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Children receive "Bags of Joy" during Daan Utsav



Kishan, an aspiring firefighter "I'll save people from destruction!"

## Vizag Kitchen celebrates 15th anniversary with 'Nourish the Change' Awards 2023



SPOTLIGHT

## Nourish the Change 2023

Surat Kitchen celebrates its 11th anniversary



## Being Grateful



Dear changemakers,

We are delighted to share Akshaya Patra's progress during the last quarter. It shows the consistent and dedicated efforts of our determined employees and donors who rose to be the change that many have sought through the decades.

We are grateful to the government, our esteemed corporate partners and individual contributors who helped bring smiles and hope to our beneficiaries through volunteering activities, kitchen and school visits and online participation. It has impacted children's lives considerably, fostering growth and enabling their pursuit of education and transformation without hunger as a barrier.

Together, we have not only fuelled children's dreams but also instilled joy and optimism in their hearts. Your kindness echoes beyond their plates, creating a ripple of compassion that empowers communities.

Ever grateful,  
Akshaya Patra family on behalf of 2 million children



*"At the Valedictory Session of EXIM Bank Seminar, I was presented with a Certificate of Mid-Day Meal from Akshaya Patra Foundation for 10 kids for a year. I would encourage everyone, instead of giving bouquets or mementos, to replicate this noble gesture and feed our children."*

**- Shri Piyush Goyal,  
Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles, and Leader of the House, Rajya Sabha**

Source: twitter.com

*"I personally believe that hot meals are the only incentive through which we can attract children from villages and tribal areas. Education is the best donation that will lift not only the future of the children but also the future of their families."*

**- Dr Sudhir Parikh,  
Chairman & CEO of Parikh Worldwide Media and ITV Gold,  
Padma Shri recipient, Senior Advisor to Akshaya Patra**

Source: newsindiatimes.com



**In the spotlight**



# Surat Kitchen marks its 11th anniversary with Nourish the Change Awards

The Akshaya Patra Foundation commemorated the 11th anniversary of its Surat Kitchen with a momentous gathering to recognise teachers and beneficiaries for their remarkable achievements beyond the classroom walls. The event took place on 13 October 2023 in the esteemed presence of Meenaben M Gajjar, Deputy Municipal Commissioner – PM POSHAN Yojna, Surat Municipal Corporation, and many corporate visionaries and ardent advocates of the Foundation’s noble cause.



# MDM benefits cross over to ITI students

Honourable Former Vice-President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, launched mid-day meal distribution in October 2023, supported by The Akshaya Patra Foundation, for ITI students of Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Samithi.

## Honoured with the Nexus of Good Award 2023

The Akshaya Patra Foundation was honoured with the Nexus of Good Award 2023 in November in the 'Initiatives for Quality Education' category. Mr Prabhat Kumar Singh, Former Cabinet Secretary and Governor, and Mr Anil Swarup, Former Coal Secretary of India presented this prestigious recognition. Shri Bharatarshabha Dasa, Trustee and National President of the Foundation received the award.

## Recognising India's torchbearers at Nourish the Change 2023 - Mumbai

The Akshaya Patra Foundation celebrated an eventful evening at the 'Nourish the Change' Award ceremony on 23 November 2023. The event honoured partnerships and felicitated teachers and students who achieved extraordinary milestones despite multiple challenges. Kaustubh Dhavse, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Board



Member, Mumbai Film Festival and Krishnakant Upadhyay (IPS), Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mumbai graced the occasion with their presence. Indian Celebrity Chef & Indian Cultural Ambassador, Shipra Khanna and several dignitaries from the film, television and radio fraternity were also present to commemorate the achievers.



The Akshaya Patra Foundation was honoured to be a part of the Global Investors Summit in FRI, Dehradun, conducted from 8 to 11 December 2023. The esteemed gathering was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, accompanied by the Honourable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri

## Initiating transformation at the Global Investors Summit, Uttarakhand

Pushkar Singh Dhama. The Summit aimed to discuss the elimination of certain compliances to boost investments in the state. Akshaya Patra was also given a complimentary stall space at the event, effectively used to create awareness about our work and impact in Uttarakhand.

# Forging ahead with the launch of Mangaluru Kitchen



Akshaya Patra launched its Mangaluru Kitchen in Karnataka on 3 December 2023. Sponsored by Vijay & Shama Kedia, GT Foundation and Diya Systems (Mangalore) Pvt. Ltd., the facility has the capacity to serve 25,000 hot and nutritious meals.

The solar power systems integrated in the kitchen's infrastructure will decrease its carbon footprint significantly. Cooking efficiency will rise with the use of clean LPG-

powered infrared burners. Plans to use CNG are in the works. Similarly, the upcoming Upflow Anaerobic Floating filter-based ETP will maximise efficiency while minimising its negative effects on the environment. Thus, the new unit will actively contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Mangaluru Kitchen represents the Foundation's combined efforts to promote healthy eating habits, encourage community involvement and advance sustainable practices.



## Visakhapatnam Kitchen celebrates its 15th anniversary by recognising students and teachers

The Visakhapatnam Kitchen marked its 15th anniversary on 20 December 2023 with 'Nourish the Change' Awards. 15 years ago, its operation started by serving mid-day meals to 5,445 children in 7 government schools. To date, it has served more than 31,80,000 mid-day meals and over 25,70,000 meals in Anganwadi centres. Teachers and beneficiaries were felicitated for their outstanding achievements at the event.

## Well-wishers calling on



### Union Minister of Education lauds the impact of MDM on children's education

Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Minister of Education, Government of India, visited the HK Hill Kitchen in October to observe and learn about the kitchen operations. He expressed his joy in the success of mid-day meals and its positive impact on children's education.



### Japanese delegates visit Akshaya Patra

Delegates from Japan, including Denso Kirloskar, visited Akshaya Patra's first kitchen, the HK Hill Kitchen in December. Their MD, VP and other board members loved and appreciated Akshaya Patra's commitment towards 'the power of a hot meal' and the impact it is creating.

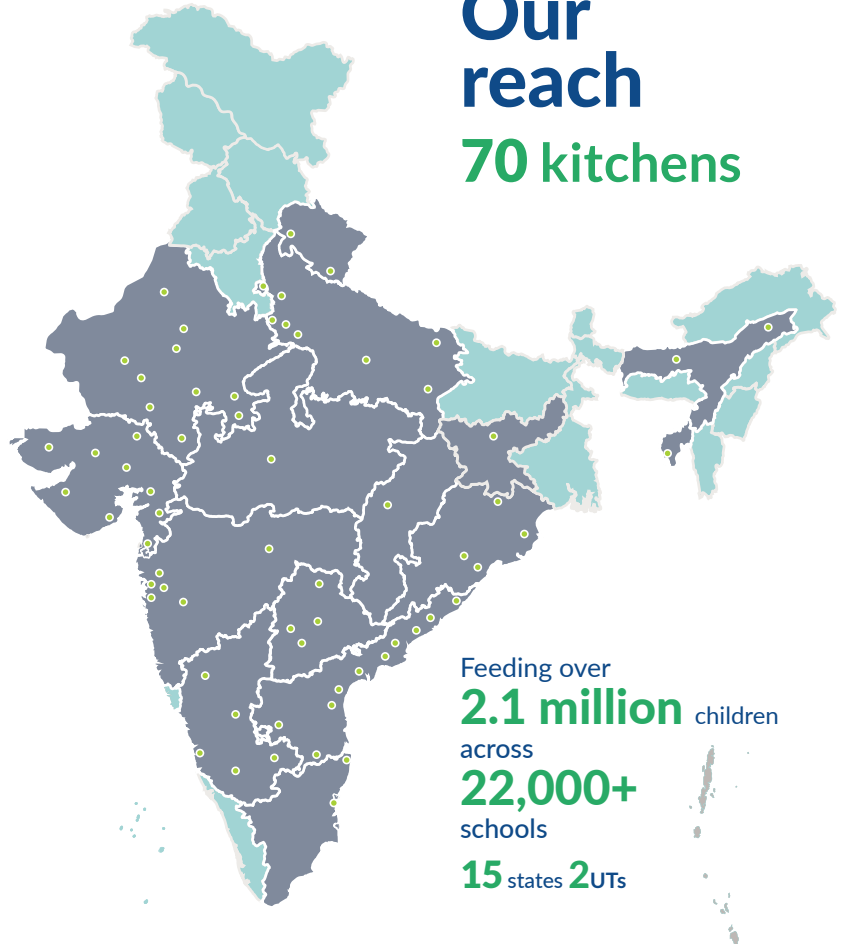


### Lok Sabha members explore Akshaya Patra's operations

Members of Lok Sabha, Sudarshan Bhagat and Mohan Kundariya, visited the HK Hill Kitchen in Bengaluru on 28 December 2023 to understand Akshaya Patra's operations and expansion plan.

# MEALS SERVED

## Our reach 70 kitchens



Feeding over **2.1 million** children across **22,000+** schools in **15** states **2** UTs





### Location-wise meals served

	Meals Served				
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b>		<b>KARNATAKA</b>		<b>TELANGANA</b>	
Anantapur	1,15,299	Ballari	40,97,555	Hyderabad	44,31,540
Gambhiram	7,91,048	HK Hill - Bengaluru	32,73,750	Narsingi	14,24,322
Gudivada	3,50,081	VK Hill - Bengaluru	34,80,426	Mahbubnagar	5,87,777
Kakinada	6,73,130	Jigani	17,34,630	Nawabpet	10,90,628
Kuppam	13,32,023	Jalahalli - Bengaluru	3,89,625	Warangal	12,37,266
Mangalagiri	13,33,217	Hubballi	59,97,041	<b>TRIPURA</b>	
Nellore	8,00,240	Mangaluru	7,56,348	Kashirampara	42,983
Srikakulam	11,09,292	Mysuru	6,69,909	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>	
Visakhapatnam	14,72,760	<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b>		Gorakhpur	9,55,194
Ongole	1,22,648	Bhopal	19,42,050	Lucknow	58,10,361
<b>ASSAM</b>		<b>MAHARASHTRA</b>		Mant	10,14,732
Guwahati	20,41,374	Bhiwandi	9,20,538	Barsana	2,81,835
Jorhat	4,98,513	Kalyan	3,33,378	Varanasi	27,67,121
<b>CHHATTISGARH</b>		Panvel	5,73,639	Vrindavan	51,98,334
Bhilai	11,40,672	Thane	5,52,365	Gautam Buddha Nagar	8,03,564
<b>DELHI</b>		Pune	3,61,994	<b>UTTARAKAND</b>	
Badli	5,45,328	<b>ODISHA</b>		Dehradun	10,44,842
DMC	7,86,312	Bhubaneswar	44,86,623	Gadarpur	5,27,366
Gole Market	2,32,106	Nayagarh	10,13,100		
Jahangirpuri	6,83,808	Puri	23,23,887		
<b>DAMAN &amp; DNH</b>		Rourkela	21,41,369		
Silvassa	24,70,221	<b>PUDUCHERRY</b>			
<b>GUJARAT</b>		Puducherry	25,18,011		
Ahmedabad	29,02,845	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>			
Bhavnagar	7,31,577	Ajmer	9,07,629		
Bhuj	11,03,855	Baran	2,68,032		
Kalol	9,52,880	Bhilwara	6,90,920		
Mansa	11,46,609	Bikaner	8,98,964		
Jamnagar	8,95,584	Chittorgarh	5,55,141		
Surat	72,19,256	Jaipur	53,59,301		
Vadodara	43,44,923	Jhalawar	4,91,877		
		Jodhpur	4,94,840		
		Nathdwara	16,81,760		
		Udaipur	8,55,825		

**Thank you  
for creating  
11,27,83,992  
smiles!**

## Revering togetherness

Experiencing joy of giving

# Children receive “Bags of Joy” during Daan Utsav

As part of Daan Utsav, the “Bags of Joy” campaign was conducted across India in October and November. This campaign aimed at promoting sustainability and upcycling among students and corporate volunteers. Volunteers crafted school kits such as tote bags, notebooks, bag tags, paper pens and personalised notes for children. From Bengaluru, 26 Philips volunteers joined us in making tote bags and 22 Happiest Minds volunteers made “Bags of Joy”. Blue Yonder also contributed to the campaign online by making paper pens.



## Concentrix delights children with interactive sessions

Volunteers visited our beneficiary schools in Bhubaneswar and helped serve mid-day meals in December 2023. They also visited our Gole Market Kitchen in Delhi, wherein they joined in serving the meals and had an interactive session with the students and school authorities. They were very impressed with the quality of food given to the students.







## LSEG gives back for a cause

During this quarter, LSEG employees actively participated in a series of extensive volunteering initiatives. Their involvement included kitchen tours, meal serving, school visits, hands-on kitchen volunteering, the Clean Slate Carnival and the Ballari outstation activity. The volunteers dedicated their time to multiple visits to our Jigani and VK Hill Kitchens.

They contributed extensively to the Clean Slate Carnival by painting blackboards in various schools across Bengaluru. Three separate batches of LSEG volunteers undertook outstation activities at our Ballari Kitchen. Their efforts encompassed tasks such as vessel washing, vegetable chopping, material loading and cleaning Akshaya Patra's delivery vehicles.



# Salesforce contributes its time and skill for the beneficiaries

Zealous volunteers from Salesforce participated in a series of volunteering activities at the Narsingi Kitchen, at their office campus and online. A cumulative of 110 volunteers toured the kitchen and lent a hand in unloading, washing and cleaning vegetables on 5 October and 1, 12, 14 and 15 December 2023. On 12 October and 14 December, 130 employees decorated *diyas* and handcrafted greeting cards and pens at their office premises. 35 volunteers also donated their skills online by creating greeting cards and engaging in a session on 'carbon footprints' on 5 and 12 December 2023. On 18 December 2023, 11 employees visited a beneficiary school to interact with the students and distribute handmade cards and other gifts.



# Broadridge supports with creative contribution

On 11 October and 8 November 2023, Broadridge organised in-house fests and 200 volunteers painted *diyas* and made greeting cards, windmill pencils, Diwali lanterns and brain development worksheets for Akshaya Patra beneficiaries.



# Dell makes *diyas* and assists in the kitchen

220 Dell employees painted *diyas* at their office campus on 17 October 2023 and visited the kitchen to help in preparing the mid-day meals on 22 November 2023.



# Maanaveeya offers their skills and time at the Kandi Kitchen

23 Maanaveeya employees participated in kitchen tour and helped unload, wash and chop vegetables for mid-day meal preparation on 4 December 2023. Moreover, 6 volunteers were an integral part of the inauguration event at the Kandi Kitchen on 26 October 2023.



# Deloitte helps prepare mid-day meals in Narsingi and Kandi

115 employees from Deloitte participated in kitchen tour and volunteered to unload, wash and chop vegetables on 24 November 2023 in Narsingi and Kandi.



# New Relic engages in meaningful interaction

On 5 December 2023, 36 New Relic employees visited kitchens and schools and tasted and served mid-day meals in Delhi, Bengaluru, Udaipur and Jaipur. They also assisted in mid-day meal preparation and distribution by helping in unloading, washing and chopping vegetables, food handling and packing and loading the prepared meals. They extensively interacted with children in school, conducted fun activities for them, served them meals and met the school staff.



# BHEL-GE participates in vehicle flag-off

3 volunteers from BHEL-GE flagged off delivery vehicle in Narsingi on 22 December 2023.





## Students enjoy an insightful experience at Morning Star

Morning Star toured our kitchen on the 3, 4 and 6 October 2023 and visited a beneficiary school in Delhi and Panvel. Students from our beneficiary school visited their office in Vashi (Mumbai) and participated in quiz competitions and educational poster-making activities. They also explored their office campus and learned about their work.



## Panasonic designs posters for beneficiaries

On 12 December 2023, Panasonic participated in an 'Eat for a Cause' activity and designed educational posters for beneficiary children.



## The Chandak Group gifts delightful goodies at beneficiary school

The Chandak Group served meals, distributed jerseys to children and gifts to teachers and helped the staff on 22 December 2023.

# GAP - Delhi has a memorable time in Ghaziabad schools

35 volunteers visited our beneficiary schools in Ghaziabad and had an interactive session with the students on 10 October 2023. They also distributed stationary goodies to the students and served them their mid-day meals. They had a wonderful experience and look forward to joining us again.



# LG's quality time with students in Ghaziabad

14 volunteers visited our beneficiary schools in Ghaziabad and helped serve mid-day meals on 11 October 2023. They also had a fun games session with the students and distributed goodies to them.



# Adobe engages with young minds at their campus

In November 2023, 'Project Smile Kickoff Exhibit- Sports League' was conducted at Adobe's office campus, Bengaluru, where children from beneficiary schools enjoyed participating in sports activities. Additionally, volunteers in Noida and Bengaluru participated in fun Christmas DIY activities in December, wherein volunteers contributed their time to creating postcards and other articles for students.



# DLF Foundation - Delhi sparks association with Akshaya Patra



The donor team of 6 volunteers kickstarted their volunteering journey with Akshaya Patra by serving meals in Badarpur schools on 12 December 2023. They joined us for the evening batch of meal serving in

two schools. The team was impressed by our ongoing programme and the quality of the food being served to children. They look forward to a long-term volunteering engagement with us.

## Revering togetherness

Experiencing joy of giving

# Medreich board members visit Jigani Kitchen

10 board members of Medreich Limited and Adcock Ingram Limited visited the Jigani Kitchen, participated in the leadership discussion and served meals at a beneficiary school in Bommasandra.



# HDFC Securities understands meal distribution with kitchen and school visits

On 14 October and 2 December 2023, HDFC Securities flagged off a delivery vehicle, toured our kitchen, visited the Thane school and served mid-day meals in Vrindavan.







## Micron lends a hand in pre-processing for mid-day meals

63 employees from Micron participated in kitchen tour and volunteered to unload, wash and chop vegetables on 20 and 22 December 2023.



## VST supports mid-day meal preparation

25 VST employees learnt about processes in mid-day meal preparation during a kitchen tour and assisted in unloading, washing and chopping vegetables on 16 December 2023.



**News byte**

## Akshaya Patra embarks upon a new partnership model with Delhivery and Amazon

Akshaya Patra recently joined forces with Delhivery and Amazon for logistics, warehouse management and last-mile delivery to feed more children with a cost-efficient model. "Logistics is 20% of our overall costs. I am trying to solve for sustainability, not for growth. If I save 1 paise on the cost of one meal, it is food for 4,000 children for one full year without raising any additional funds," explains Shridhar Venkat, CEO, Akshaya Patra.



## Philanthropic Contribution Towards Childhood Nutrition: A Better India With Better Health



'While the 2022 Global Nutrition Report states India is on course to meet a few of the maternal, infant and young child nutrition targets, malnutrition remains a pressing issue. Several UHNIs (Ultra-High Net Worth Individuals) and NPOs (Non-Profit Organizations) have already taken up the mantle of childcare nutrition in India. Initiatives such as the Akshaya Patra Foundation have been making a substantial difference by providing nutritious meals to underprivileged children. Their work showcases the potential for philanthropy in this sector.'

## News byte

## Telangana launches 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' for classes 1 to 10



The Telangana government launched the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' in select schools in October 2023. The mid-day meal scheme covers students from classes 1 to 8 across the country, but the Telangana government also extended this benefit to students from classes 9 and 10.

Finance Minister, T Harish Rao hoped the scheme brings revolutionary change in school education as students would focus better on their studies. Most of them in government schools come from low-income groups, and thus, the scheme would help parents to send their children to school on time without worrying about their food. Education Minister, Sabitha Indra Reddy said that the scheme will

help students get nutritious food every day and also stem dropouts.

The menu announced by the government includes two breakfast options with a combination of *idly, sambar, chutney, pongal, poori, upma*, vegetable *pulao* and wheat *upma*. Jaggery is also provided to improve the iron content.

Government sources said that the scheme will benefit more than 23 lakh students in 28,000 schools, including the aided, models and madrasas run by the Education Department. In urban areas, the job has been entrusted to The Akshaya Patra Foundation, while self-help groups will prepare in rural areas.

**Hope → Aspirations**

**Kishan**  
8th-standard student  
Mahatma Gandhi Government School  
Mohi, Nathdwara,  
Rajasthan

*"My dream is to become a firefighter and save people during fire outbreaks."*



**Sonu Sambalad**  
5th-standard student  
Government Higher Primary School,  
Tarihal, Hubballi,  
Karnataka

*"I love dancing and have won awards in local dancing competitions. I want to become a dance choreographer in the film industry."*



**Dimple**  
8th-standard student  
GSSS Nathusar Gate,  
Bikaner,  
Rajasthan

*"IPS is not a job. It's a responsibility and I want to take it up."*



**Shiva Yadav**  
5th-standard student  
Cantonment Board Model Primary School,  
Varanasi,  
Uttar Pradesh

*"I run and do push-ups and pull-ups because I aspire to become a policeman."*

## Our government partners



Government of Andhra Pradesh

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Government of Assam



Government of Chhattisgarh



UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu



Government of NCT of Delhi



Government of Gujarat



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Government of Karnataka



Government of Madhya Pradesh



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(PM POSHAN)



Government of Maharashtra

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Government of Rajasthan



Government of Tamil Nadu



Government of Telangana



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Government of Tripura



Government of Uttar Pradesh



Government of Uttarakhand

Note - The list of states is in an alphabetical order.

## Our changemakers of the quarter

We are thankful to the 30,000+ corporates, philanthropists and individual donors for their generous contribution and continued support. We're privileged to have you onboard and work towards our mission to serve 3 million children each day.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the government and all our well-wishers who contributed to make this quarter successful.





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