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With your support, we have served over
20,000,000+
meals and continue to fight hunger every
day.

A Heartwarming Visit: Only Women's Journey to Mumbai Roti Bank

At Mumbai Roti Bank, every meal we serve is a step toward ensuring that no one goes hungry. Our mission has always been about compassion in action, and we are grateful for the growing community of supporters who believe in this cause. Recently, we had the privilege of hosting members of Only Women, a community of senior women professionals, who visited our Chembur kitchen to witness firsthand the scale and impact of our work.



This visit was inspired by Mr. D. Sivanandhan, our founder and former DGP of Maharashtra, who introduced Roti Bank's mission to the Only Women members during a recent gathering. Touched by the depth of the cause, Rtn Ashmi Parekh, Aavrutti Sharma, Sapna Sharma, actress Nilu Kohli, and their host, a former journalist, Vidyottama Sharma decided to explore the heart of Roti Bank's operations. What they saw left them deeply moved—thousands of fresh, nutritious meals being prepared daily in a fully mechanized, hygienic, and efficient environment, ensuring that every plate served meets the highest standards of cleanliness and quality. They saw firsthand how dedicated individuals have stood by this mission since its inception, working tirelessly to fight food insecurity.

Inspired by the visit, Only Women launched their Helping Hands project, partnering with Roti Bank to contribute toward feeding the underprivileged. Actress Nilu Kohli summed up the experience in just a few words: "It was a humbling experience."

Roti Bank thrives on the generosity of individuals and organizations who believe that no one should sleep hungry. Every meal served is an opportunity to make a difference, and every contribution—big or small—takes us closer to a hunger-free society. We thank Only Women for their support and invite more people to join us in this mission.



World Cancer Day: Supporting Cancer Patients with Nutrition and Care

World Cancer Day, observed annually on February 4th, serves as a global reminder of the need for early detection, better treatment, and comprehensive support for those battling cancer. The 2025 theme, "United by Unique," highlights the importance of personalized care, recognizing that every patient's journey is different. It calls for inclusive healthcare systems that prioritize accessibility, reduce stigma, and ensure that individuals receive the compassionate, tailored care they deserve. Proper nutrition plays a vital role in cancer recovery, helping patients maintain strength and improve their quality of life during treatment.

At Roti Bank, we strive to provide not just meals but also hope and nourishment to those in need. On this World Cancer Day, we distributed nutritious meals and fresh fruits to cancer patients across Mumbai. While we regularly serve meals outside Tata Memorial Hospital and KEM Hospital, this year, we extended our efforts to patients staying at Shree Ashok Singhal Rugn Seva Sadan, an affordable accommodation for underprivileged cancer patients undergoing treatment in Mumbai. Through these small yet impactful steps, we reaffirm our commitment to fighting hunger and supporting patients in their battle against cancer. Together, with collective efforts, we can make a difference—one meal at a time.





Beyond Meals: Encouraging Fitness and Growth in Nagpur

Nagpur Roti Bank recently extended its support to the students of Dharmaraj Primary School in Kandri-Kanhan, Nagpur, by donating essential sports equipment. The donation included rackets, shuttles, cricket bats, volleyballs, arm gloves, and tennis balls, encouraging children to engage in physical activities that promote fitness, teamwork, and discipline. Alongside our daily distribution of nutritious meals, this initiative aims to enhance not just their physical well-being but also their overall development. We believe that proper nourishment combined with active play can significantly contribute to a child's growth, confidence, and learning capabilities. By fostering a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age, we hope to empower these young minds with opportunities to excel both academically and in extracurricular pursuits.



A Heartwarming Visit: Welcoming PCGT Interns for a Meaningful Experience

The Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), a Mumbai-based organization founded in April 2002 by visionary leaders Mr. B.G. Deshmukh, Mr. J.F. Ribeiro, and Dr. R.K. Anand, continues to inspire young minds toward civic engagement and social responsibility.

On February 24th, 2025, Mumbai Roti Bank had the pleasure of hosting 18 PCGT interns along with their coordinator at our kitchen facility. What started as an educational visit to understand our meal preparation and distribution process soon turned into a heartfelt experience of compassion, teamwork, and service.

At the distribution center, the interns actively participated in packaging and distributing meals, witnessing firsthand the impact of feeding the underprivileged. Their enthusiasm and empathy truly embodied the spirit of "The Joy of Giving." We are incredibly grateful to Ms. Rashna and the PCGT team for facilitating this visit, which not only deepened the interns' understanding of food security and community service but also strengthened the power of collaboration in building a hunger-free society.

This Monday, I had the opportunity to participate in a food distribution drive organized by Roti Bank, a charitable initiative dedicated to feeding the hungry. Our destination was KEM Hospital. As we arrived with fresh, home-cooked food, a queue had already formed. The sight was both, humbling and heartbreaking — elderly individuals, children, and families waiting patiently. We quickly set up our serving station and began distributing rotis, dal, and rice, banana and water bottle. The joy of serving food to those in need was indescribable. Many recipients expressed their heartfelt thanks. I realized that while we often take our daily meals for granted, many struggle for a single bite. The efforts of organizations like Roti Bank are truly commendable, and I feel grateful to have been a part of this noble cause.

-Ankit Yadav
(Intern at PCGT for Feb-2025)

On 24 February 2025, a visit was conducted by PCGT to Roti Bank, a non-profit organization dedicated to combating hunger in Maharashtra and also in other parts of India. It was founded by Mr. D. Sivanandhan Sir in December 2017. Currently Roti Bank serves approx 15,000 meals in a day. It was a truly heart-warming experience for me. The organization's mission to combat hunger by providing fresh nutritious meals to unprivileged people is not just inspiring but also a great transformative. The most memorable part of the visit was joining the food distribution drive. Also, the facility was well organized and maintained, with a busy kitchen preparing thousands of meals for distribution. The Roti Bank visit left me in a deep sense of admiration. A simple act of sharing food can make a huge impact.

-Shreya Labde
(Intern at PCGT for Feb-2025)



Students, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff of Vivekanand English High School, generously donated 93 kgs of dry ration in honor of the 100th Birth Anniversary of their esteemed founder, Late Shri Hashu Advaniji. This heartfelt contribution reflects their commitment to community service and carries forward his legacy of compassion and generosity.



Students from Atlas SkillTech University (BKC, Mumbai) joined us at our KEM distribution center as part of their Social Entrepreneurship course. Their group, focusing on SDG 2: Zero Hunger, volunteered to support our mission of feeding the hungry. Together, we take a step closer to a hunger-free society!



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.

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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

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.

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 coming decade. We have served more than 20 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

If none of the mentioned options suit you, don't worry—you can still make a difference! Believe in our cause? Help us raise awareness by sharing your personal food donation story and tagging our handle. Spread the message on social media and reach as many people as possible. You can also jumpstart your contribution by sharing our newsletter with your family and friends. Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay updated on our journey:

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Together, let's work towards a hunger-free India!

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