

## Daan Utsav or The Joy of Giving

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On 3/10/14 MINT paper ran a series of articles on **Daan Utsav Week** or The Joy of Giving.

Mrs Rajashree Birla wrote in MINT that ‘Giving is **in fact Living.**’ To read more

<http://www.livemint.com/Specials/XaccWERecP1ckwaJ4spx5O/Rajashree-Birla--Giving-is-in-fact-living.html>

MINT issue motivated me to prepare an updated list of organizations that need Your Support.

1. **Vivekanand Kendra:** run 18 schools in Arunachal Pradesh. Visit <http://www.vkvapt.org/>

a. Pics of VKV Sonpura <http://www.esamskriti.com/theme-detail/VKV-Sonpura.aspx>.

b. Contact person – Jayshri Maniji. [jayashri@vkvapt.org](mailto:jayashri@vkvapt.org), 9401555508, 0373 2324320 or Pravinji Dabholkar, 91 9435709423.

c. Online donation - <http://www.vivekanandakendra.org/donation/donation.php>.

d. Bank details - Acc. Name: Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas Arunachal Pradesh Trust, A/c No 11027384836, Bank - State Bank of India, Branch Name - Dibrugarh Main Branch (Code No 00071), I P S Code: SBIN0000071.

2. **Praznath:** researching, documenting and publishing Kashmir’s culture and identity. They publish a quarterly journal ‘Praznath’ (means Identity in Kashmiri) and are also currently involved with dealing with floods. They are a registered society who would be applying for 80G tax benefits soon.

a. Contact person – President of Society and publisher of Journal is Sushilji Pandit, id [send2sp@gmail.com](mailto:send2sp@gmail.com), 91 9811 111088.

b. Account details – 0160000100233323, PNB IFSC PUNB0016000.

3. **Shelter Associates** works in the field of sanitation and inclusive housing for the poor has made “**One Home – One Toilet**” its mission to improve health and reduce social inequality. Since 1993, provided 2000 + individual toilets and impacted 40000 people directly with just sanitation projects. Area of focus is Pune and Sangli. Visit <http://shelter-associates.org/>

a. Contact person – Madhavi Chandkar, 91 7767318894, 91 (0)20 2444 0363

4. **Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar** Arunachal Pradesh. Visit <http://www.rkmh.org/>

a. Photos <http://www.esamskriti.com/photo-detail/Ramakrishna-Mission-Hospital-Itanagar.aspx>

b. Contact person – Secretary Maharaj. [rkmitanagar@gmail.com](mailto:rkmitanagar@gmail.com), 91 9436639142 (Secretary), Office 0360 2005051.

c. Bank details - Account No. 10940059937, in favour of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, IFSC SBIN0006091

5. **Friends of Tribal Society** run One Teacher Schools across the country, currently at 57,422. Visit - <http://www.ekal.org/>

- a. Contact person – Lekhaji Rungta, [croongta@yahoo.com](mailto:croongta@yahoo.com), 91 98211 40247.
- b. To donate online - <http://www.ekal.org/donate>

6. **Akshaya Patra:** ISKCON that provides mid-day meals to lakhs of children every day. Visit <http://annamrita.org/>

- a. Pics of Kitchen <http://www.esamskriti.com/photo-detail/ISKCON-Annamrita-Mumbai.aspx>
- b. Contact person – Nagabhushan. 91 22 23531530, 91 9920351177
- c. To Donate online - <http://annamrita.org/make-a-donation/>

7. **Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narainpur, Bastar** run a 1000 student residential school, Hospital, Integrated Rural Development, ITI Centre etc. Visit <http://www.rkmnarainpur.org/>

- a. Pics <http://www.esamskriti.com/photo-detail/Ramakrishna-Mission-Ashrama-Narainpur.aspx>
- b. Contact person – Swami Vyaptananda, [rkm.narainpur@gmail.com](mailto:rkm.narainpur@gmail.com), 91 7781252251.
- c. Bank details - Account Holder: RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAMA, NARAINPUR, State Bank of India (Code 2878), Bank Account No. : 31276950344, MICR Code of Bank: 4940002053, Mode of Electronic Transfer available in the Bank: IFSC – SBIN0002878

8. **SUPPORT** Mumbai has been actively working with street children and homeless youth in the field of drug addiction since 1992. Visit <http://www.supportstreetchildren.org/>

- a. To know about institution <http://www.esamskriti.com/essay-chapters/Support-children-of-Arunachal-Pradesh,-Tribals-and-Mumbai-1.aspx>
- b. Contact person – Sujata Ganega, 91 9821727344, 91 22 26652904.

9. **PRANAB KANYA SANGHA**, Nallasopara near Mumbai. Run a hostel for children who are orphans. There are about 40 school going children. A close friend recommended this SANGHA to me. Never been there but every time I spoke to Mataji knew my money is being used well.

- a. Contact - Mataji nos 91 9970348262
- b. Bank details – State Bank of India, their account nos 30795153786, SBI Nallasopara, branch code 12940

10. **"Sivananda Ashram/Orphanage/Gurukulam"**. Primary objective of protecting orphans, destitute women, the physically handicapped, AIDS-affected children, and the elderly.

- a. To make donation <http://buildhope.org/contributions.htm>

11. **Sevalaya Chennai** is a registered Charitable Trust established in 1988 with activities centered in and round the remote Kasuva village near Tiruninravur in Tiruvallur District, North West of Chennai. They currently serve 33 villages in and around Kasuva Village about 50 Kilometers from Chennai. They run a School, Children Home, Old Age Home and Goshala. Visit <http://www.sevalaya.org/about/>

a. To support thru Give India.org <http://www.giveindia.org/iGive-SupportSevalaya>

b. To support thru Trust site <http://www.sevalaya.org/support/>

12. **Vishranthi Charitable Trust Chennai** run an old age home, a single parent child hostel, home for women who flee their homes, home for mentally unstable patients. Visit <http://www.vishranthi.org/facilities.php>

a. To support <http://www.vishranthi.org/facilities.php>

13. To know about more NGOs visit the Give India site. <http://www.giveindia.org/>

Organizations 1 to 9 you can give my reference.

Whilst we have taken care to choose worthwhile organizations please do your own due diligence as well.

Most of the above institutions can receive donations from abroad but please confirm before you remit.

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