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11.5 MILLION+

meals served

RS.40/-

cost of a meal  
for a child



# About Us

## WHO ARE WE?



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.

## THROUGH FOUNDER'S PEN

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)

# 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. Jiwrajka 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

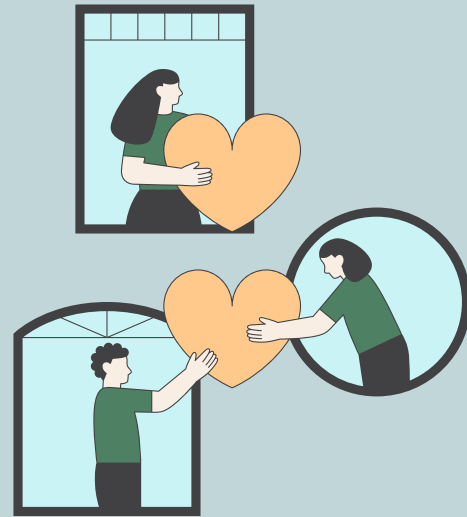
A renowned ophthalmologist who is the current CMD of Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, Mumbai. For his achievements in the field of medicine and for establishing Aditya Jyot as a leading eye institution in India, he was awarded the Padma Shri award.

# Our Team



# Fundraising event by Little Champs of Ashok Towers

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Our young Roti Bank champions who live in Ashok Towers, Parel organised a Charity Fun Fair on 23rd April 2023. These children set up game stalls, conducted art workshops, put up book sale and sold delicious treats. This fundraising event was organised under the guidance of the parents of these children. It was an evening of fun and enjoyment for kids as well as adults. The entire generated funds were contributed to Mumbai Roti Bank.

Team Mumbai Roti Bank appreciates the work of these children. We praise them for all the planning, efforts and showing compassion at such young age. We thank them for the donation and helping us in our cause to feed the underprivileged children. We wish them all the success in coming years.

# Thanks a Ton For The Tonnes!



We are pleased to inform our readers that, Ms. Sheela Kumar from Ashok Towers donated a generous quantity of dry ration to Roti Bank. We, at Roti Bank, would like to express our gratitude to Kumar family for this massive contribution to our efforts to eradicate world hunger.



Residents of Ashok Tower also donated around 460 Kgs of Rice, Dal, Atta, Oil, and other dry ration on 20th April 2023 on the occasion of Amavasya.



Our ardent supporter, Aurum Foundation also joined hands with us in our cause by donating 1800 Kgs of dry ration.

We are also grateful to Mr. Manoj Thakkar for the huge donation of 799 Kgs of dry ration on 10th April 2023.

Dr. Archana Jadhav and her team from Dadar donated generous quantity of dry ration on 30th April 2023 to Team Roti Bank.

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.

# Schoolkids experiencing the Joy of Giving

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The students of The Cathedral and John Connon School have been bringing more Rotis than they eat every Saturday in April 2023. Team Roti Bank collects these Rotis and then distributes it among the needy people. A collection box placed within the premises The Cathedral and John Connon School saw a whopping 1,000 Rotis donated on the very first Saturday. This inspired us to keep organizing this Joy of Giving concept—people coming together to hand out food. This is done on every Saturday. Every time our team interacts with school kids their thoughts amaze us. The concept of sharing and caring is developing in these children. We are extremely grateful to the teachers of The Cathedral and John Connon School who motivated the students for this act of kindness.

# A step towards healthier India

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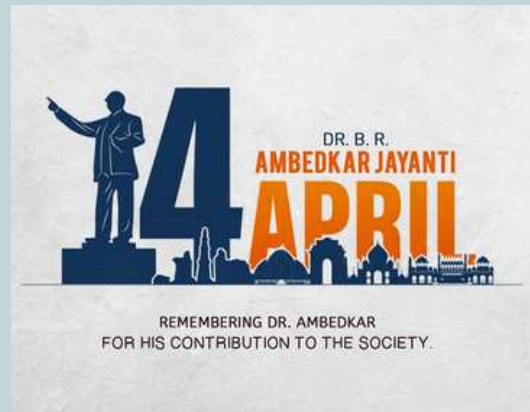
We at Roti Bank are excited to bring this new initiative on board with the combined efforts of DSM and a significant contribution from Roti Bank. The idea behind this initiative is to create a healthier India and to provide high protein food to those in need in order to reduce the graph of growth and development problems. This project incorporates two concepts:

- 1: Adding NuShakti Powermix for Rice to the Rice cooked and distributed by Roti Bank in Mumbai
- 2: Adding NuShakti Powermix for Atta to the Roti cooked and distributed by Roti Bank in Mumbai

Most people in India eat rice and atta, which are low in vitamins and minerals due to the processing the grains undergo. Polishing of rice removes the fat and micronutrient rice bran layers to produce the commonly consumed white rice. This is estimated to remove, 75-90% of vitamins B1, B3, B6 and E. Fortifying rice provides an opportunity not only to add back the lost micronutrients but to also add other important micronutrients such as iron, zinc, folic acid, and vitamin B12. Similarly, vitamins and minerals can be added to atta as well.



# Food distribution on the day of Ambedkar Jayanti



The nation commemorated the memory Dr. B R Ambedkar on April 14th, 2023 on his birthday. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, was an economist, politician, and social reformer who fought for the rights of the Dalit community. A principal architect of the Constitution of India, Ambedkar also advocated for women's rights and labours' rights.



Ahead of the Ambedkar Jayanti, thousands of followers of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar gather at Mumbai's Dadar and Shivaji Park area to mark the day . To help managing the large crowd, many volunteers and police constables are present. Team Roti Bank made certain to assist the police officers and volunteers who were assisting the crowd in the sweltering heat by providing freshly cooked nutritious meals.



# Glimpses of children enjoying snacks



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# 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.

## 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 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:**

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Roti Foundation Mumbai

Account No:  
303402127218

IFSC Code:  
RATN0000088

Bank Name:  
RBL Bank, Lower Parel




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and volunteers.

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