# ROTI BANK SAMACHAR

The monthly newsletter of Roti Foundation Mumbai



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#### Roti Bank Honors Mumbai's Educators on Teachers' Day with a Sweet Gesture

Teachers' Day, celebrated on September 5th in India, is a special occasion that recognizes the invaluable contribution of educators to society. On this momentous day, Roti Bank added a heartwarming touch to the festivities by distributing snacks to teachers across Mumbai. This thoughtful gesture not only acknowledged the hard work and dedication of teachers but also showcased the importance of gratitude and appreciation in our communities.

Teachers are the unsung heroes who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our nation by imparting knowledge and values to the next generation. They invest their time, energy, and expertise to nurture young minds, and their efforts often go unnoticed. We aimed to change that by recognizing the tireless work of these educators and expressing gratitude in a meaningful way.

The distribution of snacks to teachers in Mumbai was a small but significant token of appreciation. Our delightful surprise brought smiles to the faces of these dedicated educators. The event was not just about the snacks; it was a heartfelt acknowledgment of the hard work, passion, and commitment that teachers pour into their profession every day.



Small acts of kindness can have the positive impactin our communities. It reinforces the idea that appreciation and recognition are essential elements of building a compassionate and supportive society. By celebrating Teachers' Day in this manner, we tried to encourage others to take a moment to appreciate the educators in their lives, whether they are teachers in schools or mentors in various fields.

We also wanted to highlight the role of community organizations like Roti Bank in fostering goodwill and unity. Such initiatives not only strengthen the bonds within communities but also inspire others to contribute to the welfare of society. The spirit of giving back and recognizing the efforts of those who shape our society is a powerful force for positive change.

Let this incident serve as an inspiration to express gratitude and appreciation to the teachers who have touched your lives. Whether through a small token of kindness or a heartfelt word of thanks, every gesture counts in making teachers feel valued and cherished. The smallest gestures can have the most significant impact. Let us carry this spirit of gratitude forward, not just on special occasions but every day, as we recognize and celebrate the educators who play an essential role in shaping the future of our society.

# Team Aurum's Remarkable Contribution: Nourishing Thousands During the Fortnight of Giving

In a heartwarming display of philanthropy and compassion, our steadfast supporter, Aurum नींव, has once again joined hands with us to make a significant difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity. From September 17th to October 2nd, Aurum नींव's generous support enabled us to distribute over 20,000 meals. This incredible initiative has not only provided sustenance to those in need but also epitomizes the transformative power of corporate social responsibility.

Aurum Ventures, a multinational company with several special-purpose subsidiaries, is renowned for its commitment to investing in businesses facing the pressing need for immediate and substantial change. Beyond its corporate endeavors, Aurum Ventures demonstrates its dedication to societal betterment through initiatives like this. This initiative, grounded in the ethos of 'The Joy of Giving,' has become a beacon of hope for those grappling with hunger and food insecurity.

A remarkable facet of Aurum Team's support was the visit of their dedicated team to Roti Bank's food distribution centers in Mumbai. For an entire week, they rolled up their sleeves and actively participated in the food distribution process. This hands-on experience allowed them to witness firsthand the impact of their generosity and engage directly with the beneficiaries, forging a profound connection between the givers and the receivers.





The core idea behind this initiative was to experience 'The Joy of Giving' in its purest form. It is one thing to provide financial support, but it is an entirely different experience to stand beside those who are committed to the noble cause of feeding the hungry. Aurum Team didn't just share meals; they shared stories, smiles, and moments of compassion with those they served. Their visit underscored the importance of fostering empathy and understanding in the pursuit of positive change. It served as a powerful reminder that philanthropy is not solely about financial contributions; it is about actively engaging with the community and establishing a meaningful connection with those in need.

Aurum Team's unwavering support and their visit to Roti Bank stand as a source of inspiration to us all. It highlights the immense impact that collective action can have and emphasizes the enduring spirit of compassion that can transform lives. Their commitment to 'The Joy of Giving' sets a shining example, encouraging others to follow suit.

As we celebrate this remarkable contribution and their dedication to corporate social responsibility, let us remember that together, through acts of kindness and generosity, we can create a brighter future for all. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Aurum Team for their invaluable support and for exemplifying the true essence of 'The Joy of Giving.'





#### Celebrating Lifesavers: Roti Bank's Support for Lifeguards on Ganpati Visarjan Days

Ganesh Chaturthi, one of India's most vibrant and widely celebrated festivals, culminates with the grandeur of Ganpati Visarjan, when idols of Lord Ganesha are immersed in water bodies. This momentous occasion not only marks the conclusion of the festivities but also presents a unique set of challenges, especially for the dedicated lifeguards who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of devotees during the immersion process. In a heartwarming display of gratitude and support, Roti Bank stepped forward to distribute meals to lifeguards on duty during Ganpati Visarjan days.

Lifeguards are the unsung heroes of Ganpati Visarjan, ensuring that the immersion process takes place smoothly and safely. They work tirelessly under the scorching sun, often in challenging conditions, to prevent accidents and ensure the well-being of everyone present. Despite the critical role they play, their efforts often go unnoticed. We aimed to change that by recognizing and appreciating the dedication and hard work of these lifeguards. We organized the distribution of meals to lifeguards stationed at various immersion points across the city. These meals not only provided nourishment to the lifeguards but also served as a token of gratitude for their selfless service.



The appreciation and support are essential components of building a compassionate society. Small gestures of gratitude can go a long way in boosting the morale of those who work tirelessly to keep us safe and ensure the smooth conduct of our cultural festivities. As we celebrate the spirit of Ganpati Visarjan and bid farewell to Lord Ganesha with reverence, let us also remember the lifeguards who stand as guardians of our safety during this significant event.

In conclusion, Roti Bank's distribution of meals to lifeguards on duty during Ganpati Visarjan days exemplifies the organization's commitment to the welfare of the community. It also underscores the importance of recognizing and supporting those who work diligently behind the scenes to ensure our safety and the success of our cultural traditions. Let us carry this spirit of gratitude forward, not just during festivals but in our daily lives, as we acknowledge the efforts of the dedicated individuals who contribute to the betterment of our society.







#### A Generous Donation to Roti Bank: Spreading Hope and Nutrition

In a heartwarming display of compassion and community spirit, Ms. Supriya Kaur, Mrs. Rasika Mhatre, Dr. Archana Jadhav along with the other residents of Garden Court CHS, residents of Ashok Tower joined hands to make a significant contribution to Roti Bank in September 2023. Their generous donation of dry ration has not only touched the hearts of many but has also set an inspiring example of how individuals and communities can come together to combat the global issue of hunger.



This act of kindness goes beyond mere charity; it is a testament to the power of collective action in addressing pressing social issues. The donated dry ration will serve as the building blocks for thousands of fresh and nutritious meals that we will prepare. These meals will then be distributed among numerous individuals who struggle to access daily nutrition.

The impact of this contribution cannot be overstated. It is a ray of hope for those facing food insecurity, a reminder that humanity still possesses the ability to care for one another. Such acts of kindness are not just gestures; they are investments in a brighter future for our society. Roti Bank encourages and appreciates such noble initiatives that aim to uplift the human spirit and make the world a better place for all.

As we reflect on this heartwarming donation, let it serve as an inspiration for us all. It reminds us that each of us has the power to make a difference in the lives of others. Together, through unity, compassion, and shared responsibility, we can work towards a future where no one goes to bed hungry. We, at Roti Bank, along with our generous donors, continue to march forward in our mission to create a world free from the burden of hunger, one meal at a time.



Roti Bank extends its
deepest gratitude to
Ms. Supriya Kaur, Mrs.
Rasika Mhatre, Dr.
Archana Jadhav, and
the residents of Ashok
Tower and Garden
Court CHS for their
selfless and generous
gesture..



#### Empathy in Action: Sharp Business Systems' Hands-On Approach to CSR

Sharp Business Systems (India) Private Limited has been a dedicated CSR partner of Roti Bank since 2019, extending their unwavering support to our food distribution efforts. Over the months of July to September, their employees have generously volunteered once a month, visiting our food distribution centers, actively participating in food distribution activities, and engaging with the beneficiaries.

The core ethos driving this initiative has always been to experience 'The Joy of Giving.' Beyond financial contributions, it is about actively involving employees in the noble cause of alleviating hunger and making a direct impact on the lives of those in need. Sharp's commitment to fostering empathy and understanding through hands-on involvement is truly commendable.

Their consistent support and dedication to our cause have not only helped us reach more individuals in need but have also strengthened the bonds within our community. It is partnerships like these that exemplify the spirit of corporate social responsibility and the collective effort to create a more compassionate society.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sharp Business Systems (India) Private Limited for their continued support and for embodying the essence of 'The Joy of Giving' through their active engagement in our food distribution activities. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those less fortunate.



# 66 Testimonials

"During this quarter, the SHARP Team had the privilege of visiting twice the ROTI Foundation's distribution center at Sarveshwar Mahadev Seva Trust during Lunch time. The dedication exhibited by the Roti Foundation is truly commendable – providing daily lunches to the elderly and homeless while upholding the highest standards of safety and food quality.

The meal, comprising a wholesome combination of rice, chapati, dal, and vegetable gravy serves not only to nourish the body but also uplift the spirit. Having personally witnessed the impact, the SHARP team wholeheartedly engaged in the distribution of food. The sight of individuals uniting not just for themselves, but also for their families was truly touching.

This collaborative initiative was led by Ms. Chakshoo, the legal Head & Mr. Sumit – SHARP Mumbai Branch Manager along with other Mumbai SHARP Team who joined hands with the Roti Bank Team. This experience reinforces our belief in the strength of a united community and the positive transformation it can bring. Hars off to the Roti Foundation for setting a remarkable example and creating a meaningful impact in the lives of those who need it the most".

-Ruchika Garg SHARP - Head HR





#### Roti Bank's Kitchen Experience: PCGT Interns Embrace 'The Joy of Giving'

The Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) is a Mumbai-based registered organization, founded in April 2002 by three eminent citizens: Late Mr. B. G. Deshmukh, Mr. J. F. Ribeiro, and Dr. R. K. Anand. PCGT is dedicated to promoting good governance, combating corruption, instilling values, and fostering social harmony. Among its initiatives, PCGT runs a month-long internship program, primarily welcoming college students from law and social science colleges. These students engage in activities like learning about Right to Information (RTI), Right to Services (RTS), Youth for Governance (YFG), and more.

On September 26th, our kitchen facility had the privilege of hosting a group of 15 enthusiastic PCGT interns, accompanied by 2 PCGT team members. Their visit was aimed at gaining firsthand insights into our operations and understanding our rigorous meal preparation processes. Little did we anticipate that their visit would evolve into a heartwarming experience characterized by selflessness and generosity.

The interns, upon entering our bustling kitchen, displayed a keen interest in our procedures. They were particularly intrigued by our strict hygiene standards, which ensure the safety and nutrition of the meals we provide to those in need. Our experienced kitchen staff patiently explained each step of the meal preparation process, from ingredient selection to cooking techniques.

Impressed by the organization and coordination required for large-scale meal production, the interns quickly grasped the significance of teamwork and efficiency in ensuring meals reach the most vulnerable. Eager to contribute, they accompanied our team to one of our distribution centers near Tata and KEM Hospital.

At the distribution center, the interns' eyes reflected empathy and anticipation, knowing they were about to make a meaningful contribution to alleviating hunger. They wholeheartedly embraced "The Joy of Giving" by selflessly dedicating their time and energy to support our team.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to the PCGT team for organizing this visit and selecting our kitchen facility for their interns. This visit not only afforded valuable insights into food preparation and distribution but also underscored the transformative power of collaboration and empathy in building a more compassionate society. The PCGT interns' visit serves as a poignant reminder that education and compassion are intrinsically connected, and even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact on the lives of the less fortunate.

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I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the incredible opportunity to visit Roti Bank. Mr. D. Sivanandhan's dedication to this noble cause is truly inspiring and it was a humbling experience to witness the impact of the organization. Mr. Tambe sir's introduction to Roti Bank and the kitchen tour was heartwarming, to see how the food is being prepared for those in need. Learning about the funding sources was also enlightening. The delicious sheera and pasta were a delightful bonus. Serving food to the needy people in KEM Hospital was a truly humbling experience. Thank you once again for allowing us to be a part of this meaningful initiative.

-Ms. Jyoti Rathod (Intern at PCGT for September-2023)

We visited Roti Bank kitchen and Mr. Tambe explained about the organization. Roti Bank is an organization that prepares and supplies food to the poor and needy. It has many branches in the state and around the nation. It was initiated by Ex-Commissioner and Director General of Police, Maharashtra, Mr. D. Sivanandhan .On reaching there, Mr. Tambe served us delicious and nutritious breakfast of pasta and sheera.

Then we were informed about the working of Roti Bank and what it does to help the poor and needy people. They cook tons of food daily. After this we visited K.EM. Hospital, Parel. We served dal, rice, roti, bhaji to the needy ones and the ones who were care takers of the patients. The age factor of the people over there was, Kids (5-8 yrs.), Women from (20-55 yrs.), Men from (30-60 yrs).

I really felt very emotional while distributing the food. It was a great experience for me.

-Ms. Khushboo Makwana (Intern at PCGT for September-2023)





### 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.

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# 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 vegetables, and fruits. Your donation sustain the will help kitchen operations of Roti Bank, allowing them to continue serving meals to regular beneficiaries and making a positive impact in their 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 work make #Hunger\_Free\_India

#### Donate to the Cause

To make our movement of hunger elimination manifold, grow 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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