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INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS

To raise awareness about hunger and malnutrition, Mr. D Sivanandhan, the Managing Trustee of Roti Bank, visited Aditya Birla School. The event, held on a sunny 17th May, was a unique opportunity for the 4th standard students to learn about the pressing issue of hunger and the remarkable work being done by Roti Bank.

Mr. Sivanandhan's visit was marked by an engaging PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the critical issue of hunger in India. He shared startling statistics, emphasizing that despite the nation's economic progress, a significant portion of the population still struggles with food insecurity. The children listened attentively as he explained how Roti Bank addresses this issue. Using simple language and relatable examples, Mr. Sivanandhan conveyed the seriousness of hunger. He explained that millions of people, including children, go to bed hungry every night. This not only affects their health but also their ability to learn and grow. The students were visibly moved by the stories of children their age who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

Mr. Sivanandhan's presentation wasn't just about sharing information; it was also a call to action. He encouraged the students to think about ways they could help, even at their young age. Suggestions included reducing food waste at home, participating in food drives, and spreading awareness about the issue of hunger among their friends and family.

The visit by Mr. D Sivanandhan left a lasting impact on the students of Aditya Birla School. They learned that even small actions could make a big difference in addressing hunger.





A BIRTHDAY WITH A DIFFERENCE: ARJUN AND JANAK NARAIN'S CHARITABLE CELEBRATION

In a heartwarming act of generosity, Arjun and Janak Narain, residents of Ashok Tower, decided to turn their birthday celebration into a noble cause. On their birthday, 13th May, instead of receiving gifts, the Narain siblings requested their friends and family to make donations to Mumbai Roti Bank.

This thoughtful gesture aimed to support the vital work of Roti Bank in feeding the hungry and reducing food waste in Mumbai. By choosing to forego personal gifts, Arjun and Janak highlighted the importance of community service and empathy. Their initiative not only brought joy to those in need but also inspired their loved ones to contribute to a meaningful cause. This birthday, marked by compassion and selflessness, truly made a difference in the lives of many.

We wish a very happy birthday Arjun and Janak. As we celebrate their birthday, let us be reminded of the impact that each individual can have in building a more compassionate and inclusive society. May their generosity inspire others to lend a helping hand and spread kindness wherever they go, ensuring a brighter and more hopeful future for all.



**Happy
BIRTHDAY**

Mr. D Sivanandhan, the Managing Trustee of Roti Bank, was honored at Shree Hariharputra Bhajan Samaj's 23rd Samaj Shakti Awards 2024. He received an award recognizing the noble initiative of Roti Bank in combating hunger and food waste. The ceremony celebrated his dedication to feeding the needy, with moments of heartfelt speeches and applause. Here are some glimpses from the event.







CELEBRATING WORLD HUNGER DAY



World Hunger Day, observed annually, aims to highlight the urgent need to combat hunger worldwide and to promote sustainable solutions. The day serves as a reminder that millions of people still lack access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. It encourages organizations, governments, and individuals to take action towards achieving zero hunger, one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

This year's World Hunger Day event was a testament to Roti Bank's unwavering dedication. The event saw volunteers and staff come together to prepare and distribute wholesome snacks to 5000 individuals across various locations. The snacks included samosa, fruits, energy bars, chaas and vegetable pulao designed to provide both nourishment and a sense of care to the recipients. The distribution took place in several underprivileged communities, including slums, orphanages, and shelters. Roti Bank ensured that the food was not only nutritious but also prepared and handled with the utmost hygiene, adhering to safety protocols.





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.

In the month of May, 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 students, 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 students quickly grasped the significance of teamwork and efficiency in ensuring meals reach the most vulnerable. Eager to contribute, they accompanied our team to all the distribution centers from 29th February till 6th March.

At the distribution center, the students' 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 Vivekanand Business School for organizing this visit and selecting our kitchen facility for their students. 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.



STEADFAST ALLIES FOR A HUNGER-FREE INDIA

The unwavering support from the residents of Ashok Tower has been a cornerstone of Roti Bank's efforts. Each month, they come together to donate substantial quantities of dry ration, ensuring a steady supply of essential food items for those in need. Their commitment doesn't stop at regular contributions; they also step up during special occasions, making additional donations that help amplify the impact of Roti Bank's outreach programs. In the month of May, the residents of Ashok Tower once again showcased their generosity by providing a significant donation of dry ration. This timely contribution has helped bolster Roti Bank's resources, enabling the organization to reach more underprivileged individuals and families.

In May, Mr. Rakesh Gothi and his family took their support a step further by visiting Roti Bank's distribution center. Their hands-on involvement in the food distribution process exemplifies the deep sense of empathy and dedication they hold towards alleviating hunger. The Gothi family has been consistent supporter of Roti Bank for a considerable time. Their regular contributions and active participation not only provide essential resources but also inspire others in the community to join the fight against hunger.

The dedication and compassion shown by the residents of Ashok Tower and Gothi family, significantly bolster Roti Bank's mission to combat hunger. As we acknowledge their contributions, we also hope to inspire more communities and individuals to join this noble cause. Together, we can work towards a future where no one goes to bed hungry.



JOIN OUR MISSION

Donate Food

Roti Bank has a dedicated technically advanced kitchen which cooks 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 ensure 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 ally with us. This helps us feed a larger group of hungry people as we get fresh cooked meals which we can just distribute with our vehicles.

Collaboration With Colleges/Schools

We intend to develop a network of zealous 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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