

Roti Bank Samachar

The monthly newsletter of Roti Foundation Mumbai



**What ₹40 Can Do:
One Nutritious Meal,
One Brighter Future.**



27,818,604+
fresh and nutritious
meals served,
and we're not stopping.

MUMBAI

APRIL 2026 IMPACT

2,95,130

**MEALS SERVED IN MUMBAI
IN APRIL 2026**



15000+

**SCHOOOL
CHILDREN**



43

SCHOOLS



1000+

PATIENTS

EVERYDAY

From Waste to Worth: Turning Surplus Food into Sustenance

As the world marked the International Day of Zero Waste on March 30, it brought into sharp focus a contradiction that continues to define our times—mountains of food being wasted while millions go hungry every day.

According to the latest estimates by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the world wastes over 1.05 billion tonnes of food annually. At the same time, nearly 783 million people globally suffer from hunger, and over 3.1 billion people cannot afford a healthy diet. This is not merely a statistic, it is a stark reminder of the imbalance between abundance and access.

India reflects this paradox acutely. Every year, the country wastes nearly 78–80 million tonnes of food, translating to an estimated ₹1.55 lakh crore worth of food lost annually. While household consumption accounts for a major share of this waste, inefficiencies in storage, transportation, and supply chains further compound the problem.

Food wastage is not just a social issue—it is an environmental concern. Globally, food loss and waste contribute to 8–10% of greenhouse gas emissions, accelerating climate change. Every grain of rice wasted represents not just lost food, but also wasted water, energy, labour, and time. To put it into perspective, producing just 1 kilogram of rice requires nearly 5,000 litres of water.



From Waste to Worth: Turning Surplus Food into Sustenance

A Collective Responsibility

Reducing food waste requires action at every level:

- **At home:** Cook mindfully, serve responsibly, and avoid over-preparation
- **At events and institutions:** Plan portions carefully and donate surplus food
- **At the systemic level:** Strengthen storage, logistics, and food redistribution networks

Most importantly, it calls for a shift in mindset—from indifference to awareness, from excess to empathy.

The Way Forward

Food is not just sustenance; it is effort, resources, and dignity combined. As a society, we must move from awareness to action ensuring that no plate goes to waste while someone goes to bed hungry.

Mumbai Roti Bank invites each one of us to be part of this journey. Because when food is saved, lives are nourished and when communities come together, change becomes inevitable.

**“Don’t Waste.
Share more.
Feed with dignity.”**

'Hands That Give, Hearts That Shine'

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have done it without them. I express my gratitude for their support and dedication. Their positive attitude and hard work has helped me to build an amazing environment in my school. "Their generosity turns hope into reality—I will be always grateful!"

By Kavita Sandip Jaunjal Headmistress
(Samarth Primary School, Ramtek)

In the Spotlight: Roti Bank's Impact

Sometimes, the work reaches places we never imagined—and sometimes, it gets noticed.

From classrooms to smiles, this reflects what truly matters: care, consistency, and showing up every day.

This belongs to every volunteer, every child, and every shared moment.

Be a part of the journey.

redefines it with compassion. No matter how busy or important his role, he never hesitates to help others. This rare quality makes him not just a great leader, but a great human being." The Founder of Roti Foundation MR. D. SHIVANANDHAN (ex DGP Maharashtra) has such a humble, modest, unassuming, selfless, and considerate character. I know the words will be too less to express his greatness. His foundation mainly focuses on addressing hunger and promoting well-being through various initiatives, primarily by providing nutritious meals to those in need. They also work in areas like education, health, and women's safety. They offer meals to students in underserved communities, aiming to improve their academic performance, school attendance, and overall health. ROTI, which stands for Return Of Timely Investment, which embodies their dedication to spreading awareness about the importance of strategic investment planning. They believe that by making the right investments at the right time, individuals can secure a better future for themselves and their loved ones, creating a ripple effect that benefits entire communities. This foundation has not only provided the meals like chikkis, laddoos, sonpapdis, fruities, biscuits but also for creating a warm and nurturing environment they help us with sports equipment like cricket bats and balls, footballs, and skipping ropes. Along with this they had also enhance my kindergarden kid's interest in school by providing them with toys and playing equipments like slides, seesaws, etc. They also offer free educational resources like textbooks, stationery, and uniforms to students from economically disadvantaged families. Their help has strengthened the

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Cooling Care: Nagpur Roti Bank's Summer Relief Initiative

As the intense summer heat sweeps across Nagpur, Nagpur Roti Bank has stepped in to support hospital patients by distributing refreshing buttermilk. A simple, cooling drink helps restore their energy, keeps them hydrated, and provides comfort despite the extreme weather. Patients, already dealing with illness, often struggle more in the sweltering heat. Hydration becomes essential not just for comfort, but for recovery. Buttermilk, with its natural cooling and digestive properties, offers much-needed relief and nourishment during this time. Through these small yet meaningful interventions, we aim to ease the burden of summer, supporting patients on their path to recovery with greater comfort.





01:40 PM | 15 Apr 2026
Wednesday

In Kashipur, Rayagada district, 145 children at Agragamee School are nourished daily—17,755 meals served, ensuring learning continues without hunger.



01:23 PM | 08 Apr 2026
Wednesday

Kasipur, Odisha, India 🇮🇳

Kashipur Dongasili Road, Kasipur, Odisha 765015, India

Lat 19.340802° Long 83.100007°

Building a Hunger-Free Tomorrow, Together



We extend our warmest wishes to Ms. Jayshree Kapil on her birthday, 30th April. Her unwavering support and heartfelt encouragement have been a true source of strength and inspiration for us.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our generous donors for their unwavering support towards Roti Bank's mission of eradicating hunger.

In April 2026,

- **Hill Spring International School** added **72.950 kgs** of poha to our stocks.
- **Residents of Ashok Tower** collectively donated an impressive **816 kgs** of ration.
- **Employees of Lucky-Tech Membranes Pvt. Ltd.** donated **50 kgs** of peanuts. The initiative was led by Manoj Ahuja, HR Manager.
- **Mr. Harish Bhanushali** generously donated **30 litres** of oil this month.
- **Mr. Shrikant Chafekar** generously donated **42 kgs** of ration.

Your kindness and generosity ensure that thousands of needy individuals receive wholesome meals every day. Each donation, big or small, strengthens our resolve and enables us to move closer to a hunger-free society. Thank you for being a vital part of this journey and for believing in the power of sharing.

Join Our Mission

Food Tie-Ups: Joining Forces to Fight Hunger with Roti Bank

If you're committed to making a difference, collaborate with Roti Bank by contributing surplus or fresh ration. A simple call to +91 86555 80001 allows you to donate essential items like ration, vegetables, and fruits. Your support helps sustain our kitchen operations, ensuring consistent meals for those in need. Together, we can move closer to a hunger-free society.

Volunteer & Engage: Be the Change

We are building a strong network of passionate individuals, especially students, to expand our impact. You can contribute your time by joining our volunteering team or applying your skills to support operations and outreach. Student groups and institutions can collaborate with us to create meaningful, real-world impact. Let's work together toward a #HungerFreeIndia.

Become a Food Partner: Strengthen the Fight Against Hunger

Organizations that share our vision of eradicating hunger can partner with Roti Bank through regular food tie-ups. By joining hands with us, you directly contribute to feeding underserved communities. Reach out to express your interest and become a part of a growing network committed to ensuring no one sleeps hungry.

Support the Cause: Every Contribution Counts

To scale our efforts and reach more people, financial support is essential. Under the vision of our Founder, Mr. D. Sivanandhan, Roti Bank continues to expand its mission of serving millions of meals. With growing demand, we require additional resources, including vehicles and manpower, to strengthen our logistics. Your contribution can help us extend our reach and bring relief to countless lives.

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Spread the Word

Can't donate right now? You can still help.

▼ **Share your food donation story**

👤 **Tag us and spread awareness**

➡ **Forward this newsletter to friends & family**

Awareness creates action. Action creates impact.

Follow us:

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Facebook: @rotibankfoundation

Twitter: @rotibankindia

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

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



**This journey is possible because of you.
Thank you to every donor, volunteer, and supporter.**

SCAN TO DONATE:



A nutritious meal costs ₹40

GET IN TOUCH!



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