

TRANSFORMING
TODAY!
TRANSFORMING
LIVES!

Annual Progress Report
2018-2019



Once upon a time a monk was walking barefoot down a dusty road when he stepped on something sharp. It stuck in his heel, so after a few steps he stopped to pull it out. It was a beautifully carved and a very valuable gemstone. The monk rinsed it off at a well he was passing, and tossed it in his satchel, along with the loaf of bread that was to be his one meal of the day.

A little further down the road, the monk happened upon a beggar. The beggar spied the loaf, leapt in front of the monk, bowed three times and said, "O Venerable Sir! I am but a poor starving beggar. Might I have a taste of your bread?" Where upon the monk pulled the loaf from his satchel, and before handing it to the beggar, pulled the gem from the crust where it was trapped. He then handed the entire loaf to the beggar. The beggar saw the gemstone, and pleaded, "O, Most Worthy One! I have taken your only meal of the day, and this is not right. I see you have a gemstone, which would relieve me of my situation. May I give you back your bread in exchange for the gem?" At this, the monk promptly gave the gemstone to



the beggar, telling him also to keep the bread. The beggar was ecstatic, and galloped off down the road.

The monk, noticing it was time for meditation, sat down under a nearby tree. A few minutes later he became aware of the presence of someone, and opening his eyes saw the beggar, who thrust out his hand with the gem, saying, "O Venerable One! May I please return the gem to you? I don't want it!" The monk asked, "What sir, do you want?" The beggar replied, "I want what you have that allowed you to give away everything."

We at Ratna Nidhi are glad to have the precious few of you, who allow themselves to give away if not everything, but something, because your something is everything for someone...

With your love & warmth, we will continue on this journey together, to reach out to more disadvantaged and disabled, helping them lead a life of independence and dignity. Your simple act of giving is transforming stories around you!!!



Founder:
Mr. Mahendra G. Mehta

Trustees:
Mrs. Asha Mahendra Mehta
Mr. Rajiv Mahendra Mehta

01

Guided by Family Values of Trust & Compassion our work is based on three pillars-
Wisdom of Thought | Solving Techniques | Speedy Execution.

02

To use cutting edge technology, form creative collaborative models & work in partnership with global technology & business leaders.

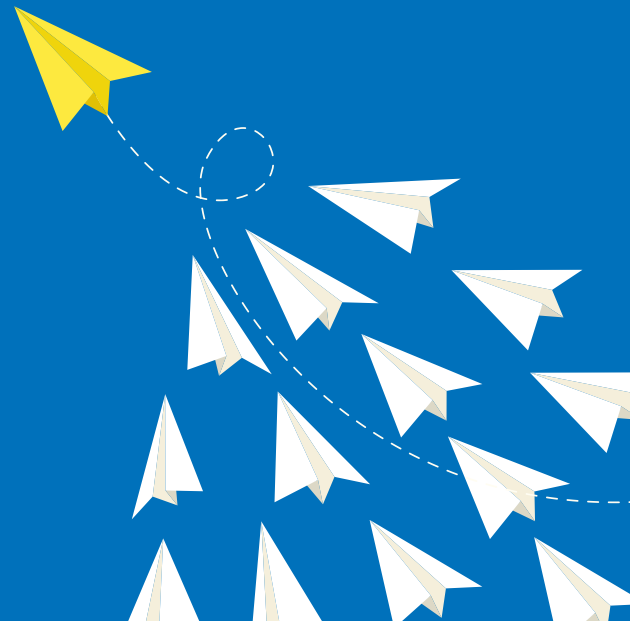
03

To make long term and scalable ground level impact in India.

OUR
MISSION

OUR
VISION

A world where each one lives with dignity and is provided an opportunity to rightfully exist.



WHAT WE DO



Disability

Mobility Aids | PhysioTherapy | Skill Training & Livelihoods | Ratna Nidhi Leg

- Empowering the disabled by enabling freedom of movement, self-determination, self-respect and dignity.

Vision For All | Vision One Million | Project MUSE

- Liaise with government to facilitate ease of access to healthcare



HealthCare



Education

Food for Education | Mission Million Books | Open Library | Library On Wheels | Scholarship Program

- Influencing young minds with knowledge changing thy attitudes and practices
- Facilitating scholarships and safeguarding the future of the deserving
- Address critical nutritional needs of school children

Garments Project | Computer Centers

- Building capacity of educational institutes, hospitals & organizations by helping bridge knowledge & resource gaps
- Partnering with government to facilitate ease of access to healthcare and educational Possibilities
- Offering clean refurbished garments thereby aiding safety and offerings respect



Community Welfare

OUR REACH



Clothes donated
since 1992

12.50 Lakh



Mobility appliances
donated since 2001

2.6 Lakh



Students flourishing
through our
Scholarship since 2003

391



2.6 cr+

Nutritional meals
served to children
since 1998



7.94 Lakh

Books added to
local libraries
since 1996



4000+

People free of
vision concerns in
just a year



270

Computers
donated



OUR SKILL TRAINING & LIVELIHOODS MODEL:

Many moons ago,
There lived a tiny crow,
He Couldn't Land Steadily
Was his only Woe,

This crow with only one toe,
Awaited a miracle, for the other toe to grow
He reached a holy river, wondrously which flow
A dip is what he needed, for his other foot to show.

Excited, eager, happy he'd now land like a pro
This is all he needed, he thought so
Cheerfully he flew around, showing off his higher flight
"I can go higher now; cos landing is my might"
Down came he sooner, fell flat on his face
Skill is what he needed to be a part of the race.



Offered Skill Training's:



Grooming/Social
Etiquettes Training



English Speaking
Classes



Basic Computer
Training

In an effort to close the loop and complete a full circle of enablement for our disabled beneficiaries. We realized providing mobility appliances, prosthetic aids & physiotherapy were not enough. Now that the beneficiaries had found a new meaning to life, it was imperative we channelize their energies in the right direction to help them not be dependable in any form. We have partnered with various institutes to skill train and provide placements in the fields of logistics, sales training, data entry jobs, etc.

STORIES OF CHANGE



2.6 Lakh+ people since **2001** are able to walk with the help of mobility appliances distributed by **Ratna Nidhi**

Karwar, a port town in southern India. Karwar literally means the bay of safety. In this town, lived a little girl named Rozy. She was on her way to school on a regular day, which turned out to be a catastrophe. That afternoon Rosy lost her right leg in an awful bus accident. She was 8 then. The nearest hospital was 115 kms away and it was too late by the time she reached the hospital to curb the damage that had been made. Rozy tried other options available to her such as wooden amputee leg, however they were too heavy to manage and uncomfortable.

Years later Rozy found love and moved to Mumbai post her marriage. Here is when she found out about the Ratna Nidhi leg and visited our center. To her surprise she went home the same day with a brand new pair of lightweight Jaipur foot. She was ecstatic on how comfortable she

felt with the new fitting. She says it took her 40 years to get back to her new normal. She continues to work as a typist at one of the civil courts in Mumbai and inspire us every day with the choices she made in life.

“It took me 40 years to get back to my new normal!”

- Rozy, 48, Typist | Warrior Princess

Rohit is 13, a super batsman and a terrific break dancer. He helps his mom and sister in collecting scrap in the area near Bandra. They get paid ~INR 250 based on the plastic they can segregate. They are clearly not pleased with the recent plastic ban in the state which has significantly crushed their meagre earnings.

Rohit attends informal schooling with Aasra Welfare Society at the education centre in their waste segregation unit in Bandra W. As a family, they struggled to have at least one full meal a day. He is beaming with joy that he is now lucky enough to sometimes have two meals a day of which one is definite at school.

Rohit lives by his simple motto ‘Jaldi khao, aaram se likho’ (eat fast, write slow).

“Jaldi Khao, Aaram Se Likho”

- Rohit, Student | Rag Picker

Ratna Nidhi’s Food for Education Program has been consistently serving fresh nutritious meals to **2.6 Cr+** Children since **1998 years**.



STORIES OF CHANGE

The Taj Mahal Palace tower burning, a young boy carrying an AK-47 shooting aimlessly, the black commandos sliding down from the helicopters, three days of absolute mayhem and bloodbath, this gloomy day in history may have become a hazed memory for a few, but will remain a nightmare for the Gupta Family.

Vinod, a garage mechanic and father of two beautiful daughters aged 2 and 7 yrs., at the time of the incident, was shot in the head at CST Station and deceased on the spot while his mother, Malatidevi, suffered serious bullet injuries. His widow Savitri was a house-wife until this unfortunate incident, has now taken up a job with Railways as a cleaner.

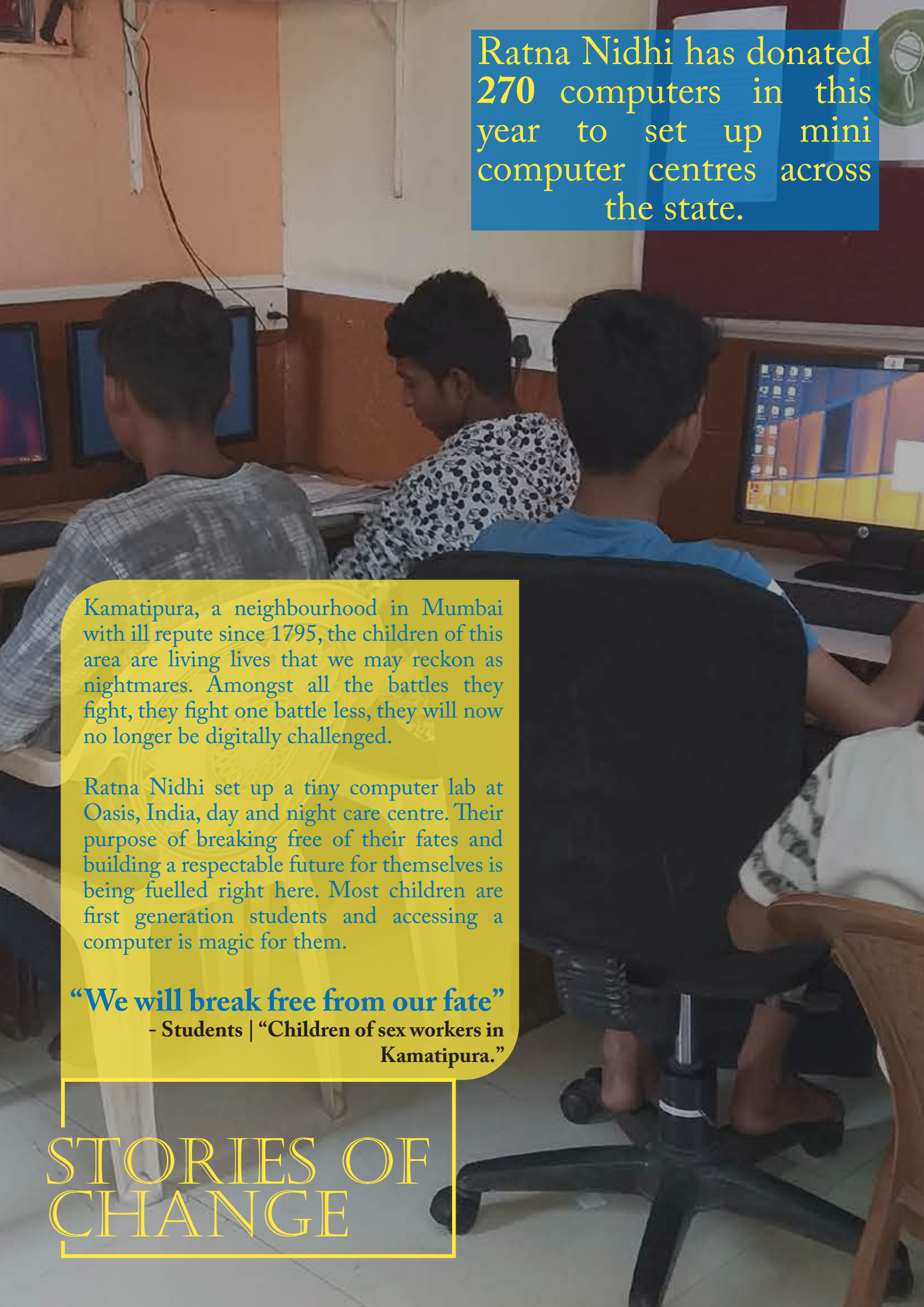
Ratna Nidhi has been supporting Anjali and Nikita with scholarship since 2011. These little girls have now grown up to be smart individuals with Anjali in Class 9 who also stood second in class, and Nikita in Class 5. Their sheer dedication in spite of this unfortunate incident has also encouraged their own mother to pursue further education. Savitri Gupta, 35 a single mother of two has also completed 10th class through night school. She says, "Hum Sirf Ladkiyan Hai Ab Ghar Mein, Lekin Kaafi Hai" (We are only girls, we are enough).

"We are only girls, we are enough"-

Savitri, 35 Single Mother | Railway Cleaner



Ratna Nidhi's Scholarship Program has been directed to Mumbai terror attacks survivors and families aiding **563** families till date.



Ratna Nidhi has donated
270 computers in this
year to set up mini
computer centres across
the state.

Kamatipura, a neighbourhood in Mumbai with ill repute since 1795, the children of this area are living lives that we may reckon as nightmares. Amongst all the battles they fight, they fight one battle less, they will now no longer be digitally challenged.

Ratna Nidhi set up a tiny computer lab at Oasis, India, day and night care centre. Their purpose of breaking free of their fates and building a respectable future for themselves is being fuelled right here. Most children are first generation students and accessing a computer is magic for them.

“We will break free from our fate”

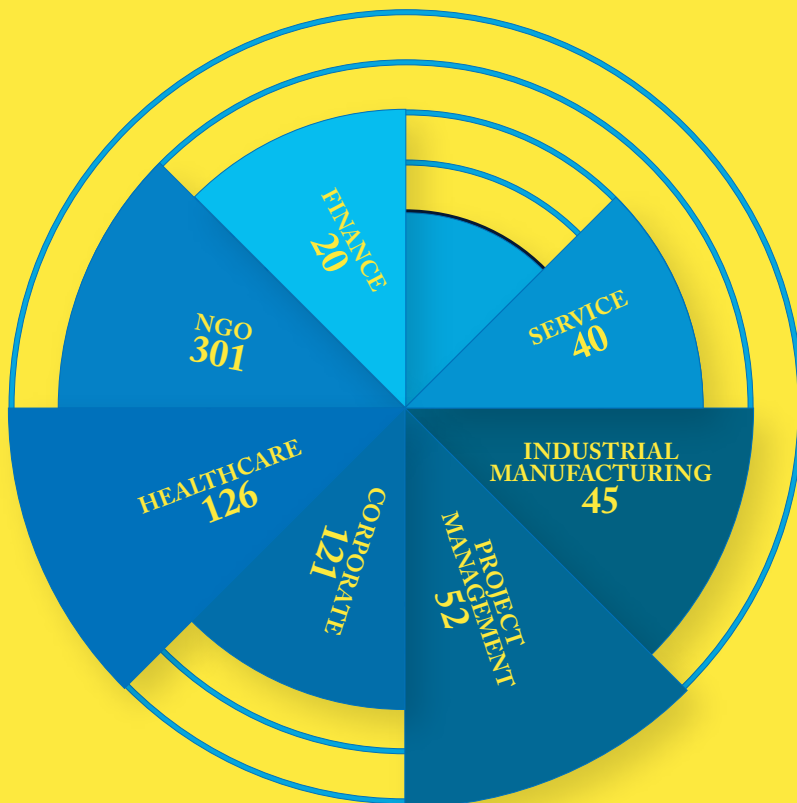
- Students | “Children of sex workers in
Kamatipura.”

STORIES OF
CHANGE

WHY CHOSE US?



- Our approach is technology driven which brings about transformation in the field of philanthropy
- We work with focus on identified key segments of society to ensure comprehensive development.
- Our work is predefined, well thought through along with set robust processes to ensure zero wastage, maximum outcome and measurable impact
- Our strengths lie in precise reporting matrix for all projects to key stakeholders thereby ensuring complete transparency
- Partnership with Government and Pan India Reach along with International Presence



Field	Total yrs. of Experience
NGO	301
HEALTHCARE	126
CORPORATE	121
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	52
INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING	45
SERVICE	40
FINANCE	20

OUR ADVISORS



NITIN KHANAPURKAR

A renowned corporate professional, MR. Khanapurkar brings to Ratna Nidhi 28 years of work experience in the area of expanding operations and streamlining businesses globally. He comes from a family that has been mentoring NGO's for more than 3 decades. He is the Global Head of Governance at Apex Fund Services Ltd, London.



DR. RAVI BHALLAMUDI

Prof. B. Ravi is an Institute Chair Professor of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Bombay and founder of BETIC – Biomedical Engineering & Technology incubation Centre. In the last 25 years he led several inter-disciplinary multi-institutional R&D projects, leading to indigenous products, start-up companies and social impact.



Ashok Kothari

Mr. Kothari, an engineer by profession, with over 45 years of experience in the Manufacturing sector, is currently heading the manufacturing unit of Pakona Engineers Pvt. Ltd. He is also the president of NSM Trust which operates a school, Jr. College & Degree College in Vile parle, Mumbai and is the Secretary General APEX BODY at Jain International Organization (JIO).



EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS

MISSION MILLION BOOKS

3.6
Lakh+ Books
Donated



MUSE CENTRE OPENING

1st
Free Walk In
Eye Check Up
Centre

KARGIL CAMP

241+
Mobility Appliances
Donated



EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS



CM EVENT

1 Million
School Children to
be screened

NASHIK
MOBILITY CAMP

500+
Mobility
Equipments
Donated



VISION 10K

632
Vision Screening
conducted for BMC
Sewage Cleaners

Mission Million Books

On 22nd April 2018, Ratna Nidhi in association with Alibaba Group organized the fourth exhibition under Mission Million Books (MMB) project, which seeks to donate 1 million books to 10,000 schools and colleges in India for free. Through this exhibition we donated 3.6 lakh educational books to 1000 low income schools and colleges in Maharashtra.

Books Donated
3.6 Lakh



Muse Centre Opening

We proudly announce our partnership with the Vision Foundation of India with our first eye check-up centre in Mahalaxmi. In line with our MUSE (Mumbai Urban Slum Eyecare) initiative we aim at providing free eye check-ups yearlong, along with prescribed glasses and other ailments at extremely subsidised rates.

1st Eye Check-up Center



Mobility Appliances
Donated
241+

Kargil Mobility Camp

241+ legs will now be walking with dignity with the help of Mobility Camp at Kargil, the recognised war memorial of 1999. Though the winning of operation Vijay remains moist on our minds, the people of Kargil are sadly disregarded. Conflicted/isolated areas, less connectivity and many more limitations provide low accessibility to decent healthcare solutions. We successfully organised a mobility camp in Kargil to enabling 241+ legs to walk with dignity.



Mobility Equipments Donated
500+

Nasik Mobility Camp

500+ people have benefitted from our mobility camp in Nashik. Along with distribution of callipers, Jaipur Foot, crutches & prosthetic hands. We also conducted an eye screening camp where Essilor prescribed eye glasses were distributed absolutely free.



Vision Screening conducted for BMC Sewage Cleaners **632**

Vision 10k

Vision 10K program is aimed at helping upto 10,000 underserved in Mumbai city by providing high quality prescribed eye glasses post vision screening camps.

This quarter we created an impact with our community helpers by conducting screening camps with Mumbai/Pune Police and BMC Sewage Cleaners apart from children from the low income group. 632 people have been screened.



Official NGO Partner with Maharashtra Government

Mahaparivartan, a Maharashtra Government initiative, is focused on using the Public- Private Partnership for social development of Maharashtra. Ratna Nidhi is the official NGO Partner for various programs under Healthcare & Education.

In Partnership with Essilor Vision Foundation, France Ratna Nidhi will facilitate screening of 1 million school children in rural Maharashtra for vision correction. Further, donating custom made Prescription Eye Glasses to 1.50 lakh students of low income group.

As part of the signed MOU Ratna Nidhi also aims to provide free mobility and prosthetics aids to physically disabled people and also set up libraries in rural Maharashtra.

School Children to be
screened
1 Million



BRAND PARTNER



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eyeplus

ACC
TRUST



Asian Star Co.
Ltd., India

JEWELX
EXPERIENCE THE BRILLIANCE

United Shippers
Ltd., India



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Ecom
Express



Rotary Club of Bombay
Hanging Garden

Bombay South Rotary
Charitable Trust

Dharma
Bharathi
Mission, India

Akshar Gyan
Charitable
Trust, India

Masoom



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Foundation, India



Oasis India



“
Development is about
transforming lives of people,
not just transforming
economies.
”

~ Joseph Stiglitz

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Donations to all projects are exempted from income tax u/s 80-G

We are FCRA registered



Donation Form

We will very much appreciate you updating your contact information

Name			
Address			
City, State, Pin Code			
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
E-mail ID			
Comments			

Open your heart and fill in the form generously.
You can pay online at www.RatnaNidhi.org or
Fill this form and mail it with your cheque

Sr. No.	Project	Each Contribution (₹)	Number of Items	Total
1	Food Project (per child per month)	400		
2	Food Project (per child per year)	4000		
3	Jaipur Foot- Artificial Limb	3500		
4	Calibers for Polio -Affected	3500		
5	Wheelchair	5500		
6	Crutches(One pair)	850		
7	Hearing aid	2000		
8	Prosthetic Hand	3500		
9	General Support			
	A cheque in favor of “ Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust” is enclosed for this amount			Total Rs.