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**Thank you for
helping us in
making 12,000
people smile
everyday!**



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11,751,567+
meals and serving



About Us

WHO ARE WE?

Founded in December 2017 by former Director General of Police, Maharashtra, Mr. D. Sivanandhan, Mumbai Roti Bank is a non-profit hunger relief organization initiated by the Roti Foundation Mumbai. With a noble mission to eliminate hunger and malnutrition, we have been making a profound impact on the lives of thousands in need.

A Simple Approach to Alleviating Hunger:

We operate on a simple yet effective principle. With the help of generous donations, we cook fresh meals in Roti Bank Kitchen and deliver them to those who reside in slums or live on the footpath. The beneficiaries of this selfless service are primarily school children, as we understand that proper nutrition is vital for their growth and education. By providing freshly cooked mid-day meals, we ensure that these children can attend school regularly without the burden of hunger.

Collective Efforts in Combating Hunger and Building a New India

One of our key strengths lies in the support from the community. We have established a dedicated helpline that allows concerned individuals to contribute to the cause by donating funds, rations, fruits, and vegetables. These contributions not only provide immediate relief to those in need but also create a sense of shared responsibility in the fight against hunger. Mumbai Roti Bank has effectively bridged the gap between those who have the resources and those who require them the most.

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Reaching Out to Various Communities:

The impact of Mumbai Roti Bank extends beyond school children living in poverty-stricken areas. We also serve freshly cooked meals outside hospitals, destitute homes, educational institutions, and cancer centers. By catering to the nutritional needs of patients, the destitute, and the underprivileged, we try to offer solace and support to those going through difficult times. Our meals have become a lifeline for many who would otherwise face hunger and malnutrition.

A Mission for a Hunger-Free Society:

At the core of our existence is a powerful mission: no one should go hungry. Through our dedicated efforts, we are working tirelessly to eradicate hunger and malnutrition from the lives of countless individuals. By addressing the immediate need for food and nutrition, we are fostering hope and creating a foundation for a brighter future.

THROUGH FOUNDER'S PEN

"Having witnessed firsthand how hunger can push individuals to desperate measures, I firmly believe that by addressing their fundamental need for a nourishing meal, we can provide them with an opportunity to forge a brighter path ahead. At Mumbai Roti Bank, we envision a new India—one where hunger and malnutrition are eliminated. We dream of a nation where no Indian goes to bed on an empty stomach. Let us join forces and work together to build a hunger-free, resilient country!"

-D. Sivanandhan
(Former DGP, Maharashtra)

Our Visionaries



**MR. D.
SIVANANDHAN**

Managing Trustee

Former DGP, Maharashtra and retired I.P.S. now retired, he actively takes part in uplifting the community. As a managing trustee to the Mumbai Roti Bank, his vision and ideals have guided us in achieving our vision and helped us in trying to expand our operations.



**MR. SUSHIL KUMAR
JIWARAJKA**

Trustee

A prominent industrialist and works in the field of renewable energy and his goal is to power up those parts of the world which are devoid of electricity. Mr. Jiwarajka has been invaluable as a trustee to our cause. His insights and business acumen have helped us establish our cause on firm ground.



**DR. SUNDARAM
NATARAJAN**

Trustee

A renowned ophthalmologist who is the current CMD of Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, Mumbai. For his achievements in the field of medicine and for establishing Aditya Jyot as a leading eye institution in India, he was awarded the Padma Shri award.

Our Team



From Awareness to Action: World Hunger Day 2023



Every year, World Hunger Day serves as a poignant reminder of the critical global issue of food insecurity. As we observe World Hunger Day on **28th May**, the collective goal of individuals, organizations, and nations remains steadfast: to eliminate hunger and ensure food security for all. We, at Roti Bank celebrate every day as World Hunger Day.

The Urgency of Addressing Hunger:

In the bustling city of Mumbai, where poverty and inequality persist, Mumbai Roti Bank has emerged as a beacon of hope for the underprivileged. With our simple yet effective approach, we cook fresh meals using donated resources and deliver them to those living in slums or on the streets. By targeting school children, patients in hospitals, and vulnerable populations, we are trying to address the immediate needs of those affected by hunger.

The Power of Local Action:

World Hunger Day highlights the importance of grassroots initiatives. While global hunger is an immense challenge, tackling it on a local level can bring about significant change. We, at Mumbai Roti Bank, are trying to understand the unique needs of the community and tailor our efforts accordingly to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. By engaging with local volunteers, donors, and supporters, we harness the power of collective action to create a hunger-free Mumbai.

Collaborations and Community Support:

Our impact is not limited to our own efforts. We thrive on collaborations and community support. We actively seek partnerships with businesses, schools, hospitals, and other institutions to extend our reach and provide nutritious meals to more individuals in need. Furthermore, the dedicated helplines established by us encourage donations of funds, rations, fruits, and vegetables from generous individuals and organizations. This collective effort ensures the sustainability and expansion of our operations.

Empowering a Better Future:

Beyond providing immediate relief, we recognize the importance of education in breaking the cycle of poverty. By serving mid-day meals to school children, we support their academic pursuits and help ensure regular attendance. By addressing hunger, we empower children to focus on their studies, giving them a chance to shape a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

A Call to Action:

While the issue of hunger may seem overwhelming, the efforts to demonstrate that change is possible, one meal at a time. We can all contribute to the cause by supporting hunger relief organizations like Mumbai Roti Bank, volunteering our time, donating resources, and advocating for policies that prioritize food security. Let us unite and work together towards a future where no one goes hungry.



A Brighter Future Begins with a Meal: Innocent Delight Shines on the Faces of Children Enjoying Their Food



PCGT Interns Visit Our Kitchen: A Journey of Learning and Giving

Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) is a registered Trust founded in Mumbai in April 2002 by three eminent citizens Late Mr. B. G. Deshmukh, Mr. J. F. Ribeiro and Dr. R. K. Anand to strive towards good governance, containing corruption, inculcating values and enhancing sadbhavana. PCGT runs a month-long internship program for college students each month, mostly from colleges of Law and Social Sciences, in which students actively participate in the programs including, RTI/RTS, YFG, and Kuchh Aur along with the PCGT staff.

May 24th was a remarkable day for our kitchen facility as we welcomed a group of enthusiastic interns from the PCGT. Thirteen interns, accompanied by two PCGT team members, arrived at our kitchen facility to gain firsthand knowledge about our operations and understand how we prepare meals hygienically. Little did we know that their visit would go beyond observation and turn into a heartwarming experience of giving.



As the interns stepped into our kitchen, they were greeted by the hustle and bustle of our dedicated staff preparing meals for various distribution centers. The interns were keen observers, asking insightful questions about our processes and procedures. They were particularly interested in learning about our stringent hygiene practices, which ensure that the food we prepare is safe and nutritious for those in need. Our experienced kitchen staff patiently explained each step of the meal preparation, from ingredient selection to cooking techniques.

The interns were amazed to see the organization and coordination required to handle large-scale meal production. They were quick to notice the importance of teamwork and efficiency in ensuring that meals reach those who need them most. After witnessing the behind-the-scenes operations of our kitchen, the interns were eager to join our team in action. They accompanied us to one of our distribution centers located outside Tata and KEM Hospital.

PCGT Interns Visit Our Kitchen: A Journey of Learning and Giving

As they entered the distribution center, their eyes were filled with empathy and anticipation, knowing they would soon be contributing to the noble cause of feeding the hungry. The PCGT interns truly embraced 'The Joy of Giving' as they selflessly dedicated their time and energy to assisting our team. They understood that their visit was not just an opportunity for learning but also a chance to make a difference in the lives of others. Their enthusiasm and compassion resonated with everyone present, creating an atmosphere of warmth and unity.

We are grateful to the PCGT team for organizing this visit and selecting our kitchen facility as a learning opportunity for their interns. The visit not only allowed the interns to understand the complexities of food preparation and distribution but also showcased the power of collaboration and empathy in creating a better society. The PCGT interns' visit to our kitchen facility serves as a reminder that education and compassion go hand in hand, and that even the smallest gestures of kindness can make a significant impact in the lives of those less fortunate.

Testimonials

The visit to Roti Bank kitchen on 24-05-2023 (at Chembur), was quite satisfactory in nature as it showcased the kitchen and the cleanliness maintained while preparing the tasty and nutritious food to the needy people. The preparation of food with modern mega-appliances like the automatic roti maker was also fascinating to watch. Also, the serving of food to the needy people near KEM Hospital (Parel) also gave a different sense of satisfaction altogether. Also, the Sheera (as prepared) was really hot and yummy/tasty!!

- Nachiket Tulankar
(Intern at PCGT for May-2023)

We had a visit at Roti Bank kitchen on 24/05/2023 near Maysore Colony Chembur where we saw how the food is been prepared for distribution centers. I was really impressed by quality of food prepared. The kitchen was equipped with amazing machinery and was hygienic which is very difficult task for mass production of food. The food quality was similar to what we have at home. We had Sheera which was very tasty. Then we left for food distribution at KEM(King Edward Memorial) Hospital located in Parel. It was a very nice experience as we distributed food to everyone. The quantity which was distributed was not small portion but, a good healthy meal which a healthy adult needs. The experience was very amazing and I would like to visit again in future if possible. I would like to thank sir for providing us this amazing opportunity and having such a amazing experience.

-Abhijit Vinod Singh
(Intern at PCGT for May-2023)



Savoring Every Bite: Children enjoying scrumptious vegetable wrap



Nourishing Smiles: Children Delight in Nutritious Meals

A Remarkable Birthday Gesture

On May 8th, 2023, Mumbai Roti Bank experienced a heartwarming surge of support with a special donation that brought light and hope to the underprivileged. Mr. T. V. Raghunath and Mrs. Parvathy Raghunath, two compassionate souls with hearts filled with love and generosity, chose to commemorate Mr. Raghunath's birthday in an extraordinary way. By making a significant donation to Mumbai Roti Bank, they selflessly ensured that countless individuals in need would receive the nourishment they deserve. Mr. and Mrs. Raghunath's longstanding association with Mumbai Roti Bank as steadfast supporters of our cause has made them invaluable partners in our mission to eradicate hunger.



Rather than focusing solely on celebrations, Mr. and Mrs. Raghunath decided to infuse their special day with a deeper meaning. With a profound understanding of the hardships faced by the underprivileged, they opted to channel their resources towards Mumbai Roti Bank, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on society. This selfless act serves as an inspiration to all, showing that birthdays can be an opportunity to bring joy not only to oneself but also to those in need.

Mr. and Mrs. Raghunath's connection with Mumbai Roti Bank runs deep. They have been dedicated supporters of our cause since inception, embodying the true spirit of compassion and empathy. Their continuous support has played a pivotal role in our ability to provide nourishment and relief to marginalized communities. The Raghunath family's involvement serves as a shining example of how individuals can make a lasting difference through their unwavering dedication to philanthropy.

The significant donation made by Mr. and Mrs. Raghunath will illuminate the lives of countless individuals facing food insecurity. Their act of kindness will enable Mumbai Roti Bank to expand its reach, serve more meals, and bring nourishment and hope to those in need. By aligning their values with our mission, the Raghunath family has become a beacon of hope for the underprivileged, inspiring others to join the cause and work towards a hunger-free society.

*We
thank
you!*

Allana Group's Remarkable Donation to Mumbai Roti Bank: A Beacon of CSR

In a remarkable display of corporate social responsibility, the Allana Group, a global leader in the manufacture and export of various consumer products, made a substantial donation to Mumbai Roti Bank. This act of generosity highlights the Allana Group's commitment to supporting initiatives that address hunger and malnutrition within the community. With the gracious presence of Mr. K. L. Prasad (Retd. I.P.S.) and Mr. Prasad Kane, representatives of the Allana Group, who visited our office to present the donation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Irrfan Allana and the entire Allana Group for their philanthropic efforts.

A Display of Corporate Social Responsibility:

The Allana Group's significant donation to Mumbai Roti Bank exemplifies their strong commitment to corporate social responsibility. As a global leader in the consumer products industry, the Allana Group understands the importance of giving back to society and uplifting marginalized communities. Their generous act not only demonstrates their dedication to making a positive impact but also serves as an inspiration to other corporate entities to follow suit and contribute to the greater good.

A Transformational Contribution:

The substantial donation from the Allana Group to Mumbai Roti Bank will have a transformational effect on our operations.



Mr. K. L. Prasad (Retd. I.P.S.) and Mr. Prasad Kane, representatives of the Allana Group, presenting the donation to Mr. D. Sivanandhan (Managing Trustee of Roti Bank)

The financial support will enable us to expand our outreach, provide a greater number of nutritious meals, and strengthen our mission to eliminate hunger in the community. With the generous contribution, Mumbai Roti Bank will be better equipped to tackle the challenges of food insecurity and nourish those in need, making a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Gratitude to Mr. Irrfan Allana, Mr. K. L. Prasad (Retd. I.P.S.), and Mr. Prasad Kane:

We express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Irrfan Allana, the driving force behind the Allana Group, for his vision and commitment to corporate social responsibility. His leadership has not only led the Allana Group to achieve global success but also instilled a sense of social responsibility within the organization. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. K. L. Prasad (Retd. I.P.S.) and Mr. Prasad Kane for their visit to our office and their instrumental role in facilitating this generous donation. Their dedication to social causes and their belief in the importance of addressing hunger have made a significant impact on our ability to serve the community.

As we move forward, inspired by the Allana Group's act of generosity, we encourage others to join us in the fight against hunger and work towards building a better, more nourished future for all.

PI Industries' Generous Donation Strengthens Mumbai Roti Bank's Mission



We, at Mumbai Roti Bank, recently received a generous donation from PI Industries, a leading agrisciences and fine chemical company. This contribution underscores PI Industries' commitment to making a positive impact on society and addresses the critical issue of food insecurity. The donation, which followed a presentation by Mr. D. Sivanandhan to PI Industries' employees on May 9th, 2023, highlights the company's dedication to corporate social responsibility. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Mayank Singhal (Vice Chairman and Managing Director), and the entire PI Industries team for their support.

PI Industries: Driving Innovation in Agri-Sciences

PI Industries is recognized as a global leader in the field of agrisciences, delivering innovative solutions that enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability. With their commitment to providing transformative solutions, PI Industries understands the importance of addressing social issues that impact communities. Their generous donation to Mumbai Roti Bank demonstrates their dedication to improving lives beyond their core business and creating a more equitable society.

Empowering Mumbai Roti Bank's Mission:

The donation from PI Industries will significantly empower us to combat hunger. With the additional resources, We will be able to expand our operations, reach more individuals in need, and provide nutritious meals to marginalized communities.

The support from PI Industries will play a pivotal role in transforming the lives of those facing food insecurity, providing them with sustenance and hope for a brighter future.

Mr. D. Sivanandhan's Presentation- Inspiring Corporate Engagement:

The presentation by Mr. D. Sivanandhan (Managing Trustee of Roti Foundation Mumbai) to PI Industries' employees served as a catalyst for their engagement in addressing the issue of hunger. It highlighted the importance of corporate social responsibility and the role that organizations can play in making a positive impact on society. The generous donation from PI Industries, spearheaded by Mr. Mayank Singhal, reflects the dedication and commitment of the company and its employees to giving back to the community.

PI Industries' donation to Mumbai Roti Bank serves as an inspiration for other companies and individuals to contribute to the fight against hunger.

We, at Mumbai Roti Bank are extremely grateful for generous donation from PI Industries, spearheaded by Mr. Mayank Singhal (Vice Chairman and Managing Director)



Generous Donations of Grains Foster Hope

Amidst the challenges of hunger and food insecurity, acts of kindness and compassion continue to inspire hope. In the month of May, Mr. Sameer Mehta and his team, Dr. Gupta, Mrs. Juneja, Residents of Garden Court CHS, Residents of Ashok Tower demonstrated their unwavering community spirit by donating substantial quantities of grains. These acts of generosity not only provide immediate relief to those in need but also strengthen the bonds within the community.

Mrs. Juneja, a resident of Ashok Tower, set an example of generosity by donating 29 Kg of grains on May 2nd, 2023.

Mr. Sameer Mehta and his team showcased immense compassion by donating 156 Kg of rice and 120 liters of oil on May 6th, 2023. This generous contribution of essential food items demonstrates their commitment to providing nourishment to those in need. Their act of kindness not only ensures immediate relief but also symbolizes a strong sense of responsibility towards the community's well-being.

The generosity of **Residents of Garden Court CHS** exemplifies the spirit of giving. On May 19th, 2023, the residents selflessly donated 10 litres Oil, 32 kg Daal, 54 kg Rice and 1 kg Jeera, contributing to the noble cause of combating hunger. Their actions showcase the power of unity and the positive impact that individuals can make when they come together for a common goal.

Dr. Gupta from Dadar West also joined the cause, demonstrating immense empathy towards the less fortunate. On May 19th, 2023, Dr. Gupta generously donated 72.5Kg of grains. His act of kindness serves as an inspiration for others to contribute to the welfare of society.

In a heartwarming display of compassion and solidarity, **the residents of Ashok Tower** came together on the auspicious occasion of Amavasya, May 19th, 2023, to donate generous quantities of essential food items. Rice, dal, atta (flour), oil, and other dry ration were collected to aid in the ongoing efforts towards achieving a hunger-free India. This noble initiative was organized by Mrs. Jayshree Kapil and Mrs. Sudarshan, who have been actively involved in coordinating such drives on a monthly basis.

These selfless acts of donation illustrate the collective strength and compassion that can arise from individuals coming together for a common cause.

The generosity displayed by these individuals serve as an inspiration for others to contribute to the fight against hunger. Their actions remind us that even small donations can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Their compassion and willingness to help others set an example for the community, encouraging others to extend their support and make a positive impact.



Pure Bliss: Children's Excitement Evident as they Dive into Flavorful Vegetable Wraps and Juicy Mangoes



Smiles and Satisfied Tummies: Children Delight in Delicious Meals and Sweet Mangoes

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 serving meals to regular beneficiaries and making a positive impact in their lives. Together, we can work towards a hunger-free society.

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.

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 to work upon to make a #Hunger_Free_India

Donate to the Cause

To make our movement of hunger elimination grow manifold, monetary backing is a boon. Roti Bank Founder, Mr. D. Sivanandhan envisions serving as many meals as possible in the year 2022. We have served more than 9.1+ 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

Roti In case you don't find an apt way to contribute from the above-mentioned ways then worry not, as you can still do your bit. If you believe in our cause as much as we do, please spread the word by sharing your personal story of food donation with the hashtag of #HUNGER_FREE_INDIA, #ROTI_BANK, #ROTI_BANK_MUMBAI, #ROTI_BANK_FDN on your social media with as many many people as you can. To kickstart your contribution SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER with your family & friends!

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