



TAPF UK - SPRING 2023

# NEWSLETTER



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I really like eating the Biryani that Akshaya Patra packs.  
It has lots of taste and I really love the pasta too!

Jasnoor, Year 6 student at Dormers Wells School

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# A VERY WARM WELCOME

*"Hunger knows no nationality or background. It is a recurring problem – atleast 3 times each day, as we have experienced."*



**Bhawani Singh Shekhawat**  
CEO & Trustee - TAPF UK/Europe

"If we ignore our children, we are putting our own future at stake. These children will be our leaders tomorrow. We must collaboratively feed them, and feed them right."

Akshaya Patra uses best practices to mitigate the problem, as best as can be done. We'd love to serve children at schools as well, even to children who don't need free school meal vouchers.

Our meals are healthy, cooked specially keeping children in mind. Learning at that age does not need food loaded with hormones, salts, processed sugars, and preservatives. Children at school must eat like how they would otherwise eat at home."

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**About Akshaya Patra UK** : The Akshaya Patra Foundation or TAPF UK is a food charity for children in the UK and in India. As the world's largest mid-day meal provider, for the last 22 years, TAPF has been serving hot meals to over 2 million children, daily in India. Here in the UK, we serve children across London and Greater London. Our food service multiplies during school holidays, serving children eligible for free school meal vouchers, among several others. Our food is vegetarian, nutritious and kind on the planet. It travels in sustainable and insulated steel containers.



# SERVING DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 62 LOCATIONS IN LONDON

Over 10,000 hot meals dressed with nutrition, are going out over the Easter school holidays, freshly prepared for children of low-income families at council run holiday clubs and community centres. We are serving at over 60 locations including the heart of London, via the City of London authorities.



**“** I feel full when I eat this food. And I want to eat more.

- Prodig Koomar, Year 8, Ealing, West London

## What's on the menu?

- Pesto Pasta & Vegetables
- Spinach rice & beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Veg Shepherd's pie and more delicious & healthy food.

*The children are able to bring in their containers and receive different hot foods on different days. At this time of cost-of-living crisis, parents are struggling to provide food, specially healthy food. These meals really mean a lot.*

- Teacher at Dormers Wells School

Handmade and prepared from the heart.



# SERVING 2 MILLION SMILES IN INDIA, DAILY



Since 2000, TAPF has been concerting all its efforts in providing hot, nutritious and freshly prepared meals to children every single school day.

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We are continuously leveraging technology to multiply our reach. Today, we are the world's largest non-for-profit Mid-Day Meal organization serving wholesome food every school day to over 2 million children across India.

Through our robust network of feeding service modules, we are able to reach children in remote areas, urban slums, & marginalized communities, ensuring that they have access to a daily nutritious meal.

The impact of our efforts goes beyond just providing food. The meals have become the very reason why many children show up at school! Hence, we call 'Akshaya Patra' as an unlimited pot of food for education.

## New Kitchens in India

In the last couple of months we have inaugurated three new kitchens taking the total number of our kitchens in India to 66.

64 out of 66 kitchens are automated fully - centralized facilities that can cook anywhere between 3k to 200k meals per cycle, utilizing gravity flow mechanisms to minimize human handling of food for enhanced safety and quality.

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REACH  
SO FAR

2 million children  
receive mid day  
meals daily

Preparing  
nutritious meals  
from 66 kitchens

Spread across  
more than 15  
states in India



## Akshaya Patra India's CEO visit to the UK



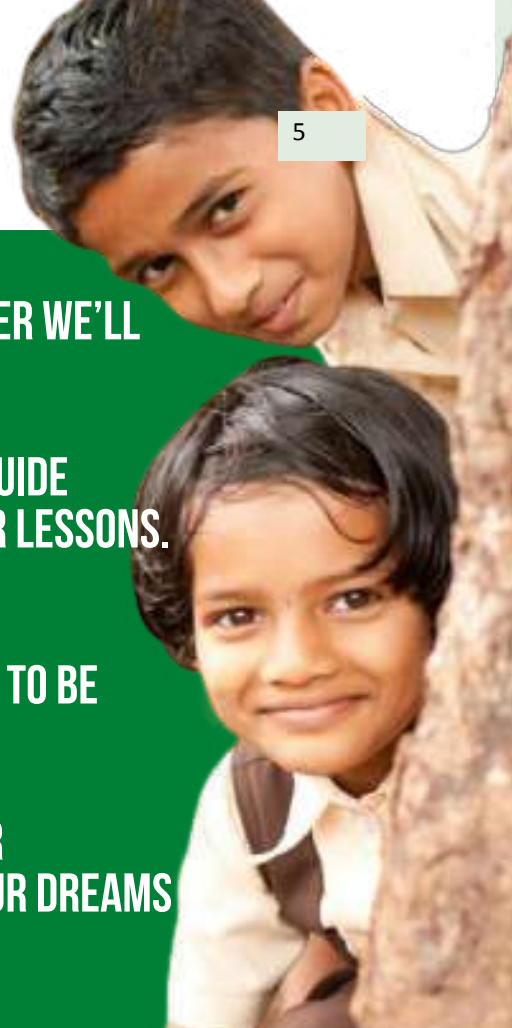
During his first visit to Akshaya Patra's first international kitchen in the UK, India CEO Shridhar Venkat shared expertise and insights into the wonderful work the team is doing in India, leaving us very inspired.

**GIVE US A PEN, GIVE US PAPER WE'LL WRITE OUR FUTURE.**

**GIVE US BOOKS, GIVE US A GUIDE WE'LL READ AND LEARN OUR LESSONS.**

**GIVE US A SCHOOL, GIVE US CLASSROOMS WE'LL GROOM TO BE BETTER.**

**GIVE US NUTRITION AND OUR EDUCATION WE'LL CHASE OUR DREAMS AND GOALS.**



## Teams from Dishoom chain of restaurants visit our India kitchens

In March, Team Dishoom visited our kitchens in Mumbai and also served food at schools. "Meeting the beneficiaries and seeing the impact of these meals is so inspiring..", remarked a member.

## Thank you Dishoom!

Till date, you have donated over a staggering 15 million meals via the Meal for Meal Partnership.

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# GET INVOLVED, FUNDRAISE IN YOUR OWN WAY



## Miles for Meals - SPOTLIGHT

Are you between the ages 6 and 102, living in the UK?

Then our Miles for Meals challenge is for you. Offer yourself any challenge to improve your mental and physical wellness, as you raise funds for meals for children.

Jatinder of the Heston Lions club is going on a trek to the top of Mt Kilimanjaro in May. She is celebrating her 70th birthday this year. We are proud of you, Jatinder!

## Community for TAPF

Asian Foundation & partners are leading a community fundraiser on the 23rd of April at the famed Dhamecha Lohana centre in London.

There will be music, food, prayers and a lot of compassionate people on the day. If you'd like to join, email



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As a first response, teams from TAPF UK are actively responding to the crisis by providing food relief to those affected by the earthquake.



## Fundraise for Turkey Earthquake Relief

The recent earthquake in Turkey has left many people in urgent need of food and relief assistance.

We are handing out dry grocery kits and are coordinating with local authorities, partner organizations, and volunteers to ensure that food reaches those who need it the most.



## Charity Partner of the year - Genpact UK

We were at Genpact UK's offices, sharing our incredible story and some carrot cake from our kitchen a few months ago. Thank you Genpact UK for your support.

Take us to your work place via our popular Lunch & Learn sessions

✉ [erika.loch@tapf.org.uk](mailto:erika.loch@tapf.org.uk)

## Call to Parents

Have us serve at your school. We would like to shout out to School Governors, parents and teachers in North London.

Please introduce us to your management. We are trying to serve at as many schools and centres.

✉ [hello@tapf.org.uk](mailto:hello@tapf.org.uk)



## Lions of Enfield roar for Akshaya Patra!

Lions Club of Enfield chose three diverse charities to raise awareness and funds for. We got picked and we were loved.

**Thank you Lions!**



**It is an Open House!**

You know what we do. You probably don't know how we do it. Join us on the 4th Friday of every month at our kitchen in Watford. Our next open house is on the 28th of April. Drop in anytime between 11 am and 3 pm. Just please drop us an email before you come because we'd like to keep a hot meal waiting for you.

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## Thank you, SIGMA

We have a new Bread machine which can roll out up to 1,000 flatbreads in an hour! Thank you Sigma for leading the donation drive to help us buy this useful equipment which can make healthy and tasty wraps for thousands of children, daily.

At the recently held Sigma Conference in the Dominican Republic, Sigma helped raise funds to support atleast 50,000 hot meals in the UK.





# STORY OF TRANSFORMATION

**N**asir Baig was determined to become a Chartered Accountant. From a low-income household, he is the eldest of three brothers. His father works at a factory producing incense sticks, while his mother is a homemaker.

A long-time beneficiary of the Mid-Day Meal Programme, Nasir was inspired by his school faculty and Akshaya Patra to pursue his dream. He received a scholarship under the Foundation's BEYOND MEALS Programme to pursue his CA course.

In early 2022, he passed his examinations and wishes to go on to work in the manufacturing or fast-moving consumer goods industries, with the goal of eventually starting his own firm.



Nasir Baig (left), 24, Chartered Accountant with Shridhar Venkat, CEO, The Akshaya Patra Foundation India

To ensure that every child anywhere in the world is fed well, nourished and given an opportunity to go to school and get educated.

By creating an ecosystem where children can exercise their rights such as the right to food and the right to education, we will only ensure that we give them what is rightfully theirs.

## SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN

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