# The Akshaya Patra Foundation

Unlimited Food for Education.

#### mission\_statement

To eliminate classroom hunger by implementing the PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) Programme. We strive to counter malnutrition and support the Right to Education of children from socio-economically challenging backgrounds by providing them with hot, nutritious meals every school day. Our vision is that "No child in India shall be deprived of education because of hunger."

### cause\_categories

Child Nutrition

Education

Health

**Hunger Alleviation** 

### geographic\_focus

Pan-India, operating across 16 states and 3 union territories, including Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh.

## key\_initiatives\_summary

Mid-Day Meal Programme: Our flagship initiative, providing freshly cooked, wholesome lunches to over 2 million children in more than 22,000 government schools every single school day.

Anganwadi Feeding Programme: Extends nutritional support to young children (0-6 years) and expectant/nursing mothers in Anganwadi centres.

Disaster Relief: Provides food relief to communities affected by natural disasters like floods and cyclones.

### impact\_and\_outcomes

Daily Meals Served: Over 2.25 million children fed every day.

Total Meals Served: Over 4 billion meals served since inception in 2000.

Educational Impact: The provision of mid-day meals has been shown to increase school enrolment, improve daily attendance, and enhance the concentration levels of students in classrooms.

### financial\_transparency\_summary

We are committed to the highest standards of transparency. Our detailed financial reports and audited accounts are published annually on our website. We leverage technology in our state-of-the-art centralized kitchens to optimize costs and maintain quality, ensuring maximum impact for every donation.

### vetting\_and\_accreditation

Recipient of the Gandhi Peace Prize.

Many of our kitchens are certified for Food Safety Management Systems (ISO 22000:2018).

Holds a strong reputation and partnership with the Government of India and various State Governments.