



AKSHAYA
PĀTRA TM
Unlimited food for education



A BOWLFUL OF
HOPE



A STORY OF
Compassion

One day, while looking out of a window in Mayapur, a small hamlet near Calcutta, HDG Srila Prabhupada saw a group of children fighting with stray dogs over scraps of food. Deeply moved by the incident, he resolved to ensure that no one within a ten-mile radius of his centre would go hungry. This direction to his followers inspired the genesis of The Akshaya Patra Foundation. It also became the driving force behind all the milestones that the Foundation has achieved.

His Divine Grace
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada



Contents

Story of Compassion

06 — Chairman's Message

07 — Vice-Chairman's Message

08 — The Akshaya Patra Foundation

12 — Kitchens of Akshaya Patra

16 — Feeding Programmes

- ▶ PM POSHAN (POshan SHakti Nirman) Scheme
- ▶ Humanitarian Relief - Food Assistance
 - Food Assistance During the COVID-19 Pandemic

26 — Beyond Feeding

- ▶ National Endeavour for Student Transformation (NEST)
 - Digital Education Programme
 - AVSAR Scholarship Programme
 - School Rejuvenation Programme
- ▶ Abhay Remedial Classes

30 — Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

31 — Social Impact

- ▶ Impact Stories

36 — Dignitaries Speak

38 — Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model

40 — Transparency & Accountability

- ▶ Board of Trustees
- ▶ Audit Committee
- ▶ Financials

44 — Significant Events

46 — Awards & Recognition

Chairman's Message

Our journey began with us using the underutilised capacity of the temple kitchen to feed 1,500 children from five schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka. We didn't have any plan. We didn't know how far we wanted to go. What we had, was a vision - *No child in India shall be deprived of education because of hunger*. Fortunately, for us, it was a vision many people could relate to.

People proactively came forward to support our pursuit of a world where no child has to choose between food and education. And before we knew, it became a collective vision of everyone involved. It was a validation of our belief that if we try to address the problem of hunger and malnutrition in the country, many people will join us.

We focused our efforts on providing nutritious mid-day meals to children to support their health and nutrition and motivate them to pursue an education and a better future. The government has been immensely supportive of our endeavour all along. Our corporate partners and individual donors have also stood by us through our good times and bad.

Today, we feed over 2 million children every day at 67 locations in 15 states and 2 union territories of the country.

Over the years, it has become evident that the mid-day meal is one of the most effective interventions focusing on child welfare, serving the dual purpose of ensuring children's health and incentivising education. That more than 2 million children benefit from our collective efforts today, is something that inspires us to give our best every single day.

All along, we have strived to leverage our expertise in nutrition, food safety and hygiene, technology and innovation to upgrade our feeding initiatives with evidence-based solutions focusing on food and nutrition security for children and communities. We will continue to do so.

We believe that the PM POSHAN Abhiyaan is a time-tested, success evidenced intervention, which is in strategic alignment with our pursuit of global and national development goals. We will continue implementing the programme in a committed, systematic and accountable manner.

We look forward to your continued support and encouragement in our effort to create a better world for our children and prepare them to secure a better future for themselves.



Thank you,



Madhu Pandit Dasa
Co-founder and Chairman
The Akshaya Patra Foundation

Vice-Chairman's Message

Whenever I reflect on our journey of over two decades as The Akshaya Patra Foundation, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of humility and optimism. This journey that began in 2000 with the feeding of 1,500 children in five schools in Bengaluru has today become an initiative that reaches out to over 2 million school children across India.

Akshaya Patra, as the implementing arm of the PM POSHAN Abhiyaan, serves mid-day meals to children in government and aided schools every day. This intervention enables us to provide their daily nutrition requirement which in turn helps them to absorb and learn better, thereby giving them the best of both nutrition and education.

We understand that a healthy and educated youth is the backbone for our nation building endeavour and we are fortunate to be a part of it. We are truly grateful to the Government of India and the various state governments for trusting us with this opportunity to serve the children of this great country. We are ably guided, supported and encouraged by the governments in all our efforts.

We are also grateful to all our corporate partners, philanthropists, individual donors, supporters and well-wishers for being a consistent source of strength and empowering us to serve children with nutritious, tasty and safe mid-day meal every school day.

We firmly believe in the spirit of collaboration for a common cause. And Akshaya Patra is a testament to that spirit.

As we continue to embark on this journey of serving more children and contributing to a happy, healthy childhood, we look forward to your unwavering support and guidance.



Yours in the service of children,



Chanchalpathi Dasa,
Co-founder and Vice-Chairman,
The Akshaya Patra Foundation

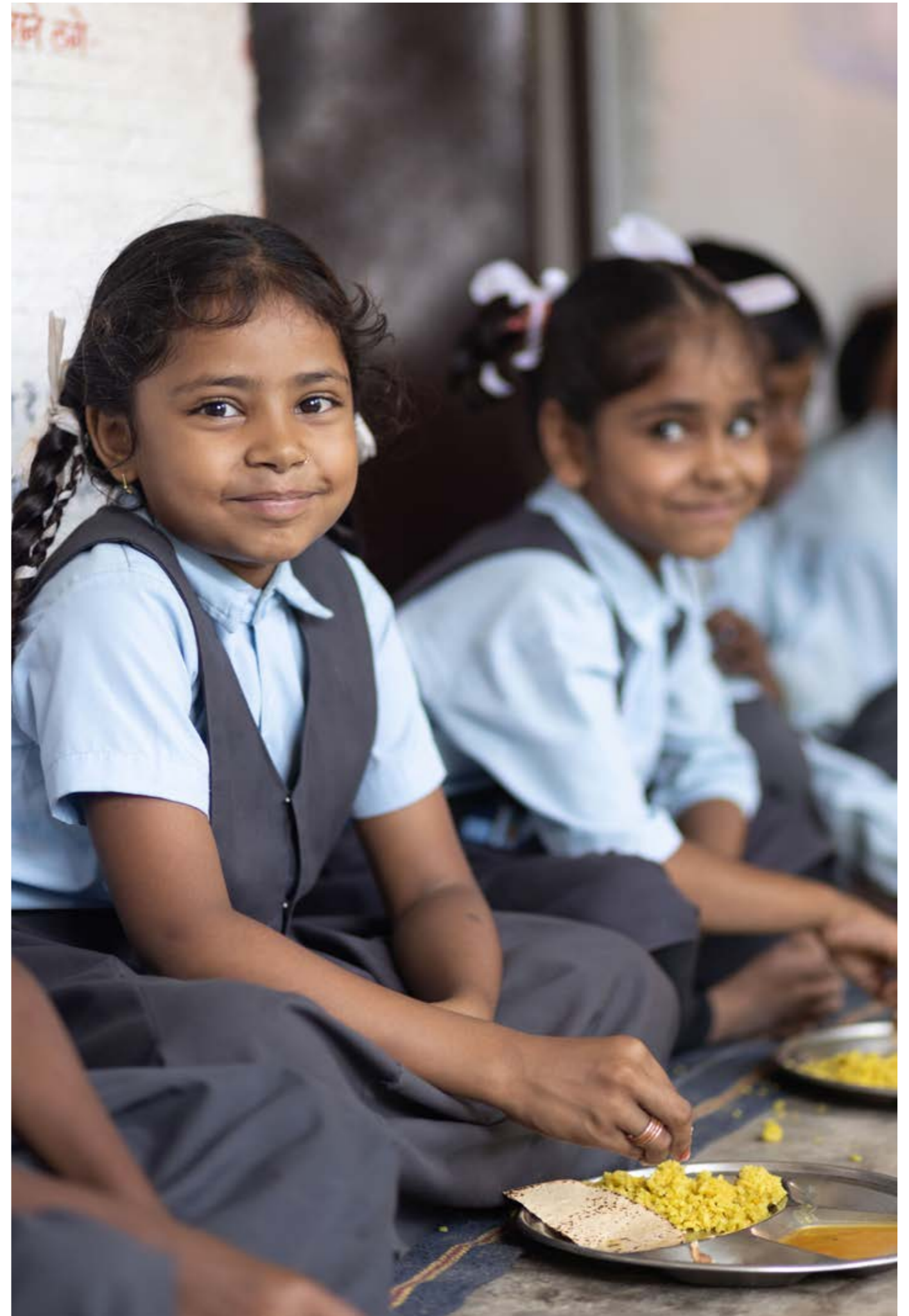
The Akshaya Patra Foundation

The Akshaya Patra Foundation was started in the year 2000, with the feeding of 1,500 children of five schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The Foundation's objective was to support the education and health of the children by providing them hot, nutritious and tasty mid-day meals; thus the vision: *No child in India shall be deprived of education because of hunger*. Basically, Akshaya Patra was borne out of the belief that the assurance of a school lunch can go a long way in making life easier for millions of children by improving their health and encouraging people to send their children to school.

The assurance of a nutritious mid-day meal improves the health of children and serves as an incentive for people to send their children to school instead of sending them to work to support the family. In doing so, it provides these children an opportunity to carve a better future for themselves and their families.

When the Government of India's flagship programme, the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme—now rechristened PM POSHAN—was launched, Akshaya Patra collaborated with the Central Government and state governments to implement the programme. In 2003, the Foundation signed an MoU with the Government of Karnataka for Akshaya Dasoha, thus becoming the first organisation to establish a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with the government to implement the school feeding programme.

Over the years, Akshaya Patra has collaborated with 15 state governments and 2 UT administrations, reaching out to over 2 million beneficiaries in 67 locations across the country.





The assurance of a hot, nutritious mid-day meal helps bring children to school, thus enabling them to get an education.

Vision

No child in India shall be deprived of education because of hunger

Mission

To feed 3 million children by 2025



Kitchens of Akshaya Patra

Akshaya Patra operates in 67 locations in 15 states and 2 union territories across India. In 65 of these locations, it has centralised kitchens. In 2 locations, it has adopted the decentralised model. The vast network of kitchens enables the Foundation to serve over 2 million children. The scale and operational efficiency of these kitchens help Akshaya Patra play a crucial role in maximising the impact of PM POSHAN Abhiyaan and other nutrition welfare initiatives.

Basically, centralised kitchens are semi-automated kitchens with the capacity to undertake large-scale feeding, typically up to 100,000 meals a day whilst ensuring safe handling, preparation and delivery of the food. Typically, a centralised kitchen helps manage operations from a single point of control, which include receiving and storage of raw materials, preparation and delivery of meals and maintenance. Centralised kitchens utilise large and specialised equipment, such as cauldrons, trolleys, rice chutes, etc., to prepare food in huge quantities, thus enabling the feeding of significantly more number of children than school kitchens. These kitchens are known for their cost advantage as they enjoy a greater economy of scale-reductions in unit cost due to the increase in the size of the facility and usage levels of systems and equipment.

In 2006, Akshaya Patra was chosen to be a case study at the Harvard Business School. The case study stated "The centralised kitchen model had the benefits of scale and the best promise for being able to feed the largest number of children for the lowest cost." The centralised approach also works as far as accountability is concerned because thousands of meals are prepared at one location with due adherence to safety and hygiene and the whole process is monitored with due diligence. These kitchens also reduce the burden on teachers overburdened by the pressure of managing mid-day meals besides executing teaching and other administrative duties.

Akshaya Patra has adopted the decentralised model in remote locations where difficult terrain and poor road connectivity hinder the feasibility of setting up a large infrastructure. In decentralised kitchens, local women undertake the cooking process under the guidance and supervision of Akshaya Patra. They are trained in the Foundation's kitchen processes and operations module to ensure that safe, nutritious mid-day meals are cooked and served to children. The model also facilitates community participation as the women are part of the local community. Each decentralised kitchen typically serves one school. However, there are cases where two schools are served by one kitchen as they are on the same premises.



Every kitchen employee follows necessary hygiene practices and wears essential gear and kits to ensure safety and prevent contamination of food during pre-processing and preparation of the meals

In a country like India, with a massive population of 1.4 billion people, it is imperative to ensure that nutrition-based welfare programmes, such as the PM POSHAN Abhiyaan, reach as many beneficiaries as possible. At Akshaya Patra, local palate and regional acceptability are given due importance because they are directly related to improved consumption. Therefore, the menu is predominantly rice-based in South India and wheat-based in North India.

The Foundation's centralised kitchens help make this possible by fostering innovation in the context of technology as well as recipes. In 2002, Akshaya Patra introduced the first roti-making machine in its kitchen. This machine, with the capacity to dish out 10,000 rotis per hour, helped the organisation cater to children in North India, where the menu is predominantly wheat-based, much more efficiently.

Feeding Programmes

Akshaya Patra has harnessed the might of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model by bringing the government, philanthropic organisations and individuals on the same platform to address hunger on a scale by feeding children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and vulnerable communities across the country through its various programmes.



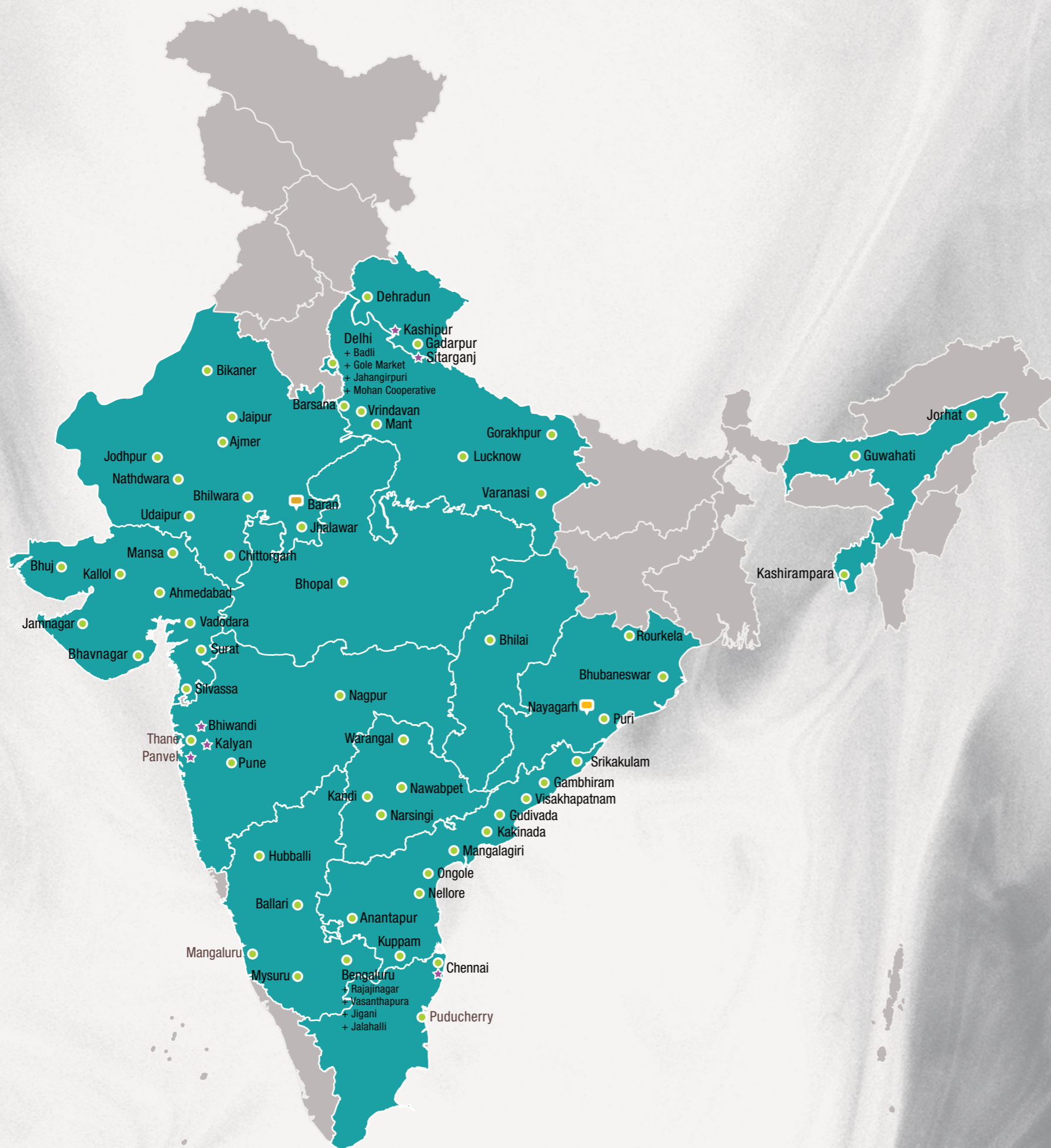
PM POSHAN (POshan SHAKti Nirman) Scheme

As the implementing partner of PM POSHAN (formerly the Mid-Day Meal Scheme), Akshaya Patra serves freshly cooked, nutritious and tasty mid-day meals to children in the age group of 6-14 years studying in government and government-aided schools to support their nutrition and education. Similarly, as a part of the ICDS Anganwadi feeding programme, the Foundation provides nutritious meals to children in the age group of up to 6 years and pregnant women and nursing mothers.

Akshaya Patra reaches out to over 2 million children and women in more than 20,000 schools and Anganwadis in 67 locations across 15 states and 2 union territories every school day.



*“No child in india
shall be deprived of education
because of hunger”*



Our Reach

Across
20,000+
Schools and
Anganwadis

Feeding
2 Million+
Children
Every day

67
Locations

15 States
2 UTs

- Centralised Kitchens
- Decentralised Kitchens
- ★ Upcoming Kitchens



Humanitarian Relief - Food Assistance

In India, factors such as large population, high density and vast rural-urban disparity pose an extraordinary challenge as far as food and nutrition security measures are concerned. People from socio-economically weaker sections often lack money to sustain daily needs, such as food and shelter. Natural disasters and disease outbreaks worsen their condition. In response, they are forced to reduce the consumption of food to overcome the economic burden. The compromise is highly detrimental to their health and well-being and makes them further vulnerable during such difficult times.



Since its inception, Akshaya Patra has endeavoured to utilise its kitchen infrastructure and resources to undertake emergency food assistance in the event of natural disasters and other emergencies to provide people food and nutrition support and ensure their health. Over the years, the organisation has enhanced its execution capabilities for humanitarian efforts through need-based approaches, such as the provision of freshly cooked food, utilising its mobile kitchen or setting up a temporary kitchen and the distribution of food relief kits.

The Foundation is mindful of the role of food assistance in humanitarian efforts and has strived to support the government's relief efforts in various parts of the country, right from Gujarat to Assam and Ladakh to Tamil Nadu.



Food Assistance During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Akshaya Patra mobilised resources and leveraged partnerships for food assistance to support the government's relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over a period of 2 years, the Foundation cumulatively served over 244 million meals to vulnerable people across the country in the form of cooked meals and food relief kits with essential groceries. These included migrant daily-wage earners, construction labourers, industrial workers, rough sleepers, individuals and families who were having a difficult time arranging food for themselves, frontline workers such as doctors, ambulance drivers, police personnel, crematorium staff, etc.



Beyond Feeding

The school lunch programme has been an effective intervention, incentivising education and bringing more children to schools. Akshaya Patra has designed and implemented a series of educational and infrastructural intervention that go beyond the meals to nurture the dreams and aspirations of these children.



National Endeavour for Student Transformation (NEST)

The National Endeavour for Student Transformation (NEST) is the flagship initiative of The Akshaya Patra Foundation that engages in the government education system to enhance the quality of education, create an environment which will contribute to improved learning outcomes and build an enjoyable schooling experience. Through these endeavours, Akshaya Patra strives to

- ◆ Create a multi-dimensional impact which will help achieve its vision and build goodwill among stakeholders
- ◆ Improve learning outcomes, increase enrolment and address irregular attendance in schools
- ◆ Encourage and ensure an inclusive learning environment irrespective of economic background or any bias
- ◆ Reduce the disparity between the government sector and private sector schools.



Digital Education Programme

Akshaya Patra is working towards bridging the digital divide for marginalised students to ensure that they do not miss out on possibilities due to cost or accessibility concerns. Basically, the Digital Education Programme facilitates digital inclusion of students studying in government schools. The Foundation has collaborated with BYJU'S through the EdTech company's 'Education For All' social initiative. The programme provides children access to a world-class digital learning platform with professionally curated content and specialised coaching and an interactive and innovative learning experience.



School Rejuvenation Programme

Akshaya Patra seeks to provide children a conducive environment at the school through the school rejuvenation programme. Its aim is to ensure that the food safety and quality are maintained during the storage, serving and consumption of the meal. Furthermore, the focus is on creating a safe and comfortable environment for students during the lunch hour. The underlying thought is that an enhanced meal experience can improve food consumption, reduce food wastage and inculcate better eating habits in children.



AVSAR Scholarship Programme

Akshaya Patra facilitates the scholarship programme to incentivise education and support students from marginalised communities to pursue higher studies. It helps these students become financially independent in their pursuit of academic aspirations. It lays the foundation on which they can develop their talents and skills, thus empowering them to make the most of the opportunities that come their way.



Abhay Remedial Classes

Abhay is a remedial classes initiative designed and implemented by Akshaya Patra. Its objective is to boost children's academic performance through activity-based learning and extracurricular activities, empowering them to carve a better future for themselves. Abhay works on two fronts: first, to boost children's basic learning abilities (i.e., their ability to read simple text and do basic math) through remedial classes, and second, support their overall development through extra-curricular activities.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

As the implementing partner of the PM POSHAN, Akshaya Patra has been actively supporting the nation's efforts to address various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—some directly and some indirectly. Akshaya Patra's efforts to address the issue of hunger and malnutrition in children by providing them a wholesome meal every school day are in line with SDG 2 – Zero Hunger, while its attempt to address classroom hunger, thus enabling children to focus on academics and extracurricular activities at school are in line with SDG 4 – Quality Education.

Indirectly, the Foundation contributes to various other SDGs, including SDG 1 – No Poverty by helping children get an education and gives them a chance at breaking free from the vicious cycle of poverty, SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being by improving the nutrition profile of children and having a positive impact on their overall health, SDG 5 - Gender Equality by incentivising education and giving parents a strong reason to send their girl child to school, SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy by adopting environment friendly solar power, electric vehicles (EVs), etc., and SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities by promoting socialisation by encouraging children to sit together and eat.



Social Impact

Akshaya Patra, through its efforts, contributes to various objectives of PM POSHAN; improving the nutritional status of children, encouraging children belonging to disadvantaged sections to attend school, addressing the issue of school dropouts, addressing classroom hunger and ensuring that children concentrate on classroom activities. As all the children, regardless of their socioeconomic background, sit together to have a meal every day, the programme improves social equity. With the assurance of a meal prompting more parents to send their girl child to school, it also contributes to gender equity.

The school feeding programme has an indirect impact on the economic conditions of several families across the country. In providing children access to education, it enables them to break the vicious poverty cycle.

Akshaya Patra employees are from the local communities residing around the kitchen. It is a source of employment, which enables the entry of marginal workers into the organised work sector. In locations where the decentralised system has been adopted, the Foundation hires and trains local women, thus resulting in increased community participation as well as furthering gender equity. The Foundation also furthers community participation by working closely with community leaders, teachers and parents of our beneficiary children.

The assurance of a meal brings children to school. What next? Our School and Student Transformation Programme enhances the impact of mid-day meals by providing the children a conducive environment at the school, nurturing their talent and natural inclinations, helping them with financial aid for higher education, etc.



Biplab Murmu

Biplab Murmu is the agriculture minister in the school cabinet. “We cultivate vegetables like pumpkin, beans, ridge gourd and cauliflower in our school premises,” he proudly tells us. A child with many talents, Biplab studies in class IV. He is also gifted in the field of dramatics, willing to perform at the drop of the hat. At home, the 11-year-old likes playing football—his favourite sport—with his friends. His mother works in a tea plantation while his father is a farmer.

Biplab is particularly close to his father, Dipak Murmu, and even helps him in their field. He also tells his father about the day’s events, including what he ate for lunch at the school. “They are running a good initiative,” he says. “Whenever we ask children about their feedback on food, they appreciate it.” The *pulao* and *dal* served every Wednesday is Biplab’s favourite. “I like the food served on Wednesdays... It is tasty,” he says as his eyes brighten.

Biplab aspires to join the army when he grows up. “When I grow up, I want to join the army,” he confidently tells us. “I will catch bad people and punish them in order to keep the country safe.”



Priya Maheshwari

A student of Class VIII at Rawalwadi Relocation Site Primary School in Bhuj, Priya aspires to join the Indian army when she grows up. “I want to join the army and protect our country,” she says. “It is not just my childhood dream, but also the dream of my mother.” Priya wants to change the narrative that army posting at the border is only for men. She enthusiastically tells us, “I want to see more women at the border defending our country. I want to change people’s mindset that women can’t be at the border.”

When asked about mid-day meals, she says, “Akshaya Patra food is delicious. It is full of different vegetables. We also get snacks in the form of *sukhdi*, peanuts, *churma*, etc. Among these, I love peanuts the most. We have a proper lunch here so we don’t have to eat at home again.” “Earlier we used to be very lean,” she tells us while using the little finger to denote the same and follows it up with, “now we are healthy,” with a thumbs up sign.

When asked how she will feel if some boy tells her that she can’t join the army, she said “I will tell him that everyone’s thinking is different. We should not comment on other people. We should first look at ourselves. We should never tell someone they can’t do something. Instead, we should encourage them.”



Yashaswi G.H.

Yashaswi studies in the class IX at Karnataka Public School, Honnaganahatti. She is a class topper and aspires to travel the world one day. Yashaswi's father is a farmer and her mother, a housewife. Both the parents understand the importance of education and food, particularly for a growing child.

She says "Food is very delicious. My favourite are *Rasam* and *Puliogre*. They gives us in large quantity that is sufficient for everyone. It's too hot. It is also delicious. It's neither too spicy nor salty. It is the proper amount that we want for the correct taste. So, I think it's very nice."



Aarif Abdul Rehman

A student of Class VII - Ghodpar Primary School, Bhuj, Rehman eagerly waits for the lunch break every Monday because that is the day his favourite food is served. "Akshaya Patra food is very good," he says. "It is never too spicy or salty... it is very good. We get *dal*, *chawal*, *seng* (peanuts), *dalia*, *sukhdi*, *churmu*, etc. On Mondays, we get *dal-dhokli*, rice and *sukhdi*, which is my favourite and I look forward to it."

The fact that Rehman has visited Akshaya Patra kitchen in Bhuj adds to his perspective about the mid-day meal. "When I was in Class V, we went to Akshaya Patra. We saw big machines... a roti-making machine [among other things]. We saw different rooms where they were cleaning grains, putting vegetables in big containers, cleaning etc.," he recalls. "I didn't know that there were such big machines. Only when we went there did I realise that such big machines exist." The visit left Rehman and his friends wondering how much food these machines must be cooking. "We didn't know the food we eat comes from such a big kitchen," he admits.

Dignitaries Speak



Late Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Former President of India

"This (Akshaya Patra) is a very important and great mission."



Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India
in his address to IT professionals at launch of Self4Society app

"Akshaya Patra is a social start up which has turned into a movement that provides hot food to school children."



Shri Om Birla
Speaker of 17th Lok Sabha,
Parliament of India

"I am pleased to know that The Akshaya Patra Foundation is observing its 22nd anniversary on 11 November, 2022. On this occasion, I convey my best wishes to the Foundation.

Service to humanity is an integral part of our culture and civilisation. This belief is the core value of The Akshaya Patra Foundation."



Shri Amit Shah
Union Home Minister, Minister of Cooperation and MP, Gandhinagar Lok Sabha during his speech at Mansa Kitchen inauguration.

"It is my request to all of you to see the facility and the system. How to serve society without saying anything and without seeking any publicity... Madhu Pandit and his associates deserve all the praise."



Ratan Tata
Chairman Emeritus, Tata Group

"Tata Trust is pleased to partner with The Akshaya Patra Foundation on several initiatives that collectively help fight critical issues such as hunger and malnutrition in sustainable manner. These include collaborating on implementing the Mid-day Meal Programme in India and running community kitchen in earthquake affected regions in Nepal."



N.R. Narayana Murthy
Founder, Infosys

"Akshaya Patra is a success story of hope, fairness, justice and opportunity for all children."



Prof. Muhammad Yunus
Nobel Laureate
Founder of Grameen Bank

"This has been a great visit and it is wonderful to see how Akshaya Patra is reaching out to children in a huge way and addressing malnutrition for India's children."



Erik Solheim
President Green Belt and Road Institute

"Can there be any higher aim than to end class room hunger in India? It is so important for so many young children in India and also improving the world."





Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model

In a country like India, typically characterised by diversity in terms of geography, demography, languages and even social practices, it is necessary that the civil society participates proactively in the process of nation building. This makes for a strong case of the adoption of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in the social sector.

Akshaya Patra has effectively harnessed the might of the PPP model by bringing the government, corporate houses and philanthropists on the same platform to address a social cause on a massive scale. The programme has become one of the most appreciated public-private partnerships in the development sector. The Foundation has received the continued support of the Government as well as its corporate partners and individual donors in all its endeavours, right from the MDM Programme to relief feeding initiatives.

Akshaya Patra's collaboration with the Ministry of Education - Government of India and various state governments to implement the PM POSHAN is based on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. The government provides grain and cash subsidies to successfully implement the programme. Similarly, it has given the Foundation the permission to collect donations from within the country and abroad under the Income Tax (IT) Act and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) respectively, to enhance the programme.

Akshaya Patra has also collaborated with various corporate entities and their philanthropic arms to implement the school feeding programme. In addition, the Foundation has also partnered with reputed organisations, institutions and agencies to leverage technology and knowledge to further innovate and get the best possible input and guidance on various aspects of the meal programme.

Partnerships with State Governments and UT Administrations

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



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

Transparency & Accountability

- ◆ Akshaya Patra serves over 2 million children of more than 20,000 schools across 15 states and 2 UTs every day. The scale of the programme is a validation of the Foundation's credibility and the public trust in the organisation developed as a result of its sincere efforts over the years.
- ◆ Akshaya Patra strives to ensure transparency and accountability in all spheres of its functioning—right from fundraising to reporting of activities—through strict adherence to good governance practices. The Foundation has always strived for excellence through compliance to laws, regulations and best practices for operational effectiveness, adopting ethical fundraising policies and voluntarily committing to the highest standards of financial transparency and disclosure of information.
- ◆ The Foundation's implementation of the programme is in full compliance with food safety standards set by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) and widely-accepted accounting standards such as the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Indian Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
- ◆ The organisation has also constituted an Independent Audit Committee, comprising eminent members from the finance domain. Reviewed financial statements and audit and evaluation reports are maintained and regularly sent to the governments and donors. These documents are also published in the annual report and made available on the organisation's website.
- ◆ Utmost care is taken to process donations as per the donors' mandates in adherence to donor reporting best practices. The organisation is also prepared for and encourages donor audits as it helps in assuring the donors that their funds are utilised efficiently and for the agreed purpose.
- ◆ Through experience, the Foundation has always believed that adherence to good governance policy helps in communicating effectively with stakeholders, thus making it easier for them to understand and appreciate the value being created.
- ◆ Since its inception, Akshaya Patra has strived to establish, maintain and improve its transparency and accountability standards through its persistent efforts. The numerous awards and recognitions bestowed on the organisation, including the coveted ICAI Gold Shield Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting, SAFA (South Asian Federation of Accountants) Best Presented Accounts Award, National Award for Child Welfare and CII Award for Food Safety, are a vindication of its efforts. Akshaya Patra has the distinction of being the only NGO to be inducted into the ICAI Hall of Fame—an honour reserved for winning the ICAI Gold Shield for five years in a row.
- ◆ Akshaya Patra is conscious of its responsibility towards society. The Foundation stands committed to supporting the government's welfare programmes and humanitarian efforts in times of adversity whilst upholding absolute transparency in all its activities.

Board of Trustees

- ◆ **Madhu Pandit Dasa**
Chairman, The Akshaya Patra Foundation
- ◆ **Chanchalapathi Dasa**
Vice-Chairman, The Akshaya Patra Foundation
- ◆ **Bharatarshabha Dasa**
Trustee, The Akshaya Patra Foundation
- ◆ **Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa**
Trustee, The Akshaya Patra Foundation
- ◆ **Vidya Shah**
Chairperson and CEO, EdelGive Foundation Former CFO, Edelweiss Group
- ◆ **K.V. Chowdary, IRS (Retd.)**
Former Chairman, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Former Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- ◆ **Anil Swarup, IAS (Retd.)**
Former Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Department (MHRD) Former Secretary, Ministry of Coal
- ◆ **M.S. Unnikrishnan**
CEO, IITB - Monash Research Academy, Mumbai Former Managing Director & CEO, Thermax
- ◆ **G. Raghuram**
Principal Academic Advisor, National Rail & Transportation Institute (NRTI) Former Director, IIM-Bangalore

Audit Committee

- ◆ **K.V. Chowdary, IRS (Retd.)**
Former Chairman, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Former Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- ◆ **Kaushik Dutta**
Director, Thought Arbitrage Research Institute (TARI) Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- ◆ **Noshir H. Dadrawala**
CEO, Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy (CAP) Former Director, Board of International Centre for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL)

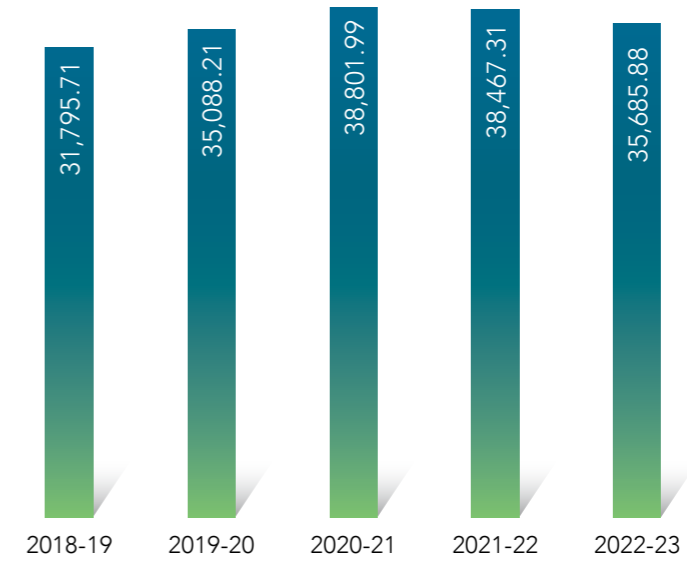
Financials

FY2022-23 Abridged Income and Expenditure Statement ₹ (in lakhs)

| | 2022-23 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Income | 75,557.30 |
| Total Expenditure | 75,859.26 |
| Excess of Income Over Expenditure | (301.96) |

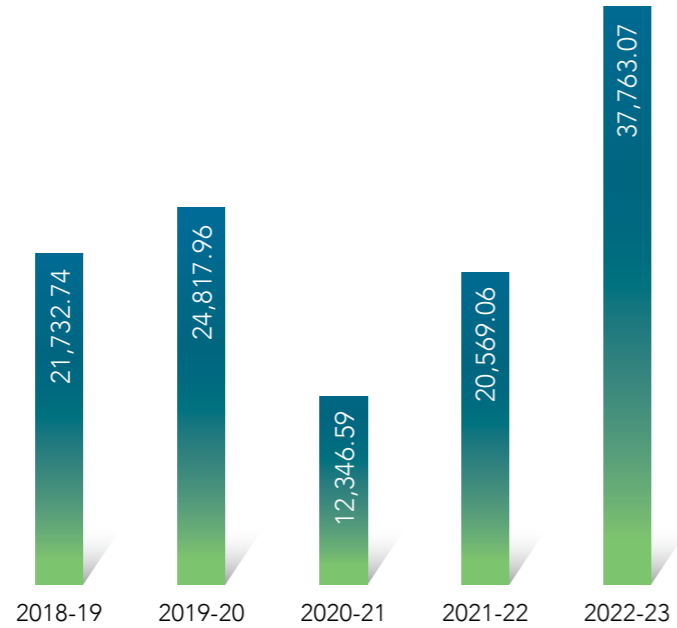
FY2022-23 Abridged Balance Sheet ₹ (in lakhs)

| | 2022-23 |
|---|-----------|
| Fixed Assets | 25,965.10 |
| Net Non-Current Assets | 24,075.18 |
| Net Current Assets | 9,993.68 |
| Total Assets | 60,033.96 |
| Trust Funds, Designated Funds and Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 43,385.66 |



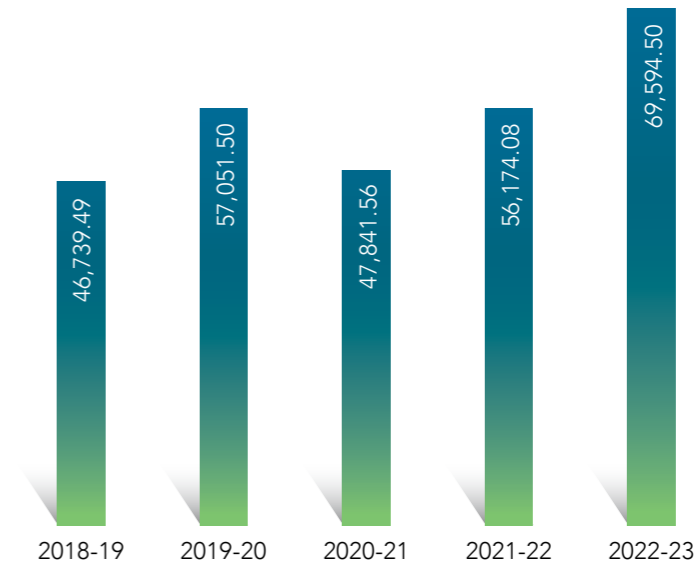
Donations Received ₹(in lakhs)

Source: Income and Expenditure Account



Government Support ₹(in lakhs)

Source: Income and Expenditure Account



Asset Value ₹(in lakhs)

Source: Balance Sheet

Significant Events

● 2000

The journey begins with the feeding of 1,500 children from five schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka

● 2001

The Supreme Court of India rules for implementing MidDay Meal (MDM) Scheme (now PM-POSHAN), giving an impetus to Akshaya Patra's school feeding programme

● 2003

MoU signed with the Government of Karnataka for Akshara Dasoha, an MDM programme for children, making Akshaya Patra the first NGO to start a public-private partnership in the MDM sector

● 2005

Overcame accessibility barriers with the first decentralised kitchen model established in the remote location of Baran, Rajasthan

● 2012

Billionth cumulative meal served, reaching yet another significant milestone

● 2011

Recognised in the Limca Book of Records as the 'World's Largest School Meal Programme'

● 2008

Becomes first NGO to comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

● 2007

Harvard Business School publishes a case study on Akshaya Patra

● 2013

First NGO to be inducted into the ICAI Hall of Fame for receiving the Gold Shield Award five years in a row

● 2016

2 billion cumulative meals served and commemorated in an event attended by the then President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee

● 2017

Inaugurates the Great India Talent School in Kashirampara, Tripura, to provide holistic education to children from the Reang community

● 2019

Commemorates the 3 billion cumulative meals milestone in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi

● 2020

August

Akshaya Patra starts distributing Happiness Kits among beneficiary children. These kits focus on children's nutritional as well as educational requirements, and therefore, contain essential groceries as well as learning material

November

The Foundation completes the serving of 10 Crore (100 million) meals cumulatively (in the form of cooked meals and dry ration distribution) as a part of its food assistance efforts

11 November 2020
Akshaya Patra completes two decades in service of children and communities

● 2021

June

Akshaya Patra goes beyond food relief efforts and conducts an incentivised vaccination drive in Bengaluru to help overcome vaccine hesitancy

August

The Foundation starts Night Shelter Feeding Initiative in Delhi, serving lunch and dinner to over 6,000 homeless in 209 night shelters run by the Delhi Urban Slum Improvement Board (DUSIB)

November

Akshaya Patra completes the serving of 20 Crore (200 million) cumulative meal

● 2023

April

Akshaya Patra launches its first-of-a-kind all-women-run community kitchen in Barsana, Uttar Pradesh. It's 67th kitchen in the country

● 2022

February

Akshaya Patra collaborates with BYJU'S to launch a Digital Education Programme to support children from economically weaker sections of society

Awards & Recognition

- ◆ Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2016 for its contribution towards the socio-economic development of India by providing mid-day meals to millions of children across the country
- ◆ National Award for Child Welfare 2017 recognising Akshaya Patra's efforts in the field of child welfare
- ◆ Padma Shri to Madhu Pandit Dasa, Chairman of The Akshaya Patra Foundation, in recognition of the distinguished service rendered by Akshaya Patra for the children of India
- ◆ Nikkei Asia Prize in the Economic and Business Innovation category for supporting education by nourishing children, thus playing a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of the region
- ◆ Outlook Poshan Special Jury Award 2019 in recognition of its valuable contribution in the Urban Nutrition (Institution) category
- ◆ BBC's Global Food Champion Award 2019 for its contribution through the school feeding programme
- ◆ Social Change Leadership Award in the education category at the Leap Vault Change Leadership Awards
- ◆ ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting - Best in Not-for-Profit Organisations category (on seven occasions)
- ◆ Inducted into the ICAI Hall of Fame for winning the Gold for five years in a row from FY2008-09 to FY2012-13
- ◆ South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), an apex body of SAARC, Best Presented Annual Report Awards
- ◆ Mahatma Award for Social Good 2019 for its impact on society through the Mid-Day Meal Programme Awards & Recognitions
- ◆ Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Award for Food Safety
- ◆ Kalam Innovation in Governance Award
- ◆ Asian MAKE (Most Admired Knowledge Enterprise) award by CII (Confederation of Indian Industry)
- ◆ National Child Health Award 2009 for exemplary work in promoting nutrition
- ◆ Mahatma Award 2020 for COVID-19 Humanitarian Efforts
- ◆ NGO Leadership Award at the India CSR Leadership Summit & India CSR Awards 2021
- ◆ Community Leadership Award at the 24th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award
- ◆ India Today-RPG Happiness Award in the "NGO that brought the Most Happiness" category
- ◆ The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) COVID Crusaders Award 2020 for its philanthropic work done during the testing times of the pandemic
- ◆ The CSR Times Award in the COVID category at the 8th National CSR E-summit
- ◆ Silver Award towards COVID FOOD RELIEF PROJECT at the 7th CSR Health Impact Awards 2023





सत्यमेव जयते
Ministry of Education
Government of India



प्रधानमंत्री पोषण शिक्षा निर्माण
Pradhan mantri Poshan Shiksha Nirman
(PM POSHAN)

AKSHAYA
PĀTRA
Unlimited food for education



Central Office

No. 72, 3rd Floor, 3rd Main, 1st & 2nd Stage,
Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb,
Rajajinagar, Ward No. 10,
Bengaluru - 560022, Karnataka, India
Ph: 91-80-30143400
E-mail: infodesk@akshayapatra.org
www.akshayapatra.org | Toll-free No: 1800-425-8622

For Media Queries : Vivek.S
Ph: +91 96201 27191

Theakshayapatrafoundation akshayapatra theakshayapatrafoundation