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The bedrock of our civilization and its edifice are built on the cardinal principle of 'Universal Good', welfare for all living beings. This sentiment echoes vibrantly in the work culture and core values of The Hans Foundation.

I congratulate The Hans Foundation for the release of the Coffee Table Book on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary. The Book is a fine reflection of their growth story which has vividly captured the moving account of their path breaking efforts in the service of underprivileged and deprived communities of the country.

The foundation's incessant efforts and grass root level approach to work towards creating an equitable society makes them one of the leading organisations in developmental work in the social sector. Their sterling efforts in cross cutting areas of Health, Education, Disability and Women Empowerment are commendable and praise worthy.

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of The Hans Foundation, I convey my best wishes to the entire team and wish them great success in their future endeavours.

(Pranab Mukherjee)
It gives me immense pleasure to learn that The Hans Foundation is bringing out a Coffee Table Book highlighting the invaluable work and contributions made in the social development sector in the last ten years. It is indeed very important to document history, to take stock of the path we have traversed and chart out the future course of action.

The Uttarakhand Government has signed a historic agreement with The Hans Foundation for statewide development programme as part of ‘Vision Uttarakhand 2020’. I stand testimony to the fact that the foundation has made a tremendous impact through their concerted and transformative efforts in the field of education, health, livelihoods, agriculture and water and sanitation throughout the state. It is one of the finest examples of Government and Non-government organisation partnerships where lakhs of underprivileged people have benefited from the various schemes collectively launched and effectively implemented.

I am sanguine that this book, a visual delight, aptly brings out the accomplishments and the good work done by The Hans Foundation in the landscape of the social development sector in the country. May this rich and commendable work serve as a beacon of light to all those involved in the social development field.

I wish The Hans Foundation the very best in their endeavours.

(Trivendra Singh Rawat)
Message

We all know that human suffering exists on a large scale in India and we think that “someone should fix it,” whether it is the government, the rich or just somebody else. Someone has to step up and say, “We are going to do it.” Shri Bhole Ji, Shri Mata Mangla Ji and Shri Shweta Ji took up this great work and created The Hans Foundation. Wherever there is human suffering, we try to be there.

In the last decade we have made a sizeable difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands. Based on what we have learned and created in the last ten years, we will improve the lives of millions in the next ten years. We are expanding on our previous work plus creating technologies so that farmers can make a living, cleaning every type of bad water (which is the largest healthcare issue), opening clinics and providing free power to homes.

The Hans Foundation is lucky to have Shri Shweta Ji at its helm and Shri Bhole Ji and Shri Mata Mangla Ji as its inspiration and guide. And from what I can see, we have just started.

Manoj Bhargava
Founder and Prime Funder
The Hans Foundation
Vision

Work towards creating an equitable society with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for all through the empowerment of marginalized and underprivileged communities in India.

Mission

To identify and implement social development projects in areas of health, education, livelihoods and disability which are scalable and replicable, in partnership with NGOs, government and institutions, aimed at holistic development of all underprivileged and socially backward communities in India.
The Beginning
In the memory of Hans Ji Maharaj
and Mata Rajeshwari Devi
The Ideation of The Hans Foundation

The journey that has lasted a decade, started with a single name – Hans. The idea was simple – to pay homage to the lives of Shri Hans Ji Maharaj and his wife Shri Rajeshwari Devi, spiritual leaders who preached a message of love and universal brotherhood. When we originally discussed how best we could credit Shri Hans Ji’s work and add to his gifts to society, it was decided that philanthropy would best serve those goals. And thus, in April 2009, we registered the name The Hans Foundation. That was the easy part.

As the foundation took its first steps, we soon realized that though rescue and relief of a charitable nature would always be an essential part of the work, or as my mother calls it ‘work of the heart’, it was important to glimpse into the future and create pathways to sustainability and independence, or in other words ‘work of the head’.

We dreamed big from the get go. We never restricted ourselves to one state or region. We purposefully kept away from religious and communal divide. Our basic tenet was and remains to provide and improve access. That no one in our big, beautiful country should be bereft of clean water or the right to send their children to school. No one should die of lack of medicine or doctors. Children have to be provided the tools to pursue their dreams and accomplish great things. Disabled people have the same basic human rights and dreams and need support to realize those dreams. Every farmer in India should have access to technology and methods to improve his path in life. And that is how I see the foundation today. A means for many.
We have been fortunate to have partners who believe in our dreams and share our vision. We have received bipartisan support from Central and state governments, who genuinely want to reach people in the farthest corners of their states and understand that The Hans Foundation is helping bridge that gap.

We have been inspired every step of the way by Shri Bhole Ji and Shri Mangla Ji who tirelessly visit every school and hospital and open their hearts to all those who ask for help. We thank Manoj Bhargava for his dedication to his country and for never asking ‘Why’ or ‘How’ we plan to accomplish our ambitious goals.

For like the people we help, we dream too. We dream of a country where girls never have to second-guess their future. We dream of clean rivers, green forests and a loving relationship with Mother Nature. We constantly strive for healthy minds and healthy bodies that will come together for a healthy nation.

Each individual who has contributed his or her time to the foundation has grown with it. And as we complete the decade, I look forward to future years with a wonderful team. As Robert Browning said, ‘The best is yet to be.’

Shweta Rawat
Chairperson
November 2019
Footprints in the sand of time...
The Beginning
The grassroots approach
THF Chairperson visiting one of the project villages

Giving voice to the voiceless
The Foundation’s core values remained on equality across gender, caste, religions for each intervention.
Reaching out to the underserved areas

To ensure holistic impact in each targeted community, The Hans Foundation selected three cross-cutting areas of work: Health, Disability, Education.

Building tomorrow's leaders

The Hans Foundation started with humble beginnings. The first investment of 1.5 crores was distributed between 14 projects across eight states with focus on Education and Disability.
The healing touch

Disability, a much-needed area with few players in the field, became one of the major focus areas of our work.
The Foundation in its second year started gaining momentum, we started expanding our operations in the most underserved rural areas of the neglected states with 48 partners and a fourfold budget.
Focus on education for the girl child

Skill development training in tribal areas of Gajapati, Odisha
The Hans Foundation supported initiatives like Ability India Foundation that showcased disability in a new empowered role.

Vocational skill training for adolescent girls by Yuva Vikas Sansthan in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh

Performance on Bhagwat Geeta
The Hans Foundation supported initiatives like Ability India Foundation that showcased disability in a new empowered role.
Our Story
Working towards Creating a Healthier Society

When we started working at the grassroots level, we discovered that apart from disability and education, the existing health services were inadequate and there was a huge gap in the availability of primary health services. Since primary health services are the cornerstone of health for villages, we adopted the Mobile Medical Unit model that delivered quality primary healthcare services in the rural areas at their very doorstep. The services focused on women and child health. We started with five Mobile Medical Units in the most underserved states in our second year. Each mobile van was well equipped with diagnostic services, medicines, referral and a full complement of medical staff: doctor, nurse, pharmacist, community health worker and driver.
Why Women and Children?

We at THF believe that only by ensuring well-being of women, we can achieve healthier families. Their well-being doesn’t only comprise physical care but also emotional and psychological welfare because it has a direct impact on our homes, communities, societies and countries.
One of our Mobile Medical Units operating in villages of Barabanki Uttar Pradesh

Mata Shri Mangla ji addressing the audience on NATCON 2011 as part of our advocacy and awareness efforts for Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases in Uttarakhand

Awareness program on health for mothers
Mobile Medical Units in rural areas and Health Care Centres were established in slums areas.
Partner organisation – Adharshila, Delhi
Hospital on Boats – A Noble and Unique Initiative
Location – Inaccessible area of Sundarbans Islands West Bengal
Program commenced in 2011
These medical boats covered 87 island villages in Sundarbans, located on the delta of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers (Bay of Bengal).

Changing the primary healthcare landscape in rural India. Dedicated staff of the Medical Mobile Units in remote areas of Kutch, Gujarat.
Our Story

THF chairperson addressing the audience and sharing the stage with Smt Sheila Dikshit, former Chief Minister of Delhi, and Mata Shri Mangla Ji in Delhi during Autism Awareness Walk. Advocating the Rights of PwDs has been core focus of The Hans Foundation’s disability efforts.
Promoting indigenous crafts in tribal villages

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“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of mind to think” – Albert Einstein

Har Angothe ko Akshar Mein Tabdeel Karne ki Muhim
Beginning of a learning transformation for every child
Organisation – Child Rights on Wheel (2013)
Then: Dreams, Hopes and Smiles
A school in a thatched hut in slums of Dimapur, Nagaland

Now: A first-of-its-kind initiative in the North East by The Hans Foundation
The thatched roof school was transformed into a state-of-the-art facility in Dimapur slums (Nagaland)
Enhancing the team Spirit and Confidence Through Inclusive Sports
Partner – Amar Jyoti
Location – Gwalior

‘The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.’ – Maria Montessori
Image by Adi Gram Samiti
Our Story

HEAL Paradise – A school for Living, Learning, Healing and Recreation
Quality education for orphaned and disadvantaged children in a world-class facility supported by THF

Paving the way for Inclusive Education
Partner – Asha ka Jharna
Location – Nawalgarh, Rajasthan

Workshop on orientation of visually impaired students for using MP3 Players for learning
Partner – Society for Visually Handicapped.
Location – Kolkata, West Bengal
Signature Programs
Let there be Sound

THF has been running one of the biggest Cochlear Implant programs in the country
Cochlear Implant Program

THF was founded as a society to provide endowment to not-for-profit organisations (NGOs). With a shared vision of creating an equitable society, while we funded our partners in cross-cutting areas of education, health, disability and livelihoods, a need was felt to work in certain areas which needed targeted focused intervention and close monitoring for their maximum impact. We conceived and designed our Signature Programs and self-implemented in the areas of Cochlear Implant, Little Hearts (Congenital Heart Disease) programs for Children and Integrated Village Development Program.
Post-Surgery Rehabilitation Intervention

A workshop organised for parents of cochlear implantees. The Habilitation Manager from Cochlear Southeast Asia explaining the do's and don'ts post device installation. The platform helped parents immensely to connect and share their learning and challenges with each other, and with the experts.
'Sitting on the floor playing with his toy, Rohit (name changed) is a picture of childhood contentment. Almost two years old, he has just started to experiment with words and is happily peppering his creativity with them. But inside Rohit’s head something miraculous is happening. Currents from tiny electrodes, curled inside the snailshaped cochlea of his inner ear, are stimulating his auditory nerve, allowing him to hear the thud of toy when he bangs it to the floor and to assimilate the words of encouragement from his parents who beam with joy.'

Rohit is one of the hundreds of children whose lives turned around because of THF’s Cochlear Implant Program. The Cochlear Implant treatment costs ₹8 lakh per implant. Our Cochlear Implant Program is inclusive of the Cochlear Device, the surgery, therapy and post-surgery support offered free of cost for children from underprivileged background.
The Little Hearts Program

In India 3,00,000 children are born with heart defects every year, and many of them do not see their 1st birthday, despite having adequate number of cardiologists and cardiac surgeons in the country. Financial resources make all the difference because these surgeries are very expensive and therefore are difficult to afford. Many families have to watch their beloved ones die merely because they do not have the money to treat their child. This is what motivated The Hans Foundation to start ‘Little Hearts Program’ which strived to change this scenario. THF collaborated with the renowned names like Being Human Foundation, Fortis Hospitals, National Heart Institute and Wockhardt Foundation. It’s an ongoing program and so far, more than 700 children have benefitted from this initiative and the numbers are growing.
The Lifeline Project – Little Hearts Program
Celebrating 5th Year Anniversary
Lighting the Lamp Ceremony
From right to left: Ms Priti Adani, Chairperson, Adani Foundation, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Ms Shweta Rawat, Chairperson, THF, Mr Manoj Bhargava, Founder and Prime Funder, THF and CEO, 5 Hour Energy Drink, Shri Harish Rawat, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Govt of Uttarakhand, Mata Shri Mangla ji, Chairperson, Rural India Supporting Trust, Shri Bhole Ji Maharaj
Mr Manoj Bhargava, our founder and prime funder, a Philanthropist Billionaire announcing a grant of ₹500 crores for Uttarakhand State-wide Development Program under ‘Uttarakhand Vision 2020’
EVENTS
VEER Campaign launch event in Delhi
Catalysing social and economic change in India by providing equal opportunity and access to employment for the People with disabilities. From left to right: Lt Gen S.M. Mehta, CEO, The Hans Foundation, M.A. Ravi Kumar, CEO, AIF (sitting), Ms Viji Venkatesh, Trustee, Being Human, Mr Harry Boniface Prabhu, Mr Luv Verma, Sect DEPWD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr Debabrata Mukherjee, VP, Coca Cola
What smells so good!
State-of-the-art kitchen with international hygiene standards cooking Nutritious Mid-Day Meals for 1.5 lakh children.
Location – Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Mata Shri Mangla ji being felicitated by the then Hon’ble Chief Minister Gujarat, Smt Anandi Ben Patel at the inauguration of Akshaypatra kitchen built at a cost of ₹ 14 crore funded by THF
Breaking Barriers

‘You enabled us to make history for India for the girl child to achieve Explorer Grand Slam!’ – With love from Tashi and Nungshi Malik
A dream come true
A modern contemporary school was built by THF in partnership with Community Education Centre Society (CECS) with an outlay of ₹12 crore to provide quality education to rural areas especially for tribal children in Tuli, Nagaland

The Hans Foundation
The school equipped with hostel facility has the capacity to accommodate and provide mid-day meals to 700 children.
The Hans Foundation Hospitals
In India, 75% of the healthcare infrastructure is concentrated in urban areas where only 27% of the total Indian population is living. The remaining 73% of the country’s population is lacking even the most basic healthcare facilities. The rural healthcare facilities in India are largely under-staffed, with inadequate infrastructure.

With an aim to provide quality healthcare to the underprivileged communities under its mission ‘Health for All’, The Hans Foundation established two Hospitals – 150 bedded multi-specialty General Hospital in Satpuli and a 30-bedded Eye Hospital in Haridwar – to ensure quality and timely healthcare reaches the remotest corners of Uttarakhand. Ever since THF General Hospital’s launch on November 2017, its OPD has registered over 1,25,000 patients; over 800 surgeries have been performed with desired clinical outcome; and over 1,200 admissions and discharges have taken place. In addition, over 700 emergency footfalls and 300+ outreach camps have been conducted through which 50,000+ patients have been screened.

The Eye Hospital offers state-of-the-art Ophthalmology services covering super specialties like Retina, Cornea, Oculoplasty, Glaucoma and Squint, among others. This is in addition to the general ophthalmology such as Cataract and Pterygium. Our Eye Hospital has so far, treated over 60,000 patients, has conducted nearly 20,000 surgeries and has organized 900+ outreach camps. The hospitals have come up as a foremost integrated healthcare services provider in Uttarakhand to provide ‘holistic healthcare’ for the entire community starting from birth, through one’s journey into childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age.
Hans Eye Care Hospital being inaugurated by the then Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Harish Rawat with Shri Bhole ji Maharaj and Mata Shri Mangla Ji. 
Location – Haridwar, Uttarakhand

A Leap of Faith
Hans Eye Care Hospital a 30-bed facility operates on the Hub and Spoke model. Location – Haridwar, Uttarakhand
From hospital to home: Full spectrum of care

Inauguration of Hans General Hospital Satpuli by Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat
An Extraordinary Journey
It was a leap of faith and the conviction to transform
healthcare in the interiors of this remote district of Pauri Gharwal,
Uttarakhand. Location – Satpuli, Uttarakhand
Renowned Delhi and Mumbai Based Doctors
You live in Gharwal but now consulting these specialists isn't difficult anymore

The Hans Foundation
Consolidation Phase
The Hans Foundation in partnership with N.M. Sadguru Foundation implemented the project focused at benefitting small and marginal farmers having a land size of 1.5-2.5 acres. The strategic program is a combination of water and land related interventions which includes water resources development, focusing more on agriculture development by adopting Package of Practices (POP) approach. The overarching goal has been to improve the livelihoods of rural poor households with a special focus on women. The project is being implemented at the tribal belt located at the confluence of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh borders.
A monumental task of water conservation in Madhya Pradesh by building check dams and reviving more than 300 wells with the help of N.M. Sadguru Foundation. It greatly improved the water table of the surrounding areas leading to healthy crop production impacting the socio-economic conditions of approximately 10,000 farmers in the area. (N.M. Sadguru)
From Hopes to Happiness and Prosperity

The project enhanced the crop productivity and substantially increased the farmers' incomes.
Navya is a 6-year-old girl with a condition of Cerebral Palsy that leads to delayed milestones. Gradually with the help of Community Based Inclusion and Rehabilitation (CBIR) Program, she is now able to sit without support and is able to walk independently in supervision with intermittent and minimum support. She can now speak, express her needs, recognize family members and objects around her. Navya is now enrolled in local school too. The Hans Foundation has helped thousands of children like Navya with all types of disabilities which have enabled them to be mainstreamed and live a happier and fuller life.

Partner - Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development (CORD)
Mata Shri Mangla Ji being conferred with Uttarakhand Ratna Award by the then Chief Minister, Shri Harish Rawat
Ideas to Impact
A world-class eye bank was established by The Hans Foundation in King George Medical University on the public private partnership – Build, Operate, Transfer – model in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

1,90,000 people in UP are waiting in darkness for a cornea transplant. The eye bank was established to reduce the burden of the corneal blindness in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The eye bank which has now become the centre of excellence for the states has so far conducted more than 720 corneal transplant surgeries.
Seeing is Believing

Chairperson sharing a happy moment with the recipients of corneas at the world class Eye Bank set up by the THF at KGMU, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
As part of the Vision Uttarakhand 2020, The Hans Foundation in collaboration with the state government started a primary health program through the Medical Mobile Units (MMUs) in a bid to reach out to the inaccessible areas of this hilly state. Nine MMUs and two mammography vans are being donated to the state taking the total number of MMUs operating in the state to 21. All 21 MMUs are equipped with staff, medicines and are operated by the THF on the routes specified by the health department which provides government specialists doctors for the medical camps. These MMUs cover 2–2.5 lakh patients in a year.

In the picture (from left to right): Mata Shri Mangla ji, Shri Bhole Ji Maharaj and Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Trivandra Singh Rawat
Since 2014 The Hans Foundation has been a member of the Clinton Global Initiative. Former President Bill Clinton recognized and encouraged the MhNow Initiative, a program THF is a proud member of. MhNow (Mental Health Now) aims to improve services and education about mental health issues in 30 global cities by 2030.
Founder and principal donor of THF, Mr Manoj Bhargava, discussing local issues in a rural setting.
Jal Daan Award
For outstanding work in Khora Colony, the biggest unauthorized slum colony (Ghaziabad), THF was awarded the ‘Jal Daan Water Heroes’ for providing safe drinking water through water ATMs.

From left to right: Anchor of the program, Prasoon Joshi, Madhuri Dixit, Lt. Gen S.M. Mehta, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis and other dignitaries
Hans Power Pack

THF launched Hans Power pack in 2017 jointly with the Government of Uttarakhand.

The event was attended by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Matata Shri Mangla ji, Ms Shweta Rawat, Mr Manoj Bhargava, Minister of State Rekha Arya, MLAs Khajan Das, Ganesh Joshi and Mukesh Koli among other dignitaries.
Cooking Gas Connection to 5,519 Schools
THF provided double barrel gas connections with cooking stoves to 5,519 government schools for preparing mid-day meals which has resulted in major environment benefit, clean cooking, health benefits for Bhojan Matas.

The then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Harish Rawat with THF Chairperson, Ms Shweta Rawat at the launch ceremony.
Promoting livelihoods through culture
Ms Shweta Rawat shares the stage with Shri Amitabh Bachchan,
Pandit Birju Maharaj, Suresh Wadekar, Tabla maestro – Ustad Zakir Hussain
among other dignitaries.

The Hans Foundation
SYNERGY WORKSHOP
In Partnership We Flourish

Chief Guest
Shri Harish Rawat
Honourable Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

November 25, 2015 at CM House, New Cantt. Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

organized by

The Hans Foundation

and

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Taking a 360 degree approach
With seven years of life-changing programs up and running throughout India, The Hans Foundation (THF) has embarked upon an ambitious project, which aims to focus on the all embracing development of Uttarakhand. As current countrywide efforts continue, the major thrust remains on state-wide development to create a successful model.

In November 2014, THF announced vision 'Uttarakhand 2020', a comprehensive development program focusing on disease prevention, health, agriculture, children’s education, forest regeneration and water conservation. Mr Manoj Bhargava, Founder and Principal Donor to THF, pledged a generous support of ₹500 crores for the program. As a significant start in this journey, the ‘Uttarakhand 2020: Synergy Workshop’ was organised by The Hans Foundation in November 2015 at the residence of the then Hon’ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Harish Rawat. It was a unique occasion where the Chief Minister hosted an event of this nature at his residence and brought together all the key stakeholders under one roof: Ministers, senior government officials, 50 eminent organisations, including funding agencies and NGOs working across the spectrum of development.

A historic MoU was signed between the Government of Uttarakhand and The Hans Foundation to collaborate in the fields of education, safe drinking water, agriculture, health, disability and energy. The event was a grand success and Shri Harish Rawat on behalf of the state government, committed relentless support in realizing this collective vision. THF believes that state-wide development is a monumental task that no single player can accomplish. It is a necessity for THF to develop partnerships, increase collaborations and adopt a model to achieve wider impact and scale.
No more ghost villages in Pindar Valley

Our most ambitious Integrated Village Development Program, part of UK Vision 2020, adopted all villages in Pindar valley for implementation of a comprehensive social development program in Bageshwar District. All these villages are cut off from the hinterland and are located at a height of 6,000–8,000 Feet (above the sea level) in the most inaccessible areas. Under this program, the areas chosen for development are health, disability, livelihoods (agriculture and non-farm), education, water and sanitation and electrification.
Smart agricultural practices
Through best practices in agriculture and good quality seed distributed to the farmers of Khati Village, it generated a bumper crop of potato. For the first time, their produce was directly sold in main markets fetching them ₹15–25 per kg.

Hans Jal Dhara Schemes
Govt of Uttarakhand assigned 100 remote villages to THF in the most areas of four districts, Almora, Chamoli, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh for providing portable drinking water covering a population of 22,000. In the picture – Villagers celebrating the inauguration of one of the schemes.
Lighting the Himalayas
2,500 households have been provided with solar lights in five districts of Bageshwar, Almora, Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar and Pithoragarh.

Under the IVDP program, poly-houses were introduced for the first time in the villages of Pindar valley. The villagers were trained to grow cash crops using drip irrigation and smart agricultural practices.
The Government of Uttarakhand approached THF to set up chemistry, physics and biology laboratories and two smart classes in each school for 100 government Model schools in 12 districts as a pilot. It is an ongoing program and 50 percent of the work has been accomplished.
When each wall tells a story – Wise Wall Project

THF collaborated with FUEL Project to document the rural wisdom of our villages and celebrate it through art murals. The Wise Wall Project transforms villages into living classrooms, turning the walls onto blackboards and canvases that uncover striking yet simple life learnings.
Ms Shweta Rawat in discussion with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar post field visit of Kumudvathi River Rejuvenation project
Historic MoU with Pranab Mukherjee Foundation

Ms Omita Paul, Managing Director, Pranab Mukherjee Foundation and Lt Gen S.M. Mehta, CEO, THF exchanging MoUs in Delhi in the esteemed presence of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Bharat Ratna, former President of India
Himadri Hans
Handloom
A symbol of courage and enterprise by the rural women of the Kumaon Hills of Uttarakhand

‘Himadri Hans Handloom’ (HHH) is a noble initiative of The Hans Foundation, a non-profit organisation, working in collaboration with the Government of Uttarakhand. The objectives of this initiative are to make Uttarakhand’s handloom and handcrafted textiles accessible to global markets, impart technical and design skills to rural women artisans of Kumaon, thereby helping them enhance their indigenous skills, and finally, make local craft products that match the needs and aspirations of the new-age consumer. Our aim is to directly impact the lives of 5,000 women weavers of Uttarakhand.
Collaboration with State Governments

Government of Tamil Nadu

Government of Nagaland

Government of Rajasthan
Milestones Reached

- 10 Million People Benefited
- 26 State covered
- 400 (Plus) Projects Supported
Bhumi Puja of Centralised Mid Day Meal Kitchen
by Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat
Honourable Chief Minister, Government of Uttarakhand
on Monday February 12, 2019
in the esteemed presence of
Shri Arvind Pandey
Honourable Minister, School Education,
Government of Uttarakhand
Shri Bhole Ji Maharaj
Former Member of Parliament

Shri Balraj Passi
Shri Dev Singh Pundir

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Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Hon’able Chief Minister at the Bhumi Pujan Ceremony for mid-day meal scheme at Dehradun. Hon’able Chief Minister with Mata Shri Mangla Ji and Shri Bhole Ji Maharaj and Arvind Pandey, Education Minister unveiling the inauguration stone.
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International Women Empowerment Award for Smt Mata Manga ji being received on her behalf by CEO, THF

Young adults’ with multiple disabilities learning the art of pot making through a workshop organized by THF partner SAKSHAM, Noida

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An Intensive Care Unit (ICU) was inaugurated by Dr Dhan Singh Rawat, the Hon’ble Minister of Higher Education (Government of Uttarakhand) and Dr G.V. Rao, Executive Director, The Hans Foundation at the district Hospital, Pauri on 5 August 2019. This world-class ICU is the second facility being built by The Hans Foundation that will provide the much-needed quality healthcare services to the people in Uttarakhand. This state-of-the-art ICU has the latest high-tech equipment necessary for attending emergency cases and treatment.

ICU at District Hospital Pithoragarh built by The Hans Foundation at a cost of 2.6 crores

As part of our efforts to generate sustainable employment in the Northeast, THF has set up the biggest organic tea nursery in Tuli, Nagaland (India). This thriving nursery with seven lakh saplings will be expanded to 37 lakh saplings with a plan to set up community tea gardens over 700 acres of land to generate large-scale livelihoods for more than 800 tribal families in Tuli area.
A presentation to the THF Chairperson, Ms Shweta Rawat on National Strategy for Inclusive and Community Based Living for Persons with Mental Health issues in Chennai by the Task Force set up by The Hans Foundation in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
During one of the retreats in April 2017 with Keystone Human Services International (KHSI), De-institutionalisation was discussed at length. It was decided to set up a task force to evolve a Strategy which serves as a vehicle for advocacy and adoption of De-institutionalisation involving all stakeholders; Govt. and Non-government agencies, educational institutes etc.

The conceptualization of the study directive was done by THF with inputs from various sectors and stakeholders working in the mental health space including the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The central theme of this study was to gather information of people staying in 43 mental institutions of the country for more than one year and formalize recommendations and an action plan for their re-unification with their families and rehabilitation in community homes.

The task force constituted by THF comprised of Director NIMHANS, Director TISS (Chairman of the study), Director IHBAS, MSJE, MoHFW and members from NGOs like The Banyan, ANJALI and Ashadeep. The study has been completed. Supreme Court in an order has asked the Additional Solicitor General of India, representing the Union of India for setting up homes for cohorts of all the 43 mental institutions and to place the study before the court.
'Ek muskurahat ek sooraj roshan kar sakti hai'
बतन के हर विकास से कदम मिला रहे हैं हम
tेज़ आधियों में कुछ दिए जला रहे हैं हम'
— गुलज़ार
The Hans Foundation Team
From left to right (back row): Raghav Kumar, Vishal Singh, Shishupal Mehta, Vijay Jamwal, Prabhat Kumar, Sudeep Sinha, Pankaj Uniyal, Brig. Shalendra Katariya, Shobhit Sharma, Mohd. Naseem

From left to right (front row - standing): Khushboo Saif, Shubhangi Rana, Swati Sharma, Chitvan Chamadia, Chandni Tandon, Shabina Bano, Bhole Ji Maharaj, Shweta Rawat, Mata Shri Mangla Ji, Manoj Bhargava, Lt Gen S M Mehta, Jagrity Sharan, Dr G V Rao, Seema Singh, Vinod Kumar, Dinesh Menaria, Love Arora, Mohan Singh Negi

Front left to right (sitting): Aayushi Rawat, Ritika Bhardwaj, Shruti Gakhar, Sapna Tiwari, Krishna Trivedi, Neeraj Kumar Sharma, Yudhvir Singh, Suresh Singh

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Mahatma Awards 2019
For Excellence, Highest standards of Ethical Conduct, Integrity, Civic and Social Responsibility.

International Women Empowerment Award-2018
at Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

NGO Leadership Awards 2018

Jal Daan - Water Hero 2016