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Being Grateful



Dear valued partners and supporters,

A movement for change continues when organisations and individuals come together with a shared commitment to a cause and a common vision for the future.

Thank you for your trust and support in making this movement possible. In this newsletter, we share stories of individuals and corporate partners who, like you, are contributing to a better tomorrow for schoolchildren.

This quarter, as schools reopened, we witnessed an increase in enrolment in some regions, which required additional kitchen support to serve children effectively. Several partners stepped forward to strengthen infrastructure and support initiatives that gave children a warm welcome back to school and a renewed readiness to learn.

There is still much to accomplish before the vision we share becomes a reality. Once again, thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

**With heartfelt gratitude,
The Akshaya Patra Family**

In the spotlight

CM Yogi Adityanath Inaugurates Akshaya Patra's New Centralised Kitchen Facility in Gorakhpur



On 26 June 2026, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Akshaya Patra's newly built centralised kitchen facility in Gorakhpur. During his inaugural address, he spoke about the importance of healthy eating habits, hygiene and freedom from malnutrition to build a prosperous and strong nation.

The newly inaugurated facility will cater to 55,000 students at the outset and later expand to one lakh children under PM POSHAN. Shri Chanchalapathi Dasa, Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of Akshaya Patra, thanked the CM for providing nearly 2.5 acres of land and financial assistance for the project.



Akshaya Patra's New Kitchen in Pune, Powered by Deutsche Bank



8 April 2026 marked the inauguration of Akshaya Patra's new centralised kitchen in Pune, Maharashtra.

Mr Kaushik Shaparia, CEO of the Deutsche Bank Group, India & Emerging Asia, unveiled the plaque, formally opening the new kitchen. Mr Benjamin Alka, Global Head of Corporate Affairs & Strategy, Deutsche Bank; Mr Shridhar Venkat, CEO of The Akshaya Patra Foundation; Shri Bharatarshabha Dasa, National President and Trustee of The Akshaya Patra Foundation; and Shri Sampati Dasa,

Regional President of Akshaya Patra, Pune, were also present.

Spread across a built-up area of 20,000 sq.ft., the kitchen has the capacity to serve warm, nutritious meals to 25,000 children across 29 government and government-aided schools. The facility also integrates sustainability-focused logistics through a fleet of 23 electric vehicles that distribute meals within a 20 kilometre radius.

Excelsoft Technologies Nurtures Dreams with Akshaya Patra Through Scholarship and Meals



In April, Excelsoft Technologies, in partnership with The Akshaya Patra Foundation, hosted a scholarship felicitation ceremony in Mysuru, Karnataka, to recognise and support government school students in their academic journey. Under the Scholarship Programme, 30 students from the region received scholarships, with 19 of them attending the event and receiving certificates.

Excelsoft also arranged a session on Artificial Intelligence for the students, facilitated by Ms Shwetha, Development Manager of AI Products and Services. The session gave children insight into a technology-driven future, underscoring the company's conviction that access to knowledge is as important as access to opportunity.

Beyond scholarship support, they also made a contribution in March that benefits approximately 4,193 children with mid-day meals, showing their commitment to nurturing a healthy future.

The event was attended by Mr Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Chairman and Managing Director; Mrs Lajwanti Sudhanva, Director and Chairperson CSR Committee; Ms Shruthi Sudhanva, Director and Chief People Officer; Mr Shivakumar Srikantaiah, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr Prashanth H M, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Investor Relations; and Ms Divya Rajkumar, Associate Manager CSR and Employee Engagement. Representing The Akshaya Patra Foundation were Mr Vinod Sudhakar, Chief Technology Officer, and Ms Mary Thomas, National Head of Direct Marketing.



CII Food Safety Award for Akshaya Patra, Panvel, Maharashtra

Akshaya Patra's commitment to food safety and operational excellence was recognised at the CII Food Safety Award 2025. The Panvel kitchen received the CII Food Safety Award 2025, with Shri Bharatarshaba Dasa, Trustee and National President, and Shri Amitasana Dasa, regional president, Mumbai, accepting the award from Shri Chirag Paswan, Honourable Union Minister of Food Processing Industries. The Ahmedabad kitchen received a Certificate for Significant Achievement (equivalent to second place), while the Jaipur kitchen received a Certificate of Appreciation for its exemplary food safety practices.

Amazon and Akshaya Patra Mark 10 Years of Partnership at “In This Together” Summit

On 29 April 2026, Akshaya Patra participated in Amazon's "In This Together" summit, held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Highlighting the cloud-to-table initiative, launched in the Financial Year 2025-26 with Amazon Web Services (AWS), the Foundation emphasised the crucial role of technology in bringing transformative change. The initiative has improved operational efficiency and reduced costs, enabling the delivery of meals to approximately 3,000 children and facilitating 7,00,000 meals.

The event marked a 10-year partnership with Amazon. We are grateful for their continued support for nutrition and education.



Narayana Murthy Visits Sidlaghatta Kitchen with His Family

In June, Mr Narayana Murthy, Founder of Infosys, visited the new kitchen at Sidlaghatta in Karnataka, along with his family. After witnessing the kitchen process, he appreciated the team multiple times and expressed his pride in being part of the organisation's cause. He further said that it is the values, especially integrity, that have made the organisation a phenomenal brand. He encouraged the team to continue upholding the values and become an exemplar when it comes to value in action.

We thank Mr Murthy and Ms Sudha Murthy, Chairperson of Murthy Trust and Family, for their philanthropic contribution towards establishing this new facility.



Empowering Akshaya Patra with Meal Delivery Vehicles



On 9 April 2026, Schott Poonawalla sponsored an electric vehicle for the Silvassa kitchen in Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The vehicle was inaugurated by Mr Rakesh Patel, Director and CHRO, and Mr Peeyush Keer, AGM, Admin and Legal. They have also supported us with another vehicle for the Surat kitchen, Gujarat. Their contribution helps strengthen our eco-friendly meal distribution operations in the region.



On 9 April 2026, Carl Bechem Lubricants Limited donated two electric vehicles to the Vaikuntha Hill kitchen in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The vehicles were flagged off at the company's Bidadi manufacturing plant by Mr Anirban Bhattacharya, Managing Director, and Mr Shashidar, CFO, in the presence of Mr Balaji M. N., CFO of Akshaya Patra, and other representatives from the Foundation. Their generous support for delivering meals has played an instrumental role in ensuring the timely delivery of nutritious meals, contributing to children's health and education.



On 17 April 2026, Egen, as part of its Earth Week initiative, sponsored an electric vehicle for the Narsingi kitchen in Hyderabad. During the flag-off ceremony, the senior leadership team expressed their enthusiasm for supporting the cause of nourishing schoolchildren. Their contribution enables more efficient and environmentally responsible meal distribution in the region.



On 17 April 2026, the Gates Corporation team attended the flag-off ceremony of the new electric vehicle they sponsored for the Vrindavan kitchen in Uttar Pradesh. Mr Prasanna Gutthalli Nagaraja, Managing Director of GM India, flagged off the vehicle along with Mr Ashish Sood, Finance Shared Services Controller, India, and Ms Dee Sequeria, HR Head, India. We thank Gates Corporation for supporting our eco-friendly meal distribution efforts.

Meals served

ANDHRA PRADESH

Anantapur	40,302
Gambhiram	3,19,815
Gudivada	1,19,115
Kakinada	2,97,771
Kuppam	5,79,388
Mangalagiri	5,15,512
Nellore	3,48,543
Srikakulam	3,94,156
Visakhapatnam	5,47,027
Mahabubnagar	2,95,089

ASSAM

Guwahati	13,35,271
Jorhat	5,67,921

CHHATTISGARH

Bhilai	2,43,046
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DELHI

Badli	4,72,360
Gole Market	1,62,007
Jahangirpuri	3,90,763
Mohan Cooperative	5,29,735

DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

Silvassa	19,13,021
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GOA

Pilerne	65,292
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GUJARAT

Ahmedabad	37,34,221
Bhavnagar	7,47,361
Bhuj	6,47,197
Jamnagar	7,03,329
Surat	45,36,304
Vadodara	35,85,303

JHARKHAND

Hazaribagh	1,24,507
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KARNATAKA

Ballari	61,11,939
HK Hill – Bengaluru	25,27,973
VK Hill – Bengaluru	41,55,201
Jigani	27,94,690
Jalahalli - Bengaluru	5,78,161
Hubballi	76,18,553
Mangaluru	11,83,263
Chikkajala	19,05,744
Avalahalli	5,85,936
Mahadevapura	11,51,509

MADHYA PRADESH

Bhopal	3,87,955
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MAHARASHTRA

Bhiwandi	5,07,718
Kalyan	1,69,809
Panvel	3,56,233
Thane	2,52,133
Pune	1,74,700

ODISHA

Bhubaneswar	15,67,920
Nayagarh	3,51,969
Puri	11,89,596
Rourkela	9,68,422

PUDUCHERRY

Puducherry	4,65,991
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RAJASTHAN

Ajmer	7,88,779
Baran	1,63,158
Bhilwara	6,33,085
Bikaner	6,73,005
Chittorgarh	4,70,085
Jaipur	37,81,705
Jhalawar	3,58,062
Jodhpur	4,02,387
Nathdwara	13,03,711
Udaipur	7,63,234

TAMIL NADU

Chennai – Greams Road	3,675
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TELANGANA

Hyderabad	19,57,317
Narsingi	5,26,095
Nawabpet	4,92,301
Warangal	14,00,409

UTTARAKHAND

Dehradun	13,96,590
Gadarpur	6,89,167

UTTAR PRADESH

Barsana	2,74,200
Gautam Buddha Nagar	10,58,634
Gorakhpur	13,96,287
Kanpur	3,20,100
Lucknow	41,59,528
Mant	7,76,671
Varanasi	39,10,137
Vrindavan	42,23,847



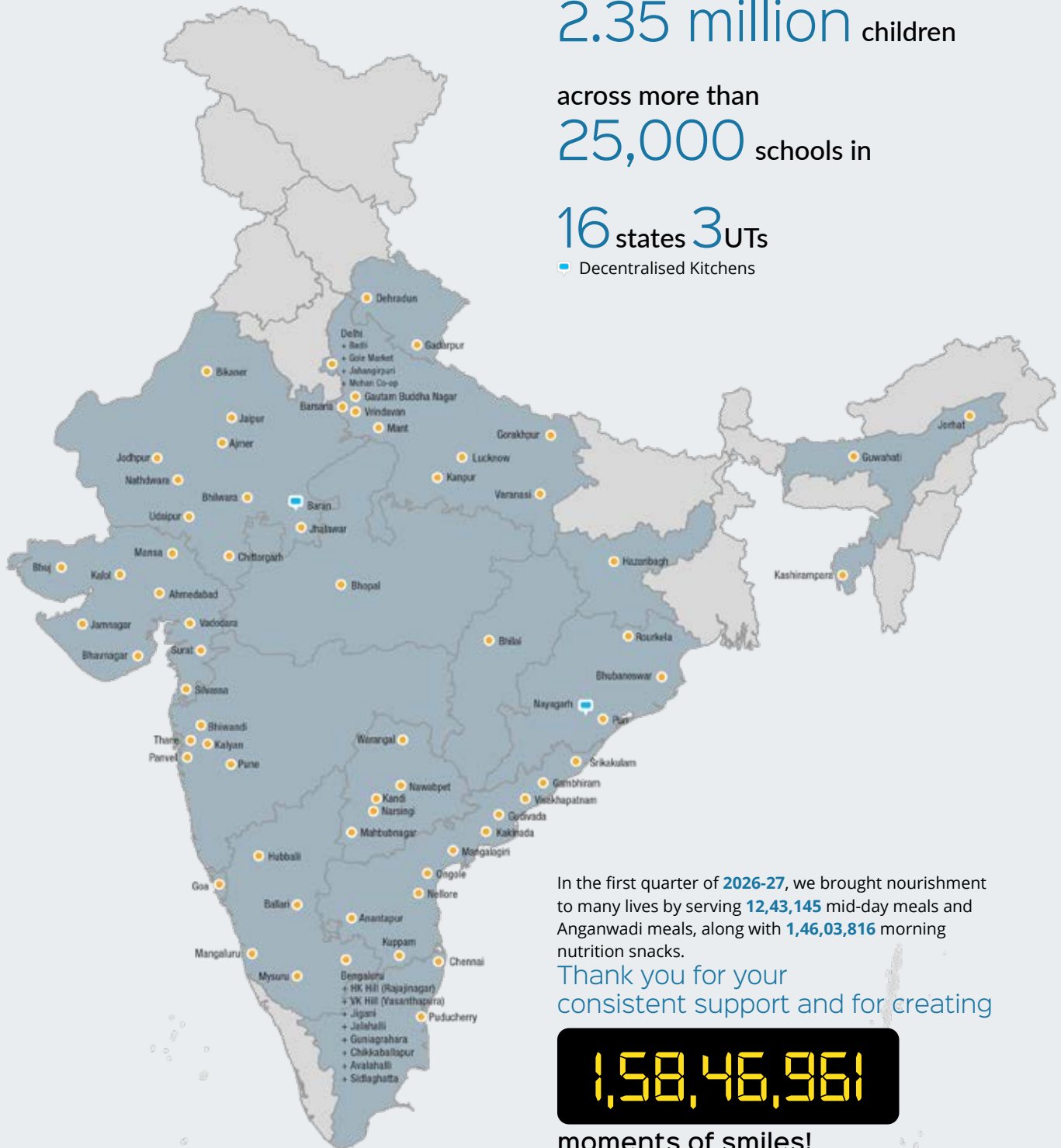
Our Reach

Serving meals to
2.35 million children

across more than
25,000 schools in

16 states **3** UTs

■ Decentralised Kitchens



In the first quarter of **2026-27**, we brought nourishment to many lives by serving **12,43,145** mid-day meals and Anganwadi meals, along with **1,46,03,816** morning nutrition snacks.

Thank you for your consistent support and for creating

1,58,46,961

moments of smiles!

Revering Togetherness

LSEG Strengthens Kuppam Kitchen Infrastructure with HVAC System and Rice Cleaning Machine



In May, with LSEG's support, we inaugurated an HVAC system and a rice cleaning machine at our Kuppam kitchen in Andhra Pradesh. The occasion also marked another milestone in our long-standing partnership with LSEG, as we celebrated serving over 7 million meals together.

LSEG has been a constant partner throughout the kitchen's journey of serving meals in the region. Their contributions over the years have strengthened the kitchen infrastructure through various initiatives, including the installation of a solar power system, the kitchen's first briquette boiler and an electric vehicle. Thank you, LSEG, for being a wonderful supporter of our cause.

F5 AppWorld Mumbai Nourishes 200 Children



On 7 May 2026, F5 AppWorld Mumbai, a cybersecurity and application delivery conference organised by F5 Networks, was held in Mumbai. At the event, The Akshaya Patra Foundation was invited on stage, where F5 announced its contribution, which was received by the Foundation's team.

The contribution will help serve nutritious meals to 200 children for an entire academic year. We thank F5 Networks for supporting the cause of nutrition and education for children.



Cargill Engages with Children in Delhi

In April, 14 volunteers from Cargill visited our kitchen in Gole Market, Delhi. The visiting team included Mr Matthew Dunbar, MD and VP, Cargill Cotton; Ms Sandra Praus, Director, Cotton Trade Execution and Supply Chain; Mr Archan Barua, Senior Commercial Lead; and Ms Jhumur Aggarwal, Director, Global Trade Operations. The visit gave them an opportunity to witness our kitchen operations firsthand, deepening their understanding and engagement with the cause of serving nutritious meals to children.

The team also visited a nearby school and engaged with children by distributing paper pens and posters they had created.



Clean Slate Carnival: Swiss Re Paints 39 Blackboards in Bengaluru

In May, 49 volunteers from Swiss Re came together to support a back-to-school initiative called Clean Slate Carnival. Together, they painted 39 blackboards in four schools in Bengaluru. We thank Swiss Re for their active participation in helping welcome children back to school with well-prepared blackboards.

CSL's Tote Bag Painting in Delhi

In May, CSL Finance Limited conducted an engaging in-office tote bag painting activity where 40 employees participated. The team showed great team spirit and imagination, making the day a celebration of colours and creativity. Through their initiative, they encouraged using sustainable products and spread awareness about reducing plastic usage.



CAE Simulations's Flashcards and Tote Bags for Children in Noida

In June, 20 volunteers from CAE Simulations participated in a flashcard-making and tote bag painting activity at their corporate office in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Their enthusiasm and creativity were shown throughout the session. The flashcards and tote bags created during the activity will support children's learning and promote environmental sustainability.



Egen Volunteers Welcome Children Back to School with Tote Bags and Greeting Cards

In June, 40 employees from Egen, Hyderabad, participated in a volunteering activity where they transformed old T-shirts, which were clean and well-maintained, into durable, no-sew tote bags for children to carry their books and other essentials. As schools reopened, they also made handmade greeting cards filled with welcoming and encouraging notes.

Deutsche Bank's Initiative to Support Children's Learning and Time Management

In May, 40 volunteers from Deutsche Bank in Mumbai engaged in a calendar and worksheet-making activity for schoolchildren. These materials will support their daily learning, develop time management and make classroom activities more engaging.



IB Schoolchildren Visit Thane Kitchen and Contribute to Serve Mid-Day Meals

On 20 April 2026, IB Schoolchildren visited our Thane kitchen in Maharashtra, to understand its operations. The group made a contribution that will help serve nutritious meals to nine children for an academic year. It is inspiring to see schoolchildren supporting government schoolchildren. We thank the students for their thoughtful contribution.



On 29 April, 10 volunteers toured one of our kitchens and visited a school where they distributed the stationery and sanitary kits, benefitting approximately 80 children. They also participated in a meal-serving activity. Their engagement brought smiles and excitement to children.

Morning Star's Volunteering Series in Delhi and Mumbai

On 16, 27 and 29 April, Morning Star organised an array of volunteering activities across Delhi and Mumbai to support children's education and well-being.

On 16 April, 20 volunteers participated in making pen stands in Delhi. They also curated stationery kits and sanitary kits to distribute in schools.

On 27 April, 225 employees from Mumbai were involved in a volunteering session of creating flash cards, memory cards and puzzle-making at their office. These learning materials will help improve children's memory, learning and thinking skills. We look forward to continued active engagement with the team to help ensure joyful learning and a happy childhood.



Sugam Parivahan Supports Classroom Learning Through Flashcards

In April, 10 employees from Sugam Parivahan participated in an in-house volunteering session to create flashcards in Delhi. The team showed enthusiasm and strong collaboration throughout the session, creating well-designed and informative flashcards that will enrich children's classroom learning.

We sincerely thank the Sugam team for joining as a valued partner this financial year.

NielsenIQ's Thoughtful Efforts For Children's Well-Being

On 15 April 2026, 50 NielsenIQ employees volunteered to paint tote bags for children at their corporate office in Delhi, creating 50 beautifully hand-painted tote bags.

On 20 April, a team of four visited the Gole Market kitchen to understand our operations. After the kitchen tour, they visited a nearby school and distributed the tote bags to children. In addition, they conducted an awareness session on woman empowerment. Their hand-painted tote bags brought pure joy to children.



UKG Connects with Children Through Volunteering Across Multiple Locations

On 27 and 30 April, employees from UKG participated in a series of volunteering activities in Noida, Pune and Bengaluru to support children's well-being through meals.

On 27 April, 23 employees across multiple locations visited Akshaya Patra kitchens to understand the scale and efficiency of its school feeding programme.



On 30 April, 12 employees visited a school in Noida, where they volunteered by serving meals to children.

Employees spent time serving meals and interacting with children, creating warm and memorable exchanges throughout the visit.



R Systems International Visits KRBL Kitchen, Uttar Pradesh

In April, seven volunteers from R Systems International visited our KRBL kitchen in Uttar Pradesh to gain insights into the large-scale meal preparation and operations. They also visited one of our beneficiary schools in Noida and volunteered in serving mid-day meals to children.

SA Group Supports Children with Stationery Kits

In May, nine volunteers from SA Group visited one of our beneficiary schools in Delhi and distributed stationery kits. They also volunteered to serve mid-day meals to the children. We thank SA Group for supporting children with learning aids and bringing smiles through their meaningful engagement.



Statiq Crafts Flashcards to Promote Sustainability for Children

On 22 May 2026, 45 employees from Statiq came together for an in-office flashcard-making activity in Delhi. The theme revolved around "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," reflecting the company's commitment to promoting sustainability. The flashcards they created can be utilised as excellent teaching and learning aids for students, making learning engaging and enjoyable for children.



Teleperformance's Paper Pens Support Children's Learning in Mumbai

In April, 38 volunteers from Teleperformance created paper pens for schoolchildren. This eco-friendly initiative supports children's education and cultivates sustainable habits from an early age. The volunteers enjoyed contributing to nurturing children while promoting environmentally conscious practices.

Taj Sat's Eco-friendly Initiatives for Children

In June, Taj Sat contributed to supporting children in Mumbai, Maharashtra, through a couple of eco-friendly volunteering activities. On 19 June, a group of 20 volunteers conducted a seed paper pen-making activity at their office. These plantable pens support children in their learning and exploring their talents while helping reduce plastic waste.

On 26 June, 12 volunteers participated in a mat-making activity using upcycled fleece blankets. We thank Taj Sat for this sustainable, educational initiative that will be useful for children and also help nurture a greener future.



LSEG's School Greening Initiative on World Environment Day

On the occasion of World Environment Day, a team of 36 employees from LSEG engaged in a tree planting volunteering activity across two schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka. 37 saplings were planted, which will green the schools and enhance the school environment.



Farmley's Efforts to Educate and Empower Children on Environment Day

As part of Environment Day activities, Farmley organised an in-house flashcard making session in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. With an aim to spread awareness among children about the importance of environmental conservation, around 50 to 60 volunteers actively contributed to creating educational flashcards.

In addition, the team donated generously to a two-hour donation drive, which will serve nutritious meals to six children daily for an entire academic year. We thank Farmley for their support and look forward to deepening this partnership in the coming years to reach and benefit more children.



Bread Financial Visits Children with Tote Bags

In June, 36 employees from Bread Financial visited one of our beneficiary schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The team volunteered in serving mid-day meals and interacted with children. They also distributed beautiful tote bags, which they painted at their corporate office. The senior leadership team was present during the visit. They appreciated Akshaya Patra for its consistent efforts in feeding children across India.



775 Volunteers Create 775 Tote Bags and Stationery Kits on Salesforce Adventure Club Day

As part of Adventure Club Day held in June, Salesforce organised a volunteering event involving tote bag painting and assembling stationery kits for schoolchildren in Bengaluru and Hyderabad. The initiative brought together 775 volunteers, who created and assembled 775 tote bags and stationery kits. We thank Salesforce for its contribution in bringing smiles, happiness and encouragement to children.



Mazda Limited Engages with Children in Ahmedabad

On 20 June 2026, the senior leadership team from Mazda Limited visited one of our beneficiary schools and volunteered in serving mid-day meals to children in Ahmedabad. The visit enabled the delegation to witness the impact of the school feeding programme. They also toured the school campus, visiting museums and art spaces, including the Adivasi museum. The team was mesmerised and appreciated the tribal arts, heritage and historical exhibits.

Venus Pipes and Tubes Supports Girl Students with Stationery Kits in Gujarat

In June, Venus Pipes and Tubes undertook a two-day volunteering event bringing together 35 volunteers for the cause of education and environmental conservation. On the first day, they visited the Bhuj kitchen to see the implementation of the school feeding programme. Following the kitchen tour, they visited children in a nearby beneficiary school and distributed 290 stationery kits to students, supporting their educational continuity. On the second day, as part of the Environment Day celebration, the team conducted a Zodiac plantation drive and seed paper pen-making activity. Plantation certificates were also presented to commemorate the occasion. We thank the team for their support to our cause.



Axalta Supports Children's Learning Through Flashcards

In May, six volunteers from Axalta visited our Vadodara kitchen in Gujarat to gain insights into our kitchen operations. Their visit provided an opportunity for meaningful discussions on the programme's impact. The team also created flashcards for children to support their educational journey. Their visit was memorable and strengthened the bond further.



Bombay Coated and Special Steel Promotes Sustainability and Enables Meals for 478 Children

In April, 25 volunteers from Bombay Coated and Special Steel conducted a seed paper pen activity for children, encouraging the adoption of environmentally responsible alternatives. The company also donated a water purifier to a school in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra, providing children with access to safe drinking water and supporting better hydration throughout the school day.

In addition, they made a generous contribution that will enable nutritious meals for 478 children for an academic year.



Hope to Aspirations



Akash Rabha

Guwahati, Assam

I want to be a pilot and travel all over the world.



Ankita Behera

Odisha, Bhubaneswar

I want to become a police officer who is approachable and ready to help.



Chandan Mahato

Silvassa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli

I want to join the Indian army and protect the nation.



Janhvi Pareshbhai Patel

Vadodara, Gujarat

I want to become a teacher and help children like me.

Newsbites

LG Manoj Sinha Lays Foundation Stone for Akshaya Patra's Centralised Kitchen Facility in Katra, J&K

In Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today laid the foundation stone for Akshaya Patra's centralised kitchen facility in Katra. Once operational, this facility will provide 5,000 nutritious meals to schoolchildren every day. On the occasion, the LG also spoke about Akshaya Patra's future projects in the Union Territory, including the upcoming kitchen facility in Jammu. LG urged stronger collaboration between the government and Social Organisations to empower the younger generation.

[Read more here](#) 

'Tech is Key to Scaling the World's Largest School Meal Programme Run by a Non-Profit': Shridhar Venkat, CEO, Akshaya Patra

Mr Shridhar Venkat, CEO of The Akshaya Patra Foundation, in an interview with Venkatesh Kannaiah, consulting editor of The Indian Express, talks about his journey in this not-for profit sector for the last 21 years. In this interview, he gives an overview of the scale of Akshaya Patra's operations and the importance of technology and innovation to improve outcomes, and some of the challenges the organisation is trying to solve.

[Read more here](#) 

Our government partners

Akshaya Patra extends its gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and the following state governments and UT administrations.



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Andhra Pradesh



Government of
Assam



Government of
Chhattisgarh



U.T. Administration of
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
and Daman & Diu



Government of
NCT of Delhi



Government of
Goa



Government of
Gujarat



Government of
Jharkhand



Government of
Karnataka



Government of
Madhya Pradesh



Government of
Maharashtra



Government of
Odisha



Government of
Puducherry



Government of
Rajasthan



Government of
Tamil Nadu



Government of
Telangana



ত্রিপুরা সরকার
Government of
Tripura



उत्तराखण्ड राज्य
Government of
Uttarakhand



GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
Government of
Uttar Pradesh

The Foundation hopes to continue its endeavours and build efficient partnerships with the government to serve more people.

Note - The list of states is in an alphabetical order.

Our changemakers of the quarter





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