

# ROTI BANK SAMACHAR

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ROTI FOUNDATION MUMBAI



Thank you for helping us in  
achieving our goal!  
Your support is bringing smile  
on the faces of 110 lakh people!

# ABOUT US

Mumbai Roti Bank is a non-profit, hunger relief organization initiated by Roti Foundation Mumbai. We strive to eliminate hunger and malnutrition. Started in December 2017, under the able mentorship of former Director General of Police, Maharashtra, Mr. D. Sivanandhan, we aim to eliminate hunger and malnutrition.

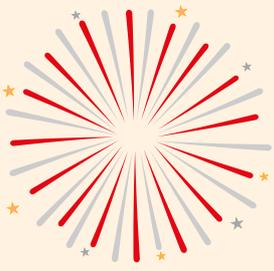
Our NGO functions simply by cooking fresh meals in the Roti Bank Kitchen including resources donated to us and delivering them to thousands of hungry people who live in slums or on the footpath. We daily serve beneficiaries which primarily include school children. We have dedicated helplines, to solve the food crisis by collecting funds, rations, fruits, and vegetables from our donors.

We provide freshly cooked mid-day meals to see that children go to school regularly. We serve freshly cooked meals outside hospitals, destitute homes, educational institutions, cancer centers, in the slums of Mumbai, and various other locations. Our mission is no one should go hungry.

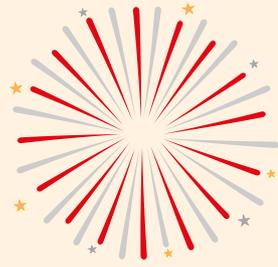
**"We, at Roti Bank, are dreamers of a new India with zero hunger and malnutrition! No Indian should go to sleep with an empty stomach. Let's strive together to have a hunger-free, strong country!"**

**-D SIVANANDHAN  
(FORMER DGP MAHARASHTRA)**





# CELEBRATING



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NEW YEAR



New Year would mean starting afresh. You wake up on the first day of the year with a lot of enthusiasm. But for millions of children all over the world who face hunger, malnutrition and poverty daily, the holiday season isn't something to celebrate, especially for children suffering the economic, physical and emotional impacts of COVID-19. We, at Roti Foundation Mumbai, believe that every child deserves to feel special. On the occasion of Christmas and New Year, we distributed stationery kits to 10000 young children across Mumbai. These stationary kits contained notebooks, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, pens and rulers.

The celebrations were more lively and enjoyable because we could see them smiling and having a good time. Let us all come together to serve society's underprivileged people, especially children with special needs, and bring a smile to their faces. Your small contribution can bring a smile to someone's face, so please join us in serving happiness and spreading smiles around the world.

Happy  
New Year



# CELEBRATING

## SAVITRIBAI PHULE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



January 3 marks the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule, the first female schoolteacher in India in the 19th century. If you are an Indian schoolgirl reading this chapter in English, you owe her. If you are an Indian woman that reads, you owe her. Savitribai Phule broke the traditional stereotypes of the 19th century in British colonised India at a time when women's grievances were rarely heard.

Savitribai Phule and her husband, Jyotirao Phule, opened India's first school for women in Pune in 1848. Besides becoming India's first female teacher, Savitribai also founded 17 more schools.

We, at Roti Bank, celebrated this special day with the female students of Holy Cross High School, Lower Parel. We distributed samosa, laddoo and juice snacks to all the female students.





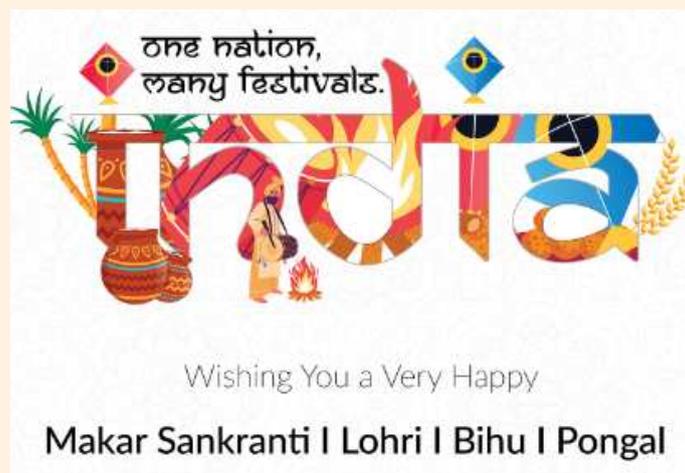
# CELEBRATING

LOHRI | MAKAR SANKRANTI | PONGAL | UTTARAYAN | BIHU



Makar Sankranti, called Pongal in Tamil Nadu, Lohri or Maghi in Punjab, Bihu in Assam and Uttarayan in Gujarat, is determined by the solar calendar and usually falls on January 14th of every year. It is especially significant as January is also Tamil Heritage month. Though traditions may differ from state to state, the essence of the festival remains the same across India.

We, at Roti Bank, celebrated this auspicious day by distributing Til Laddoo alongside regular meals to all of our 12k beneficiaries, whom we love to support and who are like family to us. The joy of sharing and loving binds us all together. We at Roti Bank invite everyone to come and support us in our mission to eliminate hunger and malnutrition.



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REPUBLIC DAY

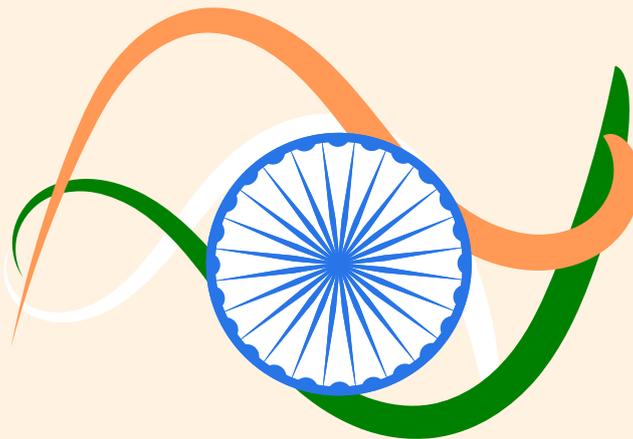


Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950.

A salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic on that day. Thereafter 26th of January was decreed as a national holiday and was recognised as the Republic Day of India.

We, at Roti Bank, celebrated the 74th Republic Day with students of Sir Elly Kadoorie School. We distributed chocolates and snacks to all the students, teachers and staff at Sir Elly Kadoorie School.

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## COLLABORATING WITH THE TATA MUMBAI MARATHON

After a break of 2 years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Tata Mumbai Marathon returned on 15th January 2023 with 55,212 participants across seven categories of races. In its 18th year, the city's annual marathon, apart from competitive running, saw many participating in the Dream Run, Senior Citizens' Run and a 1.3km race for persons with disabilities. After the pandemic break, participants arrived for the marathon on Sunday with renewed enthusiasm from across India.

Distance running takes a lot of effort and energy. Hence, to keep the runners energised by satiating their hunger pangs on-the-go, several snacks, energy bars and fruits are distributed to runners. These refreshments help runners strike the right chord and fuel up during and post the race.

To avoid wastage of all the unused and surplus snacks and fruits, Mumbai Roti Bank joined hands with the Tata Mumbai Marathon. We collected all the surplus refreshments like energy bars, snacks, fruits, juice and distributed them to thousands of underprivileged schoolchildren.





# THANKS A TON!

We are pleased to inform our readers that, residents of Panchasheel Darshan, Kandivali collectively donated 800 kgs of Rice, Dal and Jaggery. Mrs. Neeta Poojari and her team initiated this dry ration donation drive. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Neeta Poojari, her team and the residents of Panchasheel Tower.



Residents of Ashok Tower have donated generous quantities of Rice, Dal, Atta, Oil, and other dry ration twice in January 2023. The donation drive was conducted on the occasion of Makar Sankranti and Amavasya on the 14th and 22nd of January, respectively. We are grateful to Mrs. Jayshree Kapil and Mrs. Sudarshan for organising these monthly dry ration donations.



These newly obtained resources will enable Roti Bank Kitchen to prepare thousands and thousands of fresh and nutritious meals, which will then be distributed among several people who lack daily nutrition. Roti Bank truly appreciates and encourages such gestures made toward the betterment of humanity.



# GRATEFUL



# THANKS A TON!

This month, students of Mainadevi Bajaj International School joined hands with Team Roti Bank to support our cause. We received 417 kgs of dry ration from the school. This ration was collectively donated by students of Mainadevi Bajaj International School.

We are glad to see School Children understand the importance of reducing food wastage and 'The Joy of Giving'. These students were keen on knowing how Roti Bank functions and how they can be involved in raising awareness across the nation.

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YOU

# JOIN OUR MISSION

## Donate Food

ROTI BANK HAS A DEDICATED TECHNICALLY ADVANCE KITCHEN WHICH COOK MEALS TO SERVE THE REGULAR BENEFICIARIES. SO, FOOD DONATIONS IN TERMS OF DRY FOOD INCLUDING RATION, VEGETABLES AND FRUITS ARE OF INCREDIBLE HELP. THE MEALS PREPARED BY US ENSURES SAFETY AND HYGIENE STANDARDS, THEREFORE CALL ON +91 86555 80001 TO DONATE FOOD.

## Food Tie-ups

ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, MESS, HOSPITALS, TEMPLES OR CATERERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FOOD TO ROTI BANK ON A REGULAR BASIS COULD ALLIANCE WITH US. THIS HELP US FEED TO LARGER GROUP OF HUNGRY PEOPLE AS WE GET FRESH COOKED MEAL WHICH WE CAN JUST DISTRIBUTE WITH OUR VEHICLES.

## Collaboration With Colleges/Schools

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.

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## 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!

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:**  
RATN00000088

**BANK NAME:**  
RBL BANK, LOWER PAREL

