



WE ARE GRIEVED...



... at the passing away of our Founder Chairman A.H.Tobaccowala on 6th October 2010 but we are determined that everything achieved by him will not have been in vain.

Epitomizing the man, R.C. Sarin, Chairman, Impact India, quoted:

"I do not choose to be a common man,
It is my right to be uncommon if I can.
I seek opportunity, not security.
I want to take the calculated risk;
To dream and to build,
To fail and to succeed.
It is my heritage to think
And act for myself,
Enjoy the benefit of my creations
And to face the world boldly and say:
This I have done."

Condolence Message from:

Aditi Bhattacharya, New York, Ex-employee -
Dear Mr. Tobaccowala,

... Memories are wondrous things. They stay dewey fresh, wrapped in time-age-erosion proof pixie dust.

And so it is that I remember your voice, slightly tremulous, your eyes shining and alert, the slightest smile lurking at the corner of your mouth. Your quick questions, your precise enquiry, the gears of your mind grinding away and charging the glimmer in your eye. You made me want to stand in attention out of sheer respect whenever I met you.

You were what most of us Indians would consider with loving respect, a grand old man. Grand old men are expected to be sitting in a tweed coat or a shawl, in a deep armchair, surrounded by leather-bound books, a

RAMESH C. SARIN, CHAIRMAN

Ramesh C. Sarin is the Chairman of Impact India Foundation. He joined Impact India's Board of Directors on May 28, 2007 and was elected Vice-Chairman on August 4, 2009.



Named by "Business India" amongst the top 100 Businessmen in India in 1989, Ramesh Sarin was associated with Indian Tobacco Company Ltd. as a Director and Deputy Chairman and was the youngest Director on the Board to be responsible for the Company's diversification into Hotels. He was President of Voltas, India's sixth largest private sector corporation, and is the Chairman Emeritus of Carrier Corporation. As a consultant on business strategy and a mentor to senior personnel, he is on the Board of many companies.

brass-handled magnifying glass and a big cup of chai. They are NOT expected to sit with a dual monitor, 17 inch flatscreen mind you, and at a time when 512 MB of RAM was considered awesome, they are CERTAINLY not expected to be sitting with 1024 MB ram and looking to add MORE RAM to a computer already pumped up on electronic steroids!

MORE importantly, grand old men are NOT supposed to discuss the insides of a computer like a 19 year old geek, with the same wide-eyed glee too. You stumped me completely!

But that's who you were to me: a 70-something-year-old-going-on-20.

In celebration of a life that I trust you lived to the best of your capacity.

Salute to you, Sir.

The Lifeline Express Moves On

World Reports



At the initiative of Arvindi and Madhu Rai, the 120th Lifeline Express project conducted at Ghazipur, U.P., was sponsored by Dr.Indu Singh and family. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Indu Singh, 7180 registered patients were treated. Impact India thanks the Rai family and Dr. Indu Singh for their kind support.

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. supported Impact's endeavour to reduce disability by sponsoring the 121st Lifeline Express project at Farrukhabad, U.P., from 19th November to 10th December 2010 at which 3254 patients were treated.

The Lifeline Express is a Case Study for the Management Students at Wharton University, U.S.A. "Lifeline Express: Can train-turned-hospitals cure rural India's Health Care Woes?" Published: March 25, 2010 in India Knowledge at Wharton.

"Student doctor takes Magic Train to India" - Published in The Argus 13 September 2010

"Boarding the Lifeline Express for a healthy future" - Published in The Guardian, U.K., Sunday, October 3, 2010.



... "IIF's Lifeline Express hospital train is a Surgeon's Dream. To bring State-of-the-Art surgical facilities to remote, rural areas for serving the underprivileged disabled, is truly remarkable. IIF's Lifeline Express is a pioneer in setting high standards of hospital care and creates a model for the Government's public health infrastructure" .. Sushil Singh, Head CSR, Mahindra & Mahindra.

... "Impact India's Lifeline Express has been emulated in other parts of the world by similar trains on land and floating hospitals on water bodies. India looks forward to the day when its District Primary Health centres and Rural Hospitals reach the standards set by the Lifeline Express in health-care" ... K.R. Sreenath, CEO, Volkart Foundation.

Visitor's Remarks

"Dreams come true but seldom; the arrival of Lifeline Express in Farrukhabad is definitely such a moment. A big step for me and a big leap for Farrukhabad..."

-Salman Khurshid-Cabinet Minister, Water Resources & Additional Charge of Minority

"Every drop of goodness, service, soulfulness in service has a tremendous impact on the Universe. I am humbled and proud at the same time that India has an initiative like Lifeline Express. God Bless."

-Ms. Ministhy S., IAS, District Magistrate & Collector, Farrukhabad, U.P.

"I regularly donate to Impact India and fully support their amazing and special work. Being given the opportunity, I am humbled to be part of the team and wish the whole team great luck, and hope with God's Blessings they carry on the truly remarkable work for the needy underprivileged folk of India. God Bless You All!"

-Mr. Kulvinder S. Chawla, U.K.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (CHI) (Update)

DONATIONS



Impact India gratefully accepted from wellwishers clothes, toys, chocolates and other household items which were distributed at the CHI. We are particularly touched by the kind gesture of little Miss Devashri Turakia who collected chocolates and sweets from her friends during the festive season and donated them to Impact for the children of the Ashramshalas. Devashri strongly believes that God has given her enough so she feels the need to share with other children who are not so fortunate.

TREATED BED NETS

Vestergaard Frandsen has donated 25 Permanets for CHI and Lifeline Express. These insecticide treated bed nets are a boon for keeping the mosquitoes away.

KITCHEN GARDENS



The children in schools are excited to reap the fruits of their labour from the kitchen gardens created by them for which we thank Mattel Children's Foundation, Agsun Seeds and Syngenta Corporation for their sponsorship.

CATARACT SURGERIES

Rotary Borivili East Foundation has sponsored 414 cataract surgeries at M.L. Dhawale Hospital during the period March to December 2010.

MOBILE CLINIC CAMPS



Impact's Lifeline Express Mobile Diagnostic Clinics are in demand for eye camps being conducted by various NGOs.

Bank of Maharashtra, Vevji Branch, in Dahanu, partnered with IIF to hold a Free Eye check up camp in August 2010. 450 persons benefitted with 25 patients identified for cataract surgeries and 175 patients in need of spectacles. These were distributed on 28th Aug by Mr. Handa, Dy.G.M. and Mr. Harish Purohit, Branch Manager, who committed the Bank's support to IIF.

State Bank of India (SBI) organized a Vision Camp in Palghar. Two of IIF's Diagnostic Vans were part of a two-day vision screening camp held in November 2010. A total of 243 people benefitted with 9 cases detected with cataracts and 155 identified with refractive errors. SBI has pledged its support "Towards a Disability-Free Palghar".

NUTRITION



Preparation of Rotis using dark green leafy vegetables rich in nutrients, minerals and vitamins are promoted to combat malnutrition.

RETINA REPLACEMENT



On 2nd October 2010, 12 year old Prathik Mehalunge was operated for retina transplant at Bombay City Eye Hospital. Prathik was called for a check up after 7 days and his eyesight was perfect. Prathik's parents thanked the donors and IIF profusely. CHI is happy to help transform yet another young disabled person to productive life.

ORTHOPAEDIC CAMP

An Orthopaedic Camp, organised together with the Rotary Club of Sion, was held at Somta on 8th Jan. 2011. 70 patients were present for screening for surgery by Dr. Taral Nagda and his team.

VISITING PROFESSIONALS



Thomson Reuters is one of the world's largest information businesses, providing professionals around the globe with financial, legal, tax, accounting, scientific and health care information to improve their work processes and results. A team of six professionals from different countries and disciplines visited the CHI and volunteered to formulate suitable strategy for IIF to tap CSR potentials.

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Watch NewsX's recently telecast film "Train of Hope on the Lifeline Express at Sasaram in Bihar where 7,194 persons were medically served. The film is in two parts, each of 12 minutes duration:
<http://alpha.newsx.com/videos/train-hope-i>
and
<http://alpha.newsx.com/videos.train-hope-ii>

Watch Impact India's film "Rainbow of Hope"
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<http://www.utube.com/watch?v=XEz-66MBGlc>
approx. 10 minutes

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