

NEWS UPDATE

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“Giving is not just about making a donation; it's about making a difference.”

- KATHY CALVIN



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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF M S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Manu and Rika Shah founded MSI in 1975, in the basement of their home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. MSI is now the largest importer and distributor in the world of Premium Surfaces including granite, marble, porcelain and ceramic tiles, slate, travertine, limestone and other natural stone products from 37 countries. Most notably, MSI provided the granite for the Vietnam Memorial in DC.

Manu and Rika Shah established Sarva Mangal Family Trust (Sarva Mangal means 'let all be happy' in Sanskrit) over 20 years ago with compassion as their driving force for philanthropy. Manu's vision for SMFT is to act as a catalyst, challenge status quo, nurture passionate change-makers and support leapfrogging ideas that are scalable and sustainable. Today, all members from the Shah family are involved in social impact initiatives that are undertaken by SMFT. Manu supports VOSAP – Voice of Specially Abled People, which has created over 10,000 change makers and rated over 18,000 buildings rated for accessibility. He also supports Lend a hand India, which provides digital vocational training to over 300,000 students in 20,000 schools.

In 2007, Mr. Manu Shah was named Ernst & Young's national "Entrepreneur of the Year" in the distribution, manufacturing, and security category.

ABOUT SARVA MANGAL FAMILY TRUST

Established in 1994 by the Founders of M S International, Inc. The mission of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust is to improve and strengthen the health, education and wellness of communities and help them prepare for global jobs of the 21st century. Sarva Mangal is a Sanskrit word which means "Goodness to All."

To advance this mission, the Sarva Mangal Family Trust has donated to and is continuing to work with various organizations and programs in health promotion and prevention, assisting victims of domestic violence, empowering seniors, entrepreneurship, technological literacy, community activism, and children's education.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



EXPANDING VISION: SARVA MANGAL FAMILY TRUST'S VISION CARE PROJECT

Sarva Mangal Family Trust is on a mission to transform the lives of 40 million people in rural India through their Vision Care Project. In collaboration with Bhansali Trust and other nonprofit partners, this visionary initiative leverages cutting-edge autorefractor device to diagnose and correct vision problems. By providing eyeglasses to those in need, SMFT aims to bring clarity and improved quality of life to millions who otherwise lack access to essential eye care services. In the next five years, SMFT is set to make a remarkable impact on the landscape of rural healthcare.

NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST

August 2023 – Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited Bhansali Trust in Radhanpur, Gujarat to witness the impactful progress of the Vision Care Project, conducted in partnership with the Bhansali Trust. This visionary initiative has already commenced its mission in Radhanpur, as well as in Dang, Assam, and Bihar.

Through the utilization of cutting-edge autorefractor devices, the project can efficiently examine and provide eyeglasses to 250-300 patients daily, completing the entire process in under five minutes. Remarkably, this endeavor has touched the lives of over 100,000 individuals, with approximately 40% requiring refractive correction.

However, it's important to note that in cases of cataract patients, where the eye condition blocks the signal received by the autorefractor, refractive measurements become challenging.

During their visit, SMFT team had the privilege of engaging with Bhansali Trust's Self Help Groups, Manav Rahat beneficiaries, Supplementary Nutrition program beneficiaries, gaining valuable insights into the transformative impact of their work.

Beyond Radhanpur, Bhansali Trust has a widespread presence in Gujarat, spanning across 492 villages, overseen by 35 supervisors and supported by 563 part-time volunteers. The Trust's Self Help Groups consists of socially and economically disadvantaged women who come together, contribute small monthly savings that are eventually supplemented by bank loans. This collective effort fosters financial independence and community development.

Additionally, the Manav Rahat initiative extends a helping hand to underserved individuals, providing essential monthly aid to those in need.

Since 1982, Bhansali Trust runs a multidisciplinary 220-bed Gandhi Lincoln hospital in Deesa. The hospital has specialized departments including pediatrics, gynecology, orthopedics, pathology, radiology, ENT, psychiatry, and ophthalmology, in addition to its comprehensive medical and surgical units. Ensuring prompt and accurate diagnostics, the hospital has a fully equipped laboratory and an independent blood bank, reinforcing its commitment to delivering essential healthcare services to the community.



Diagnosis Using Autorefractor



Self Help Groups



Manav Rahat Project Beneficiary



Visit to Gandhi Lincoln Hospital

NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST



Diagnosis Using Autorefractor



Vision Care Project



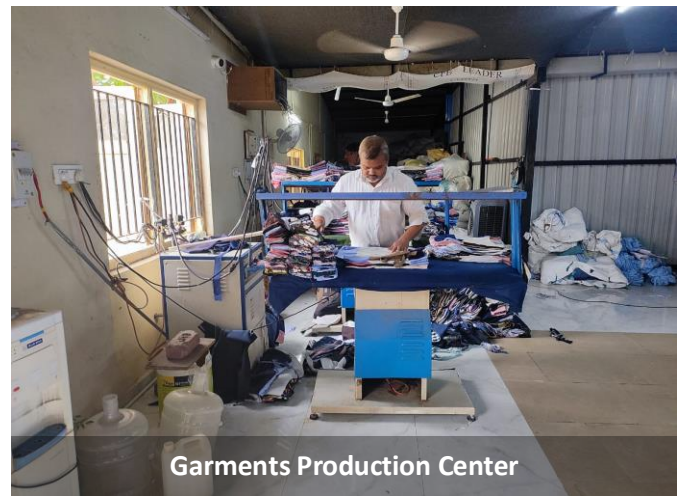
Self Help Groups



Manav Rahat Project Beneficiary



Garments Training Center



Garments Production Center

NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST



Nairoli High School



XII Grade Classroom



Basketball Court



Gandhi Lincoln Hospital



Deaddiction Camp Beneficiaries



OPD Patients Waiting Area

NGO IN FOCUS FOR AUGUST'23 – LEND A HAND INDIA

Lend A Hand India, a non-profit organization founded in 2006, operates at the cross-section of education and livelihood by providing skill education to secondary and higher secondary school students.

The organization collaborates with government and government-aided schools to integrate vocational education as a core component of the school curriculum. It establishes labs equipped with the necessary tools and equipment, recruits and trains qualified vocational trainers, arranges internship opportunities for students, facilitates their assessment and certification, and provides placement support.



This model is scaled through partnerships with state governments, wherein Lend A Hand India offers project management support to the states and assists in implementation by leveraging state machinery.

Current Outreach



NGO IN FOCUS FOR AUGUST'23 – LEND A HAND INDIA (Cont.)

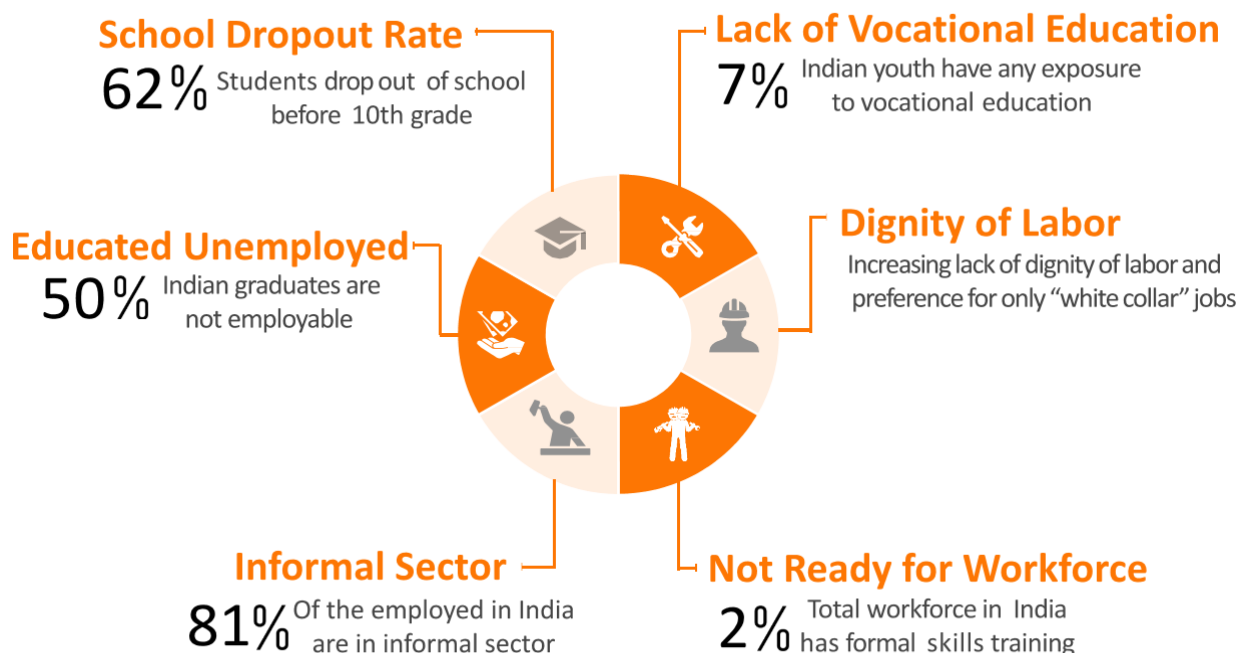
Vocational Education for 1 Million Youth Over 3 Years

- Work with existing education systems – High Schools, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) across multiple states
- Introduce skill education as part of the curriculum between Grade 9 to 12
- Focus on core technical/blue-collar skills
- Tablets for Upskilling
- Other digital means (AI, Machine Learning) of instructions to significantly enhance the quality of training
- Launch Anti-Tobacco campaign and contribute to reduce tobacco addiction



Project Location: Lend A Hand India provides vocational education to youth across India with the support of Sarva Mangal Family Trust. The focus states are Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Odisha.

Current Education System is Not Preparing Students for Livelihood



NGO IN FOCUS FOR AUGUST'23 – LEND A HAND INDIA (Cont.)

Recent Project Update

- Project launched in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Odisha covering over 250,000 youth
- 12 states received the \$4 funding for internship, an innovation of Lend A Hand India, helping promote 200,999 internships
- A qualified medical doctor has joined the team to focus on the vision care and anti-tobacco initiatives
- 6 states adopted a monitoring and tracking software developed by Lend A Hand India to monitor vocational education in the state



Highlight of the Month

Senior Leadership team offsite took place to develop a second line of leadership in the organization.



Other Innovative Initiatives to Impart Skill Education among Youth

Skills on Wheels

It is a pioneering prototype that equips a school bus with necessary tools and equipment, accompanied by trained vocational trainers. Skills on Wheels is focused on urban and rural schools where conventional skill development efforts cannot reach due to a lack of space and trainers. It imparts skill training in various areas such as welding, plumbing, electrical wiring, food processing, basic healthcare, mobile repairs, etc.



In addition to the required tools and equipment, it is a self-contained unit with necessary furniture, AV facilities, a computer with Wi-Fi connectivity, a power generator, and a system for outreach and spreading awareness about various career options available after Grade 10th and 12th



Karigar - School of Applied Learning

Karigar – School of Applied Learning, based in Pune, incorporates the decade-long experience of Lend A Hand India as a “Skills Hub” to showcase a model for multi-skill vocational education.

Sometimes described as the “Disneyland of Skills,” they provide training in multiple skills, ranging from food processing, electrical appliance repairs, food preservation, baking, gardening and landscaping, auto maintenance, information technology, media and entertainment, fabrication, carpentry, and plumbing. The core objective is to popularize “working with hands,” leading to the universalization of skill education.



SUCCESS STORY – LEND A HAND INDIA

Alfiya Kiwade is a Grade 12 student at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose School in Yerwada. Its bikes, cars, and machines that bring joy to Alfiya. She has opted for “Automotive Repairs” as her vocational subject.

Beneficiary Name: Alfiya Kiwade
Project: Skill Education in School
Location: Pune, Maharashtra

Automotive repair, often stereotyped as a "boys-only" field, wasn't a choice her parents were initially certain Alfiya should make.

Currently, Alfiya is interning at a garage in Pune. There are only two girls employed there, including her. She has transformed from a timid teenager into a self-assured intern who enjoys working with various vehicles, operating different machinery, and fearlessly interacting with customers. After a long day, when you encounter Alfiya, expecting to see her tired and dull, you'll find her full of energy and eager for more work. Alfiya refused to conform to stereotypes and chose the less-traveled path.



SUCCESS STORY – LEND A HAND INDIA

Islam getting a job with Decathlon was beyond his dreams, an unexpected miracle.

Beneficiary Name: Islam

Project: LAHI Job Fair

Location: Delhi

Islam grew up in Chhatarpur Extension, South Delhi. His family runs a fabric business. After completing 12th grade, he wanted to secure a job while continuing his higher education. So, when Lend A Hand India organized a Job Fair, Islam joined them. He was an introvert, which made it challenging for him to communicate openly. Consequently, he was anxious about how well he would perform in the interview. Thus, when LAHI conducted preparatory sessions at the Boot camp, he diligently attended all the sessions to feel prepared for the D-day.

Students had the opportunity to interview for positions across LAHI's partner organizations during the Job Fair. Decathlon, a renowned sports equipment retailer, was among the most sought-after employers. Out of all the attendees, Islam was one of the 17 students chosen to progress to the second interview round. After passing the written examination in this round, he was further shortlisted for the final individual interviews held at the Decathlon store in Ambience Mall, Vasant Kunj. Guess what? Islam stood out among all the candidates, securing the only spot offered by Decathlon. On April 12, 2023, Islam joined Decathlon as a sports leader.

Islam's success has made his family immensely proud and turned him into a role model for his friends and acquaintances. Now, Islam has ambitious plans, intending to pursue an MBA abroad and work for a prestigious company.

Alumni Spotlight



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