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**Akshaya Patra features in 'Millet Mantra' at G20**



**"I want to develop educational apps"**  
K Diksha Kumar

**MUSIC FOR MEALS**  
An Akshaya Patra Initiative

**A musical event that spells charity**

SPOTLIGHT

## Reaching out to new territories

Akshaya Patra started serving children from its new kitchens in Panvel, Maharashtra and Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.



## Being Grateful



Dear changemakers,

We entered the last quarter of FY 23-24 with a new milestone of 4 billion meals. It goes without saying that we could not have achieved this without your unhindered support.

I am grateful to our partners who have enabled us to impact lives with mid-day meals more efficiently. They have also added value to this service through several volunteering activities. They dedicated their valuable time and effort to distributing mid-day meals to children, engaging them in fun activities and enhancing their school's environment for optimal learning.

It delights me to see such active and collaborative support from the government, our corporate partners and individual contributors—all united for a social cause that will become the cornerstone for India's prosperous future.

Ever grateful,  
Akshaya Patra Family on behalf of 2.1 million children

### In the spotlight

## Akshaya Patra reaches Panvel



In January 2024, Akshaya Patra started reaching out to children in Panvel with its 68th kitchen in India and its 4th centralised facility in Maharashtra. Its construction was supported by the Government of Maharashtra and Ms Vandana and Mr Ravi Tilak, Sarva Mangal Trust and the Saxena Family Foundation. It has the capacity

to feed over 10,000 children, covering over 70 schools of Zila Parishad and Panvel City Municipal Corporation (PCMC). Deepak Kesarkar, Cabinet Minister of School Education and Marathi Language, Government of Maharashtra, graced the event with his presence.

## Extending boundaries with the Hazaribagh Kitchen

Akshaya Patra penned a new chapter with the launch of its 69th kitchen in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, in January 2024. Shri C P Radhakrishnan, Governor of Jharkhand; Shri Jayant Sinha, MP, and Shri Manish Jaiswal, MLA, graced the inauguration event. The Government of Jharkhand, The Airport Authority of India, Coal India Limited and SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) were the pillars behind this venture.



## Celebrating nutrition with Suggi Habba

In January 2024, Akshaya Patra celebrated Suggi Habba on lush fields in the surrounding vicinity of Sulibele/Hoskote taluk. It marked the harvest season and paid respect to the sons of the soil by felicitating the Foundation's farmer partners. The event was a testament to the innovative collaboration with local farmers, a pivotal force behind the success of our feeding operations.





# MUSIC FOR MEALS

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## Impacting lives with music for a cause

1 March 2024 saw a remarkable musical evening that nourished thousands of government school children in India. Shri Pravin Godkhindi, an Indian classical flautist, and Shri Vijay Prakash, an Indian playback singer and music composer, enthralled the audience with their transcendental melodies at 'Music for Meals', an Akshaya Patra event. All the proceeds of the event were directed towards providing mid-day meals in schools.



# Akshaya Patra was honoured with the Entrepreneurship Champions Award 2024

Akshaya Patra was bestowed the prestigious Champion of Champions Award at the Bhartiya Udyamita Utsav in March 2024. The Committee acknowledged its inspiring efforts to address hunger among young children and assured to support its mission of ensuring no child goes to bed hungry.



## Partnership for progress: Akshaya Patra and Round Table India unite for philanthropy



Akshaya Patra announced a partnership with Round Table India, an organisation aimed at promoting service, fellowship and goodwill in national and international affairs. The collaboration intends to enhance the awareness of Akshaya Patra's mission, goals and efforts and mobilise fiscal support for the sustenance and growth of the PM POSHAN Abhiyaan.

## International



## Celebrating 4 billion meals at the UN Headquarters

On 2 April 2024, Akshaya Patra received global recognition for its landmark achievement of serving '4 Billion Meals' under the aegis of PM POSHAN Abhiyaan at a glorious event at the United Nations Headquarters. The occasion was lauded by the addresses from revered personalities such as Kailash Satyarthi, Noble Laureate and UN SDG Advocate; N R Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus, Infosys, and Madhu Pandit Dasa, Founder-Chairman of The Akshaya Patra Foundation.



From left, Siva Sivaram, Chairman of Akshaya Patra USA; N R Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus, Infosys; Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; Madhu Pandit Dasa, Founder-Chairman of The Akshaya Patra Foundation; Francine Pickup, Deputy Director of UNDP Bureau of Policy and Programme Support; Kailash Satyarthi, Noble Laureate and UN SDG Advocate; and Chanchalpathi Dasa, Co-founder & Vice Chairman of The Akshaya Patra Foundation.

## Speakers at the UN Headquarters



**N R Narayana Murthy**  
Chairman Emeritus, Infosys

dquarters



**Madhu Pandit Dasa**  
Founder-Chairman of The Akshaya Patra  
Foundation



**Kailash Satyarthi**  
Noble Laureate and UN SDG Advocate



**Ruchira Kamboj**  
Permanent Representative of India to the  
United Nations

# MEALS SERVED

## Our Reach

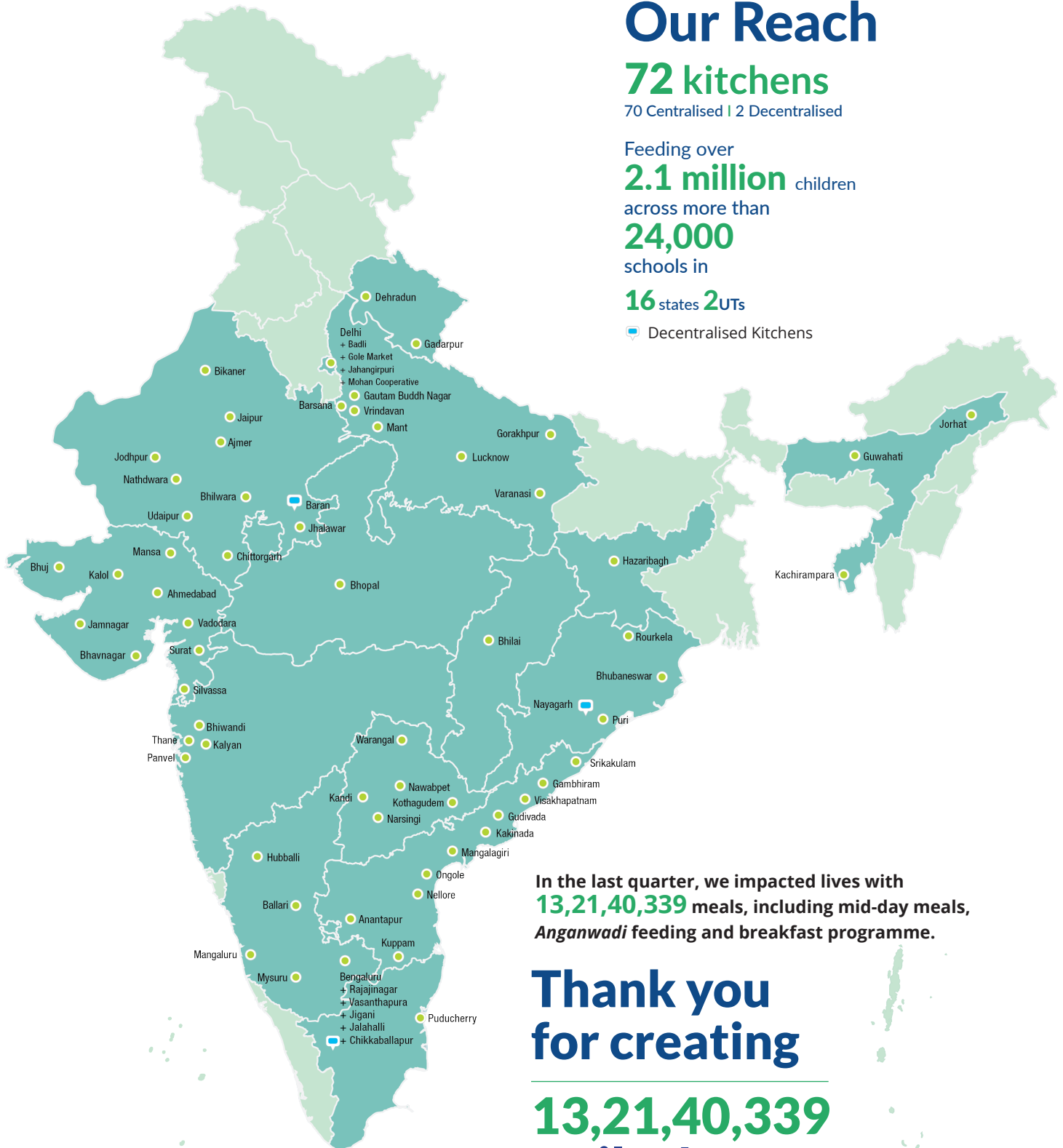
**72** kitchens

70 Centralised | 2 Decentralised

Feeding over  
**2.1 million** children  
across more than  
**24,000**  
schools in

**16** states **2** UTs

 Decentralised Kitchens



In the last quarter, we impacted lives with  
**13,21,40,339** meals, including mid-day meals,  
*Anganwadi* feeding and breakfast programme.

Thank you  
for creating

**13,21,40,339**  
smiles!

In FY 2023-24, we cumulatively served over  
**48,10,00,000** meals.



## Revering togetherness

# AGS Health spends quality time with children

In December and January 2024, 57 AGS Health volunteers spent quality time with beneficiaries during multiple school visits in Ahmedabad and Jaipur. They played games and served wholesome mid-day meals to children.

Patrice Wolfe, CEO of AGS Health (US), and some of the company's leadership teams visited the Jaipur School. Additionally, they generously sponsored mid-day meals and donated educational kits to girls on International Women's Day.



# Copart helps school children upskill

In January 2024, 15 Copart volunteers visited a beneficiary school in Narsingi and engaged students in diverse activities like public speaking (focused on language and dedication), group quizzes and interactive learning about odd and even numbers. The team facilitated dynamic participation, with students jumping in and out when numbers were called. Additionally, they served mid-day meals and distributed chocolates and arts and crafts kits to each student. These activities aimed at improving language skills and creative thinking among students.

# Micron crafts learning resources for children

In January 2024, the leadership team of Micron took part in making academic charts in-house for the children of a beneficiary school in Kandi. Through this activity, 21 volunteers contributed to enhancing educational resources at school for the mid-day meal beneficiaries.



## Dell shows support with delivery vehicle donation

In January 2024 at Dell's office campus, its leadership team comprising the CFO, Executive Vice President and Site Director sponsored and ceremonially flagged off two meal delivery vehicles. These vehicles aid food distribution to Akshaya Patra's beneficiaries. Dell's contribution promoted their team's morale and company spirit along with contributing to the cause of feeding children.



## UST contributes for a greener future

In January 2024, Akshaya Patra visited UST's corporate office and presented a sustainability initiative based on which the volunteering activity by UST employees ensued. 87 volunteers, including Smita Sharma, CSR & Sustainability Head of UST, crafted over 600 paper pens. Volunteers also visited GMPS Imadihalli school, distributed these pens to children and served mid-day meals to them.

## BKT Tires teams up to feed children

In January 2024, 108 members of the BKT Tires' global team visited Akshaya Patra's Bhuj facility. Their partnership enables the nourishment of 27,000 children every day through the PM POSHAN Ahiyaan.



## IOCL helps launch LPG gas boiler in Vizag



Akshaya Patra's Visakhapatnam Kitchen's gas boiler, previously fuelled by diesel, underwent a transformation in March 2024 to utilise LPG, aiming for sustainability and energy efficiency. The initiative, converting the 850 kg boiler from High-Speed Diesel (HSD) to LPG, was undertaken by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts. The inauguration of this new facility took place with B Anil Kumar, Executive

Director and State Head of TAPSO (Telangana and Andhra Pradesh State Office), and Niskinchana Bhakta Dasa, Unit President of Akshaya Patra's Vizag cluster, on Tuesday. Among the dignitaries present were Y Ravi Kumar, Divisional Sales Head (LPG), Vizag Indane Divisional Office; P Kailash Kanth, Deputy General Manager (HR-CSR); Suraj Kumar Patnaik, CGM (Ops), TAPSO; and Suraj Kundu, Divisional Institutional Business Head.

## Muppa Projects lends a hand to serve meals

In March 2024, Muppa Projects' leadership team along with their Chairman and MD visited Akshaya Patra's beneficiary school and helped serve mid-day meals to the children.



# Marvell India celebrates Women's Day with children

In honour of International Women's Day, a remarkable all-woman team of 21 volunteers from Marvell India Pvt. Ltd. joined us at our beneficiary school in GHPS Agara, Bengaluru. Jeanne Trinko-Mechler, Fellow of Custom Compute Hardware Engineering; Eva Lehman, Vice President and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer; Bharathi Kanuj, Company Secretary and Senior Compliance Manager; and Priya Singh, Country Head of Human Resources were an integral part of the visit. Their dedication to serving mid-day meals to the children was a powerful tribute to women's strength and compassion.



# Texas Instruments sponsor and flag off delivery vehicles

Texas Instruments sponsored two food delivery vehicles and food delivery vessels in February 2024.

Santhosh Kumar, Managing Director of Texas Instruments, and Shridhar Venkat, CEO of The Akshaya Patra Foundation, flagged off the food delivery vehicles at the company's corporate office in Bagmane Tech Park, Bengaluru. This is the ninth year of their support for Akshaya Patra's cause.

## IOCL supports last-mile meal delivery

G Ramesh, Executive Director, and six other dignitaries from IOCL visited the Guwahati Kitchen. They also ceremonially flagged off the electric auto, generously donated by them for the kitchen's operations. The event was a significant milestone, enhancing Akshaya Patra's operations and sustainability efforts.



## Panasonic contributes to green initiatives with EV donation

Panasonic invited Akshaya Patra for a formal handover ceremony of all the electric vehicles they donated for the year. They also expressed their satisfaction with the partnership so far and expressed their desire to strengthen it further.



## Seeding a greener world with CME Group

Sunil Cutinho, the CIO of the CME Group Inc. invited Akshaya Patra to set up a kiosk in CME's office premises and spread awareness about the NGO's programmes. It included enlightening their leadership team about their partnership with Akshaya Patra over the years and their volunteering engagements for the cause of feeding. Thereafter, Priya Manoj Jaswani, General Council & Company Secretary, and the CIO along with 24 volunteers visited the VK Hill Kitchen to understand the kitchen operations. As part of the volunteering event, a space was set up outside the kitchen where the CME Group's volunteers prepared seed balls.



## Reducing, reusing and recycling with HGS

HGS took part in an in-house volunteering event with Akshaya Patra in March 2024 in Bengaluru. 25 senior leaders of HGS crafted bags out of old T-shirts, contributing a total of 25 bags for beneficiary school children by the end of the activity.



## HSBC grants wishes on the 'Festival of Giving'

As part of Daan Utsav, over 300 employees from HSBC participated in an employee-giving campaign to support a school by fulfilling children's wishes in GHPS Vasanthapura, Bengaluru. Each employee selected a wish and in this way, items requested by all 250 students were purchased and distributed as HSBC promised. The gifts ranged from carrom boards and smart watches to cricket kits and stationery. This event was unique as the personalised gifts brought immense joy to the children who had longed for them but could not afford them.

## Optimising education with NEST

The National Endeavour for Student Transformation (NEST) is the flagship initiative of The Akshaya Patra Foundation. It engages in the government education system to enhance the quality of education, create an environment which will contribute to improved learning outcomes and build an enjoyable schooling experience.

In the last quarter, support from our determined donors helped supplement the learning of some of our beneficiaries with digital resources and scholarships.



### Smart tablets

LSEG and CME Group generously sponsored 225 smart tablets for students in two pre-university colleges in Bengaluru. These tablets enable the beneficiaries to prepare better for board and entrance examinations such as KCET and NEET.

### Smart TVs

Smart TV installation is a relatively new vertical in the digital education programme. In the last quarter, 24 smart TVs were installed in 7 selected high schools in Bengaluru and Kandi. Sponsored by Automation Anywhere, Toshiba and Hexagon, these TVs are equipped with Byju's offline learning device. It will allow teachers to explain academic concepts better and the visualisations will help children grasp and retain the concepts more effectively for a longer duration.



### Scholarships

Selected students from Bengaluru received 267 scholarships for their higher education in the last quarter. Most beneficiaries are pursuing degrees in engineering, nursing, commerce and computer science. This was made possible by our donors – Trelleborg, Altisource, CME, Mr Nandi Kishore, Devon, Rosell, 42Gears, Sophos and Mr Ankit Sharma.

## Revering togetherness

# Micron brings smiles in kitchen and school

In January 2024, 44 volunteers from Micron toured the Kandi Kitchen and visited a beneficiary school to spend time with children. They distributed stationery kits and mid-day meals in the school and interacted with the children. The activities enhanced children's access to education by making quality nutrition accessible to them.



# Salesforce lends a hand at VK Hill Kitchen

- In February 2024, the leadership team of Salesforce visited the VK Hill Kitchen, observed its processes and lent a hand in the pre-processing for mid-day meals. This activity instilled leadership skills in the 20 volunteers while contributing to community welfare.
- At the Salesforce office in March 2024, its dedicated team of over 60 individuals collaborated in the meticulous preparation of academic charts covering a wide array of topics. These included subjects like the state of matter, types of lenses, the water cycle, the plant life cycle, types of cells and beyond.
- 36 Salesforce volunteers toured the Kandi Kitchen to understand its operations and helped the staff prepare fresh and nutritious meals for children.



# Dell spreads colours of joy on Women's Day

400 Dell employees contributed 2 hours of their time and participated in an in-house volunteering activity. They painted aprons and t-shirts inside their office campus, which they distributed to the Akshaya Patra's kitchen staff on the occasion of Women's Day.





## News bites

# Akshaya Patra features in 'Millet Mantra' at G20



In January 2024, Akshaya Patra was featured in the 'Millet Mantra: The Culinary Centerpiece of India's G20 Presidency'. This prestigious feature was a collaboration between the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) and the Taj Group. It was proudly unveiled by Shri Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa.

'Millet Mantra' is more than just a book; it is a celebration of the vital role of millets in sustainable agriculture and gastronomy. It highlights the journey of millets from being a staple in sustainable farming to their inclusion in luxurious desserts, emphasising the efforts of millet champions across India, who are working towards a sustainable food system centred around this climate-resilient and nutritious grain.

The book narrates inspiring stories that span from local to global scales. It takes you through the rural landscapes of Odisha to the dynamic NGOs contributing to the PM POSHAN Programme and further to a global stage where chefs are integrating sustainability into culinary science. This compendium is a testament to the collective efforts of individuals dedicated to building a sustainable food system through millets.

This event was graced by Shri Bharatarshabha Dasa, National President and Trustee, and Shri Naveena Neerada Dasa, Executive Director of Strategy and International Relations of The Akshaya Patra Foundation.



# Akshaya Patra joins hands with Zomato's Feeding India to nourish students



Feeding India by Zomato announced that they, in collaboration with Akshaya Patra, are expanding their school feeding programme titled 'Poshan to Pathshala' to government schools. The programme has been launched in four cities – Bengaluru, Varanasi, Gorakhpur and Dehradun and promises to provide one meal every day to 38,410 beneficiaries. Around 83 schools in Bengaluru are expected to benefit from this programme.

## Hope to aspirations



**Yogita Gayairi**  
Government Senior Secondary School,  
Kheri, Nathdwara, Rajasthan

*"I want to become a teacher and teach English in government schools."*



**K Diksha Kumar**  
Adavi Budugur High School,  
Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh

*"I want to be a software engineer and develop apps."*



**Madhav**  
Upper Primary School, Kamai,  
Nandgaun, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

*"I want to join the army and safeguard my country."*



**Ujjani Mohapatra**  
Cantonment Board Model Primary  
School, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

*"I will become a teacher and teach children to respect elders and teachers because they help us explore the world."*

## Our government partners

Akshaya Patra extends its gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and the following state governments and UT administrations.



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Andhra Pradesh

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Gujarat



Government of  
Jharkhand



Government of  
Karnataka



Government of  
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Uttarakhand

The Foundation hopes to continue its endeavours and build efficient partnerships with the government to serve more people.

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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