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Vision & Mission

Vision

Our vision is to propagate welfare of the underprivileged in the society with an emphasis on slum children, youth, physically and visually challenged, aged, infirm and destitute.

Mission

- › To ensure the holistic development of impoverished children by providing them quality education, healthcare and adequate nutrition so as to aid their growth as an individual and resource for the society.
- › To guide, train and develop skills among the youth of the country so that they can secure a job and become self-reliant.
- › To provide medical services to financially backward strata of the society who are unable to afford the treatment for their ailment.
- › To extend monetary support to the deprived children up to the age of 14 years suffering from chronic diseases.
- › To enrich the lives of the aged people with the care and comfort that they deserve.
- › To promote a healthy society by encouraging environment sustainable measures like tree plantations & cleanliness drives across the country.

Chairman's Message

Dear Supporters

'Diya' means 'lamp', and true to our name, we seek to spread the light of hope and care - wherever we find the darkness of anguish and despair.

We endeavour, in a humble way, to reach underprivileged children and give them an encouraging new lease of life.

The focus of Diya India Foundation is not just limited to the children. We provide support to needy women, offer them vocational skills to enable them to lead lives of financial independence and self-esteem. We also support old age homes, where our elderly are provided with best possible care.

For me, the world is beautiful when all its children are healthy and smiling. But unfortunately, today our society loses millions of little lives to congenital diseases. It is distressing to see the plight of parents who are unable to arrange funds for the costly treatments required to save their children's lives. It was 2016 that we decided to take a strong step and do something about it. Our team was determined to financially and emotionally support these economically weak families in saving their children. I still remember the first kid Mahenoor, a 6-month-old daughter of a labourer coming to us. Stricken with poverty, her parents could not afford the treatment (a treatment which could help her lead a healthy & normal life) and hence, were severely depressed and hopeless. With the help of our kind supporters, we could save her life successfully, and that was a defining moment for us to see. It also gave us the necessary confidence and a great desire to continue this noble cause and save more number of precious lives. Today we are grateful to each of our supporters who contribute generously to saving the lives of these young souls.

We are also determined to fight the War Against Hunger and malnutrition. Under our campaign "War Against Hunger"; we have till now supported 250 underprivileged families with basic food supplies and distributed 35,800 meals to daily wage workers affected by Covid-19 Pandemic. Under our project "Gift Of Mobility"; we have also distributed 50 Wheelchairs and Sticks to people who lack mobility.

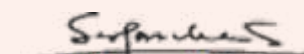
There is no joy greater than the Joy of Giving and I consider myself lucky to meet like-minded people like you who are not just concerned for the society but are willing to change their concerns into actions.

Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much.

In the last seven years, Diya India has been able to make a significant impact on the underprivileged communities with education, health care and skill development and we would like to give the credits to the ones who made it possible, YOU.

As Diya India is determined with bigger goals now, your continued patronage will not only be a catalyst in our journey but will also be a big support in bringing significant change in the society.

We believe in you, your energies and your kindness. You are the power of Diya India and the Real Heroes of the Society.



Padma Shri Dr. S.C. Manchanda

Senior Cardiologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
Chairman, Advisory Board, Diya India Foundation



It's not how
much we
give but
how much
Love
we put into
Giving

Umeed Ki Kiran



A musical event “Umeed Ki Kiran” was organised to raise awareness about the environment, education and health of the underprivileged community at Select City Walk.

The event saw young musicians and dancers taking the center stage. Students from various colleges gave scintillating performances, forcing the audience to groove with them.

The event inspired conversations about championing ways of working together to eradicate the root cause of the social problems in the country and accelerate the progress of the underprivileged section of society in Delhi and beyond.



EMBRACE

Spreading Warmth Anywhere Everywhere

Embrace is a versatile solution with many uses. Embrace Nest helps complete the warm chain that is critical to newborns' well-being. Doctors have adopted it for many uses in the journey - from birth to home - whenever they are unable to use traditional equipment and kangaroo mother care.

The Team of Diya India Foundation visited the Kamla Nehru State Hospital in Shimla to educate the Pediatric team of the Hospital of the immense benefits associated with our new initiative, EMBRACE, that will bring about a substantial decline in the constantly soaring infant mortality rate in India. The visit to the hospital helped our team to appropriately train the nurses and doctors on how to use the Embrace Warmer.

What brought tears to our eyes is when a mother to a merely 450-gram premature baby could easily hold and feed her child when we wrapped her baby in the Embrace Warmer who was under a critical neonatal care. With our new initiative Embrace, Diya India Foundation aims to install 12 Embrace warmer in the Hospital that lacks proper neonatal care services.



Sarthi
Nayi Raah, Nayi Ummeed

In our endeavour to bring light and guidance in the lives of the visually impaired, Diya India Foundation reached out to the Physically Handicap Welfare Society in Jain Nagar, Delhi. The idea was to offer them the revolutionary electronic stick, SMART CANE which helps its users navigate the world independently and with dignity. The smart cane works through vibration patterns indicating the obstacle and provides the information to its owner.





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Lifting The Curtain Of Shame & Silence From Menstruation

More than 10 teams of 200 student volunteers are working in various areas of Delhi & NCR with an objective to make every woman feel "Proud to Bleed". Studying in different colleges in Delhi, they came united for a social cause. They have successfully organized multiple live music events in Connaught place, New Delhi to spread awareness about the initiative and raise funds to support the cause.

The funds collected from the event have been used to provide low-cost sanitary napkins to women and young girls in the slum areas of Delhi. More than 1,000 women have been benefited with distribution of 60,000 sanitary napkins in the slum area of Nihal Vihar, Peeragarhi, Jahangirpuri in Delhi & Siliguri (Assam). The main focus is to encourage every woman to embrace their womanhood in a healthy way.

These volunteers interacted with more than 1000 women and young girls living in different slum areas and found out that only 1 out of every 8 women is using sanitary pads while the others are still stuck with rags and ashes. These women unanimously took interest in our awareness session and were excited to be benefited from our initiative.

The idea behind this initiative is to break the taboo of talking about menstruation in India and making sanitary napkins not only affordable but also available to every woman, even in the remote areas of Delhi.



Caring For Those Who Cared For Us

"Love your parents and treat them with care. We will only realise their value when you see an empty chair."

Many kids nowadays have forgotten their parent's hardships and love for them, considering them as liabilities rather than an asset. And hence, they send them away to live in old age home.

Geeta Mandir old age home is one such place that provides a loving home for the elderly. Volunteers from Diya India Foundation regularly visit them, and share moments of happiness and love. As a token of warmth in our relationship, we distributed blankets, woolen socks during winters to them. Their eyes filled with tears of happiness.

Diya India also distributes ration, vegetables, bed sheets, daily need items on monthly basis to them. Every visit is also an interactive session where the golden agers pour their hearts out to us. Their blessings and unwavering hopes always motivates us to keep up the good work.





Gift Of Warmth

During the freezing winter nights of Delhi, when the entire city dons their blankets, Monkey -Caps and mufflers with a hot cup of tea, there are many underprivileged who cannot even afford a sweater and are left alone to shiver.

To give them warmth, Diya India Foundation organised distribution drives and distributed more than 200 Blankets, Warmers, Woolen Caps and Woolen Socks to the elderly and under privileged people living on the streets and in the slums of Nangloi and Peeragarhi, shivering from the cold. The happiness on their face cannot be defined in words after receiving this Gift of Warmth. Diya India Foundation is happy to witness the overwhelming response. We are thankful to our Supporters for helping us in this noble cause.



DESKIT Distribution

Diya India Foundation extended its support and provided 220 Deskits to the underprivileged children studying at Pragati Wheel School in Delhi & BSP Education Society in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh who quite frequently complained of back pain because they had to sit on rugs or worn-out wooden desks to read and write.

The excitement of these children touched the sky when they saw the new bag that could be used as a desk making it easier for them to sit straight and concentrate more on their studies. Deskit can easily be used as a usual school bag to carry books and then later like a desk to keep the book to study at school and home both.





WAR AGAINST HUNGER

"We rise by lifting others and there is no better way to lift you own self than by feeding others."

Diya India Foundation feels proud to be the torchbearer of a very noble cause "War against Hunger", an initiative that is driven towards fighting hunger by offering free monthly ration to the underprivileged families. Every month more than 250 BPL families affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic which cannot afford two square meals a day are benefited with free food supplies in the slums of Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The Foundation believes that no one deserves to die of malnutrition and is taking relevant steps to combat hunger in the capital. Apart from these families, Diya India is also supporting more than 20 inmates of two blind schools and one blind couple in Delhi with monthly ration support.



Diya Kitchen *Diya's New Endeavor*

Even before the Covid-19 Pandemic struck the world, food shortage was a problem that many faced. After the devastating second wave of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the situation in India's national capital turned worse when thousands of underprivileged families had to live on the streets without any food.

Keeping this in mind, we started our new endeavour "Diya India Kitchen", with an aim to provide freshly cooked meals to the underprivileged families affected by the pandemic. With the Blessings & Kindness of our generous supporters, we are distributing freshly prepared meals to around 1000 underprivileged living in the slum area of West Delhi.



Events & Happenings

Yoga Day

With the advent in technology and with schools being closed due to the Pandemic. Physical activities in kids nowadays have drastically reduced. Parents need an alternative to keep their kids active and healthy. We celebrated Yoga Day to enlighten students and their parents about the benefits of yoga. It helps children to stay active, which in turn, builds their immunity. In yoga classes, some poses are fast moving while others are slow paced. This allows children to learn self-control; enhancing their focus and awareness. When children become accustomed to practicing yoga postures, it automatically improves their ability to concentrate.

Environment Day

Every Year on June 5, World Environment Day is celebrated across the globe to mark the importance of nature and environment. Nature fulfills our indispensable needs. In return, we should protect our mother nature. Our School students celebrated Environment day with joy, making posters, cards with thoughtful quotes. It helped them gain knowledge about their surrounding environment and raise them to be an aid to Mother Nature.

Father's Day

Across the world, Father's Day is a day of honoring fathers and paternal bonds. Kids nowadays are busy with their schools and their fathers are busy with work. This somewhere creates a strain in their relationship. To remind children of the importance of their fathers in their lives, we celebrated Father's Day. Students gave handmade cards to their fathers and shared a memorable time together.

EID Mubarak

The festival of Eid is marked by the first sighting of the crescent moon at the end of the month of Ramzan. It is known for community dining, charity, and families and friends spending time together. This year our students celebrated Eid in their homes, helping their mothers cook delicious meals, spending time with family, and sharing cards they made. It was a joyous time for them.

Mother's Day

Mother's are our life givers and our support system. Without them, home doesn't feel home. They work 24*7 for us without demanding anything in return. Our mothers need to be respected. Our school students celebrated Mother's Day and spent some quality time with their mothers. They imprinted their hands on cards representing their family and showed how their mother is the backbone of the Family.

A Salute to Indian Republic Independence Day Celebration

On 15 August 2021, India celebrated its 75th independence day. This day we ended our years of struggle and attained freedom. The students of Chetan Vidya Mandir dressed beautifully in oranges, whites and greens representing our tricolour flag. They wrote slogans of our freedom fighters remembering the struggle and hardships they faced, made posters and kites. These young ones are the ray of hope for our country.

Gift of Life

The ongoing outbreak of the Coronavirus is spreading uncontrollably around the world, badly affecting people suffering from “time-sensitive” diseases such as congenital heart diseases (CHD). Almost around 1.35 million babies are born with CHD, out of which 40,000 are born in India every year. Keeping this in mind, Diya India Foundation has taken an initiative i.e. AAYUSH aiming to provide financial support to the destitute families who are not able to afford the surgery costs. Till now, Diya India Foundation has supported almost 418+ open heart surgeries and we strive to support more such kids.



#MISSION CARE

With cases of Covid-19 spreading all over Delhi, Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Workers have been on the frontline every day, helping critically ill patients.

They put themselves at risk every single day and when they go home they worry about exposing their families to the deadly virus. During these strenuous times, the Diya India Foundation under its project “Mission Care”, delivered Oxygen Concentrator, PPE Kits, N-95 Masks, Surgical Masks, Oximeters and Sanitizers to Bhatia Global Hospital & Endosurgery Institute, New Delhi.

We also went further north to distribute PPE Kits, Masks and Sanitizers to the doctors, workers and health care workers of Khyber Hospital in Srinagar, Kashmir.





Giving a Gift of Mobility

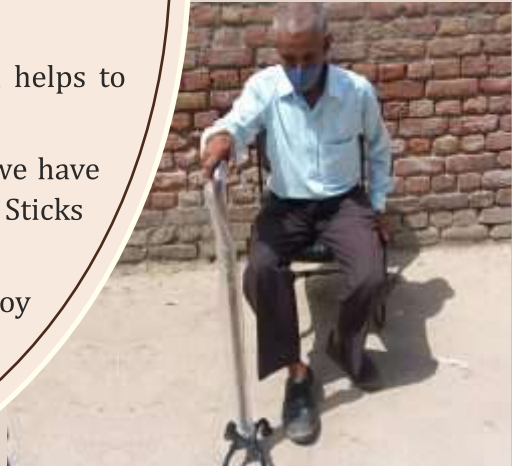
Millions of people lack mobility, and without wheelchairs or sticks, their options are limited. There are thousands of underprivileged people who, without wheelchair are crawling on the floor and wherever their families go they have to take them in their arms.

Visually impaired people find difficulties detecting obstacles in front of them during walking in the street which makes it dangerous. The smart stick comes as a proposed solution to enable them to identify the world around.

Smart stick is fitted with Infrared sensor which helps to detect potholes and staircases.

With generous support from our supporters, we have distributed 50 wheelchairs, Sticks & 30 Smart Sticks so far.

This Gift of Mobility has given unbelievable joy to the recipients and their families.



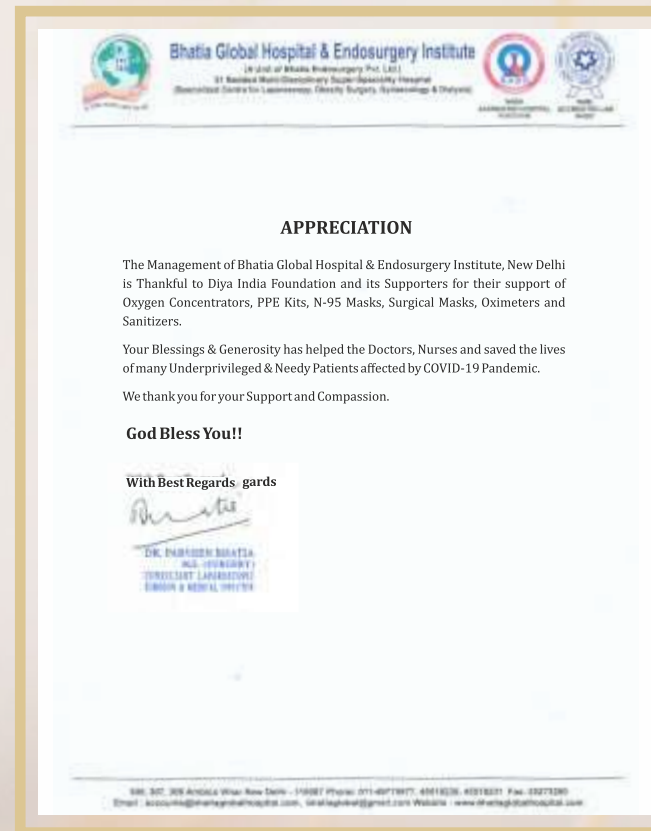
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