



Greetings for 2014

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30 Years of IMPACT INDIA

IMPACT was launched on 2nd October 1983, the 114th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, with a strong focus on healing and preventive services for reduction of needless human disabilities.

Impact started as one dream in India with one member: Zelma Lazarus as "the team". Today it is a consortium comprising 20 countries across the globe. Over the past 30 years IMPACT has institutionalized innovative and cost effective techniques using available delivery systems and existing infrastructure with the involvement of the private sector, NGOs, professionals and the community.

The Lifeline Express, the world's first hospital on a train, also known as the Magic Train of India, and the flagship of IMPACT, has completed 22 years of path breaking service to the underprivileged of rural India, in partnership with the Indian Railways. It has so far served about 850,000 disabled persons, all free of cost, restoring sight, movement, hearing, correction of cleft lips with dental and neurological treatment, all made possible with the donated services of 150,000 medical persons.

The Lifeline Express has been replicated with four trains in China, two in South Africa and Riverboat hospitals in Bangladesh and Cambodia.

The preventive aspect has been proved in Impact's Community Health Initiative, a sustainable, replicable model covering two million tribals in rural Maharashtra, which has reduced disability in the area by 72%. With its focus on Mother and Child Health and Nutrition, the initiative is in consonance with the United Nations 2015 - Millennium Development Goals.

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MESSAGE

The Prime Minister is happy to know that the Impact India Foundation is completing $30\ \text{years}$ service to the society.

 $NG\ Os$ and social organizations play a vital role in empowering people, especially for those belong to underprivileged background. On this occasion, I am happy to convey the greetings and good wishes of the Prime M inister for the success of the $30^{\,\mathrm{th}}$ Anniversary.



Office of Chairman

2nd October 2013



Dear Friends in Impact,

Today (2nd October) thirty years ago, Impact India was launched by the Government of India, as the first and flagship of twenty Impact Foundations worldwide.

Thanks to your dedication to "Make Things Happen", our hopes and dreams have come true. Impact India has truly shown the way for prevention and cure of disablement through the humanitarian services of the Lifeline Express having so far medically served over eight lakhs disabled poor in rural India, and the Community Health Initiative which has been established as a replicable model for others to follow.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and on my own behalf, I offer each one of you our thanks and pride of all that you are doing in the name of Impact for the disabled poor of our country.

Our thanks also go to the leadership team by Zelma Lazarus who has done a sterling job in keeping the momentum going of our work.

God Bless you!



R.C. Sarin Chairman

LIFELINE EXPRESS (LLE)

On 2nd October 2013, the Lifeline Express completed 22 years of service in rural India - serving almost 850,000 disabled - all free of cost - with the assistance of about 150.000 volunteers.

143rd LLE Project -17 April 2013 to 11 May 2013- at Chatrapur, Odisha sponsored by Tata Steel



Dr. Damodar Raut, Minister for Health, alongwith other dignitaries inaugurated the LLE project.

146th project at Wadi, Karnataka-2nd Oct.to 25th Oct.- sponsored by Emirates Airlines Foundation



Inauguration of the LLE project by Mrs. Hascena Quereshi, President, Taluka Municipal Corpn., Wadi.

LIFELINE EXPRESS SCHEDULE

Tentative schedule of forthcoming projects of the LLE during 2014:

From - To
7 Jan 28 Jan.
4 Feb - 24 Feb.
2 March-21 Marc
28 March-18 Apri
May or June
June to Sept
being finalized October

144th LLE Project -24 May 2013 to 5th July 2013- at Anuppur, M.P., sponsored by District Administration



Shri Dilip Jaiswal, MLA, Kotma, inaugurated the LLE project together with other dignitaries..

LLE's 145th Project -27 August to 20 September 2013- at Jhansi, U.P., sponsored by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.



Shri Pradeep Jain 'Aditya', Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development, GOI, inaugurated the LLE project in the presence of several dignitaries

VISITORS REMARKS

- It's really a nice arrangement. The dedication of the doctors and the spirit of the organizers in reaching to the poor people in the remote part of the state in this novel manner is really praiseworthy.- Shri Akshaya Kumar Sahoo, Special Correspondent, The Asian Age, Bhubaneshwar.
- It's a wonderful experience inside Lifeline Express bringing life to the people. Feels true that service to mankind is service to God.-Shri Sidhant Mohapatra, M.P.
- To provide health facilities for the rural and deserving people in the tribal areas of Anuppur district through Impact India Foundation's Lifeline Express is truly praiseworthy. I offer my congratulations for this noble work.- Shri Jagannath Singh, Minister, Labour Dept., Govt. of M.P.
- Commendable job done by Impact in a place like Jhansi where there is so much of poverty. A combined effort by so many organizations. Truly a great team. Hope to have more such efforts by you so that more and more people can benefit from it.- Ms. Shikha Chapre.
- Very nice to see the efforts taken for treating of the poor and needy people with regard to their health needs. The facilities available in the Lifeline Express are really impressive. The dedication of the team of doctors and paramedics is also great. My best wishes for the success of the project.- Shri John Thomas, DRM Sholapur.
- Great service by reaching the unreached. Kudos... Ms. Pallavi Akurathi, IAS, CEO, Zilla Panchayat, Gulbarga District.
- On behalf of the Board of the Emirates Airline Foundation, I would like to thank and congratulate the management and staff of Impact India Foundation for their enormous contribution to the quality of health services that is provided through the Lifeline Express. The Emirates Airline Foundation is pleased to be associated with Lifeline Express and able to reach out and help underprivileged rural poor of the country with the sponsorship of this project. - Jimmy Kotwal, Emirates Airline Foundation, Andhra Pradesh.
- Amazing commitment by all connected to the Lifeline Express project to reach out to the underprivileged and needy. Hats off to Impact India Foundation.- Shri M.A. Safi, Sales Manager, Emirates Airline Foundation, Andhra Pradesh.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (CHI)

COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The CEO of Thane Zilla Prishad has formed a Co-ordination Committee for sustainability of CHI activities. The Committee headed by the CEO, Thane Zilla Parishad comprises senior District and Block level Government officials from the Health, Social Welfare and Education Departments. Mrs. Zelma Lazarus, CEO, Impact India, has been invited to join the Committee.

KISHOR MUSALE CHARITABLE TRUST



Donation of 1,30,200 Iron & Folic Acid tablets received from Kishor Musale Charitable Trust, Andheri, Mumbai, was handed over to the Principal of P.J. High School, Wada, and an awareness programme was arranged at the school.

IMPACT'S BABYWRAP PROJECT



Impact Baby Wrap project now receives worldwide acclaim. Barbi Buchanan and Zenobia Turnbull contributed 29 Baby Wraps from friends in Canada.

Total distributed - 1,600.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON (J&J)



Johnson & Johnson Ltd. sponsored Embrace Nest Infant Warmers' project to save the lives of Low Birth Weight infants and promote their growth.

SAVING BABIES LIVES - NEBULIZERS







CHI staff providing nebulization at the patients' homes as they are unable to travel to the Government Sub-Centres or the Primary Health Centres located far away from their villages. Very often the CHI staff have to rush when these emergencies occur to save the babies.

Nebulization is helpful to children suffering from nasal and chest congestions which are common during the monsoons and winter months.

IMPACT ASSISTS THE GOVERNMENT

TIMELY GUIDANCE

Dr.V.M.Tapshalkar, Project Director, CHI, crossed a



stream at Sagmal, Ogada, and visited a remote village 10 kms from Public Health Centre Parali. He counselled and succeeded in motivating pregnant women for hospital delivery. They were admitted in the Government's 'Maher Ghar' (Mother's Home) which houses pregnant women and their families

upto 8 days in advance of their due dates.

In the tribal villages of Wada, Thane District, more women are now opting for institutional deliveries, thanks to Impact India.

RUBELLA CAMPS - VACCINATION FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS

CHI held Rubella vaccination camps on 16th November



2013 at Wada town and Wada II s u b - c e n t r e sponsored Mr. Girish Kadu Patil, a social worker from Wada town. In his address Mr. Patil declared that all girls from Wada

should be vaccinated.

The camp held on 19th November 2013, was sponsored by NGO Eklavya, CHI Staff and Government health staff participated in the camp. Information, Education Communication (IEC) and distribution of literature on Rubella and a film was screened.

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