

RATNA NIDHI CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

RIPPLES OF CHANGE

Inside:

The Mayor of Mumbai inaugurated Ratna Nidhi's Make Mumbai Disability Free campaign.

Ratna Nidhi partners with BEST for the Make Mumbai Disability Free Campaign.

Ms. Poonam Mahajan awards the M.G. Mehta Human Spirit Award to Paralympic Medalist Ms. Deepa Malik



What happens when a stone is dropped into a pond? It does not just go down. It causes a stir in the entire pond with ripples reaching far and beyond its initial touch.

Our aim is to be that very stone. A stone that is able to make an impact so focused; that it has the power to create Ripples of Change in the lives of the people we are working with.

We believe that if we focus on the right aspects, real effective change can be foreseen across all dimensions of society. And so we focus our energies on two fronts – Education and Healthcare to make a wider social impact. Both of which are brimming with the power to facilitate growth, increase opportunities and most important of all instill smiles.

This magic cannot be created without the strength of your abundant support.

We thank you for being with us, as we create the Ripples of Change.

Founder Trustee: Mr. Mahendra G. Mehta

The Trustees:

Mrs. Asha Mahendra Mehta

Mr. Rajiv Mahendra Mehta

Mr. Prakash V. Mehta



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THE MOBILITY PROJECT

Prosthetic Hands: Zahur Hussain, 10 years, Leh-Ladakh Camp beneficiary

At the age of 9, Zahur, touched a live wire at his school ground and lost his hands to bilateral amputation. Zahur shared "People stare at me because I have no hands. My friends at school tease me sometimes. I am used to it now." Day to day activities like eating, wearing clothes, bathing etc. have been a regular challenge.

After being fitted with his new prosthetic hands, little Zahur couldn't stop smiling.

He now says **"I want my parents to be proud of me. I will be able to write on my own and will study harder. Inshallah, my dreams will come true".**



How is it done

It is a miracle to watch a disabled person stand up and walk on his own feet. It is a miracle how one little support helps them step out of their inhibited lives to become self reliant, start working and become a supportive members of their family. At Ratna Nidhi our aim is to give them this one life changing support, by providing customised mobility appliances such as the Jaipur Foot, Calipers, Crutches, Wheelchairs and Hearing Aids - free of cost. We do this by organising camps pan India and also through our Jaipur Foot centre in Mumbai.

What's new

Owing to their previous lack of movement and certain bodily deformities, patients fitted with Calipers and Jaipur foot for the first time, find it difficult to start walking immediately. Keeping this issue in mind, we have taken a step further and set up a Medical center with a Physiotherapy section which started taking patients in March 2018.

Ripples of the Mobility project



4,759 disabled patients will now

live a life of independence and dignity, with equal opportunity for education and employment. 2,57,336 mobility appliances have been donated since 2001.

Camps covered in 2017-18



Despite Leh's popularity as a tourist zone, this region continues to be isolated from the social schemes of the government. Many small villages continue to be disconnected due to limited access and connectivity in this region. The limited transportation facilities in this region, restricts access of the people to healthcare facilities in the region. Ratna Nidhi with a mission to uplift people with physical disability in India, embarked on a journey to travel 11,000 feet above sea level to reach out to the disabled in Leh, Kashmir.



Leh-Ladakh, June 2017

Ratna Nidhi in association with Rotary Club of Bombay Worli, Rotary Club of Bombay South and the support of Venerable Bhikku Sanghasena from the Mahabhodi International Meditation Center organized this camp. With 488 mobility and hearing aids distributed, the Camp impacted the lives of numerous Kashmiri children, youth and aged beneficiaries.

Dr. Kiran Bedi, who was present at the camp said **"Groups like Ratna Nidhi are missionaries and need full support from government and non-government agencies, because whatever you give them, will reach the real beneficiary."**



Jamnagar, February 2018

Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust in association with Oshwal Shikshan & Rahat Sangh-India and Oshwal Association-UK, organized a Mobility Camp at Jamnagar for 1376 physically disabled patients.

The screening camp was organized in January, with the Ratna Nidhi team visiting remote villages in Jamnagar to mobilize patients for the camp. A vehicle with a loudspeaker was hired to create awareness about the Mobility camp in the villages along with other publicity techniques. The distribution camp was organized from 9th to 16th February, 2018 and saw patients from varied backgrounds. From a one-year-old child who was fitted with calipers to a 107-year-old man needing hearing aids, the camp impacted the lives of numerous patients.



Satara, March 2018

Camp Venue	Aids
Vapi, Gujarat	847
Dhanbad, Jarkhand	265
Satara, Maharashtra	590
Mumbai, Maharashtra	1040
Jamnagar, Gujarat	1376
Leh-Ladakh, J&K	488

M. G. MEHTA HUMAN SPIRIT AWARD



What is M. G. Mehta Human Spirit Award

Mahendra Mehta, our Founder, was a man who believed in the unlimited potential that lies within all human beings. He dedicated his life to unravel this very potential in the poor and disabled.

In his memory we present the MG Mehta Human Spirit Award, each year on World Disability Day. The award aims to honour the indomitable spirit of those disabled individuals who have shattered all limitations to achieve something beyond normal. It is a platform for the disabled person to share their story and inspire!

Our Guest of Honour for this year

Ms. Poonam Mahajan is a Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) representing Mumbai North-Central Constituency. She is also the National President of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of the BJP. She has been described by many as dynamic, astute, passionate and hardworking. Striking a sound balance between her role as a Member of Parliament and the President of BJYM, her work with NGOs and taking care of her family, she epitomises the progressive Indian woman of the 21st century.

Our Awardee of the year

Deepa Malik is an Indian athlete. She is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games and has won a Silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Shot Put. • She was previously honored with the Arjuna award in 2012, at the age of 42 years.

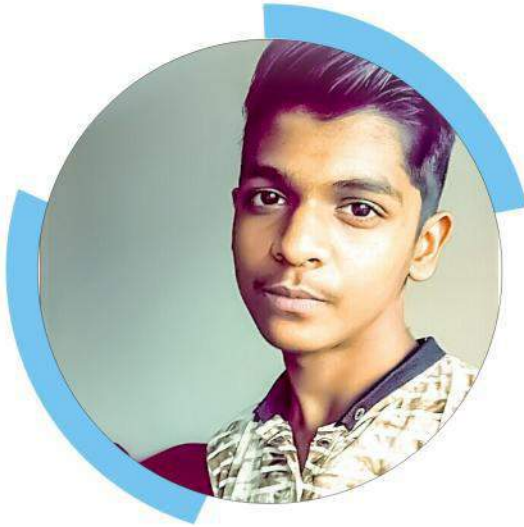
- She has also been conferred the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2017. She has won 58 National and 18 International medals across all disciplines till date.
- She has won accolades for her participation in various adventure sports. She is associated with Himalayan Motorsports Association (H.M.A.) and Federation of Motor Sports Club of India (F.M.S.C.I.).
- She is a member of the working group in the formulation of the 12th five-year plan (2012–2017) on Sports and Physical Education as nominated by the Planning Commission, HRD Division on behalf of the Sports Ministry

We are open to applications from suitable disabled people for MG Mehta Human Spirit Award 2018.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applications are open for Differently abled person who have looked beyond their limitations and achieved a remarkable feat.
2. The remarkable feat achieved must be on or after December 2010
3. The applicant / nominee must be an individual and not a company, organization or group of any nature.

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP FOR TERROR VICTIM'S CHILDREN



Mohit lost his father in a bomb blast of 2011 at Opera house. He is survived by his mother and is being taken care by paternal uncle. The family has shifted to Borivali a distant western suburb since last 2-3 years. Mohit has appeared for SSC exams and he plans to pursue his studies either in the science or commerce stream.

Mohit is now in the 7th year of Ratna Nidhi's sponsorship program. The sponsorship has enabled him to successfully complete schooling. We will ensure that we continue supporting him to pursue his studies further through the sponsorship project.

How is it done

Education has the power to turn a new page, from a child's dark desolate past to a radiant future. When the city of Mumbai faced a series of bomb blasts and terror attacks, life came to standstill for many young lives, who lost their parents to these brutalities. We decided to step in and support with the power of education. When all seemed to be lost, the educational sponsorships came as a hope to come out of the tragedy and build a better future for themselves.

What's new

Merit Based Scholarship- While working closely with the children from our Food for Education Project, we have come across some children who come from extremely poor families. These families struggle to even put together two meals on the table, find it very hard to afford the school fees. This has urged us to consider starting an educational scholarship for select students from this project based on merit. We are in the process of identifying students based on merit who would need financial support and provide them with scholarship to complete their education.

English teacher in Schools- We are also focusing on improving english proficiency among students in our existing Food schools. We are in the process of identifying and hiring well trained English teachers who would teach English language to our students and their progress would be mapped along with the teacher.

Ripples of Educational Sponsorship project



90 students of terror victims are able to continue with their education despite the adversities in their lives.

481 students have been provided with educational sponsorship since 2003.

FOOD FOR EDUCATION



Pooja, a young 13 year old girl, lives with her mother and sister on the streets of Mumbai. They do not have a roof above their head, to shelter them from the perils of the streets. They sleep in the basement area of a nearby building – all 3 women alone at night. Very often, her nights are spent staying awake, sleepless and insecure.

Despite these adversities, it is fortunate that Pooja's mother makes sure that her girls go to school, because she wants them to have a dignified life.

Our meal is the first thing that she eats in the day and it really keeps her agile and helps her concentrate in her studies. It is not easy to go through this tough life and yet she sport a smile on her face.

Our meal ensures that at least one of her basic need is taken care of – nutritious, healthy and home cooked food.

How is it done

A child learns with a sparkle in the eyes when the stomach is full with a nutritious meal. With the right nourishment and a full stomach a child is able to pay better attention in class, is able to grow academically and as a result secure a brighter future. With this end in mind, fresh, nutritious meals are prepared each day at our kitchens and are sent out to partner schools that cater to children from extremely low income families.

What's new

Our Food family has grown with the addition of 20 new institutions with a total of 1920 students. They include Night Schools, Study Classes for deprived children, Balwadis for slum displaced students, Day care for drug addicted street children and new upcoming schools in the Govandi area promoted by the local residents with a zeal to do something for their own community. The services of 3 new tempos were recruited to meet our growth in this project.

Ripples of Food for Education project



5,09,724

 meals have

been served this year in 50 schools, improving health, attention span as well as attendance in young school going children.

2,53,23,613 meals have been served since 1998.

Our Weekly Menu



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Morning School	Masala Rice Lapsi	Rice Vatana curry	Rice Moong curry	Rice and Masoor curry	Rice and Tur dal	Poha Moong chat
	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve
Night School	Masala Rice Lapsi	Vatana ragda chat	Upma Moong chat	Methi dhebra Masoor curry	Veg. Poha Khichdi	Poha/Bhel Moong chat
	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve	300 gms per serve

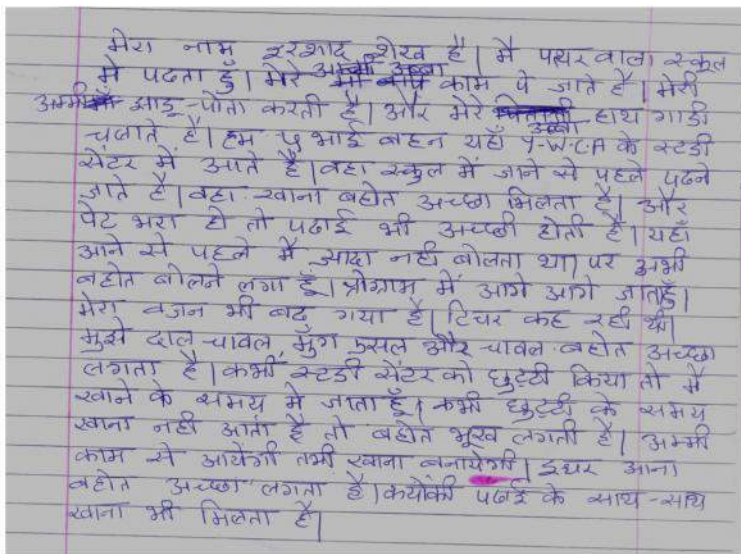
In the month of June & July Puran poli and Methi paratha were served.

Few of the schools that receive our nutritious meals

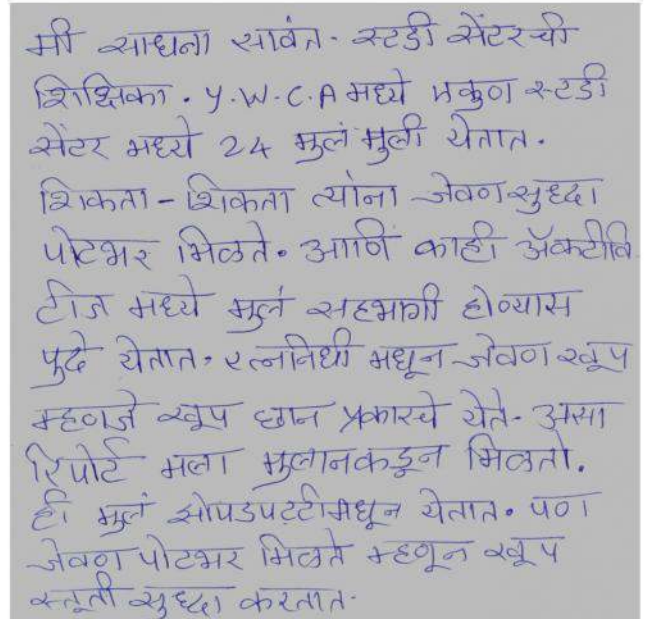


Utkarsh Night School, Worli BDD chawl	National School, Ghatkopar
YWCA, Study Class I Mumbai Central	Sahakari Vidyalaya, Tardeo
Adarsh Foundation, Study Class, Kurla	Agarkar Night School, Worli Naka
Jeevan Dhara, Balwadi I, Govandi	Maratha Mandir Night School, Worli BDD chawl
Maharashtra Vidyalaya, Mankhurd	Sarvajanik Night School, Dadar- Mahim
Lilavati Laljee Dayal High School, Girgaum	Sahakari Vidyalaya, Tardeo
Abhinav School, Trombay	Sunrise School, Govandi
Ashok High School, Girgaum	G.A.Ranade School. Girgaum
Gyansadhana School, Govandi	SPRJ Trust Junior College, Ghatkopar
Kherwadi Welfare Center, Bandra	Kirti Night High School, Sewree

Testimonials



Irshad Shaikh -
Student from YWCA Study Class (Mumbai Central)



Sadhana Sawant -
Teacher from YWCA Study Class (Mumbai Central)

STORIES OF CHANGE

Jaydeep Ratadia & Hiren Chawda

Jaydeep and Hiren are best friends and their friendship at a very young age, has stood the test of time. They both suffered from a road accident some years back and lost their right leg in the accident. However, the accident doesn't limit their dreams to become a doctor when they grow up and continue with their day to day activities.

"We will be able to run and play football with our new leg" they share with a naughty smile on their face. Their family shares "Thank you Ratna Nidhi & Oswal for helping our boys with this leg for free. It truly is a blessing."



Padma Raju Kaire

Padma lives with her parents and 2 siblings at the Air India colony in Vakola. Her father is a sweeper with Air India and her mother is domestic worker.

She likes playing games and is fond of dance as well. Padma fares very well in her studies. However her family financial background is quite low and they do what it takes to keep her goals and dreams alive.

This meal we provide keeps her full enabling her to concentrate on her studies and it helps the family in saving on food expenses.

Priya Sandesh Dhadse

Priya is 23 years old now and recently got married a year back. She works all day at a Nursing Institute. Then she goes home to complete her household chores, after which she attends the Night School in the evening. Priya leads a very busy and challenging life however she has lot of support from her husband and she is very ambitious - these keep her going.

Our meal, sent to the Night School is nutritious and filling thus helps her satiate her hunger at the end of a long, busy day.



Nandini Pande

Nandini was two years old when she lost her father to the bomb blast at Gateway of India in Mumbai. The scholarship project has helped finish schooling and she is now in college pursuing her higher studies in Science. Her mother shares "I am grateful to Ratna Nidhi for all the help in supporting my daughter complete her education. I was helpless after my husband's death. By supporting her education, I now have some hope that Nandini will have a bright future."

Padma Rigzen

11-year-old Padma lives with his mother and grandmother. When he was 5 years old, his parents separated. Ever since then his mother has shouldered all responsibilities in the family.

Padma was born with a defect in his right leg. For many years he has been walking with a limp. His mother works as a peon at a government office and earns just enough to make ends meet.

Despite all her struggles, she has enrolled Padma into a school for differently abled children.

Seeing her son walk better with the calipers, she shared with tears in her eyes "I have so many dreams for Padma. Seeing him walk like the rest of the children makes me feel happy and at peace. I cannot afford treatment for the defect in his leg and these calipers seem to magically hold my child's legs together."



Zarina Koradiya, 55 years

"15 years ago, my leg got infected with Gangrene. The hospital I went to did not treat my leg correctly and the infection spread further to both my feet. As a result, my ankle had to be amputated on the right leg. A few toes on my left leg had to be amputated as well. For many years I had to walk by dragging myself on the ground. With the help of this Jaipur foot, I can stand back on my feet and move around without anyone's help. I used to feel like a burden on my family members but now I feel independent. Thank you for bringing back happiness to my life."

Rushabh Mahendra Kheradkar

Rushabh is a young energetic and a happy 12 year old child with a smile on his face. He currently lives with his mother and elder brother at a slum in Kalbadevi ever since he lost his father.

His mother, the sole breadwinner of the family, does housework. Post school Rushabh goes out to help his mother in her work and does things like cleaning and washing, so that she can finish sooner.

Rushabh used to be underweight and short. Our meal has helped him in gaining considerable height and weight as well as keeps him healthy and full thus enabling him to concentrate on his studies..

MISSION MILLION BOOKS



It was very kind of your Trust to invite us on 22nd April 2018 and donate books to our educational institution.

These books are priceless gifts and will be useful to our students and staff to enrich themselves.

We thank you for the same and look forward for your kind support in the future. Thanking you.

- **Tauja Kulkarni, HM. National English High School, Virar-West**

How is it done

Hungry minds are best fed with great books. It is our endeavor to give these growing minds a wide ranging array of educative books and encyclopedias to broaden their mindsets and open up new worlds. Along with Alibaba Group, we have launched Mission Million Books. Through this we host exhibitions with books from almost every category. Low income schools and colleges are invited to come and choose books that are best suited for their libraries. This ensures that hundreds and thousands of students benefit from it.

What's new

Our collection of books has advanced with the addition of 20,000 quality books donated by the World Bank.

The third and the fourth exhibition of the Mission Million Books exhibition was organized at Satara and Mumbai respectively. Through these exhibitions we donated 50,000 and 3,00,000 books respectively.

Ripples of Mission Million Books project



3,57,898

 books have

been donated, that will impact the minds, lives and future of over 10,00,000 students.

7,94,069 books donated since 1996.

Computers Donation



I would like to thank Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust for their educational and charitable work at the slum locality in the vicinity of our school.

The ten donated computers have enabled us to set-up a computer lab in our school where we now teach technical skills to our children as well as to other needy adults.

- President, Tasneem Urdu School

How is it done

Imagine an education without computers, in a time when we are so dependent on computers for everything we do!

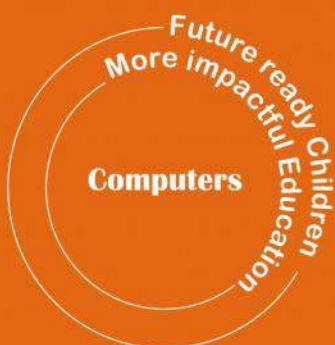
We noticed that many of the schools that we are associated with are not able to introduce computer education merely because of a lack of funds to invest in computers. Thus we took it on us to install computer centers in our partner schools, so that these children receive an all round, competent education.

What's new

This year, with the support of the corporate sector we have been able to donate over 77 computers in 13 schools and organisations.

Pratham Books has created a software containing a variety of books in English, Hindi and Marathi for school children. The software gives a large number of children, an easy and quick access to a large number of books, thus giving an impetus to education. Ratna Nidhi has joint hands with them, to install this e-learning software in our partner schools. Until now the software has been installed in 16 schools.

Ripples of Computers donation



77

computers have been donated, to enable

digital literacy in low income schools in Maharashtra, creating a radiant future.

Garments Distribution



On behalf of Jeevan Asha Charitable Trust Society, we would like to express our gratefulness for your generous donation of clothes and baby kits. We appreciate the good work you do.

We have been able to give clothes to the little children in our Day Care and they used it on the day of their picnic. We have also started distributing them to people in the different slums in Thane.

People have expressed their gratitude for the clothes they have received. We hope that your esteemed organisation will continue to partner with us in extending help to the needy and the destitute in future as well. - **Rosita Wagle, Manager Projects-Health, Jeevan Asha Charitable Trust**

How is it done

Clothes not only provide protection and comfort, but in fact fill the receivers with confidence and self respect. Through our Garment distribution program we donate used but very good quality usable garments to those in need. We receive garments from generous donors across India. These garments are sorted age group wise and gender wise, selected, folded properly and carefully packed in plastic bags. They are as good as new. Besides garments we also give toys, household items, tables etc. if they are received in a good condition.

What's new

We donated Refrigerator, Television, Sofa set, Baby cot, Sewing machine, Aquaguard water filter, Ice-cream maker machine, Audio system, CD player, Toys, Utensils, Note books etc to different NGO's working with marginal section of our society.

Ripples of Garments Distribution



55,977 garments adorn the

homeless, the orphans and the aged with self respect and confidence.

12,21,879 garments have been donated since 1992.

A Snapshot of Press Coverage

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શરૂબ મહેતા

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LEH TIMES WEEKLY ROUND UP/ADMTB

Indian Army and MIMC Ladakh help Mumbai based Ratna Nidhi Trust to organise free disability camp in inaccessible Ladakh



This Mumbai based NGO is a pioneer in mobility camps in India in recognition of its decades of work. Ratna Nidhi Trust received a grant from Google.org to develop 3D scanning software to scan residual limbs and print proper fitting sockets for people in rural areas of India, in association with IT Bombay.

New Ratna Nidhi is off 11000 sq feet above sea level, in Ladakh. "People living in mountainous areas are often the most vulnerable, when it comes to loss of limbs, hearing loss etc," says Mehta. Mehta acknowledges the contribution of Rotary South Mumbai and Ratna Nidhi.

Sometimes these areas are also inaccessible to NGOs who would like to help them. Which is why Ratna Nidhi's camp at Leh Ladakh.

The venerable Bhiku Sangharasa, a global figure of serenity, and the man single handedly responsible for transforming Ladakh into a haven of peace, said "We speak of compassion, but Ratna Nidhi does compassion."

Since 2001, Mumbai-based Ratna Nidhi has provided nearly 2.3 lakh equipment to people with disabilities in India including tenor effect - ed regions.

The NGO has done the following camps in war and terrorism hit areas before as well:

- From 12/02/12 to 18/02/12, helping 1638 at the Leh & Gangri Camp.
- From 16/02/2008 to 16/02/2008 helping 111 people in the Rulu Camp.
- From 14/10/2008 to 17/10/2008 helping 212 people in the Leh & Ladakh Camp.
- From 20/10/2008 to 23/10/2008 helping 468 people in the Srinagar camp.
- From 2005-06 helping 402 beneficiaries in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Our aim is to cover every district in the country and aim to help as many people with disabilities as we can," adds Raju Mehta.

About Ratna Nidhi Trust: Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust is a registered charity that was established in 1990 by Mr. Mahendra Mehta. From its humble origins as a family institution it has grown rapidly and now its projects cover a wide range of activities located in both India and other developing countries.

Subin, Kenya, and Burundi Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust is already successful in serving over 2.3 crore people in underprivileged children in Mumbai since 1990.

Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust is committed to the welfare of people from the most underprivileged strata of society without distinction of caste, creed or color. Our focus has been on providing mobility aids to the physically challenged, sending mp3 day meals to children who attend schools, providing books and garments to needy people, training street children in computers and conversational English and conducting various vocational training programs.

Eminent personalities like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Anna Hazare, and Shri Ratna Nidhi have supported Ratna Nidhi's work.

Chak de Gujarat 28th March

હેરનબા ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ લીમીટેડ અને રત્ના નિધિએ વાપીમાં ૧૦૧૭ દિવ્યાંગ વ્યક્તિઓની મદદ કરી

Google.org કંડિત રત્નાનિધિ ટ્રસ્ટ, દિવ્યાંગતા અને શિક્ષણ કેન્દ્રિત મુંબઈ સ્થિત બિન નફાકારક સંસ્થા દ્વારા વાપી ખાતે ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુશન કેમ્પ નું આયોજન કરાયેલ જેમાં દિવ્યાંગતા ધરાવતા ૧૦૧૭ લોકોને ફ્રી જયપર ફૂટ, કેલીપર્સ અને કચીસ તથા બીજાં ચેસ મળ્યા.

આ ૧૦૧૭ લાભાર્થીઓને જાન્યુઆરી અને માર્ચ ૨૦૧૮ માં સ્કીનીંગ કેમ્પ થકી ઓળખવામાં આવેલ.

ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુશન કેમ્પને હેરનબા ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ નો સહયોગ મળ્યો. હેરનબા ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝના સહયોગમાં રત્નાનિધિ નો આ બીજો ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુશન કેમ્પ હતો. તેમને ૨૦૧૭ માં પણ ૨૫૧ દિવ્યાંગ વ્યક્તિઓને મોબીલીટીના સાધનોનું વિસ્તરણ કર્યું હતું.

આ પ્રસંગે રત્નાનિધિ ટ્રસ્ટના ટ્રસ્ટી રાજીવ મહેતા એ જણાવ્યું કે, મીનીસ્ટ્રી ઓફ ગ્રોસારી ઇમ્પ્લોયમેન્ટશન (MOSPI) ના ૨૦૧૬ ના રીપોર્ટ મુજબ, ગુજરાતમાં માત્ર ૩૪.૭૮% દિવ્યાંગ વ્યક્તિઓ પાસે રોજગારી છે. શક્ય તેટલા વધુ દિવ્યાંગ લોકોને મોબીલીટી પૂરી પાડી તેમને કામ કરી શકવા સહાય બનાવી તેમની જીવનશૈલી પરત આપવા પ્રયત્નશીલ છીએ.

હેરનબા ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ લીમીટેડ ના મેનેજીંગ ડિરેક્ટર શ્રી આર.કે. શેટ્ટી એ જણાવ્યું કે, અમે રત્નાનિધિ ટ્રસ્ટ સાથે આ જીવન સંબંધો રાખીને અમારા થી શક્ય છે તેટલા દિવ્યાંગ લોકોને સહાય કરવા કટિબદ્ધ છીએ.

મિડ-કે

મુંબઈને ડિસેમ્બિલિટી-ફ્રી બનાવવા દોડયું રત્નાનિધિ ટ્રસ્ટ



‘મેક મુંબઈ ડિસેમ્બિલિટી ફ્રી’ હેઠળ રત્નાનિધિ ટ્રસ્ટના ૭૭ સભ્યો મેરેથોની ટ્રીમ-રન કેટેગરીમાં દોડ્યા હતા. આ ગ્રુપમાં યોધોલોક્સ તેમ જ ગંભીર બનાવોમાં પગ ગુમાવનારા લોકોએ પણ ભેગો અને પિક્ચર્સ સાથે સહભાગી થઈને તેમ જ યોનાતી હિંમત દાખવી મુંબઈને ડિસેમ્બિલિટી-ફ્રી બનાવવાનો મેસેજ આપ્યો હતો.

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Alibaba Group & Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust celebrate the Mission Million Books Campaign in India

Third book exhibition held at Satara, Maharashtra Alibaba Group, in association with Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, today hosted its third book donation drive as part of the larger Mission Million Books initiative. Representatives from over 500 schools and colleges came to handpick books that would benefit their students in pursuing education. On display were over 50,000 books covering Science, Maths, History, Geography, Liberal Arts, Computers, Encyclopedias and Dictionaries in different languages. With this drive, the Mission Million Books initiative has successfully empowered close to 2000 schools and colleges with 3,00,000 educational books. Mission Million Books is a pan-India initiative aimed at providing the underserved with access to quality educational materials for their growth and advancement. Alibaba Group, in association with Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, works with its partners to solicit donations, collect and deliver textbooks to schools and colleges across India. The campaign's partners include The World Bank Family Network Book Project, Ecomm Express, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Retailers Association of India, UC Web, Carnival Cinemas, Ticket-New and PayTm Mall. This mission is rolled out in sync with Indian government's efforts to enable access to quality education for all.

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Deepa Malik to receive M G Mehta Human Spirit award



MUMBAI: Rio Paralympics silver medalist Deepa Malik will be honoured with the 'M G Mehta Human Spirit' award, at a ceremony to be held here next month.

The award, which has been previously won by Padma Shri awardee Arunima Sinha, the first Indian woman amputee to scale Mount Everest in 2013, and paralympic cyclist Aditya Mehta, has been instituted by the Ratna Nidhi Trust.

"I look forward to receiving this award. Ratna Nidhi's work for persons with disabilities has been massive and at a global scale. Their founder Mahendrabhai Mehta was a beacon of light. This award, in his memory is absolutely priceless," Malik said in a statement issued here.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Mayors Bungalow- Make Mumbai Disability Free

On 14th of August 2017, we took a step towards "Making Mumbai Disability Free" by launching "Project Dependence to Independence" inaugurated by the Mayor of Mumbai. 50 disabled people from the slums of Dharavi were fitted with mobility/hearing aids by the Mayor himself, at his residence at Shivaji Park.

Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee, the Past Rotary International President and Mr. V.Ramling, the Chief General Manager, State Bank of India and Mr. Kewal Kiran, MD of Killer Jeans were also present to show us their support against disability.

We are now working to help the disabled, targeting each ward of Mumbai one at a time.

Seminar with IMC on Making Maharashtra Disabled Friendly



We participated in a seminar organized by The Indian Merchant Chambers (IMC) - a 100 year old trade body, titled "Dependence to Independence- Making Maharashtra Disabled Friendly".

Our Trustee Mr.Rajiv Mehta chaired a panel discussion on the "Current scenario in the city Infrastructure and the corporate world structure for the Differently Abled." The panelists comprised of Mr.Abbas Master; CEO Saifur Burhani Upliftment Trust (SBUT) and Mr.R.K.Sharma, Executive Director Electrical, Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.



Partnership with BEST

26th January 2018 marked the start of Ratna Nidhi's collaboration with BEST. 3300 buses and 1.1 million BEST electricity bills carried Ratna Nidhi's Make Mumbai Disability free campaign with a purpose to increase awareness about this project amongst the disabled in every corner of Mumbai.

In addition all physically disabled BEST employees and their family members will be able to avail of the Jaipur Foot and Caliper.

Physiotherapy Center



We have launched a free physiotherapy service for the disabled patients at our Medical Centre in Mahalaxmi Mumbai. Patients often complain with pain and discomfort when fitted with mobility appliances for the first time. This led us to start the Physiotherapy center in March 2018, with a trained physiotherapist treating a regular influx of patients, providing timely follow ups.



Tata Mumbai Marathon

RNCT championed its Disability Project at the Tata Mumbai Marathon, by advocating for its Make Mumbai Disability Free campaign. 85 supporters joint us in the run by carrying creative banners and placards of the project. The highlights from were the 2 stilt walkers who waked tall with our banners. While a 1000 feet banner adorned the Marine drive stretch, attracting the eyeballs of the crowd.

Most importantly we had 9 beneficiaries participate in the Marathon with the Jaipur Foot. This was truly a victory of our efforts in Empowering people with Disabilities to lead an independent life and not be limited by their Disability.

TESTIMONIALS

In today's world, dedicating time and going an extra mile to help the needy at a personal level is rare to see. The kind of work Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust and Oswal Group are doing is highly commendable. Having visited the medical camp and hearing about your work has left me completely speechless. Today, I feel grateful to God about so many things. I salute your effort and wish you all the success for your future endeavor.

- Mr. J. D. Majithia (Indian Actor, Director and Producer)

On behalf of Holy Star English High School, I would like to sincerely thank you for generous donation of 5 computer sets. Because of your kindness, we can provide computer education to 1100 beautiful children of Malvani. Our school lacked computer classes, but because of Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, our children can now learn through practical usage of the computers. The children look forward for computer classes and are showing interest towards technology.

- Hussain Munir Shaikh, Principal-Holy Star English High School

We are very grateful and thankful to you for providing food to our students throughout the year. It is very beneficial for students health and educational development.

- Mrs. Shamika Ajgaonkar, S.L. & S.S. Girl's High School

Being Human Foundation would like to thank you for the 520 items of used clothing that you have sent for the under privileged in Raigad district. We are sure they will be very happy with the clothing.

- Loretta Lewis, "Being Human" - The Salman Khan Foundation

With deepest gratitude from YWCA of Bombay, want to acknowledge the receipt of sewing machine for our organisation. Your contribution and coordination is a source of immense pleasure for our tailoring class girls. People like you are supporting our cause and making it possible to help us in our aim. We want you to accept our thanks.

- Neeta Dabre, Asst. co-ordinator, Women's Development Unit, YWCA

It was a great exhibition. We will be able to help at least 300 students in our school. More than that students will learn a lot from the books that have been collected.

- Nilesh Wadhwa, Srishakti Vidhyalay

The work that you are doing at Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, is indeed a be jewelled work, reaching out its blessings and good will throughout the world. May the work bring thousand fold returns and blessings to the work itself and to you, your family and all concerned. The award that you give are so well deserved by the individuals who show indomitable courage and perseverance, thereby encouraging and showing each one their own potential. With lots and lots of love and good wishes.

- Ms. Usha Jain, Shriyans Prasad Charitable Trust

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