



# Introduction to Innovative Projects

GROUP 2 PRESENTATION

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**India**, officially the **Republic of India**, is a country in South Asia. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest country by area; the most populous country as of June 2023; and from the time of its independence in 1947, the world's most populous democracy.

But the country has its own hardships and flaws....



# What is the topic of our presentation?

Through this presentation, we the 2<sup>nd</sup> group want to convey the people in this class and around the world about how the tens of kilos worth of clothing, food, flowers and other items that are worshiped to the temple gods across India have mostly always ended up in landfills and garbage.





# Why have we chosen this topic?

- Our team finds it quite annoying and sad that people will walk through the lines of homeless/hungry adults and kids, buy food and milk and its corresponding items and then offer/pour it to the god.
- We all know that offering to a deity it is symbolic and has great significance. But, in most of the temples within India all the food and offerings that are made is either dumped out into drains and garbage's or just thrown into landfills.



- ❑ We see huge lines of people, with bags of offerings and clothes rushing into temples to worship the god which is a very significant thing for us humans in every religion, but for the way the offerings are treated at times in most of the temples across India is so very saddening.
- ❑ Right after the temple gates are closed, the priests or temple staff start fiddling through the offerings searching for the items that might be valuable for them and the rest is just thrown into the bins outside or burnt by the next day morning.
- ❑ Tons of food items like sweets, milk, fruits are just sent down the drain and bins as there isn't anyone within the temple to consume it.





- ❑ The beggars who sit on the same spot for days together barely get anything to survive for the night. According to the government of India, recent survey has notified that there are about 4 lacs beggars outside the temples across India.
- ❑ Out of which only a handful are lucky to be gifted items from the devotees and other people who come to the temple or the area around the temple. There is a saying that goes “no one gets anything before time, and no one gets anything more than what is destined”. It is not that one should stop going to temple, but only thing one should stop is begging before the God.
- ❑ We the people have millions of needs that we convey to the gods during our prayers, but the beggars outside only wait for a kind soul to come and offer them some food or something to drink or even a little money.



It's not only one religion, but almost all religions that “encourages people not to close their hearts when asked to give to beggars” as said in the Bible. This is an act of devotion that even the gods would accept. We can also put it like beggars before god.

The kind people who give, have the thought in their hearts like if you are happy and earn, then try contribute to the society will make you happier.

You do not have to think about God when helping people in need. It is just common sense. Every one of us have our ups and down but some just could not get up again, and it takes a lot of courage and a helping hand just to get out off that situation.





- ❑ Now in another case we can take the leftover food or the excess food from hotels that is just dumped out even without second thoughts.
- ❑ Some hotels and restaurants keep tons of food unused for ages and then the moment they start smelling a bit bad they just decide to empty the whole batch at once.
- ❑ There are no thoughts onto how they can reuse the food or if there an excess of it, what can be done with it.
- ❑ At peak hours, sometimes there is no food to even feed the staff or at times there is so much food that might even feed the whole area, but they decide to just dump it out.



- ❑ These hotels Food loss and waste is a major part of the impact of climate change on agriculture (it amounts to 3.3 billion tons of CO2 emissions annually) and other environmental issues such as land use, water use and loss of biodiversity.
- ❑ Prevention of food waste is the highest priority. Food loss and waste occurs at all stages of the food supply chain – production, processing, sales, and consumption and after that comes what to do for the remaining huge amounts of food.
- ❑ Reuse pathways of surplus food intended for human consumption, such as food donation, is the next best strategy after prevention, followed by animal feed, recycling of nutrients and energy followed by the least preferred option. The other methods through which we can prevent this from occurring are mentioned in the further slides







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Now what are the ways with which we can help these people by making use of the offerings at the end of the day.





What are the measures that are being taken to address the offerings and excess amounts of food ?

❑ Now, there are multiple methods to solve such an issue and these ways can be proven to be unique and better in its own ways. Each method will be proven useful to the society.

❑ Now the list of methods:

- 1: Temple Bhojans made from the offerings to the gods.
- 2: Private NGOs made using volunteers.
- 3: Making group of vigilant People to keep track of the formed NGOs and keeping track of the temple volunteers.





## Method 1: Temple Bhojans made from the offerings to the gods.

- ❑ Is there anything more rewarding than serving thousands of people everyday without asking for anything in return? It requires a great amount of manpower, skill and dedication to do that. We've got you a list of jumbo kitchens across India that seem to be penetrating our senses each day with lovely food as they nourish our souls.
- ❑ There are so many huge temples spread around the world that feel delighted to feed the people who come for devotion. These also include the people that who sit outside the temples begging for food and money.
- ❑ These temples feel the way to god is by doing the smallest of deeds such as feeding its people for free.



## Method 2: Private NGOs made using faithful volunteers.

- ❑ These individual groups of people come together to form a small association just for the soul purpose of serving the needy people.
- ❑ Nonprofit NGOs travel to different location like weddings, functions, parties, temples and food banks to enquire if there is any amount of excess food that is leftover and give valid reasons such as feeding the needy, using it for agriculture or using it for making animal fodder.
- ❑ In this way, the NGOs are contributing to the society and solving both the problems i.e., there is no wastage of food, and it is also reaching the people in need.





Method 3: Making group of vigilant People who keep track of the formed NGOs and temple volunteers.

- ❑ Now, from this slide onwards we are going to be stressing on the groups main project point of view and what is the innovative idea that we have enforced
- ❑ From all the slides above, we have noticed the ways in which the offerings are gathered or how from hotels the food i.e., brought in bulk, all of it just ends up in the dumpsters and the drainage.
- ❑ We did also see the various methods that can be used to prevent this from happening and how it happens.



- ❑ Our innovative idea is to bring together a skilled vigilant team of members who will be always connected via a cell phone application and get alerts or immediate notification if anyone reports a food smuggling act, even within the NGOs.
- ❑ There have been so many cases all over India and the world where the NGOs that were developed to help feed the poor needy people are smuggling the donated food off to other nations or areas for their own benefits.
- ❑ Some of the profitable NGOs and the members within them are dealing off the donated food and clothing items in exchange of other items that won't benefit the poor nor the needy.
- ❑ These cases are rising day by day and thus people are starting to lose trust and respect for such NGOs.





- ❑ The Vigilant team will make rounds on every big temples, food banks, hotels, restaurants and the NGOs that have taken the initiative of food, clothing, water and other items donation and keep records of the practices that the members of the respective facility are following.
- ❑ They will then make timely reports that will judge whether these practices are safe and if they are meeting the requirements that need to be fulfilled, such as food or item quality (even if not the best, at least not damaged).
- ❑ If the vigilant team finds anything unusual then they can contact the nearby officials and file a complaint through their mobile application, pinning any photos, videos as proof of what malpractice is being practiced at that location.



- ❑ The higher officials then receive the alerts and the real time location to where the alert is raised on their cell phone and then after tracking down the organization, they initiate a raid and seal the corrupt malpractices that were being followed.
- ❑ Based on the severity of the situation, further punishment will be decided by the vigilant team or the court.
- ❑ This simple mobile application can be developed using simple development tools and skilled developers who are willing to support the vigilant team and their mission.
- ❑ In the next coming slide, we have attached a few news paper cutouts of such incidents taking place and even paper cutout of the above discussed methods.





## Dealer caught smuggling ration goods

TNN / Aug 26, 2010, 00:46 IST

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## TN civil supplies seized 1,991 quintals of smuggled PDS rice, 200 arrested

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## Two arrested for PDS rice smuggling in Krishnagiri

November 13, 2022 08:28 pm | Updated 08:28 pm IST - Salem

News

## 'People really need the help': 24-hour small scale food bank opens in Edmonton

City Chennai Mumbai Delhi Bengaluru Hyderabad Kolkata Agra Agartala

## Food bank fills stomachs of street children

## "Roti Bank": An NGO to fight hunger



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## New food bank for animals in Chennai

## Ramadan in the UK: Muslim charities hand out food as economic crisis bites

For the first time international NGOs are delivering supplies to British Muslims

MIDDLE EAST EYE

## NMMC starts food bank for homeless and needy in Navi Mumbai

By Raina Shine, Navi Mumbai

Hindustan Times

## Only govt should do food certification, not NGOs: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

**Business Standard**

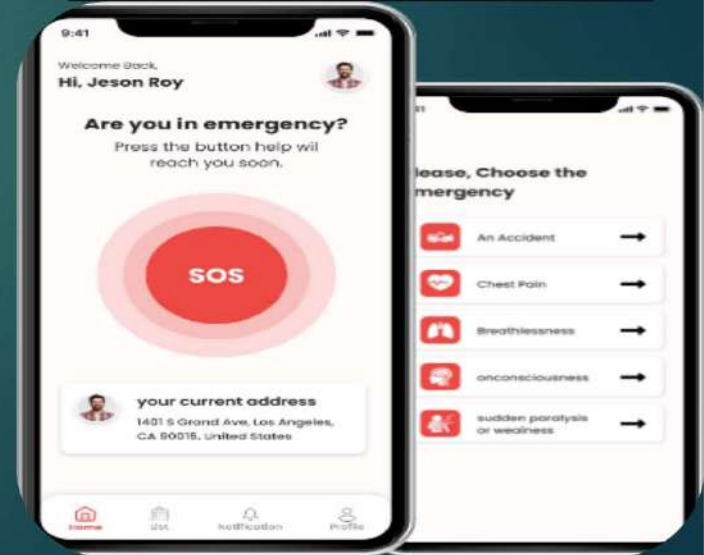
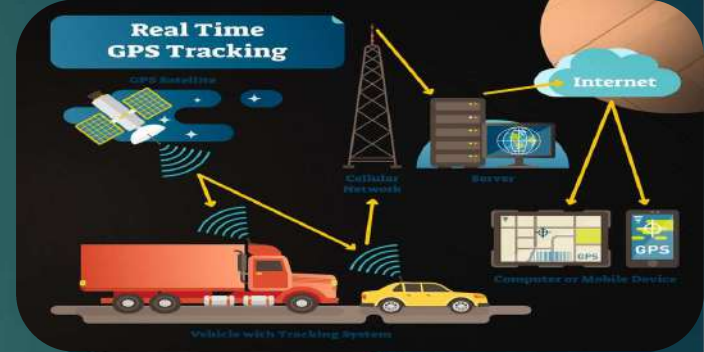
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was replying to a query on the Uttar Pradesh government banning the production, storage, distribution and sale of food products with halal certification

- ❑ Now talking about the mobile application.
- ❑ Our team has decided to create a mobile application that allows each vigilant officer to communicate with the other.
- ❑ The team can hire a developer for the application creation using a simple software through which, when an officer catches any suspicious activity then he can immediately notify the rest of the team.
- ❑ When this alert is generated, all the officers around that area get alarming notifications and even the police or investigation agency in that area is notified.
- ❑ The officer who generated the alert, his real time location will be given on a screen with GPS and navigation for faster interception to the issue.





- ❑ Even though our focus in the project is the vigilant team and how they will be managed, we thought having a mobile application that will do much more than just keep them connected with each other and will be a better option.
- ❑ The application will provide for details such as:
  - Nearest police station.
  - Nearest hospitals in case of emergencies.
  - Quickest routes to desired location.
  - Real time location tracker.
  - Important contacts.
  - Emergency alert system.
  - And many more other features.
- ❑ Only members of the vigilant team with authorized credentials will be allowed to use the app to prevent the loss and misuse of information.



I hope that our team has been able to share the insights of our project through this presentation and that each one of you in this classroom will make sure to help the needy if and when you can.



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