u>Ms. Nita Poojari</u> who initiated this donation drive.





Mr. Kuldeep Jindal, a long-time supporter, and his family, Mrs. Shobha Jindal and Aditya Jindal, generously donated 50 kgs of dry ration this month. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and for personally visiting our distribution center to assist with the distribution.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to <u>Mrs. Sushma</u> <u>Singh</u>, who donated <u>100 kgs</u> of dry ration this month. Her generosity will support our ongoing meal services and allow us to serve more individuals and families in need.





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Aadhar Mandhotra, a Grade 8 Dhirubhai Ambani student of International School, organized a dry ration drive in his society, Rustomjee Seasons, 25th on January and collected an incredible 460 kilograms of dry ration. We sincerely thank Aadhar, his mother, Ms. Shilpa Bhan and residents of their Rustomiee Seasons for kindness and support. Their contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of manu.





Our steadfast supporter, <u>Aurum</u> <u>fia</u>, donated <u>5,500 kg</u> of dry ration to mark the birthday of <u>Mr</u>. <u>Ashish Deora- CEO of Aurum</u> <u>Ventures</u>. We, at Mumbai Roti Bank, are deeply grateful for this generous contribution. Such acts of kindness inspire and support our mission to fight hunger.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to <u>Dr. Sonia</u> <u>Jambhekar</u>, who donated <u>143</u> <u>kgs</u> of dry ration this month. Her generosity will support our ongoing meal services and allow us to serve more individuals and families in need.





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We are deeply grateful for the <u>683</u> <u>kgs</u> of dry ration donated by the <u>residents of Ashok Tower</u>. This donation will go a long way in helping us provide nutritious meals to those in need in our community. It's amazing to see how a collective effort can make such a big difference.





ESTD. IN 1968 BY Arch. HARISH M. THAKKAR Our steadfast supporter, <u>Mr. Nalin</u> <u>Thakkar and Mrs. Nita Nalin Thakkar</u>, donated <u>1,010 kgs</u> of dry ration in the memory of <u>Late (Arch) Shri. Harish</u> <u>Morarji Thakkar</u>. We, at Mumbai Roti Bank, are deeply grateful for this generous contribution. Such acts of kindness inspire and support our mission to fight hunger.

NUTRITION FOR LEARNING: EMPOWERING KASHIPUR'S CHILDREN

We are proud to support Agragamee School in Kashipur, Rayagada District, Odisha, by providing meals to 174 students. This initiative not only addresses hunger but also helps improve the students' overall well-being, ensuring they can focus on their education without the burden of an empty stomach.

The students, primarily from Scheduled Tribes (ST), Scheduled Castes (SC), and other vulnerable communities, face numerous challenges, including malnutrition and limited access to resources. These meals are often their primary source of nutrition, playing a crucial role in combating hunger and promoting better health. Bu providing nutritious meals, we aim to create a positive impact on their academic performance and physical growth, empowering them to dream of a brighter future.

Through this collaboration, we are contributing to Agragamee's mission of fostering education and development in one of India's most underserved regions. This partnership reflects the power of collective action in bringing meaningful change to communities in need.







A DAY WITH PCGT INTERNS

The Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), a Mumbai-based registered organization, was established in April 2002 by three visionary leaders: the late Mr. B. G. Deshmukh, Mr. J. F. Ribeiro, and Dr. R. K. Anand.

On January 14th, our kitchen facility warmly welcomed 19 enthusiastic PCGT interns, accompanied by two team members. The visit was planned to offer insights into our operational processes and meal preparation techniques, turned into a deeply moving experience of compassion and generosity.

At the distribution center, the interns' faces reflected empathu and anticipation as theu prepared to play an active role in alleviating hunger. Embracing "The Joy of Giving," they selflessly devoted their time and energy to supporting our team. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Rashna and PCGT for orchestrating this visit, which not only provided a meaningful learning experience for the students but also underscored profound impact the of collaboration and empathy in creating a more caring and equitable society.







MBA INTERNS IN ACTION: LEARNING & GIVING AT ROTI BANK







In January, we had the privilege of welcoming 8 MBA students from Vivekanand Business School as interns at our kitchen facility. Their internship aimed to provide them with practical, firsthand experience in understanding the operations of an NGO, specifically focusing on the logistics and coordination.

What started as an academic learning experience soon turned into a heartwarming journey of selflessness and generosity. The students immersed themselves in our daily operations, gaining deep insights into our the meticulous planning required for large-scale meal production distribution.

Beyond the kitchen. their extended engagement to fieldwork as they joined us at various distribution centers from 20th to 25th January. Experiencing "The Joy of Giving" firsthand, they dedicated their time and energy to ensuring meals reached those in need.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Vivekanand Business School for facilitating this internship opportunity. It was an insightful experience for the students as well as our team.



TESTIMONIALS

Visit to Roti bank has been one of the most fulfilling experiences, which filled me with the sense of empathy and gratitude. We not only learnt the process but also incorporated it practically, it felt amazing to help those in need and I'm grateful to PCGT and Roti Bank for doing this great work and sharing its journey with us!

> <u>-Moomal Joshi</u> (Intern at PCGT for Jan-2025)

Roti Bank is a true symbol of fighting hunger hope. and providing high-quality food to those in need. We witnessed their positive impact on underprivileged communities and hospital patients. dedication Their is inspiring. bringing both food and dignity to many lives. It was an honor to contribute to their mission. Roti Bank is truly making a difference in the lives of the hungry and needy.

> <u>-Abhinn Kartikey Singh</u> (PGDM Student at Vivekanand Business School for 2024-2026)

Visiting the Roti Bank was a unique and eye-opening experience where I learned the true value of giving and kindness. It made me realize that even a small contribution from us can make a significant difference in someone's life. The visit offered me a new perspective, and what I enjoyed the most was serving food to people and witnessing their heartfelt smiles. Each smile reassured me that I had done something meaningful and good.

> <u>-Nupoor Atram</u> (Intern at PCGT for Jan-2025)

Working with Roti Bank Mumbai has been a profound experience, where every meal distributed was about hope, dignity, and showing someone they are cared for. The gratitude and smiles from those receiving meals will stay with me forever. This journey has been more than volunteering—it's been a lesson in humanity, compassion, and community strength. I'm deeply grateful for the chance to contribute to such a noble cause. It has reshaped how I view the world.

> <u>-Hrishikesh Jadhav</u> (PGDM Student at Vivekanand) Business School for 2024-2026)



JOY OF GIVING WITH EQUIFAX

This month, our valued supporter, <u>Equifax Credit Information Services Pvt Ltd</u>, contributed to our mission by helping us distribute meals to those in need. Equifax, a global leader in data, analytics, and technology, plays a vital role in empowering businesses across industries to make informed decisions with confidence.

On January 18th, Team Equifax visited our food distribution centers in Parel, Sion, and Cotton Green in Mumbai. They actively participated in distributing meals and engaged with the beneficiaries, making the experience even more meaningful. This initiative embodied the spirit of The Joy of Giving, spreading kindness and creating a lasting impact within the community.



RUNNING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY WITH TATA MUMBAI MARATHON

The 20th edition of the <u>Tata Mumbai Marathon (TMM)</u>, celebrated as Asia's premier running event, commenced on January 19, attracting an incredible 65,000 participants. To keep participants energized throughout the race, organizers provided an assortment of refreshments, including snacks, energy bars, and fruits. These items played a vital role in keeping runners fueled during their journey and aiding recovery post-race.

In a commendable effort to address the potential wastage of leftover refreshments, the Mumbai Roti Bank partnered with the Tata Mumbai Marathon. Together, they implemented a structured process to collect nearly <u>20,700</u> surplus items, including snacks, fruits, energy bars, and juice. Instead of being discarded, these surplus refreshments were redistributed to underprivileged schoolchildren, bringing a positive and impactful outcome to what could have otherwise been wasted.

By turning excess into nourishment, it extended the impact of the marathon far beyond its runners, leaving a lasting impression on the lives of those in need.





JOIN OUR MISSION

Join the Food Revolution: Donate Dry Food to Roti Bank's Kitchen

If you are inspired to make a difference in the lives of the hungry, you can join hands with Roti Bank by donating food. By dialing +91 86555 80001, you can contribute dry food items such as ration, vegetables, and fruits. Your donation will help sustain the kitchen operations of Roti Bank, allowing them to continue meals servina to reaular beneficiaries and making a positive impact in their lives. Together, we can work towards a hunger-free society.

Collaborations with Schools/colleges

We intend to develop a network of zestful youth who share our values and will help in spreading our reach. As a student, you can donate your time to our cause. You may even join our VOLUNTEERING TEAM. If you are an engineering student, use your technical know-how to grow our operations as projects in your curriculum. We would like to tap the potential of existing and established student chapters and find synergies make work to upon to a #Hunger Free India

Food Tie-Ups: Joining Forces to Fight Hunger with Roti Bank

If your establishment shares a passion for eradicating hunger and wishes to contribute on a regular basis, consider forming a food tie-up with Roti Bank. By aligning with Roti Bank, you can make a significant difference in the lives of the hungry and underserved. To initiate this alliance, reach out to Roti Bank and express your interest in becoming a food tie-up partner. Together, we can strengthen the fight against hunger and work towards building a world where no one goes to bed hungry.

Donate to the Cause

To make our movement of hunger manifold. elimination grow monetary backing is a boon. Roti Bank Founder, Mr. D. Sivanandhan envisions serving as many meals as possible in the coming decade. We have served more than 19 million+ meals so far, and to increase our reach further more, we need a bigger fleet of vehicles and more personnel to handle the logistics. Your support can go a long way in enabling us to free many more people from the suffocating grip of hunger.



JOIN OUR MISSION

Spread the Word

If none of the mentioned options suit you, don't worry—you can still make a difference! Believe in our cause? Help us raise awareness by sharing your personal food donation story and tagging our handle. Spread the message on social media and reach as many people as possible. You can also jumpstart your contribution by sharing our newsletter with your family and friends.Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay updated on our journey:

Instagram: @rotibank Facebook: @rotibankfoundation Twitter: @rotibankindia

Together, let's work towards a hunger-free India!

We need all the help we can get. To donate funds, use the following details:

Beneficiary Name: Roti Foundation Mumbai

Account No: 303402127218

IFSC Code: RATN0000088

Bank Name: RBL Bank, Lower Parel



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to all our donors and volunteers.

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