

ROTI BANK SAMACHAR

The Monthly Newsletter of Roti Foundation Mumbai



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A heartfelt thank you to all our
donors! With your support, we
have served over

27,168,137+
meals and counting towards
30 million!

When Testing Times Fuel Stronger Resolve

There are moments that test not just systems, but spirit. The recent newspaper feature “**Running on Fumes, Fuelled by Hope**” captures one such phase for us, where rising gas shortages triggered by global conflicts have begun to impact kitchens like ours. It felt eerily similar to the uncertainty we faced during COVID-19, when every day brought a new challenge and every resource seemed stretched. Once again, we found ourselves being tested.

But this time, like before, stopping was never an option. While the odds were tough, our resolve was tougher. With the strength of our trusted partners and the support of our extended network, our kitchen continues to function, cooking nearly 15,000 meals every single day and serving them across Mumbai. The circumstances may have changed, but our mission remains the same. Because in testing times, what truly matters is not the challenge, but the courage to keep going.

RUNNING ON FUMES, FUELLED BY HOPE



No one must go hungry: This is the sole mantra that's keeping food banks, temples, and charitable institutes going with their mission to feed thousands of the city's poor, even when their LPG cylinders seem in danger of sputtering out each day.

TANISHA BANERJEE, JUNISHA DAMA,
AND ARPIKA BHOSALE P10-12

Roti Bank Foundation has its own kitchen in Mahul, Chembur that feeds around 18,000 to 20,000 people daily across Byculla, Mankhurd, and nearby areas. PIC/SHADAB KHAN

'Hunger cannot wait'

JAYENDRA TAMBE

Operations manager at Roti Bank Foundation (food bank)

ROTI Bank Foundation is being forced to make difficult compromises without slowing on its mission. Founded in 2017 by former Maharashtra DGP D Sivanandhan, the NGO provides food to the poor in areas like Mankhurd, Byculla, as well as to schools, other NGOs, and to families of patients outside Tata Memorial Hospital in Parel. It has served over 26 million meals since its inception, working with a simple principle that "hunger cannot wait".

What first began as a food bank to distribute surplus food has since evolved into a full-scale kitchen operation in Chembur, feeding 18,000–20,000 people daily across Byculla, Mankhurd and nearby areas.

"We need nine cylinders a week, and utilise almost three in a day, but now get only



JAYENDRA
TAMBE

The portion for sabzi that we serve with rice and dal is down to a quarter of the original serving

Jayendra Tambe, Roti Bank

No. of meals fed daily:
18,000
Weekly LPG requirement:
9
Current status:
LPG supply down to a third

one or two daily," says the operations manager Jayendra Tambe.

The impact is visible on plates. Cooked snacks for children like poha and upma have been replaced with dry snacks. "The portion for sabzi that we serve with rice and dal is down to a quarter of the original serving," he rues, "Quantity has suffered, but we don't plan on stopping."

For Sivanandhan, rising costs and supply gaps are secondary concerns. "Whatever the problem, our poor people should not be deprived of anything that an average Indian meal includes," he asserts, "Even if it is a little expensive for us, we have to adjust."

With no government backing, the NGO has absorbed the rising costs and logistical strain through donations. But it's an example of how fuel shortage poses a direct threat to food security for the urban poor.



LPG stays liquid only because it's pressurised. Open the valve, and it instantly vaporises



What A Healthy & Nutritious Meal Looks Like!



In the Remote Heart of Rayagada, Odisha- Kashipur's Children Find Hope

Do you know where Kashipur is?

Tucked away in the remote Rayagada district of Odisha, it's a place many have never heard of. But for 145 children at Agramee School, it is home, hope, and the beginning of their dreams. Since June 2025, we have provided 17,755 meals, reinforcing our commitment to ensuring that no child's education is interrupted by an empty stomach.

We are proud to support these students by providing daily meals—something as simple as food, yet incredibly powerful. For many of these children, belonging to vulnerable communities, this is often their only reliable source of nutrition. It helps fight malnutrition, strengthens their health, and most importantly, allows them to sit in a classroom with focus instead of hunger.

This initiative goes beyond just feeding—it fuels education, growth, and the possibility of a better future. By supporting Agramee's work in one of India's most underserved regions, we are reminded that real change begins with small, consistent efforts.

Because sometimes, a meal is not just a meal—it's the first step towards a dream.



Pictures from Agragamee School in Kashipur, Rayagada District, Odisha



Latitude: 19.34092
Longitude: 83.100201
Elevation: 846.67±9.88 m
Accuracy: 5.734 m
Time: 20-03-2026 13:30
Note: Agragamee school Kashipur Rayagada Orissa

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THANKS A TON FOR THE TONNES!



Our steadfast supporters:

- Residents of Ashok Tower donated 1095 kgs of dry ration.
- Bombay Gowrakshak Mandali Foundation donated 100kgs of Milk Powder.
- Team of VVF LTD donated 59 kgs of dry ration.

Such acts of kindness play a vital role in strengthening our efforts and continuing our mission to fight hunger.

TESTIMONIALS

Ms. Swati Pawar
Head of School

Gilder Lane Municipal School

On behalf of our school, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Roti Foundation for generously providing dry snacks to our Students and wonderful gifts to our school.

Your thoughtful contribution brought immense joy and happiness to our children. The quality of the snacks was excellent, and the distribution was well-organized. Such acts of kindness and social responsibility truly make a positive impact on the lives of our students.

We sincerely appreciate your continuous support and noble efforts towards the welfare of children. We look forward to your association and cooperation in the future as well.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Mr. Bhagwan Harji Bhusara
Principal
Shivdi Wadala Municipal School

रोटी बँक मुंबई, संस्थेकडून शिवडी वडाळा इस्टेट मनपा मराठी शाळेतील ४०० विद्यार्थ्यांना शेंगदाणा चिक्की, राजगिरा लाडू, समोसा, केळी, चणे शेंगदाणे, उपमा, कांदा पोहे, खीर असा विविध प्रकारचा सकस पोषण आहार शाळेतील विद्यार्थ्यांना आपण नियमित व वेळेवर देत आहात. खाण्याची गुणवत्ता व चव अतिशय उत्तम असून विद्यार्थी आवडीने खात आहेत. तसेच नव वर्ष किंवा विशेष दिवशी आपण विद्यार्थ्यांना भेट वस्तू देता. आपल्या बहुमूल्य योगदानाबद्दल संस्था प्रमुख सन्मा. डी. शिवानंद साहेब व संपूर्ण टीमचे खूप खूप धन्यवाद.

यापुढेही अशीच सेवा मिळो हीच ईश्वर चरणी प्रार्थना!



Students from K. C. Law College, Churchgate, under the DLLE project, participated in our initiative at the KEM distribution center. These students 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 26.5 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:

Instagram: @rotibank
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



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