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15,143,081+

meals served so far

Rs. 40/-

cost of a nutritious
meal for a Child

Interactive Learning: Fazlani L'Académie Globale's Visit to Combat Hunger

On July 4th, Mumbai Roti Bank had the pleasure of hosting 31 enthusiastic 11th-grade students from Fazlani L'Académie Globale. The visit was a part of an educational outing organized by Ms. Arwa Baldiwala, aimed at giving students an in-depth understanding of hunger and the functioning of our organization.

The session was highly interactive, with students displaying keen interest and curiosity about the work we do. They asked numerous questions, ranging from how we collect and distribute food to the challenges we face in combating hunger in Mumbai. Their enthusiasm was evident, and it was heartening to see young minds so engaged in social issues. To acknowledge their participation, we presented a memento to the students who stood out with their insightful questions and contributions to the discussion. This gesture was a small token of our appreciation for their involvement and interest.

In a remarkable show of solidarity and generosity, the students and the Fazlani L'Académie Globale decided to donate 1000 school bags to underprivileged children through Roti Bank. This initiative not only addresses the immediate need for educational supplies but also underscores the importance of holistic support in empowering underprivileged communities.

We are immensely grateful to Ms. Arwa Baldiwala and Fazlani L'Académie Globale for organizing this visit. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our work and hopefully inspire future advocates for hunger relief.





Celebrating Guru Purnima 2024

On July 21, 2024, we celebrated Guru Purnima, a day dedicated to honoring the profound bond between teachers and students. This auspicious day, observed on the full moon of Ashadha, is a time to express gratitude to the gurus who enlighten our paths with wisdom.

At Mumbai Roti Bank, we cherish community and the spirit of giving back. This year, to mark Guru Purnima, we recognized the dedication of teachers and students by sending special snacks to various educational institutions. These packages symbolized our appreciation for their relentless pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

Guru Purnima holds a special place in Indian tradition, honoring gurus who guide us from darkness to light. Our initiative was met with joy and gratitude. Teachers, adapting tirelessly to new teaching methods, and students, showing resilience in their learning journeys, were deeply touched by this gesture.

By sending these snacks, we aimed to create a moment of joy and recognition for those who shape our future. It was our way of saying thank you for their hard work and commitment to education.

As we celebrate Guru Purnima, let's honor our gurus and acknowledge the transformative power of education. Happy Guru Purnima!





Gamified Beach Cleanup

Seventeen Events and The Carter Road Cleanup recently teamed up for an innovative beach cleanup, transforming a routine task into a fun-filled adventure. Held on one of Mumbai's iconic beaches, this event attracted volunteers eager to make a difference while enjoying the thrill of competition.

The day began with relay races where teams raced to collect litter, turning cleanup into an exhilarating contest. The energetic atmosphere was contagious as participants cheered each other on, blending environmental service with the excitement of sports. This unique approach made the task enjoyable and engaging for volunteers.

After the races, creativity took center stage with an activity of assembling art from waste. Organized by Seventeen Events, this segment encouraged participants to see waste as a resource, resulting in imaginative artworks that adorned the beach. It was a powerful reminder of the potential for creativity in environmental conservation.

Mumbai Roti Bank played a part by providing delicious snacks, keeping volunteers fueled and motivated. This gesture was in line with their broader mission of addressing food security and supporting community initiatives.

By the end of the day, the beach was cleaner, and participants felt a deep sense of accomplishment. This gamified cleanup showcased the power of community, creativity, and fun in making a significant impact on the environment.





Mumbai Kargil Soldierathon

On July 28, 2024, Mumbai hosted the Kargil Soldierathon, a heartfelt tribute run marking the 25th anniversary of the Kargil War victory. This event honored the 527 brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our motherland. Over 5,000 runners participated in this year's Soldierathon, demonstrating their respect and admiration for the soldiers and martyrs of our armed forces.

The Soldierathon was conceived by Major Dr. Surendra Poonia VSM (Ex-Special Forces) and facilitated by Fitistan - Ek Fit Bharat. This marathon paid tribute to the tireless sentinels who guard our borders around the clock. The event was not only a physical challenge but also a symbol of national unity and gratitude.

As runners took to the streets, the atmosphere was charged with patriotism and respect. The route was adorned with banners and posters of the fallen heroes, serving as a poignant reminder of their ultimate sacrifice. The participants ran with a sense of purpose, each step a tribute to the valor and dedication of the soldiers.

Mumbai Roti Bank partnered with Kargil Soldierathon. Mumbai Roti Bank played a vital role in the event, arranging refreshments for the runners and joining hands in honoring the defense forces. Their support ensured that participants were well-nourished and motivated throughout the race.

The overwhelming participation and support from the community highlighted the nation's collective respect for those who defend our borders, making the event a resounding success





PCGT Interns Embrace 'The Joy of Giving'



The Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), a registered organization based in Mumbai, was established in April 2002 by three distinguished individuals: the late Mr. B. G. Deshmukh, Mr. J. F. Ribeiro, and Dr. R. K. Anand. PCGT is committed to promoting good governance, combating corruption, instilling values, and fostering social harmony. One of its key initiatives is a month-long internship program, primarily targeting college students from law and social science disciplines. These interns participate in various activities, including learning about the Right to Information (RTI), Right to Services (RTS), and Youth for Governance (YFG), among others.

On July 4th, our distribution centers at K.E.M. Hospital and Tata Memorial Hospital had the honor of hosting a group of 28 enthusiastic PCGT interns, accompanied by 2 PCGT team members. The purpose of their visit was to gain firsthand insights into our operations and understand our meticulous meal preparation processes. Unexpectedly, their visit transformed into a heartwarming experience marked by selflessness and generosity. At the distribution center, the students' eyes reflected empathy and anticipation as they prepared to make a meaningful contribution to alleviating hunger. They fully embraced "The Joy of Giving," selflessly dedicating their time and energy to support our team.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Vivekanand Business School for organizing this visit and choosing our kitchen facility for their students. This visit not only provided valuable insights into food preparation and distribution but also highlighted the transformative power of collaboration and empathy in building a more compassionate society.



Testimonials

For all the days when things were not working the way it should have been or days when I suffered through health problems, I always felt that my problems are very big and it is hard to overcome it. However, I am very grateful to PCGT for giving me the opportunity through Roti Bank to meet people and patients of Tata Memorial Hospital and help them provide proper meal. This opportunity made me realise that my problems stand nowhere and that if the people there could fight for their problems then I can do it too. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank PCGT and would like to appreciate their work. I could see people waiting patiently in the line for the meal and their smiles made my day. Loved the way how people appreciated it. Excited to learn more things and get more experience. ❤️

-Riya Yadav

(Intern at PCGT for June-2024)

Flames of Hunger

In the flames of hunger, many innocent burn.
For a piece of dry bread, how much they yearn!
An empty plate stares into the eyes
While the aroma of bread around, pierces the cries
Innocence fades, under a hungry face
A mother's love, too, drowns in this harsh embrace.
Each day is a battle, a quest for some food,
If your world is filled with hunger, nothing can soothe!
Together we can conquer this hunger they face,
With unity and compassion, let's make the world a better place!
Roti Bank's mission is to fill every empty plate,
Join us to end hunger and brighten their fate!

-Niyati Wadhawan

(Grade 12, Dhirubhai Ambani International School)



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!

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



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.

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