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“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



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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



SMFT DISTRIBUTED TABLETS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PUNE TO PROVIDE MULTI-SKILL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Sarva Mangal Family Trust supports Lend A Hand India's Project Swadheen which provides multi-skill vocational education and career guidance to young boys and girls from urban and rural communities of India as part of secondary and higher secondary school education. Under this initiative, SMFT distributed 20 tablets to the students. (Continued on Page 5)

NGO VISIT – ROCKET LEARNING

November 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited Rocket Learning Anganwadi and Balwadi Centers in Nashik and Mumbai.

Rocket Learning is a non-profit that catalyzes early childhood education (ECE) and community engagement. They link the government school and daycare (Anganwadi) systems with parents, using technology, media, and social influence techniques. Their vision is to ensure school and life readiness for all young children by enabling access to age-appropriate learning in school and home.

They build vibrant digital communities of parents and teachers to support early childhood education for underprivileged children. They collaborate with governments to deliver age-appropriate, play-based learning content to teachers and parents of preschoolers via WhatsApp groups. The group model creates social motivation and peer effects to incentivize teachers and parents to conduct these activities with children and share responses back with the group.

Rocket Learning's technology complements this with real-time behavioral nudges and rewards such as personalized report cards and medals sent at scale through automation.

Total **150+** students are enrolled at their Nashik and Mumbai centers. The centers have total **4** school teachers and **4** support staff. The anganwadi staff is techno savvy and can use all the digital mediums provided to them to conduct the classes. Rocket Learning team sends educational content in a practical form in the class WhatsApp group on a regular basis.

Rocket Learning impacts **1** million children in **50,000+** classrooms through **60,000+** parents communities across **6** states in India. The average child in a Rocket Learning cohort attains skills at the top **30** percent of a non-Rocket Learning class.



Kids Playing with Educational Kit



Anganwadi Kids in Class



Kids Playing with Educational Kit



Kids Reciting Poem

NGO VISIT – LEND A HAND INDIA

November 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited Lend A Hand India School in Pune.

On 24 November, Sarva Mangal Family Trust distributed 20 tablets to the students of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose School, Pune to provide them vocational education with the help of technology. This event was attended by School Principal, Teachers and Lend a Hand India trainers.

Tablet training will be conducted for the students by Lend A Hand India team two days in a week. The usage of the tablet will be tracked using Mobile Device Management application, which is pre-installed in the tablets. Additionally, applications such as Duolingo, Grasshopper, Filmorago, Snapseed, Great Learning, E-Skill India, Khan Academy are also preinstalled for the students to use.

In addition to Maharashtra, this program will further be expanded in Delhi, Gujarat, West Bengal, Haryana and Karnataka.

Lend A Hand India is a non-profit organization, started in 2006, that prepares youth for employment and entrepreneurship opportunities by working at the intersection of education and livelihood. Their aim is to integrate vocational education with mainstream education at secondary and higher secondary education level (Grade 9-12 and student Age 14 to 18).

Project Swadheen (meaning self-motivated) provides multi-skill vocational education and career guidance to young boys and girls from urban and rural communities as part of secondary and higher secondary school education. Foundational level exposure is provided in over 20 different skills ranging from food processing, healthcare, electrical wiring, gardening, landscaping, welding, and carpentry. During Grade 9 and 10, students are exposed to multiple skills in a gender agnostic manner. In Grade 11 and 12, the student specializes in a skill of her/his choice.



Students with School Principal and Teacher



Students Using the Tablet



Students Training



Students Using the Tablet

NGO VISIT – SIDDH DIVYANG FOUNDATION

November 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited NFBM Jagriti School for Blind Girls, Pune which is supported by SMFT funded nonprofit Siddh Divyang Foundation.

National Federation of the Blind Maharashtra (NFBM) Jagriti School For Blind Girls is situated at Alandi Devachi, Dist. Pune. At present **110** blind girls are housed in this school, **99%** of the students come from rural areas. The NFBM Jagriti School for Blind Girls provides free education, lodging, boarding facilities to deserved students. Regular academic coaching is given to children here along with provision for learning skills in information technology, vocational training, craft, sports training, cultural skills & communication. Home science, orientation and mobility and music classes are specialties of this special school.

Siddh Divyang Foundation is a nonprofit engaged in the development of assistive technology-based solution for the empowerment of divyang Children of India at no cost to beneficiaries through projects in three main domains: Education (Primary Education), Livelihood (Vocational Skills) and Health (Early intervention to educate, detect and identify Developmental Delay in Newborn Babies.

They provide primary education to divyang children through **Siddh Divyang Web Based Platform & Mobile App**. The Platform is an Interactive Gaming Approach installed on the computer, which uses RFID reader and tag combination for divyang children to communicate with the application. Kids are first made to watch and hear a video of variety of content, which includes, identifying shapes, colors, vehicles, musical instruments etc. For the assessment, set of 5 questions are asked in each of the assignment thereafter a report is generated based on accuracy and time taken to respond which helps to monitor the progress of child. Report generated also outlines how many mistakes were made by the child which helps them to improve over a period of time. This kit ascertains how much the child has learnt with an objective of increasing their attention and improvement in the retention level.



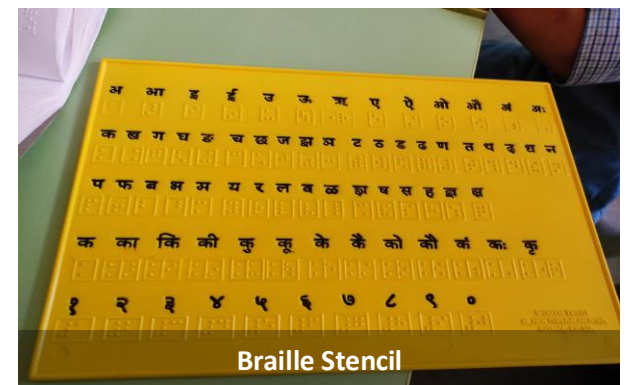
Visually Impaired Girl Learning using RFID Kit



Music Class for Visually Impaired Girls



Visually Impaired Girl Writing Welcome Note



Braille Stencil

NGO VISIT – SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA HOSPITAL

November 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital in Dharampur, Gujarat.

SRH is the leading partner to implement SMFT's anemia project in rural areas of Gujarat. The goal of SMFT's anemia project is to provide health awareness for up to 5 million people over the next 5 years with an aim to use mix of noninvasive and invasive technologies to detect anemia levels among mass populations and explore options to provide awareness and nutritional support to those who lack necessary hemoglobin levels.

Over 15 years ago, a pressing need to provide quality and accessible healthcare to the rural South Gujarat population was identified. Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur was prompt to respond to this need under the benevolent initiative of Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care.

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur is a spiritual movement for inner transformation through wisdom, meditation and selfless service.

Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care is the Mission's award-winning social initiative to offer selfless service and bring joy to the lives of the underserved sections of society. Since 2020, it has been granted 'Special Consultative Status' by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN-ECOSOC) in acknowledgement of its extensive charitable work.

Their unique **10 fold benevolent programme** provides health care, educational care, child care, woman care, tribal care, community care, humanitarian care, animal care, environmental care and emergency relief care.

The mission of SRH is to render comprehensive medical services of the highest possible quality, ensure that the underprivileged tribal communities of South Gujarat are able to access these services, by providing it free of cost or at highly subsidized rates.



Doctor Examining Patients



SRH Mobile Van with School Kids



Mother with Infant for Doctor Consultation



Doctor examining Patients

NGO VISIT – EKAL

November 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited Ekal Arogya Project in Hanmatmal and Dhamni, Gujarat.

Ekal Arogya Foundation of India is a charitable trust working for providing health services to tribal society and poor farmers from remote villages.

SMFT funded **Telemedicine-Enhanced Arogya** is a community health program that provides rural villages with critical medical services and health education.

Through telemedicine and preventative health trainings, telemedicine-enhanced arogya gives people living without sufficient healthcare resources the information and support to thrive.

Arogya Resource Centers serve remote rural and tribal villages across India. They have set up **39** Arogya Resource Centers (ARC) out of which **4** ARC with Telemedicine Facility across **1,170+** Villages and reaching out to **1.7** million rural villagers who now have access to healthcare.

TEA not only provides people in rural villages with top-level care; it also teaches how to prevent illness and promote wellness for long-term, lasting impact.

Within three years, TEA has powerful results such as improved hygienic habits in children, increased use of safe drinking water, increase in number and use of toilets, significant reduction in the spread of water-borne diseases, treatment of women and children with anemia, use of soak and compost pits for safe disposal of waste etc.

TEA works by training local women to be community health workers, called Arogya Sevikas. Arogya Sevikas serve their local community, providing on-the-ground resources and connecting patients to doctors via telemedicine.

Arogya Sevikas are able to charge affordable costs for their services. This means that in addition to providing rural villages with healthcare, TEA is also empowering women healthcare entrepreneurs.



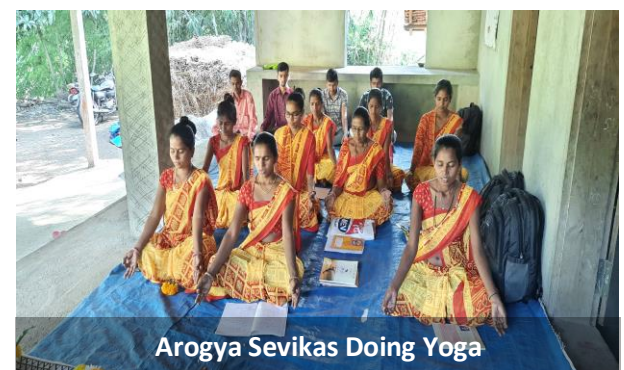
Arogya Campaign by the Kids



Arogya Sevikas near Water Saving Soak Pit



Arogya Sevika near Poshan Vatika



Arogya Sevikas Doing Yoga

NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST

November 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited SMFT funded Vision Care Project in Dang, Gujarat.

Bhansali Trust is the leading partner to implement SMFT's vision care project in rural areas of Gujarat. The goal of the vision care project is to provide eye care for upto **20** million people over the next **5** years with an aim to equip nonprofits with portable autorefractors to inspect **40** million eyes and prescribe low cost eyeglasses to over **5** million people in the poorest parts of India.

Established in 1969, Bhansali Trust was established by seven brothers of the Bhansali Family. Since then, it has been carrying out various activities in Medical, Educational, Income Generation, Micro Credit, De-addiction and other Socio-Economic fields, in addition to Relief Projects during natural calamities. The area that they have selected for various projects is one of the most socio-economically backward parts of Gujarat, bordering Rajasthan.

Trust sends mobile dispensaries (**mobile van**) with trained doctors which treats patients free of cost and for patients who can afford for Rs. 20. The van goes around two villages in a day and has basic medicines, BP monitor etc. The doctors can treat common cold, flu, hypertension, diabetes; skin allergy etc. patients here, severe cases that require hospitalization are referred to nearby Government hospital.

Trust provides supplementary nutrition to preschool children, pregnant and lactating women. Food supplements such as protein powder, drumsticks, medicine and syrup are provided to anemia patients.

Bhansali Trust team has **7** centers in Gujarat, with total **492** villages, **35** supervisors and **563** part time volunteers. The total population of this district is **60,535**.

Manav Rahat – Monthly Aid is provided to underserved people every month without any discrimination on the basis of Caste, Creed and Religion.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience to meet the entire Bhansali Trust team and beneficiaries in Dang.



NGO IN FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER'22 – DASRA

[Dasra](#) – which is “enlightened giving” in Sanskrit – is catalyzing India's strategic philanthropy movement to transform a billion lives with dignity and equity. In 1999, Dasra was founded on the simple premise that supporting non-profits in their growth will scale their impact on the vulnerable lives they serve. Beginning with incubating NGOs like Magic Bus and Villgro and enabling them to scale, it now also focuses on strengthening leading NGOs, magnifying philanthropists’ impact and enabling government to serve communities better. Dasra is also adapting its theory of change to focus more on smaller, lesser-known, grassroots NGOs given their ability to create impact in the lives of some of the most vulnerable communities in India.



With a **team of a 100+ individuals**, Dasra acts as a catalyst in India’s vibrant philanthropic sector by driving collaborative action to accelerate social change. The organization builds partnerships with hundreds of non-profits in India and philanthropists from around the world, to ensure India achieves the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



NGO IN FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER'22 – DASRA

Over the past 23 years, Dasra has **engaged 6,500+ stakeholders** in foundations, corporates, philanthropic families, and the India government; it has **catalyzed USD 290 million** towards India's development sector from within and outside the country, and has **supported 1,500+ NGOs** through capacity building support.

Rebuild India Fund | Empowering Grassroots, Powering Change

It is well accepted that inequities affecting marginalized communities have deep and complex roots. However, not fully addressing these vital and overlooked systemic factors keeps communities trapped in the cycle of vulnerability. During crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, this fragility is further exposed. The most vulnerable get hit the worst, leaving them more defenseless than before. The long lasting negative impact across the key pillars of development – health, employment, education, gender and equity – broadens the disparity even further.



The funding community can partner more closely with grassroots NGOs for a future that empowers underserved communities to be more crisis-ready, resilient, and striding towards success, despite setbacks. It is with this motivation that [Dasra](#) and the [Tarsadia Foundation](#) launched The [Rebuild India Fund](#).

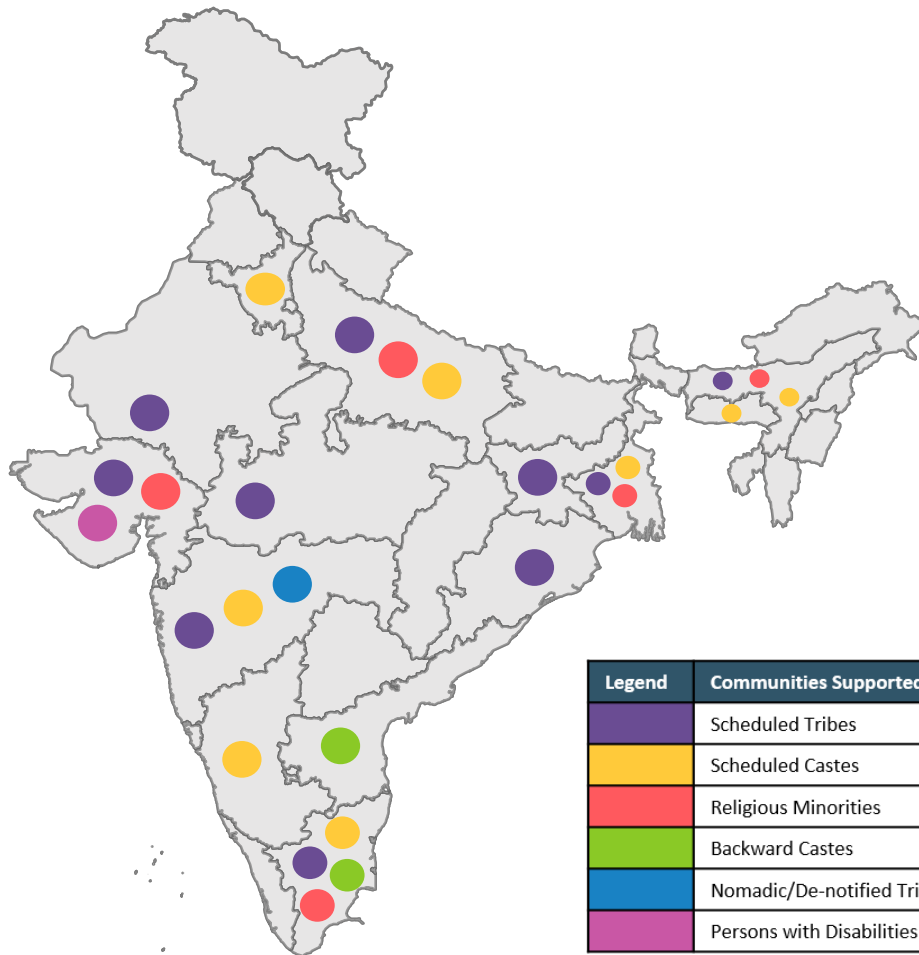
The Fund will provide **flexible, unrestricted grants of INR 10 lakhs annually** (~\$13,000 annually) to **100 unique, grassroots NGOs for 5 years** along with **need-based capacity building support**.

Key Achievements & Updates:

1) Democratizing Funding to Lesser-Known NGOs & Proximate Leaders:

In October 2022, the Fund on-boarded its **first cohort of 23 NGOs for the year 2022-23**. Each of these NGOs work with some of the most vulnerable communities in India living in neglected or difficult to reach areas of the country. **61% of the cohort's NGOs are led by women**, and **52% are led by leaders who have lived experiences of the needs and challenges of the communities they serve**.

NGO IN FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER'22 – DASRA



The **23 NGOs** together support vulnerable communities across **18 states** and **3 aspirational districts*** of India.

**Districts with the country's lowest socio-economic indicators, identified by the Government of India to promote rapid upliftment and transformation.*

NGO IN FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER'22 – DASRA

2) Championing Participatory Grant Making:

The Rebuild India Fund was launched with objectives of allowing more funding to reach the grassroots, and challenging the existing power dynamics between funders and grantees. In order to truly uphold its commitment to handing more power to NGO leaders, the Fund instituted a 5-member [Investment Committee](#), comprised entirely of NGO leaders and development sector experts of India. This Committee is the most critical decision maker in the process of NGO selection under the Fund.

Members on the Investment Committee are experienced NGO leaders and social entrepreneurs. Their experience in working with vulnerable communities and their understanding of the rapidly changing NGO landscape and ecosystem in India will provide objective, support and guidance in not just assessment and selection, but also capacity building of the NGO portfolio of the Rebuild India Fund.



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SUCCESS STORY – VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE

VOSAP donated Sewing Machine helping SAP become Self Dependent (AatmaNirbhar)



Narayanan, Belgaum

VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE

Name of Beneficiary: Narayanan Ganpatshah Pawar
Project: Enablement with Assistive Device
Location: Vadgaon

SMFT funded nonprofit VOSAP Voice of Specially Abled People is a Global Advocacy Organization with a mission to redefine the idea of a disabled person. They're not disabled, but rather Specially Abled People, capable of leading an empowered and independent lifestyle.

In a "Special Consultative Status" with UN ECOSOC and accreditation with UN COSP, Voice of SAP is working to create

an Inclusive and Accessible world by accelerating implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN and goals of UN CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) treaty.

The nonprofit feels great satisfaction as they are able to add value to the lives of people by providing them with things that value to them. This is a story of Narayanan Ganpatshah Pawar, a 30-year-old man who is living a life of independence with a small supporting gesture from VOSAP.

VOSAP has been providing enabling and empowering devices to Specially Abled People. So far, VOSAP has changed lives of 13,000+ SAPs and they get to experience so many heart-soothing stories like that of Narayanan.

This young man from Adarsh Nagar, Vadgaon is a person with mobility impairment. He had the skills of stitching clothes and the dream to be independent. Before VOSAP handpicked Narayanan as a beneficiary of one of its empowering and enabling drives, Narayanan was working as a staff in a local shop.

VOSAP team reached out to him and extended their support and enabled him with sewing machine. This machine might be just another invaluable thing for many but it was not for him. This sewing machine brought a ray of hope to Narayanan's life. A hope that told him that he can be independent. A hope that told him that he can live in comfort while living his dream of independence. The sewing machine provided him the chance to be a business owner rather than a staff.

Being a person with mobility impairment, going out for a job was not an easy task for him. This sewing machine gave him the choice to work from at the comfort of his home and earn a livelihood with dignity. VOSAP is glad that Narayanan grabbed this opportunity. Today, he has set up his tailoring shop at his home and earns decent amount to run his home.

Narayanan thanks VOSAP for the sewing machine and gladly said that he can sew a pair of shirt-pant in a day. He also added that he is earning a monthly profit of around 8,000 to 9,000 rupees from his home. After extending his gratitude to VOSAP and its funders Narayanan also requested them to keep providing such help to people like him.

SUCCESS STORY – VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE

VOSAP donated Tricycle helping SAP become Self Dependent with Mobility



Vasudev

VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE

Name of the School: Vasudev

Project: Enablement with Assistive Device

Location: Shahapur, Belgaum

“Hats off to your spirit” is one of the most common statements specially-abled individuals are told. We, as a society, tend to feel proud of people who keep going on in their lives despite facing challenges. Vasudev, from Shahapur, Belgaum district, is one such person who will make you feel proud of himself.

This 42-year-old man is a self-dependent person despite his severe mobility impairment. He works in Bharat gas agency as a computer operator and used to go to his workplace every day using public transport by bus. If you have seen any person with crutches struggling in the inaccessible and disability-unfriendly

bus stops and buses you can imagine the problems faced by this person every single day.

Vasudev’s grit and determination obviously made VOSAP proud but more than that it made them feel responsible. They did not say “hats off to you” and moved on. They paused for a bit and fulfilled their responsibility as a leading not-for-profit organization. As always, VOSAP decided to enable and empower this man rather than saluting him for the struggles that can be avoided.

VOSAP offered the support of a tricycle which Vasudev accepted excitedly. Now, this person does not need to struggle every morning and evening to get on an inaccessible and crowded public bus. He sits on his tricycle at his doorsteps and reaches his workplace with dignity and ease.

VOSAP team is happy that with the help of their funders they could bring a positive change in Vasudev’s life and they became happier after talking to him. Vasudev expressed his gratitude to VOSAP and their enthusiastic volunteers for bringing this change into his life. Success stories like this keep inspires VOSAP to do more.

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