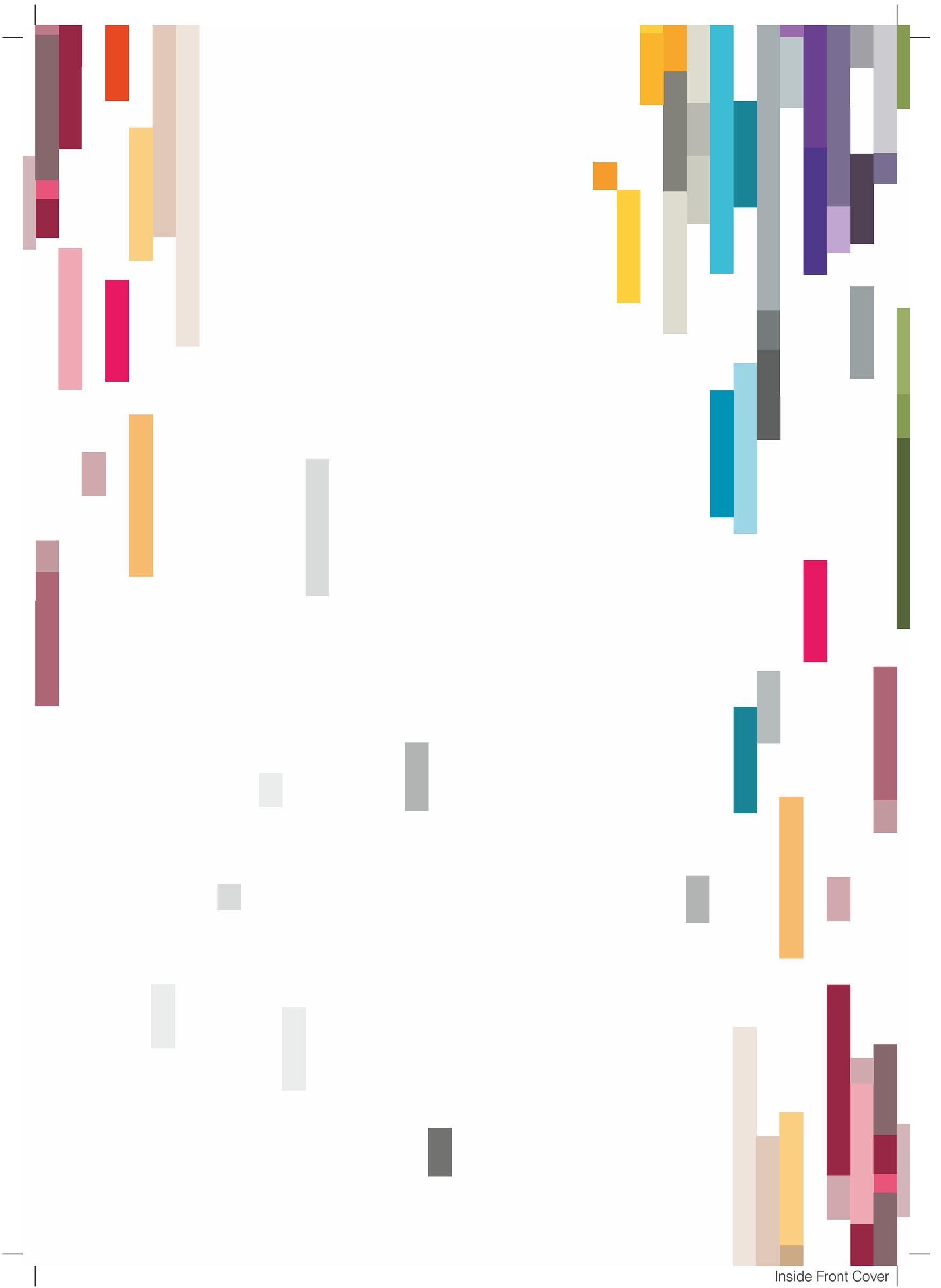




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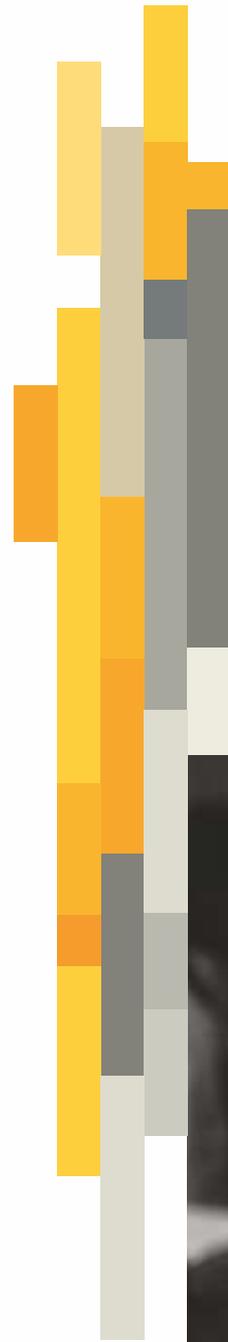


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“India has the largest population of children and youth in the world. This is both an opportunity and a responsibility. The nation will only reach its potential if we can endow capability through quality education, employability skill training and accessible, affordable healthcare.”

Mr. Narotam Sekhsaria



# The most effective way to change the world is to empower those who can.

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation was founded in 2002 through an endowment from Mr. Narotam Sekhsaria.

The Foundation supports initiatives that enhance the quality of people's lives across India. The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation believes in building the skills and capabilities of people and communities, to deliver a sustainable and lasting impact on society.

This goes beyond merely offering financial support to organisations, groups, and individuals in the social services sphere. The Foundation also offers strategic inputs and customised training to help them develop their capabilities, improve their performance and achieve their goals.





# Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation works towards a holistic change in society through 5 areas of focus:

## 01. EDUCATION

### Scholarships and Fellowships

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation promotes academic excellence by enabling deserving students across India to access quality higher education. The Foundation grants a wide array of scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated their academic excellence and all-round development. Our support to students extends beyond scholarships; it involves a unique mentoring programme that continues throughout the students' academic and professional life. It is hoped that once these scholars achieve success, they will in turn become mentors for another generation of students. The Foundation supports educational institutes through a range of fellowships and chairs that enable research, medical and surgical training and the preservation of architectural heritage.

### Select Programmes:

#### Postgraduate Loan Scholarships

The Foundation offers interest-free loan scholarships to students who wish to pursue courses at leading institutions around the world. A unique mentoring process is built into this programme.

#### Undergraduate Scholarships in Engineering

Scholarships for undergraduate studies in engineering are awarded to students from 13 engineering colleges across Mumbai.

#### Undergraduate Scholarships in Medicine

A scholarship programme is offered to undergraduate students of 9 medical colleges across Mumbai.

#### Fellowships for Medical Education and Training

The Foundation awards medical fellowships to young surgical residents at Prince Aly Khan Hospital and Tata Memorial Hospital, enabling them to obtain specialised training in the area of head and neck oncology and to undertake a diploma programme accredited to the National Board of Examinations.

#### Higher Secondary Awards

The Foundation helps meritorious students of lower income groups pursue undergraduate education. The scholarships are given by the Bombay Community Public Trust.

#### Scholarships for Professional Studies for Children of Police Personnel

As part of this scholarship scheme, excellence awards are given to final-year students in professional courses.

#### Scholarships for Merasi Singers, Rajasthan

The Foundation has pledged its support towards the education of 5 Merasi children. These children will attend private schools in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

“The mentorship programme puts you in touch with someone well-established in your field who guides you in making decisions related to your career. I thank the foundation for helping me reach where I am today.”

**Karishma Tiwari**  
M. Phil Economics  
Oxford University

#### **Prizes for Academic Excellence to Children of Police Personnel**

Every year, the Foundation awards 20 cash prizes to the children of police personnel who obtain the highest marks (90% and above) in the SSC and HSC examinations.

#### **Fellowships in Sanskrit and Lexicography, Deccan College**

4 fellowships are awarded to students pursuing a full-time MA course, and 2 fellowships to those pursuing a full-time PhD for a period of 3 years at the Department of Sanskrit and Lexicography at Deccan College, Pune. These fellowships are awarded to promote higher education in Sanskrit.

#### **Narotam Sekhsaria Silver Jubilee Scholarships**

The Narotam Sekhsaria Silver Jubilee Scholarships to pursue higher education are awarded to the top 10 students from Ambuja Schools across India.

**“Not only does the foundation provide great financial support, its network of mentors, fellow peers and alumni is something that I can really count on. In every city I visit, there is a Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation fellow to meet up with.”**

#### **Simran J Singh**

MBA in Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management  
Wharton School of Business

#### **Support to NGOs and Civil Society Initiatives**

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation believes there is a need for civil society's intervention in the development of education. To this end, the Foundation supports NGOs that develop innovative educational models.

#### **Select Initiatives:**

##### **Action for Ability Development and Inclusion (AADI), Delhi**

The Foundation supports training courses conducted by the School of Rehabilitation Science and Consultancy and partners with the government and NGOs to develop effective rehabilitation services for children with disabilities.

##### **Friends of Tribal Society (FTS), Rajasthan**

The Foundation supports 30 *ekalvidyalayas* (one-teacher schools) in Rajasthan, contributing towards offering education to all.

##### **Tara Trust, Goa**

This trust conducts art-based workshops and sessions for the underprivileged children in Goa with the support of the Foundation.

##### **Chaitanya School, Sree Vidya Niketan Trust, Gujarat**

With the help of the Foundation, the needy students at Chaitanya School are offered financial support and access to quality education.

##### **Devi Foundation, Delhi**

The Foundation supported a school managed by Devi Foundation for underprivileged children at the outskirts of Lucknow.

##### **Nehru Bal Mandir Secondary School, Rajasthan**

The Foundation has contributed towards the construction of this school; it is the only CBSE school that provides senior secondary English-medium education in Chirawa, Rajasthan.

##### **Ambuja Manovikas Kendra Sponsorships, Punjab**

The Foundation provides education sponsorships through the Ambuja Manovikas Kendra, a body which provides education and instruction in fields such as skill development and occupational therapy to special needs children in the Ropar district.

##### **Vedanta Vision, Mumbai**

The Foundation has supported 'Strong Foundations, Successful Futures', a curriculum designed to help students achieve their full potential based on the principles of Vedanta, and the publication of the book *Beyond Harvard* by Mrs. Jaya Row.

## 02. HEALTH

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation is committed towards elevating the health status of the marginalised and vulnerable sections of society. The Foundation engages with public hospitals and private charitable hospitals. Our support helps build capabilities, infrastructure and community outreach programmes.

### Select Initiatives:

#### Strengthening Healthcare Systems

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation partners with hospitals and organisations to improve and manage critical facilities required to equalise access to quality healthcare in addition to facilitating training programmes essential to establish a core set of people.

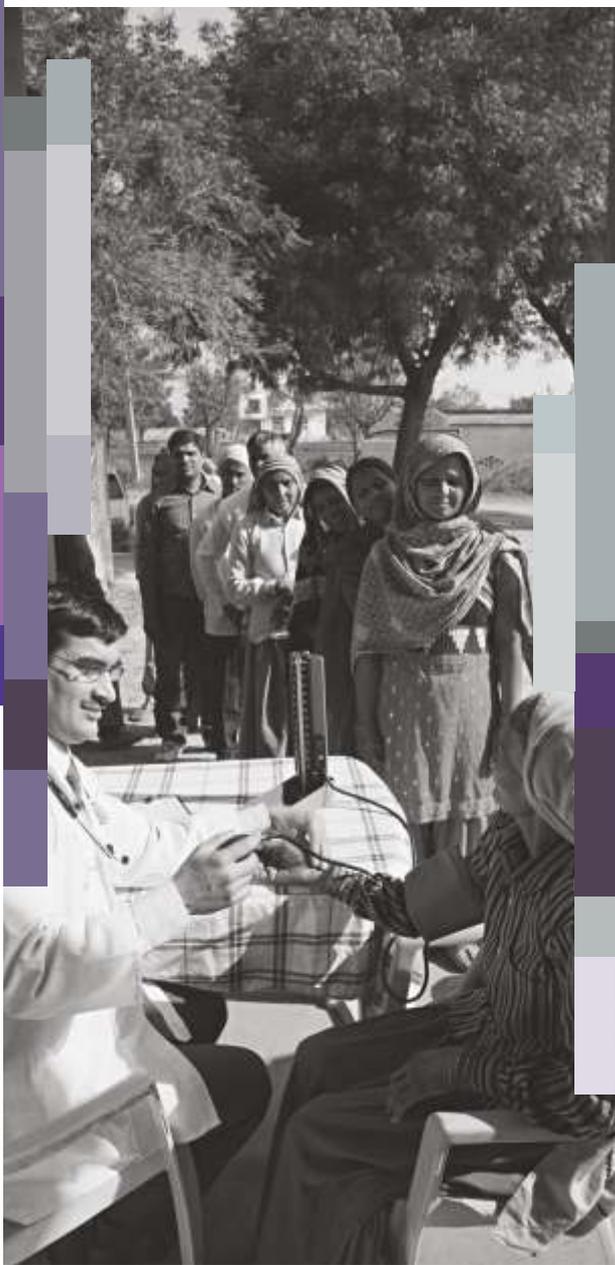
#### L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation is particularly committed to making quality eye care accessible to all and has extended its support to expand the provision of keratoplasty services at L. V. Prasad Eye Institute in Bhubaneswar. Previously, the Foundation enabled L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad to equip their extension centre and procure slit lamps to screen ophthalmic anomalies in Hyderabad.



“Funding provided by the Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation has been invaluable for the establishment of baseline and secondary-level referral clinical services and treatment for a rural population relatively deprived of NCD-related health services.”

**Dr. Nerges Mistry**  
Trustee and Joint Director  
Foundation of Medical Research



**Aravind Eye Care, Madurai**

The partnership with Aravind Eye Care has contributed towards establishing and managing a sustainable eye care programme in different parts of the country.

**Dr. C. M. Shah Memorial Charitable Trust, Mumbai**

The Foundation has extended its support towards the vision centre at Malvani, an offsite ophthalmic screening unit that constitutes an eye examination unit manned by trained Eye Care Professionals (ECP) and linked to the community ophthalmology department of the eye hospital.

**Prince Aly Khan Hospital, Mumbai**

The Foundation partnered with Prince Aly Khan Hospital to construct a specially designed, 14-bed oncology ward in addition to facilitating staff capacity building, and equipment support in laryngotracheal surgery.

**Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Mumbai**

The Foundation supported the infrastructural modernisation of this hospital's head and neck surgery facilities. With the Foundation's support, the hospital was able to obtain much-needed Valleylab Electrosurgical Cautery Equipment.

**Ummeed Child Development Centre, Mumbai**

Since its inception, Ummeed has been actively working towards training communities to address the unique needs of children suffering from developmental disabilities. The Foundation supports Ummeed's Mental Health Training Programme and facilitates organisational capacity building.

**King Edward Memorial Hospital**

The Foundation supported the establishment of Seth G. S. Medical College's Liver Transplant Program with a state-of-the-art modular operation theatre and equipment. Support was also extended towards digitisation and assessment of teaching curriculum.

**SACH**

The Foundation is supporting a project on women's empowerment in Rajasthan's Barmer district. Through the project, efforts are being made to build the capacity of women to act as animators and propel a participatory model of community development. The initiative has impacted the health, education and livelihood opportunities of villages in remote areas of the district.

### **Public Health Interventions**

The Foundation is committed towards fostering positive change in the community through public health interventions at the community and hospital levels.

#### **Centre for Health and Social Justice**

The Foundation is supporting a programme on repositioning family planning by involving men. The objective is to contribute towards improving Reproductive Health (RH) status and reducing female vulnerability by encouraging men to assume a supportive role in family planning, pregnancy, and new-born care. This pilot programme has been introduced in the Maharashtra districts of Solapur, Osmanabad and Ratnagiri.

#### **Mahila Sarvangeen Utkarsh Mandal (MASUM)**

The Foundation supported MASUM's initiative to upscale its interventions for women's health and its advocacy efforts for integrating local-level screening for reproductive tract infections (RTI), sexually transmitted infections (STI), cervical cancer etc. into the public health system.

#### **Jan Swasthya Abhiyan**

Considering the potential role of civil society organisations and health advocates in shaping the national policies in health and its implementation, the Foundation is supporting Jan Swasthya Abhiyan's nationwide capacity building effort to strengthen and prepare them for their role in the health sector. Jan Swasthya Abhiyan is the India chapter of Public Health Assembly.

#### **Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action (SNEHA)**

The Foundation, in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), supported SNEHA's effort to set up free antenatal care (ANC) clinics within 29 public health posts established in areas where the population predominately lives in slums. The project aimed to improve the maternal and child health facilities in the health posts set up by the MCGM.

#### **Gram Shikshana Charity Foundation**

The Foundation has supported Grama Shikshana Charity Foundation's endeavour to strengthen its early detection and referral programme for oral, breast and cervical cancer in 47 villages of Hubli, Karnataka. This project – titled 'Can Care' – aims to establish a local-level screening and referral system.

#### **Foundation for Medical Research**

We support the Foundation for Medical Research's development of a pilot model for the care and control of diabetes and its complications in a rural area in Western Maharashtra. The model includes a formative research study based on preventive, promotive and curative care for diabetes and also its most frequent complications (cardiovascular, kidney and eye disease).

#### **Pallium India**

The Foundation aided Pallium India's advocacy campaign on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) act amendment during the winter session of Parliament. Millions of Indians are without access to effective and affordable pain medications. The passage of the NDPS amendment will make it easier for medical institutions and physicians to provide critically important medications to seriously ill patients across India.

#### **Prabhat Foundation**

The Foundation supports Prabhat Foundation's programme on community-based rehabilitation of children with disabilities. The project also works towards realising the larger goal of strengthening education for children with special needs through networking and partnership with like-minded organisations.

#### **Shankar Netralaya**

The Foundation aided Shankar Netralaya's efforts to strengthen the facility with modern equipment required to conduct ocular surgeries (including cataract, vitreoretinal and squint correction) to provide treatment to needy patients from weaker economic backgrounds.

#### **LifeFirst**

The Foundation initiated LifeFirst to catalyse, build capacity and establish a high-quality, proven tobacco treatment service for individuals from every stratum of society. LifeFirst is based on international evidence, standards and protocols (from the Mayo Clinic, USA; Ottawa Model, Canada; and the National Health Service, UK), and adapted for India. This service is modelled on the lines of 'Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Clinical Practice Guidelines' and the Massachusetts General Hospital's Tobacco Treatment Service. Comprehensive counselling, pharmacotherapy and follow-up services are provided by Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS), taught by specialists trained at the Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Centre, USA. LifeFirst delivers the service for a range of contexts such as hospitals, primary healthcare centres, government health programmes, workplaces, communities and schools.

LifeFirst training has been selected for the Global Bridges 2014 Tobacco Dependence Treatment Award under the Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning and Change (IGLC). The training modules have been developed in collaboration with Health Communication Core, a department of Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, Boston (USA), that specialises in combining evidence-based practice with creative expertise.

#### **Nutrition Rights Programme**

The Foundation has conceptualised and spearheaded a programme titled 'Promoting Social Accountability for Improved Nutrition and Food Security', in Maharashtra. The programme aims to prevent malnutrition by making nutrition services accountable and responsive by generating appropriate knowledge and reshaping relevant policies and programmes.

The programme is being piloted in 6 districts in Maharashtra: Pune, Nagpur, Mumbai, Nandurbar, Gadchiroli and Amravati.

The 3 major components of the programme:

- a. Monitoring, accountability and community processes (awareness and initiatives focusing on nutrition and food security).
- b. Advocacy of integrating community-based monitoring in the ICDS process, inter-sectoral coordination and convergence for the effective implementation of the nutrition and health programmes.
- c. Critical knowledge generation on nutrition and allied issues.

#### **Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Society (PDMS), Mumbai**

The Foundation lends its support to PDMS in their initiative towards building a cost-effective and replicable model of multi-disciplinary rehabilitation for patients with Parkinson's disease.

#### **Amarjyoti Charitable Trust, Delhi**

The Foundation helps to facilitate a comprehensive rehabilitation process for people with disabilities to demonstrate a model for community-based rehabilitation. The Foundation recently supported an inter-country meeting on 'Promotion of Inclusivity in Education, Employment, Health and Well-Being of Persons with Disability in the South-East Asia Region', organised by Amarjyoti in Delhi.



## 03. LIVELIHOOD

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation believes that it is more constructive to train people for a job, than to provide them with one. The Foundation supports initiatives that raise the level of employability of people across the nation.

### Select Initiatives:

#### **Ambuja Cement Foundation (ACF)**

The Foundation has partnered with ACF for the Chirawa Rural Development Project in Rajasthan, wherein it is involved in projects that promote the conservation and management of natural resources, community health and sanitation, and education and development among women and youth. To increase employability, ACF has now established a Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Institute (SEDI) with short-term training courses for the youth in and around Chirawa

#### **Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN), Rajasthan**

This NGO promotes livelihood development and food security with the sustainable use of natural resources. The Foundation partnered with PRADAN in an endeavour to develop alternative sustainable livelihood opportunities. The Foundation supported a livelihood project for tribes in Rajasthan's Sirohi district. The project involved a wide range of activities, including rainwater harvesting to enhance food security, levelling of land for better cultivation, induction of improved cropping practices and the provision of seeds, and composting and irrigation structures.

#### **Vocational Skill Development in BMC Schools, Mumbai**

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation in collaboration with Salaam Bombay Foundation and Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai has initiated a skill-development programme for the students studying in BMC schools.

#### **Kherwadi Social Welfare Association**

Yuva Parivartan is a movement started by the Kherwadi Social Welfare Association (KWWSA) to provide vocational training to the unemployed, underprivileged youth for economic empowerment. Yuva Parivartan has many centres for vocational courses for those who wish to become tailors, beauticians, electrical wiremen, motor mechanics etc. The Foundation has supported the Thane Outreach vocational centre of the KWWSA over the past few years.

**“For the last 8 years, the Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation has been supporting the implementation of a water resource management programme to enhance the livelihood opportunities in the agriculture sector. The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation also supported the SEDI programme to provide vocational skill training to the youth of Chirawa.”**

**Anil Gupta,**  
Programme Manager  
Ambuja Cement Foundation

“The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation demonstrated their pioneering spirit by supporting a non-standard project that attempts to seed public participation for equitable urban planning in Mumbai.”

**Pankaj Joshi**  
Executive Director  
Urban Design Research Institute



## 04. CIVIC ISSUES, GOVERNANCE AND URBAN PLANNING

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation partners with organisations to improve the quality of life of people living on the edges of society, by working towards protecting their rights and ensuring access to public resources. We work to ensure that the government entities are accountable and transparent.

The Foundation partners with organisations that actively play a role in the civic development of Mumbai.

### Select Initiatives:

#### Praja, Mumbai

Praja empowers citizens to participate in the governing process, especially in the areas of the accountability of elected representatives and better community participation. These measures have enabled people to easily access information regarding their administrative system.

#### Urban Design Research Institute, Mumbai

The Urban Design Research Institute (UDRI) was started to enrich and create awareness on various urban issues and facilitate interaction by involving multiple stakeholders. DP24SEVEN, a project initiated by UDRI, intends to upgrade the development plan by creating public awareness and empowering citizens by enabling them to participate actively in the project.

#### Charles Correa Foundation, Goa

Charles Correa Foundation (CCF) was established in 1984 under the guidance of Charles Correa, the country's leading architect-planner. CCF aims to enrich the understanding of the urban built environment and works towards its improvement by fostering contributory and critical interdisciplinary exchanges. Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation has supported CCF's capacity building measures by instituting fellowships for students and young architects and professionals in the domains of architecture, urban planning and urban design to pursue scholarly work relating to urbanisation.





## 05. YOUTH AND URBANISATION

By focusing on youth and urbanisation, the Foundation focuses on the intersection of the two most dominant trends of Indian demographics – the increasing proportion of young people in the country's population, and the rapid rate of urbanisation. Taking urban youth as its focus, the Foundation supports a range of small and intensive initiatives through financial and pastoral support windows.

### India Youth Fund

Founded in 2012, the India Youth Fund is a joint initiative of UN-Habitat and the Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation which aims to advance urban youth empowerment in India through the provision of small grants (up to Rs. 8 lacs) for year-long projects that are conceived by, implemented by, and positively impact urban youth. Through this fund, the Foundation and UN-Habitat hope to mobilise and empower India's urban youth towards youth-related policy reform, and to facilitate the exchange of best practices. The fund is awarded to a fresh cohort of organisations annually who are selected after an intensive and competitive screening process.

### 2013-14

#### Design Research Publication Cell (DRPC), Mumbai, Maharashtra

DRPC, a collective led by students of architecture, developed and piloted a prototypical roof farming system in informal settlements in Mumbai.

#### Light Innovative Organisation for Rights (LIOR), Chennai, Tamil Nadu

LIOR worked with transgendered individuals in Chennai through a series of capacity and skill-building workshops, and helped them find access to mainstream employment opportunities.

#### Jeeva Karunya Trust (JKT), Erode, Tamil Nadu

JKT implemented a multipronged programme that involved sensitisation of communities, officials and medical institutions towards the proper handling of snakes and snakebites in urban and peri-urban areas.

#### ProRural, Dimapur, Nagaland

ProRural piloted a community-embedded, youth-led, and entrepreneurial model of solid waste management for various neighbourhoods in Dimapur.

#### The YP Foundation (TYPF), Delhi

TYPF promoted gender equality and governance in informal settlements in Delhi by designing a programme that positioned young women and girls as advocates of vigilant citizenship.

#### Youth Movement for Active Citizenship (YMAC), Mumbai, Maharashtra

YMAC worked with the residents of several slum areas in Mumbai on community-identified issues such as gender sensitisation and access to civic entitlements.

#### South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE), Kolkata, West Bengal

SAFE helped peri-urban communities in Kolkata to develop prototypical vertical greening systems, and plugged them into an entrepreneurship model of growth by linking them to urban developers.

### 2014-15

#### People for Parity (PFP), Delhi

PFP is working across northern Indian cities on programmes that aim to address rising incidences of gender-based violence, by involving all genders and institutional networks.

#### Integrated People's Service Society (IPSS), Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu

IPSS is implementing a community-embedded programme that aims to lower the levels of nutritional anaemia amongst adolescent girls who live in informal settlements in the Dindigul district of Tamil Nadu.

#### Sun Shine Health and Social Welfare Society, Delhi

Sun Shine Health and Social Welfare Society is working in informal settlements in Delhi to promote health awareness in youth, especially with respect to tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and maternal and child health.

#### Science for Society (SFS), Mumbai

SFS is piloting and scaling up a maternal healthcare solution for poor women that relies on app-based technology and incorporates a network of healthcare workers and medical institutions.

#### Fresh and Local (F&L), Mumbai

F&L is piloting a 'nomadic garden' that grows on the back of a truck, and will use the same to spread awareness of urban agriculture and horticulture in otherwise inaccessible slums of Mumbai.

#### Young Social Innovators Conclave

As an extension of the India Youth Fund programme, the Foundation organises and hosts the Young Social Innovators Conclave, the largest knowledge-sharing platform in the country that focuses solely on urban youth-led social innovations. Its first edition was held in Mumbai in 2014 and saw the participation of 60 subject experts and 50 innovators across 9 thematic areas. It was attended by 300 people.

**“India Youth Fund has enabled us to use our design backgrounds for real social design. As architects, we propose a lot of ideas for society and participating in the Fund helps us reach a step closer to realising it.”**

#### Gaurav Sardana

Project Coordinator  
Design Research Publication Cell



## 06. ART, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation is committed to promoting Indian heritage, art and culture. We support the conservation of monuments, architecture and traditional art forms of national importance.

### Select Initiatives:

#### Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Pondicherry

INTACH is the country's leading non-profit organisation active in the spheres of heritage conservation and preservation. Its Pondicherry chapter played an important role in the restoration of Pondicherry's colonial townscape. The Foundation supports several fellowships at INTACH Pondicherry which aim to equip built environment practitioners and students towards strengthening their capacities in the sphere of heritage conservation.

#### Indian Heritage Society, Mumbai

This society is involved in the restoration and conservation of the ancient Rameshwar Temple and the Ganpati Temple at Banganga, Mumbai.

#### Devi Foundation, Delhi

The Foundation supported the publication of *Young India*, a book on Indian contemporary artists.

#### Saptak, Gujarat

Saptak is a public charitable trust that runs a school and is tremendously successful in various youth festivals. The Foundation has supported Saptak identify and promote new talent in the field of Indian classical music.

#### Cultural Exchange Program, Mumbai

The Merasi singers from Lok Kala Sagar Sansthan, Rajasthan and the children from Salaam Bombay Foundation exchange traditions, culture and lifestyle at this interesting programme supported by the Foundation. The singers from Rajasthan are encouraged to present their ancient form of music by giving them a platform at the Kala Ghoda Festival.

**“The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation’s support to INTACH in the field of preservation and conservation heritage is the right step in the direction of sensitive and sustainable architecture and urban planning.”**

**Mr. Ashok Panda**  
Co-convener  
INTACH

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