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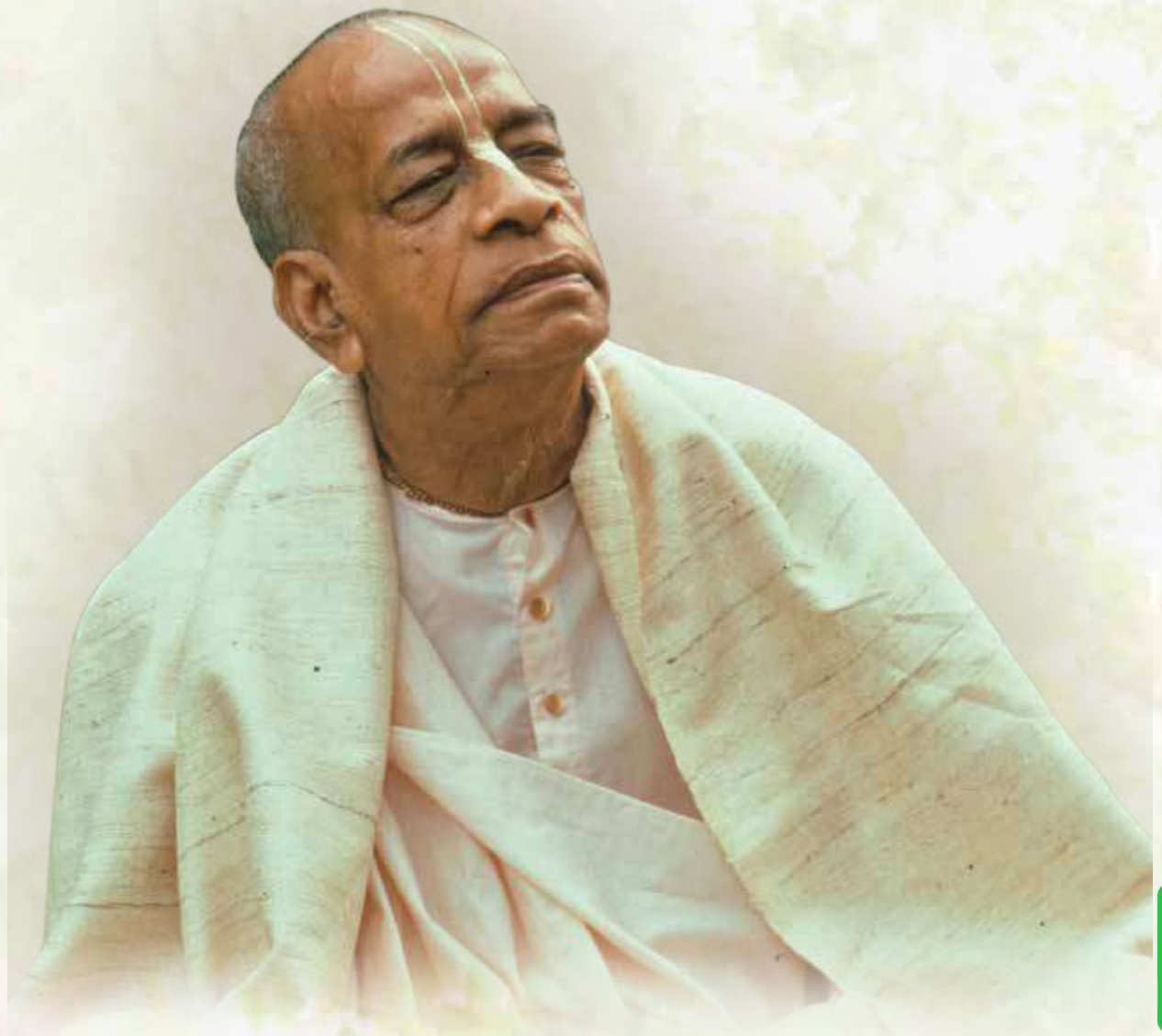
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# How It Started



His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada once saw a group of children fighting with stray dogs over scraps of food. Moved by this incident he was determined that 'No child within a radius of ten miles from our centre should go hungry.' This direction to his followers inspired the birth of The Akshaya Patra Foundation. It is also the driving force behind all the milestones The Foundation has achieved so far.

# Chairman's Message

The year 2015 has been a promising year for Akshaya Patra with some major achievements, developments and philanthropic collaborations coming our way. We are now 16 years old and we have already touched 1.5 million beneficiaries across 10 states in India.

Akshaya Patra would not have been able to add these feathers to its cap without the persistent and unwavering support of our generous donors, supporters, corporate partners and well-wishers from all walks of life. I would particularly like to thank the Government of India for extending its seamless support to Akshaya Patra for over a decade now. Without the cumulative effort and participation of the entire Akshaya Patra fraternity and our supporters we would not have been able to take great strides in our service to the society.

The past few months have been quite eventful here, at Akshaya Patra. As a part of our development agenda, we have recently expanded our centralised kitchen at Hyderabad. Our kitchens at Surat and Ahmedabad have got ISO certification. We have adopted a first of its kind Biogas unit at our Ballari kitchen. We have also been featured on CNN International in a special telecast for their "On the Road" series.

Akshaya Patra has also had the good fortune to host quite a few dignitaries in the past months. It was indeed a pinnacle moment when our Honourable Minister of Home Affairs, Sri Rajnath Singh, visited our Lucknow kitchen to mark the kitchen's one year of successful operations.

As a validation of our hard work, Akshaya Patra has been recognised across several platforms in India and overseas. Recently, we were bestowed with the 14th Mother Teresa Award' in the Best NGO category for our contribution towards feeding children in India. Another notable mention is the 'ABP News Positive Award' 2015 that recognised Akshaya Patra for being an emblem of positive change in society.

Amazon, the E-commerce giant came to our support for the 'Nourish India, Dal by Dal' campaign where they helped raise funds for The Foundation.

All of these developments & recognitions are echoes of the commitment that we hold towards our children, who have every right to education and a happy childhood. We are optimistic that with the steadfast support of the Government and our well-wishers, we will soon eliminate classroom hunger and give our children a promising future.

Madhu Pandit Dasa  
Chairman, The Akshaya Patra Foundation



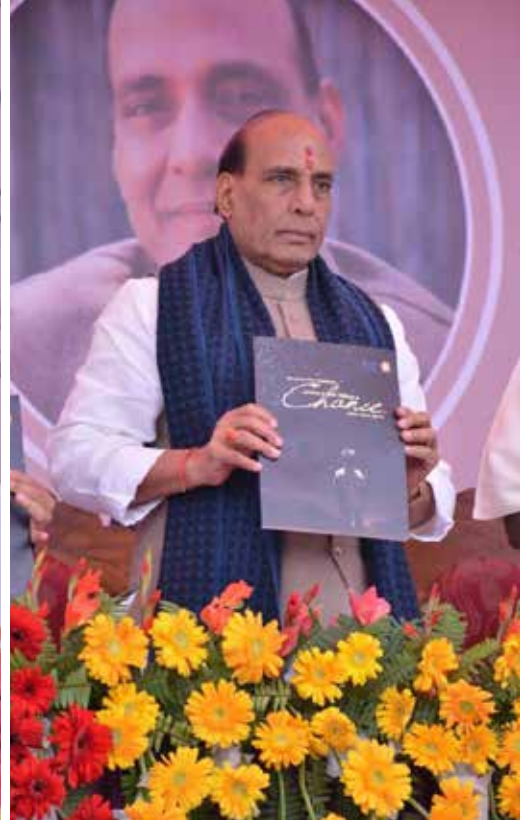
# PADMA SHRI CONFERRED UPON MADHU PANDIT DASA, CHAIRMAN OF AKSHAYA PATRA

On the eve of the nation's 67th Republic Day, The Government of India conferred upon Madhu Pandit Dasa, Chairman of The Akshaya Patra Foundation and President of ISKCON Bangalore, the prestigious Padma Shri. The award has been conferred in recognition of the distinguished service rendered by Akshaya Patra for the children of India.

Thanking the Government for this recognition, Madhu Pandit Dasa said "I dedicate this award to Srila Prabhupada, a true visionary who wanted to see a hunger free world. This award will give immense encouragement to the Akshaya Patra team to reach greater heights in its service. Srila Prabhupada, the founder of ISKCON desired that no one should go hungry in this country. This award is recognition of our humble service of leading the cause of nutrition for education amongst government school children through the Akshaya Patra programme. It is an inspiration for me and the entire team at Akshaya Patra to reach out the work of our Foundation to many more hungry children of this country. Quality food for these children is a need for quality education that will in turn create citizens of great character. Our children are the real asset of our nation."

Under Madhu Pandit Dasa's inspirational leadership, Akshaya Patra has grown from providing 1500 children with mid-day meals to 1.5 million children in 16 years, becoming the world's largest NGO-run school lunch programme.





## HONOURABLE MINISTER SHRI RAJNATH SINGH VISITS LUCKNOW KITCHEN

**S**hri Rajnath Singh, Honourable Minister of Home Affairs; Government of India, served food to children while visiting the Akshaya Patra Foundation's kitchen facility in Lucknow. He visited the Lucknow Kitchen to grace a function hosted by The Foundation to celebrate one complete year of operations in Lucknow. Also present at the occasion were, Sri Ashutosh Tandon, (MLA, Lucknow East) and Mr Sharda Pratap Shukla, (MLA, Sarojini Nagar).

Shri Rajnath Singh was given a tour of the Lucknow facility where he witnessed operations of the centralised kitchen facility, which serves food to 74, 000 school children in 758 Government schools in Lucknow.

Addressing the occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh praised The Foundation's noble service towards society in its continuous endeavour to eliminate hunger by providing nutritious

mid-day meals to millions of school children in India. He also highly appreciated Akshaya Patra's burning will to reach out to more number of school children with time.

"Feeding empty stomach is big service to God. Akshaya Patra is doing this service which, for me, is the biggest service to humanity. Not everyone gets this opportunity and when one organisation is doing this service, we would help it so that it can feed more empty stomachs."

He further added that for good education, nutritious meals are imperative for school children. "The mid-day meal scheme is a step forward in this direction and organisations like Akshaya Patra are playing an important role in achieving Government's resolve of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan."





## NOBEL LAUREATE PROF. MUHAMMAD YUNUS VISITS HUBBALLI KITCHEN

Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Laureate, Founder of Grameen Bank visited Akshaya Patra's Hubballi kitchen on 7 February, 2016. He was accompanied by Anousheh Ansari, Co-founder, Chairwoman and CEO of Prodea Systems and Dr "Desh" Deshpande of the Deshpande Foundation along with others.

The dignitaries were warmly received by Sridhar Venkat, CEO-Akshaya Patra along with other members of the organisation. Prof. Yunus then, took almost an hour-long trip around the kitchen to see how it caters to school students in and around Hubballi, during which he was briefed about the operation by Sridhar Venkat.

Visibly impressed by the efforts of The Foundation to cater meals to thousands of

students, Prof. Yunus said, "This has been a great visit and it is wonderful to see how Akshaya Patra is reaching out to children in a huge way and addressing malnutrition for India's children."

Later during the day, at the 'Development Dialogue', 2016 held at Deshpande Foundation, Sridhar Venkat was presented with an award by Prof. Muhammad Yunus and Dr "Desh" Deshpande for Akshaya Patra's commendable service to the society.

The 'Development Dialogue' is an annual conference that is held as a part of the Hubballi Sandbox which brings together local leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators who can focus and develop solutions for local issues.



## MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DEUTSCHE BANK VISITS JAIPUR KITCHEN

On 14, October, 2015, Mr Guillaume De Beaufort, Managing Director and Head of India Operations (Offshore Centre), Deutsche Bank along with his team visited the Jaipur Kitchen. The state-of-the-art-infrastructure of the kitchen and use of innovation in the cooking process left them spellbound. Mr Guillaume De Beaufort said, “It was hugely interesting and impressive. Feeding more than 100,000 children every day is clearly, no small task and makes such a big difference to these children. And it goes beyond the simple food since it allows them to go to school and therefore to also receive some formal education.”

In order to support Akshaya Patra’s cause further, Deutsche Bank has decided to facilitate The Foundation’s Mid-Day Meal Programme through their CSR budget.



## D. K. JAIN VISITS MANGALORE KITCHEN

The former Justice of the Supreme Court D. K. Jain visited the Akshaya Patra Mangalore kitchen on 26 August, 2015. Justice D. K. Jain was accompanied by Akshaya Patra Unit President - Karunya Sagar Dasa. Also present on the occasion was Asha Shetty from the Dakshina Kannada Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, and Akshaya Patra Operations Manager, Nandanacharya Das.

Mr D. K. Jain was taken through different sections of the kitchen and its operations. He was impressed with the work of the Foundation and praised Akshaya Patra for adhering to high hygiene standards in The kitchen. Speaking on the occasion he said, “I am delighted to visit and see the Akshaya Patra kitchen run on a large scale to feed

school children. I wish and pray that this kind of charity is undertaken by other NGOs too which will go a long way in bringing peace and harmony in families. All the best to those engaged in the activities of this Foundation”.



## DENNIS PAIVA VISITS HUBBALLI KITCHEN



of the kitchen that provides nutritious mid-day meals to more than 1.5 million children every single day.

The dignitary was extremely pleased to see the relentless effort put in by The Foundation to end classroom hunger, and hence opined, "It is an amazing service you offer to the least in

**O**n 24 September, 2015, the Director of Campbellsville University, Kentucky, Mr Dennis Paiva visited the Hubballi kitchen of The Akshaya Patra Foundation. He was given a tour of the kitchen and was also briefed on the operational processes

your community through passion, dedication and excellence. May the world bear witness of how such amazing things can be done with responsibility to care for people and the environment."

## ROTARIANS AND AKSHAYA PATRA TOGETHER AT THE MUMBAI MARATHON



**T**he Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon, Asia's largest and richest marathon took place on 17 January, 2016. The marathon is Mumbai's biggest sporting spectacle witnessing wholesome participation each year. The Rotary Club of Bombay & The Akshaya Patra Foundation

were excited to be a part of this event. Hence, they jointly participated in the Mumbai Marathon.

In total, there were fourteen participants. Mathan Varkey and Pallove Raj represented Akshaya Patra at the event.

## ROCKY AND MAYUR'S FOOD XPRESS FEATURES AKSHAYA PATRA

The Akshaya Patra Foundation was featured on television show - Rocky and Mayur's Food Xpress. The show was aired on Living Foodz on 27 September, 2015. Renowned television artists Rocky Singh and Mayur Sharma visited the Vasanthapura kitchen, where they were taken on a kitchen tour.

Both the hosts engaged in cooking rice and sambar, and also helped in the loading process which was then followed by a visit to a beneficiary school. The guests enthusiastically interacted with the students about the mid-day meals provided to them by The Foundation and they also served them mid-day meals.

Representing Akshaya Patra was Bharatarshabha Dasa, Vice President-



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Communications who was also interviewed for the show. The show revealed snippets of the history and the impact of The Foundation. The technical aspects of the Akshaya Patra programme were showcased which also included the hygiene standards maintained, and the Public-Private Partnership model implemented.

## AKSHAYA PATRA JAIPUR FEATURES IN CNN INTERNATIONAL'S 'ON THE ROAD' SERIES

On 19 January, 2016 the CNN TV crew headed by Mr David Molko visited Akshaya Patra's Jaipur Kitchen to shoot for their 'On the Road' series.

They shot extensively in the kitchen facility, documenting the entire process. The Programme Coordinator of the Jaipur Kitchen, Ragupathi Das continually guided them throughout the entire shoot in the facility.

The team then followed one of the mid-day meal delivery vans to the school, where they interacted with the Principal and school

children. Later, they also visited the family of a school kid and spoke to them about their ward receiving mid-day meals in school.



## IDEA CELLULAR LAUNCH EVENT: GANDHINAGAR, SURAT & VADODARA



Idea Cellular, an Aditya Birla Group Company, as a part of its CSR initiative has partnered with Akshaya Patra, supporting its cause to end 'child hunger'. To mark this collaboration, an Idea Cellular Limited launch event was held in the Akshaya Patra Kitchens in Vadodara, Gandhinagar, and Surat on the 10th, 11th and 12th of December respectively.

The events commenced with the signature welcoming of the guests who were then taken around the kitchen facility where they learnt about the cooking, pre-processing,

storing, and post production processes of the Akshaya Patra kitchens.

Mr. Animesh Chanda, Sales Head- Idea Cellular Limited, Gujarat, acknowledging The Foundation's endeavour at Vadodara commented, "Great initiative & a noble cause to be associated with. Akshaya Patra is a trend setter, motivating all of us to think beyond ordinary & beyond material pleasure to give back to the society of which we are an integral part. Idea pariwar is delighted to be associated with you all. May your patra be always akshay."

## SUNIL KUMAR DHOLI VISITS AHMEDABAD UNIT



**M**id-day meal Commissioner, Sunil kumar Dholi visited Akshaya Patra's Ahmedabad unit on 12 December, 2015. The Commissioner went around the kitchen facility where he carefully understood the functioning of the roti making machine and other cooking equipment. He also enthusiastically visited the food lab. Impressed with The Foundation's work, Sunil kumar Dholi commented, "Good hygiene and cleanliness found in the facility. Very well maintained and managed."

## SINGAPORE DELEGATION VISITS VASANTHAPURA KITCHEN



**O**n 22 January, 2016, a delegation of 36 senior government officials along with Mr Roy Kho, Consulate-General from Singapore visited The Akshaya Patra Foundation's Vasanthapura Kitchen. The delegation was led by Mr Yeoh Keat Chuan, Managing Director of Singapore's Economic Development Board.

Akshaya Patra representatives gave a presentation before the delegation, which was followed by a Q & A session. The delegation was then taken for a kitchen tour at the Vasanthapura facility, where they carefully observed the various cooking processes involved in everyday large-scale cooking.



“My father’s wish was that I become a teacher someday. However, he passed away last year forcing my mother to take up a job at a garment factory. Initially we found it hard without my father because he provided us with everything. But his demise won’t deter me from following my aspiration. I want to fulfil his wish. I want to give something back to society. So I have decided that when I become a teacher, I will help educate the poor.”

**YASHODA**  
Bengaluru, Karnataka

## US AMBASSADOR VISITS OUR VASANTHAPURA KITCHEN



**A**kshaya Patra was thrilled to host His Excellency, Mr. Richard Rahul Verma, the US Ambassador to India, at Akshaya Patra's Vasanthapura kitchen on 4 November, 2015. He was accompanied by Ms Andie DeArment, Cultural Affairs Officer at the US Consulate General in Chennai.

The Ambassador was received by Shridhar Venkat, CEO, Akshaya Patra; Sundeeep Talwar, CMO, and other Akshaya Patra representatives.

The Ambassador was escorted to the kitchen facility where he was given a tour of the entire facility. He was so taken in by the captivating sights and smells of the food around that he volunteered to participate in the actual cooking!

The Ambassador was very pleased and content to visit Akshaya Patra. He praised and endorsed the good work that The Foundation has been doing towards the elimination of child hunger in India.



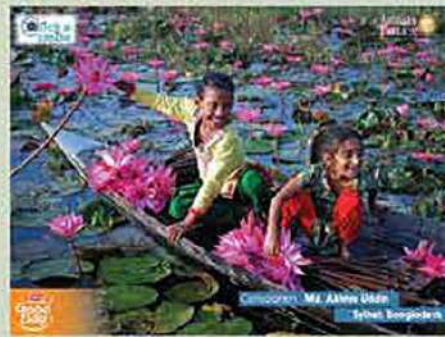
“Dancing has always been my passion. I grew up learning how to dance and I dream of starting my own dance academy. I got my inspiration from Mayura, a national level choreographer. I am going to work my way up and achieve my dreams. At the same time, I want to look after my parents. My father Venugopal is a library assistant while my mother Pushpa is a security guard. I want to thank Akshaya Patra for providing healthy mid-day meals to my school. We enjoy it every day. I especially like the payasam (rice pudding).”

**PRITHVI**  
Mangaluru, Karnataka

# lick a smile









CHILD ARTIST DISHA RAM OF 'KINNARI'  
FAME AT THE CLICK A SMILE EXHIBITION

## SURAT AND AHMEDABAD KITCHENS - ISO CERTIFIED

The Akshaya Patra kitchens at Surat and Ahmedabad have successfully completed their certification audit. They have been recommended for certification by DNV, a leading global provider of accredited management systems certification.

Akshaya Patra implements ISO 22000:2005 (Food safety Management System) to ensure delivery of safe mid-day meals to children in government schools across India. The Food Safety Management System enables

The Foundation to identify the relevant food safety risks and to manage them efficiently.

Currently, Akshaya Patra has thirteen ISO certified kitchens across India, with the rest in the process of receiving certification.



## KITCHEN EXTENSION INAUGURATION AT HYDERABAD



Akshaya Patra, Hyderabad has expanded its kitchen facility. The new extension was inaugurated on 12 August, 2015, by Prof. V S Rao - Director BITS Pilani, Hyderabad. Also present at the inauguration was Satya Goura Chandra Dasa and Raja Hamsa Dasa, Unit President and Operations Manager at the Telangana unit respectively.

The extended kitchen will accommodate more cauldrons with the intention of feeding more children in schools.

## AKSHAYA PATRA DISTRIBUTES SIX SIGMA AWARDS

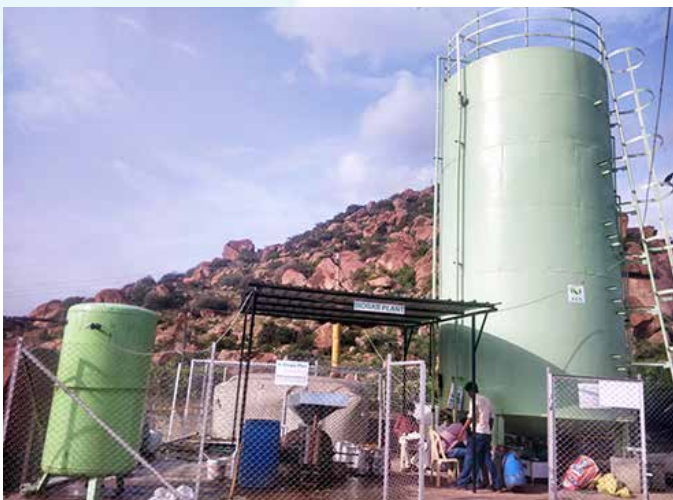
**A**kshaya Patra's Quality Team held the Six Sigma Rewards for 2014-15, at Jaipur in September, 2015. Employees from Vadodara, Nathdwara, Ahmedabad, Vrindavan, Surat, Ballari and Jaipur participated in these projects. The projects focused on implementing improvement and optimisation measures in the Mid-Day Meal Programme.

Some of the projects undertaken were route optimisation, gas and CT optimisation for roti production, recipe cost optimisation, cost optimisation in rice and dal packing bag, reduction of diesel consumption in boiler, and more.

On completion, each project was reviewed; calculations were done based on the data submitted by the project leaders from the CI team at Akshaya Patra Head Office.



## AKSHAYA PATRA ADOPTS FIRST OF ITS KIND BIOGAS UNIT



**C**ommitted to working towards a greener future, Akshaya Patra has adopted a new 'organic waste to biogas' system at its Ballari kitchen. Developed by the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) and licensed to Hyderabad-based Ahuja Engineering Services, this is a first of its kind one-ton capacity organic waste anaerobic gas lift reactor (AGR). Capable of generating 120-150 cubic metres of biogas, the system converts vegetable and food waste to energy.

## UK DELEGATES VISIT VASANTHAPURA KITCHEN



**A**kshaya Patra's VK Hill kitchen welcomed 46 young entrepreneurs from the United Kingdom on 9 October, 2015, who had set out to study successful NGOs. The visiting group was led by group leader, Sean Angiolillo who along with his team was excited to tour Akshaya Patra's VK Hill mega kitchen. The team was steered through the various processes of the kitchen units. They were hugely impressed seeing the technical dexterity of the Akshaya Patra kitchen.

## WELLS FARGO VISITS HK HILL KITCHEN



**E**mployees from Wells Fargo, an American multinational banking and financial services holding company, visited the HK Hill kitchen on 8 September, 2015. The visit included a kitchen tour and a visit to a school. The volunteers were taken through different sections of the kitchen including the pre-processing operations of the Mid-Day Meal Programme. This was followed by a school visit where the volunteers interacted with teachers and students after which, meals were served to the children for lunch.

“Visiting the kitchens was a very eye-opening experience. I loved seeing the smiling kids and was amazed at how much of an impact a meal can make in helping kids pursue their dreams.”

**Barbara Kinney** – Award-Winning Photojournalist and White House Photographer to President Bill Clinton

## SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS WOWED



Students pursuing Social Work from M.S. University, Baroda and University of South Carolina, U.S.A., visited Akshaya Patra's Vadodara kitchen on 13 January, 2016. All students went around the kitchen facility understanding the varied processes involved in cooking. The students were left simply mesmerised and thrilled by the systematic approaches adopted in the cooking process for maximum utilisation of resources.



“Before, we didn't receive any mid-day meals, which resulted in many of the student returning home to eat lunch. Some of them didn't return to class. Now that Akshaya Patra is providing meals they stay in school and attend classes. They like the nutrition which in turn makes studies more motivating for them. They are happy and they like the meals. This also drives them to school. The academic performance has also been up to the mark.”

**MS. MONICA**  
Headmistress  
Mangaluru, Karnataka





## PRCI COLLATERAL AWARDS 2016

The Akshaya Patra Foundation won four awards at the PRCI Collateral Awards held in Kolkata. It won the highest honour, the Platinum Award for its Annual Report 2014-15 which documents inspiring accounts of three children who were helped by Akshaya Patra to realise their dreams further. These accounts were further recorded in the form of a documentary film, titled 'Giving Every Dream a Chance,' for which Akshaya Patra won a Bronze. Additionally, the organisation also bagged Silver in the Calendar (Table Top) Category and Bronze in the Digital Newsletter Category. This is the second time Akshaya Patra has won in multiple coveted categories at PRCI Awards, after having bagged the Platinum for the Annual Report 2013-14 along with two Golds, one Silver, and one Bronze last year.



## ABP NEWS POSITIVE AWARD 2015

The Akshaya Patra Foundation was awarded the ABP News Positive Award 2015 in New Delhi for being an emblem of positive change in society. This award is meant to honour organisations and individuals across different categories that are constantly reckoned with for their commendable contribution towards the benefit of society. The awards are given across 11 categories out of which 5 members are shortlisted from each category. A panel of five erudite jury members then make their pick from each category.

The award was conducted in three segments. In segment one; the entries were invited through television, helpline and communication via website. The names of the top 50 entries were reached upon in the second segment. In the third segment, the jury members deliberated and decided the winners. Voting lines were also opened to the public for the 'Popular Choice' category. The winners were felicitated in the presence of key dignitaries in New Delhi.



## AKSHAYA PATRA WINS BEST NGO AT 14<sup>th</sup> MOTHER TERESA AWARD

The Akshaya Patra Foundation won the prestigious 14th Mother Teresa Award in the Best NGO category. The award was presented by Konijeti Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu at The Loyola College of Business Administration (LIBA). Every year, this award of excellence is given to corporates based on their CSR activities.

Present on the occasion were - Dr. P. Srinivasan, MD, Jeevan Blood Bank; Mr. N. Vittal, former Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Govt of India and Chairman Mother Teresa Award committee; Fr.N.Casmir Raj, Founder and President, LIBA; and Dr.T.A. Sivasubramaniam, Director, LIBA. The Best NGO Award is given to an NGO, which is trusted, respected and popular for their contribution towards social causes. This honour was given to Akshaya Patra based on its contribution towards feeding children in India. The entrants were assessed not just based on their spending, but also on the history, commitment and impact of their CSR activities.



## SILVER AT ARC AWARDS

Akshaya Patra received Silver for its Annual Report 2013-14, 'The Fab Five Superheroes' at the International ARC Awards 2015 under the 'Foundation' category of Non-Traditional Annual Reports. The organisation also received Grand Award Winner position for the Best of International category (Mid-East/India). The ARC Awards is the world's largest international competition honouring outstanding achievements in annual reports.

Every year, thousands of entrants sign up for the competition where the annual reports are judged based on the presentation of the organisation's story, creativity in expressing the contents, effectiveness, and clarity of thought. Aspects like cover, internal design, presentation of information, representation of financial data, clarity of writing, and how clearly the ethos of the organisation is expressed are some key elements for the judging procedure. This year the awards received 2,065 entries across 35 countries.





## GOLD AND SILVER AT SUMMIT CREATIVE AWARDS 2015

**A** kshaya Patra won Silver in the Summit Creative Awards (SCA) 2015 for its Annual Report 2013-14.

This is The Foundation's third consecutive time receiving Silver for its Annual Report at the SCA. Akshaya Patra also won Gold for its film 'The Possibilities'. The entries were judged by experts in the field based on parameters such as 'strength of concept, quality of execution, and ability to persuade'.

Administered by the Summit International Awards organisation, the SCA recognises small and medium sized organisations for their contributions to advertising. Running for the past 21 years, the entries to these prestigious awards are judged by experts from the industry hailing from globally renowned organisations like Ogilvy & Mather and Grey Advertising to name a few.



## PLATINUM AT HERMES CREATIVE AWARDS 2015

Akshaya Patra's Annual Report 2013-14 received Platinum at the 2015 Hermes Creative Awards. Competing against around 6,000 entries submitted across the United States, Canada and other countries around the world; Akshaya Patra has received the highest award bestowed in the competition. This award is intended to recognise the exceptional work produced in the industry, while also promoting the philanthropic nature of creative professionals.

The Platinum award was conferred on only about 15 per cent of the participants, while the Gold was granted to about 22 per cent. The awards are administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, whose members are experts in the fields of marketing, communications, advertising and more.

## AMAZON TEAMS UP WITH AKSHAYA PATRA

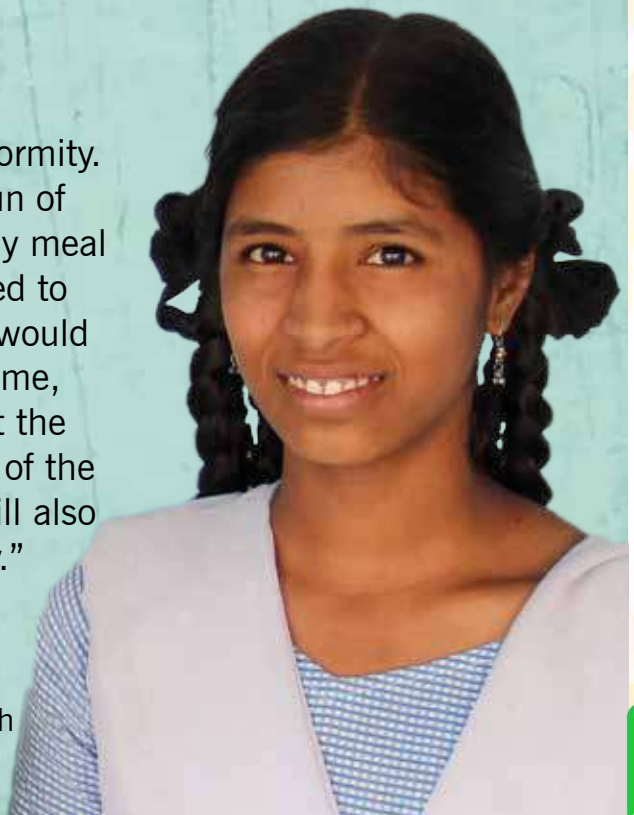
The 'Nourish India, Dal by Dal' campaign was organised across nine Amazon offices from 6 to 8, October, 2015 on the occasion of the Daan Utsav (Joy of Giving Week). The event saw a hands-on participation from the Amazon employees who willingly came forward to support The Foundation's humanitarian cause. Within 3 days the

Amazon employees raised an incredible amount of Rs 700,000. The entire amount will go towards purchasing 7,291 kilograms of dal for Akshaya Patra's beneficiaries. This generous contribution by Amazon will help The Foundation feed more than 1,800 Government school children and fight classroom hunger.



"My elder sister Afreen has a hand deformity. Sometimes, students would make fun of Afreen when she would eat the mid-day meal at school. Because of this she refused to eat with her friends fearing that they would ridicule her for her disability. Over time, I continuously encouraged her to eat the Akshaya Patra mid-day meal because of the healthy nutrients in their food. This will also help Afreen improve her disability."

**NOUSHEEN,**  
Telangana, Andhra Pradesh



## CISCO DISTRIBUTES BREAKFAST BOXES TO FIFTEEN SCHOOLS

Cisco Bangalore in association with Akshaya Patra distributed 3,000 breakfast boxes across 15 Government school on 29, July 2015. Over 100 volunteers from Cisco joined in to distribute breakfast boxes to the children. Each box contained cornflakes, milk, raisins, and a chikki (Indian sweet made out of groundnuts and jaggery) bar for the children.

Speaking on the occasion, Gaurav Kumar, a Cisco employee said, "It was a really nice experience to spend some time with school kids on Saturday morning. Thanks for giving us a chance to put in these efforts apart from our regular work."

With an aim to end hunger in classrooms, Cisco has already contributed over 250 volunteering hours towards the Mid-day Meal programme.



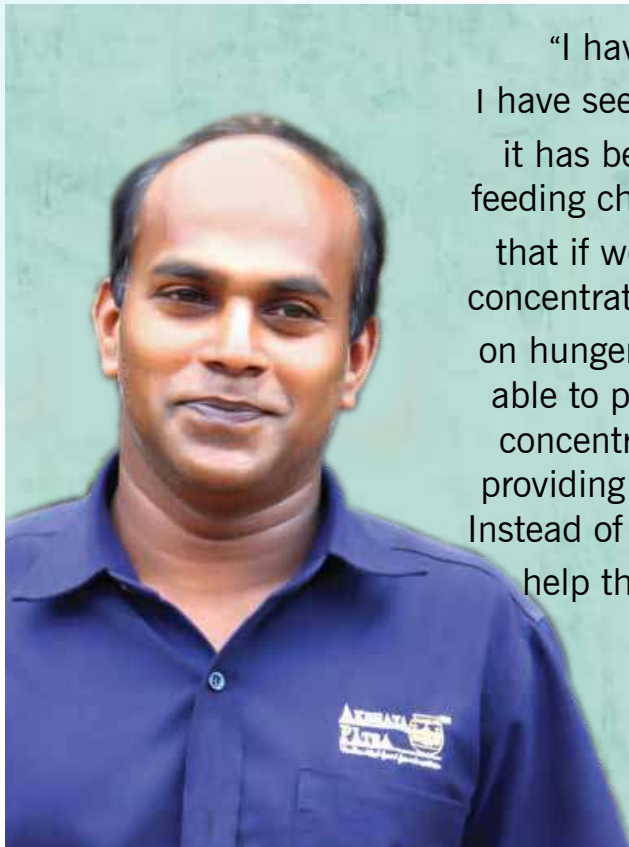
## SCHOOL KIT DRIVE BY JP MORGAN CHASE

J P Morgan Chase, a leading global financial services firm, teamed up with Akshaya Patra and hosted a school kit drive in Hyderabad. The drive was conducted on 15 August, 2015 at the MPUPS Nandigama School in Patancheru, Hyderabad. The programme began with an Independence Day celebration followed by the kit distribution. Each student was provided with a kit which included a set of books, pencils, pens, water bottles, sharpeners, scales, erasers, sketch pens, compass boxes and a first aid box.



## TOMS DISTRIBUTES SHOES IN VADODARA

**O**n 13 January, 2016, Toms partnered with Akshaya Patra and distributed shoes to students of Undera Primary School in Vadodara. Toms has always been universally identified for its thoughtful partnerships and social endeavours in everyday community development. To support the cause, Avantika Singh, Collector of Vadodara was present at the event who distributed shoes to all the students present; they were thrilled to receive their sparkling new pairs of shoes!

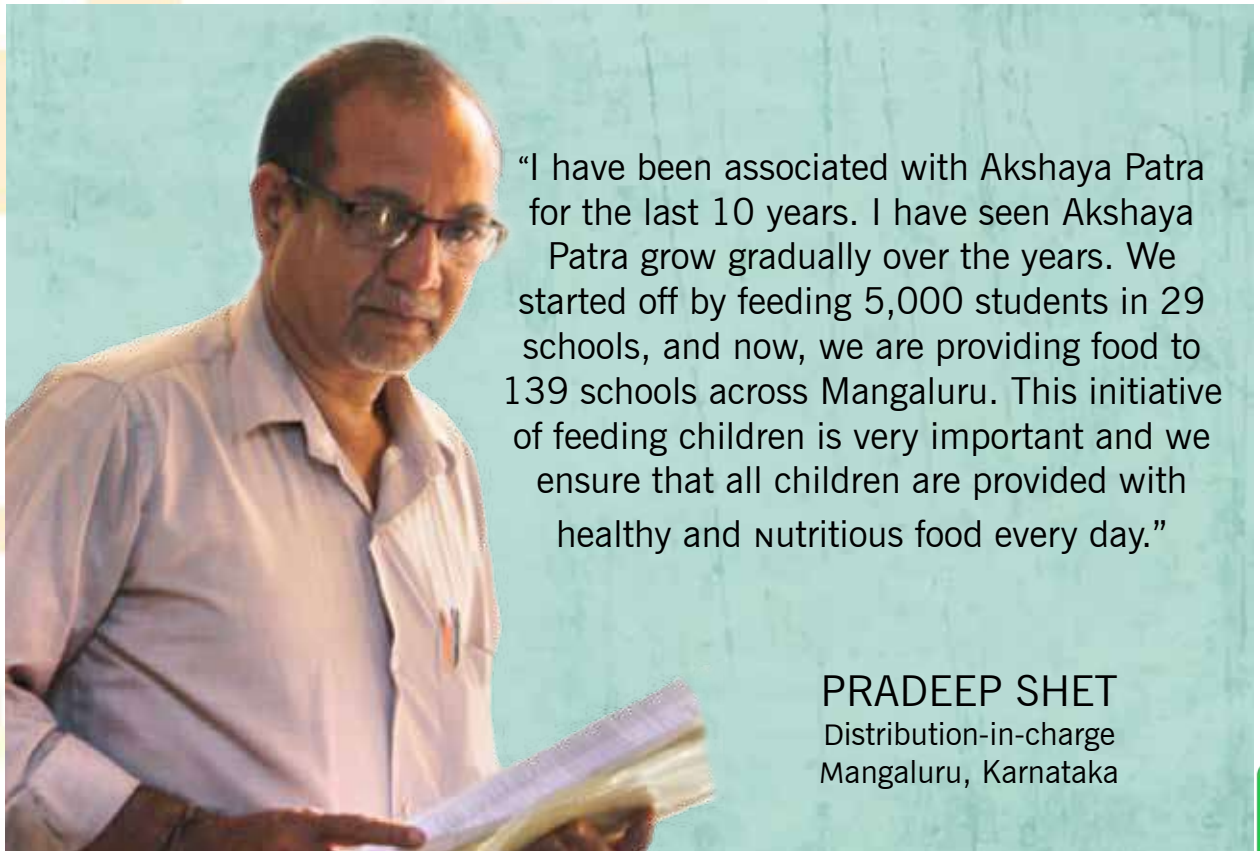


“I have been here for the last 6 years. I have seen the kitchen change extensively and it has been for the better. When it comes to feeding children in schools, we must remember that if we don't feed the children, they won't concentrate on studies but they will concentrate on hunger which is not good. Now that we are able to provide food to the children, they can concentrate on their studies because we are providing them with nutritious mid-day meals. Instead of their parents cooking, we are there to help them by providing food to children.”

**LALADARA**  
Boiler-in-charge  
Mangaluru, Karnataka

## 'THE BOTTOM LINE' SHOWCASED AT PM MODI'S VISIT TO SAP CENTER

Akshaya Patra's video, 'The Bottom Line' was showcased at the SAP Centre on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in USA. The video was played before an audience of 17,000 people who learnt about Akshaya Patra and the cause it is fighting for.



"I have been associated with Akshaya Patra for the last 10 years. I have seen Akshaya Patra grow gradually over the years. We started off by feeding 5,000 students in 29 schools, and now, we are providing food to 139 schools across Mangaluru. This initiative of feeding children is very important and we ensure that all children are provided with healthy and nutritious food every day."

**PRADEEP SHET**  
Distribution-in-charge  
Mangaluru, Karnataka

**Outride**  
Hunger 16  
**RIDE FOR A CAUSE**





## OUTRIDE HUNGER 2016!

**A** kshaya Patra's bike rally to spread awareness about the need to eliminate classroom hunger, 'Outride Hunger 2016' was held amidst much fanfare on 7 February, 2016 in Bengaluru. The rally was flagged off from Akshaya Patra's HK Hill kitchen in Rajaji Nagar by Additional Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru, Dr. M.A. Saleem in the presence of veteran biker, Mr. R. Chakravarthy, and popular Sandalwood actor, Krishna Ajai Rao.

The convoy of over 300 bikers then made their way through Malleswaram, Race Course Road, and Lalbagh Road, all the way to Akshaya Patra's Vasanthapura kitchen at Kanakpura Road. All along the 24-km route, they caught the eyes of passers-by, thus promoting a cause for which The Akshaya Patra Foundation has been working for over 15 years.



## A SALUTE TO OUR TEACHERS

**A** kshaya Patra organised a programme, 'A Salute To Our Teachers' to honour teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day 2015. The programme saw four schools collaborate to celebrate the spirit of Teacher's Day. The students from the schools performed a skit called 'Bala Vikasa'. They also put on a great performance and showed their appreciation for their teachers with four traditional dances from India. The students made graceful displays with a Bihu dance, Bharatnatyam, and traditional dances from Odisha and Rajasthan.

The programme was conducted on two Saturdays of September at different venues.



The opening programme was organised on 12 September, 2015 at the RV Girls High School, Bengaluru, followed by another programme on 19 September, 2015.

## INGERSOLL RAND VISITS GANDHINAGAR KITCHEN

**I**ngersoll Rand's employees visited Akshaya Patra's Gandhinagar kitchen as a part of their CSR activity. The team also visited a school sponsored by them, where they distributed meals and interacted with the school children. There, the team members were given a tour of the kitchen and its cooking units. Upon witnessing the Gandhinagar kitchen's efficient and standardised cooking approaches, the team members were extremely pleased and willing to support The Foundation's cause further.





# TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ISTM PARTICIPANTS



**A**kshaya Patra conducted several NGO engagement training programmes in association with the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM) across Bengaluru, Jaipur, Vrindavan and Vadodara. The sessions saw the participation of over 400 members ranking up to Deputy and Under-Secretaries from across different ministries of the Central Government.

The topics and agenda covered for the programme included understanding the structure and working of NGOs, interaction with external environment including Government agencies working at the field level, site visits, interaction with

beneficiaries, role in delivery of public service schemes of Government, role of NGOs in partnering with the Government for implementation of development programmes, stakeholder's participation and more.

These sessions were aimed to bring focus on the problems faced by the society today and to devise solutions to these issues from the existing framework of Government policies and schemes. Later, the participants were taken on an exposure visit to an Akshaya Patra kitchen, beneficiary school, and a local NGO as part of the training programme.



## VEHICLE DONATED TO HUBBALLI UNIT



The Akshaya Patra Foundation received a mid-day meal delivery vehicle from Chitra and Arvind Sonde. For the past six years, Advocate Arvind Sonde has been associated with Akshaya Patra. The meal delivery vehicle is used at the Hubballi unit that transports nutritious meals from the centralised kitchen to about 4,000 children in 40 schools every day.

## ROTARY CLUB JAIPUR CONTRIBUTES AUDIO VISUAL VAN

The Rotary Club, Jaipur South, donated an audio visual vehicle to the Jaipur kitchen on 25, September, 2015. The vehicle donated by Mr J.K Baid from the Rotary Society, was inaugurated by Kalyan Singh, Governor of Rajasthan. The vehicle travels to three Akshaya Patra beneficiary schools each day, educating them with video presentations pertaining to The Foundation.



“Akshaya Patra’s blue bus is a symbol of hope for thousands of children across the country. The bus signifies that the child will not go hungry and we thought that the best way to be a part of this programme is by donating a vehicle.”

**SR BANSAL**, Chairman and Managing Director Corporation Bank

## FABS DONATES MEAL DELIVERY VAN

**F**acilities and Building Solutions Pvt Ltd. (FABS) donated a meal delivery vehicle to Akshaya Patra's HK Hill kitchen. The custom designed vehicle has a puffed body to reduce temperature loss and a honeycomb structure to hold the vessels upright while keeping the freshness of the cooked meals intact.



## DHL DONATES THREE MEAL DELIVERY VANS



**D**HL Express donated three meal delivery vehicles to Akshaya Patra's HK Hill kitchen. The vehicle was inaugurated by R. S. Subramanian, SVP & Country Manager, DHL Express India, in the presence of Chanchalapathi Dasa and Shridhar Venkat, Vice-Chairman and CEO of The Akshaya Patra Foundation respectively. The vehicles transport mid-day meals to 18 schools feeding over 2,500 children.

"The Akshaya Patra Foundation provides strength to students and guides them successfully. I am confident that the students served by Akshaya Patra will be responsible citizens of India who serve the nation well."

**PADMA DEVENDER REDDY** – Deputy Speaker, Telangana State Assembly

## SBI MUTUAL FUND DONATES TWO VEHICLES

**S**BI Mutual Fund donated two meal delivery vans to Akshaya Patra's Lucknow unit on June 12, 2015. The vehicles were inaugurated by Anoop Srivastav, Assistant Vice President; and Amit Kumar, Regional Manager of SBI. The vehicles transport food to 36 schools in the region and feed over 2,000 students.



## JAIPUR KITCHEN RECEIVES A MEAL DELIVERY VAN

**J**.K. Baid, Vice Chairman of Poly Medicure Ltd, donated a vehicle to Akshaya Patra Jaipur at an Installation Ceremony organised by Rotary Club. In attendance was Chief Guest J.K Ranka, Justice at Rajasthan High Court and other dignitaries from the Rotary society. The van transports food to 24 schools in the region and feeds over 1,500 students.



“The visit gave me an insight into how focused the staff is at Akshaya Patra to fulfill the vision of no child goes hungry. We are happy to be part of this movement.”

**Bandana Jha, CSR Head – Bank of America**

## VIJAYA BANK CONTRIBUTES A MEAL DELIVERY VAN



Vijaya Bank, donated a meal delivery vehicle to Akshaya Patra. The van was inaugurated at the HK Hill kitchen premises by Kishore Kumar Sansi, Managing Director and CEO, Vijaya Bank, B.S. Rama Rao, Director, Vijaya Bank and Chanchalpathi Dasa, Vice Chairman, The Akshaya Patra Foundation. The vehicle transports mid-day meals to over 4,000 children in 40 schools in Bengaluru.



“Ever since I joined the NCC in school, I always dreamt of becoming an army officer. My dream is to serve my nation. Even my teachers in school always support me. I like coming to school as I get an exposure to so many things in life. In the afternoon, we get mid-day meals served by Akshaya Patra and it is delicious. My favourite dish is the tomato rice. It nourishes the body and improves concentration in class.”

**CHANDRASHEKAR**

Mangaluru, Karnataka

# A Full Tummy Makes For A Happy Childhood!



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