

# NEWS UPDATE

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“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.  
It is not how much we give, but how much love is put in the giving.”  
— MOTHER TERESA



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# INTRODUCTION

## HISTORY OF SARVA MANGAL FAMILY TRUST

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.

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## 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.

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## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



### COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE CONDUCTED AT MSI, INDIA

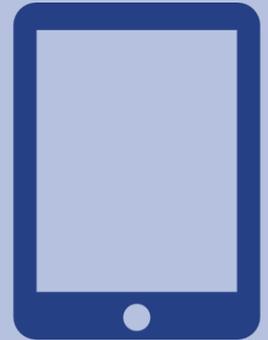
Sarva Mangal Family Trust and MSI Charitable Trust are MSI's dedicated instruments of giving back to the local communities. SMFT conducted vaccination drive for all the employees of MSI BPO Office located in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The drive was not only conducted for the employees but also for their dependents. SMFT partnered with Cloudnine Group of Hospitals to facilitate on-site COVID-19 Vaccination drive. The drive administered Covishield vaccine to approximately 487 people. (Explained on page 8)



**1 Million** LIVES IMPACTED

**40,000 TABLETS**

in circulation to democratize and personalize learning for  
the poorest of the poor



**11 MILLION MEALS**

**1,697 FAMILIES**

given perinatal awareness through tablets and door to  
door interaction with pregnant women



**4 SKILL TRAINING  
CENTERS**

# PHILANTHROPY IN SEPTEMBER'21

## SAAHAS FOR CAUSE



SAAHAS for Cause is a not for profit organization that was formed in the beginning of 2019 by group of South Asians. Reason for formation of SAAHAS for Cause is journey of an immigrant, which is full of challenges due to unknown and unfamiliar paths that they have to travel through to reach their dream goal. SAAHAS is courage and it is courage of every immigrant who comes to America with their aspirations and dreams of improved life with comfort, happiness, and satisfaction. They recognize the bold step that an immigrant has taken and pressure that they have for their survival and success. SAAHAS for cause aspires to be the support system for South Asian immigrant community through their journey in each phase of their life. May they be Youth, young adults, or older adults.



## LEND A HAND, INDIA



Lend a Hand, India's Skill @ home program which is supported by SMFT provides vocational education as part of Secondary / Higher Secondary School Education in India. LAHI works in partnership with state governments to integrate skill education with existing school curricula in grades 9 to 12. This supplemented with internship opportunities in local businesses during grades 11 and 12, thereby facilitating the school-to-work transition.

**Impact: 285,760 students, 3,498 schools across 33 states/UTs.**



# PHILANTHROPY IN SEPTEMBER'21

## GHANA MISSIONS

Sarva Mangal Family Trust was the main sponsor to touch 10,000 lives with medical, dental, eye care, plastic, laparoscopic and general surgeries in Ghana.

### Impact:

- 309 people with visual impairments received free surgical treatment.
- 582 people received free eye screening and reading glasses.
- 116 Plastic reconstructive surgeries completed.
- 969 cases of diabetes and hypertension received medications.
- 1191 cases of anemia were given nutritional counselling.

**WEEKLY DOSE**  
SDA HOSPITAL, ASAMANG

GHANA MISSIONS SPECIAL EDITION

### GHANA MISSIONS 2021 ENDS WITH REMARKABLE RESULTS

The Ghana Missions program commenced on 20th September 2021 with some good number of clients across the country benefitting from free services ranging from eye care, general medical care and plastic surgeries. Over hundred health volunteers from USA and Ghana reached out to over 3000 patients during the five day packed medical and surgical outreach.

#### EYE

309 clients with visual impairments resulting from such conditions as cataract, pterygium, etc received free surgical treatment. On the other side, 582 people received free screening and reading glasses.

#### PLASTIC RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

A total of 116 plastic reconstructive surgeries (Keloid Treatment) And Contracture Release) were successfully completed within the Missions Week at SDA Hospital, Asamang.

#### HPT | DM

969 known cases of diabetes and Hypertension were reached out to. All of them received their medications at no cost. 1191 cases of anaemia were reported. Patients were given nutritional counselling on how to improve their HB.

Alongside the free surgeries, over 400 Christian literature (signs of hope) and other tracts were distributed during the mission to kindle hope in God amidst these turbulent times.

Asamang SDA Hospital | #MissionUP | www.asamangsdahospital.com

## AWARD FROM BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Buena Park School District and the Board of Education paid tribute to its community partners, celebrating the programs, resources and assistance each has provided to students and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Sarva Mangal Family Trust** received an award from the **Buena Park School District Office** in Orange County, California for donating 300 refurbished laptops to public school students during COVID-19 for remote learning. These laptops were distributed to the families of students by the district office.



## PHILANTHROPY IN SEPTEMBER'21

### LUVIN ARMS



LuvIn Arms is a 501(c)3 nonprofit animal sanctuary for abused or neglected farmed animals in Erie, Colorado. Their rescued residents include cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens, horses, goats, sheep, and ducks. These beautiful residents were rescued from horrific situations including abuse and neglect cases, factory farms, religious rituals, slaughterhouse-bound trucks, bankrupt farms, and more. They were left with nowhere to turn and would have been slaughtered if they hadn't been saved. Their vision is to create a sanctuary of inspiration and connection where people are empowered to create change that leads to more compassionate choices for themselves, for the planet, and justice for all beings.



### PARAM DANVEER AWARD



Mr Manu Shah received the **Param Danveer Award** for his philanthropic work from **Namramuni Maharaj** who is an Indian Jain monk, activist and Gujarati Language writer. He is famously known as Param Gurudev across the world amongst his followers.

## EVENT – COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE CONDUCTED AT MSI,



**Registration Desk**



**MSI Employee taking Vaccination**



**Employees and their family waiting after taking the jab**



**MSI Employees with their family**

**June and September, 2021** - With the world in the grip of pandemic and individuals across the world racing to get vaccinated, SMFT stepped in to facilitate vaccine shots for all MSI employees and their family. SMFT partnered with Cloudnine Group of Hospitals to facilitate on-site COVID-19 Vaccination drive.

The Vaccination Drive administered Covishield vaccine to approximately 487 employees and their dependents. The drive was smoothly conducted with minimum waiting time and in utmost sanitized and safe conditions in strict accordance with all Government approved protocols.

SMFT has covered the cost of coronavirus vaccines of all MSI employees and their immediate dependents.

The first vaccination drive was conducted in June 2021 and the second vaccination drive was conducted in September 2021.

## NGO VISIT – AMERICAN INDIA FOUNDATION MAST CENTER



**MAST Center**



**Domestic Appliance Repair Class**

**September 15, 2021** - Sarva Mangal Family Trust Team visited the American India Foundation's Market Aligned Skills Training Center in Mysore. The center provides underprivileged youth with skills training and access to formal employment opportunities to help India seize the opportunity for inclusive growth. The training combines foundational, workforce readiness skills with industry specific skills creating multi sector job opportunities for marginalized young people. Upon completion of the training, qualified candidates are placed into entry level jobs, thus creating a path to financial independence. The courses offered in this center include fashion designing, beautician, domestic appliance repair, spoken English, basic computer, financial literacy, life skills etc.



**Beneficiary Workplace Visit**



**SMFT Team with MAST Center Trainers and Students**

**Impact: 124,673 disadvantaged young people trained, 92,945 jobs created with the help of 221 learning centers.**



**Voice of Specially Abled People** is a Global Advocacy Organization with a mission to redefine the idea of a disabled person.

**Vision of VOSAP:** To operate as the “Transformation Catalyst” for the world to become an “ACCESSIBLE” and “INCLUSIVE” place where Specially Abled People enjoy equality as human beings, opportunity to excel and contribute based on their abilities and live with dignity and independence.

### Project Update:

1. **COVID-19 relief efforts** continued in India, distributing ration kit for 1 month to under privileged Specially Abled People such as (a) tribal area, villages of district Dahod, (b) Haridwar, (c) People with leprosy in city of Kashi/Varanasi, (d) unique program of drive through vaccination of Divyangjan (900 people in 2 days) and out of which 360 people received grocery items, masks, sanitizer etc.
2. **VOSAP Research** – Fall 2021 batch of new students started at UC, Berkeley. 22 Students of Data Sciences department applied to VOSAP research program to find out “Inequalities of income, education among Persons with Disabilities and without disabilities among different race, state, gender and state”. US census data to be analyzed for presentation in Tableau.
3. **VOSAP Ignite** – Volunteering among high school students was launched and applications process closed on Sep 17 with 33 amazing high school students, deeply interested to volunteer for minimum of 100 hours in 1 year to support VOSAP mission.
4. **VOSAP Team invited to address town hall meeting of all employees** – 1 hour meeting at progressive agency of San Francisco – Duncan Channon. CEO announced to hire casting characters having disabilities and offer them any role in the commercial instead defining disability centric script.
5. **VOSAP Founder invited to speak at CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Northern Region’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Tech Summit.** He spoke on opportunities to achieve inclusion of Specially Abled People with Assistive Technologies wherein innovators, traders, business community can look at this as high growth industry for next 30-40 years.

## SUCCESS STORY – AMERICAN INDIA FOUNDATION



**Name:** Sumathi

**Project:** Market Aligned Skills Training

**Location:** Mysore, Karnataka

Sumathi's family includes 4 members comprising of Sumathi, her husband, and their two children. She was married at the age of 16 to Mr. Ramachandra, who is a farmer. Everything in their life was going well until the pandemic hit them like many others around the world. Due to the lockdown and lack of proper maintenance of the farm, all their crops got destroyed. As a result of which, the family faced financial constraints but Sumathi was determined to not let this situation affect the education of her children.

With the help of the mobilization team at the American India Foundation Market Aligned Skills Training Center, she came to know about their center and the skill development courses that they offer and soon got enrolled into the fashion designing course. She is a quick learner and absorbed stitching skills accurately. After completing the course, with the support of her husband she has started her own boutique and a gift shop with the help of which she earns up to Rs 15,000 per month on a regular basis, and on special occasions like religious festivals she earns up to Rs 20,000. She has also bought 2 cows and is earning through them. She said, through this income, she is not only being able to manage her family but has also repaid a loan of Rs.200, 000. She feels extremely happy and proud of her success. She is thankful to SMFT, American India Foundation, and Sparsha Trust for making her dreams come true.

She also shared: "I feel so happy and privileged that SMFT, AIF, and Sparsha provided me with this opportunity and made me a part of their family. Thanks a lot, to all the members of these organizations. With their support, I am independent today and desire to continue progressing in life and will also definitely inculcate this in my children."

## SUCCESS STORY – VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE



**Name: Bharatiben Mistry**

**Project: Individual Enablement with Assistive Devices**

Bharatiben Mistry, 52 years old Divyangjan is really an inspiring Divyang Covid Warrior. Bharatiben met with an accident in the year 1993 and her left hand got completely disabled. After a few years she lost her parents. She lives all by herself and still, her spirit and positivity is really inspiring!

A few months back, Bharatiben received a sewing machine from Voice of SAP. She used it to stitch clothes and earn

some income to lead her life. She also works as an Anganwadi Helper.

The pandemic of COVID-19 has changed everyone's life. It also had an impact in the life of Bharatiben, due to the lockdown she couldn't go to the Anganwadi. To fight against Corona Virus, mask is one of the most important weapons. Bharatiben decided to help in the fight against Covid-19 and contacted the social workers in her area. She requested them to arrange for cloth material to make masks and stitched masks free of cost.

Till today, she has stitched hundreds of masks at free of cost! You might have seen many physically challenged people asking for help. This great Divyangjan is really out of the class, she is not rich in terms of money and income but she is one of the richest people in terms of willingness to help fellow brothers and sisters. Voice of SAP is really proud of her, and our small help of giving a sewing machine has created a great COVID Warrior!

At the time of crisis, instead of waiting for someone to come and help, let's start helping each other. If there is true willingness to help, your physical, economical, or any other status shouldn't stop you, what is required is, a golden heart, high spirit, and willingness to help... Bharatiben possesses all of these and that is why she is a truly inspiring, Divyang Covid Warrior!

## SUCCESS STORY – VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE



**Name: Vinodbhai**

**Project: Individual Enablement with Assistive Devices**

**Location: Palanpur, Gujarat**

Voice of Specially Abled People is working effectively to empower Specially abled and helping them live a life with dignity by enabling them with Assistive Devices. In 2019, VOSAP enabled 85 Specially Abled People with Tricycle and other assistive devices in

rural areas of Palanpur district. After a year, as part of learning progress of beneficiaries, VOSAP interviewed these beneficiaries as what changes the assistive devices have brought to their life.

Here is an example of Vinodbhai Karsanbhai who received Tricycle in 2019 from VOSAP and the change the device has brought in his life.

Vinodbhai lives in Palanpur, Gujarat with his parents. He has a locomotive disability. He received a Tricycle in December 2019 from Voice of SAP.

“I use this tricycle to go every day to my business, tyre repair shop. I am earning Rupees 3000 - 4000 monthly. Now I have aspiration to grow! Go to highway as I can go using this VOSAP tricycle and expand my business to repair larger tyres. I am planning to start working on other vehicles as well because in villages it is sometimes difficult to get customers. I am happy that I am being self-dependent and will hire others by growing my business of tyre repair. I look forward to working more, go to different places using this tricycle.”

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