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FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Habitat for Humanity India!

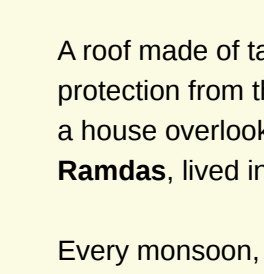
As we stand on the cusp of a new year and celebrate India's Republic Day, it is a momentous occasion to reflect on the principles that bind our diverse nation together. The values enshrined in our Constitution serve as a beacon, guiding us towards a more equitable and just society. This month, I extend my gratitude and admiration to each one of you for your unwavering commitment to realising the dream of a safe and secure home for every Indian.

India's Republic Day is a reminder of the democratic ideals and principles that shape our nation. The Constitution, adopted on 26th January in 1950, embodies the collective aspirations of a diverse and dynamic population. It guarantees fundamental rights and lays down the framework for a just and inclusive society. In the spirit of our democratic ethos, we at Habitat for Humanity India recognise that access to decent housing is not just a fundamental need; but a basic human right.

The significance of a home cannot be overstated. It is a sanctuary where dreams take root, children grow, and communities flourish. Unfortunately, many of our fellow citizens still grapple with the harsh reality of inadequate housing. It is in this space that Habitat for Humanity India emerges as a catalyst for change, dedicated to uplifting the marginalised, and empowering them to build a better future to contribute to the Government of India's vision of 'housing for all'.

Our journey towards this mission has been filled with challenges, but your support and dedication have made every milestone possible. We are not just constructing houses; we are building the foundation for stronger, more resilient nation. Every brick laid and every family housed is a testament to our collective commitment to social justice and human dignity.

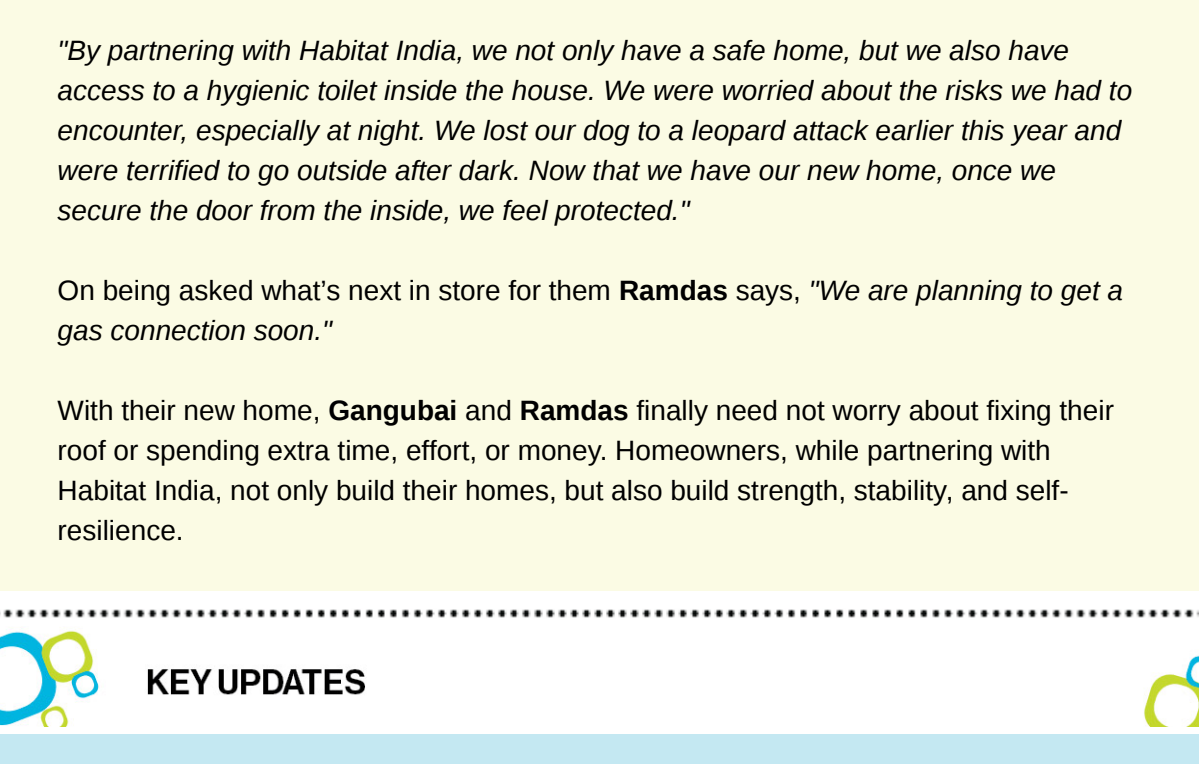
Let us celebrate the spirit of unity, diversity, and compassion that defines our great nation. As we wave our tricolours and celebrate the achievements, let us also pledge to work together towards a future where no one is left behind, and every Indian has a place to call home.



With heartfelt gratitude,

James Samuel National Director (Interim) Habitat for Humanity India

VOICES FROM THE FIELD



Gangubai's journey towards a safe home

A roof made of tarpaulin, supported by mud walls and a door that barely offered protection from the harsh wind and rain. That was what Gangubai called home. While a house overlooking a valley may sound lovely to some, Gangubai and her husband, Ramdas, lived in a home that didn't offer them protection from harsh conditions.

Every monsoon, the couple had to buy tarpaulin, which would cost them about Rs. 2,000, to fix the leaking roof. Since the doors weren't strong enough, the house and all their belongings would be drenched in the rain.

"We would often sleep on the cot as the floors would always be flooded during the monsoon," she said. "In the small plot of land that we own, we cultivate paddy. Due to the scarcity of water in the summers, we can't grow our crops. We barely make anything. With Habitat India, we were able to build our house and now we don't have to worry about spending money on fixing our roof every monsoon."

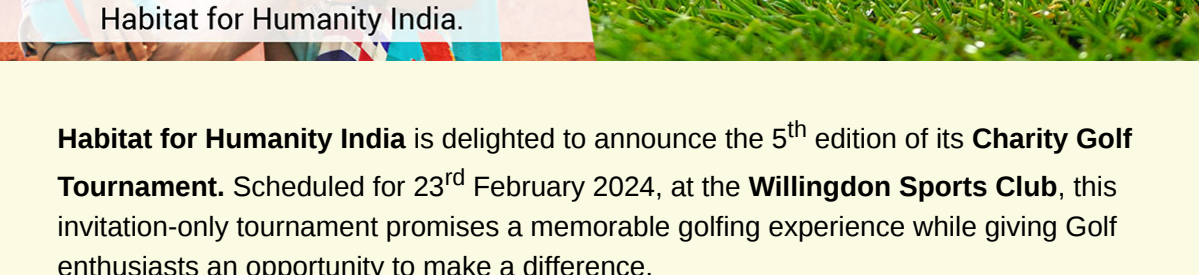
"By partnering with Habitat India, we not only have a safe home, but we also have access to a hygienic toilet inside the house. We were worried about the risks we had to encounter, especially at night. We lost our dog to a leopard attack earlier this year and were terrified to go outside after dark. Now that we have our new home, once we secure the door from the inside, we feel protected."

On being asked what's next in store for them Ramdas says, "We are planning to get a gas connection soon."

With their new home, Gangubai and Ramdas finally need not worry about fixing their roof or spending extra time, effort, or money. Homeowners, while partnering with Habitat India, not only build their homes, but also build strength, stability, and self-resilience.

KEY UPDATES

Tata Mumbai Marathon 2024: 189 runners support Habitat India



Habitat for Humanity India, a leading housing non-profit organisation, raised awareness about the need for decent shelter, participate in the recently concluded Tata Mumbai Marathon 2024. 189 professionals ran in support of Habitat India's vision of building a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Corporate professionals, entrepreneurs, fitness enthusiasts and school students put their best foot forward to raise awareness about Habitat's work.

The runners consisted of 180 employees of Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI). In addition to running the marathon, SPNI is making a significant impact by partnering with Habitat India to build sanitation units for 2 Zilla Parishad (ZP) districts and provide 3 ZP schools to support solar energy in Khed Parishad of Pune district, Maharashtra. This noteworthy project is set to positively touch the lives of over 250 students across 5 schools, fostering a better environment and infrastructure.

The marathon also witnessed an individual participation of 9 individual runners including several notable individuals such as Neeraj Roy, Founder, Hungama Digital Media Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.; Raunaq Roy, Senior Vice President, Hungama Digital Media Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.; Hemant Hemnani, Senior Financial Advisor; Shailaraj Sankera, Founder, Vikhroli Fitness Community (VFC); Vandita Laddha, Nutralist; Sanjay Mittal, Managing Director, Interra Systems and Atul Ladha, Director, Vectus Industries Ltd.

They were joined by Vir Kamath, an IBDP 2 student from Ascend International School (Bandra, Mumbai), who along with 15 other students – 5 from Ascend International School and 11 from Oberoi International School (Goregaon, Mumbai) - used the platform of Tata Mumbai Marathon to mobilise INR 3,03,547 to support Habitat for Humanity's mission.

James Samuel, National Director (Interim), Habitat for Humanity India said, "Year on year, business leaders, students, youngsters and corporate professionals who believe that everyone needs decent shelter, participate in the Tata Mumbai Marathon to support Habitat for Humanity's vision of building a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We express heartfelt gratitude towards all the 189 runners who ran for us this year. We are thankful to Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly known as Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited), Ascend International School and Oberoi International School for their support. A big thank you to United Way Mumbai – the philanthropy partner of the Tata Mumbai Marathon for giving us this incredible opportunity to raise awareness about Habitat for Humanity's work. We encourage corporates, young professionals to join hands with Habitat for Humanity India through mediums such as Tata Mumbai Marathon so that families in need of decent shelter can build brighter futures."

Rajkumar Bidawatka – Head CSR, Sony Pictures Networks India expressed pride in the company's association with Habitat for Humanity India and said, "We support meaningful causes that create a positive and lasting impact on our community. The enthusiastic participation of our employees, each lacing up their running shoes to make a difference was heart-warming. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity is a natural choice for us owing to their impactful work in housing, sanitation, and disaster response management."

Golf for Humanity: 5th Edition of Habitat for Humanity India Charity Golf Tournament



Ujjwala was able to build a home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity India.

PLAY GOLF FOR HUMANITY AND BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INDIA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 5th Edition

23rd February 2024, Friday Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai

Habitat for Humanity India is delighted to announce the 5th edition of its Charity Golf Tournament. Scheduled for 23rd February 2024, at the Willingdon Sports Club, this invitation-only tournament promises a memorable golfing experience while giving Golf enthusiasts an opportunity to make a difference.

Beyond the fairways, golfers, business leaders unite for a common goal – building a world where everyone has a decent place to live. This tournament isn't just a sporting event; it's a commitment to building homes and hope for the underprivileged.

Following a fruitful partnership with the Asian Tour as their official Sustainable Development Partner, Habitat for Humanity India launched its first-ever Charity Golf Tournament 2019 on 6th January 2019. Since then, over 300 top-level business leaders from all over India, professional golfers like Jeev Milkha Singh, Shiv Kapur, Chiragh Kumar, Cricketers Brian Lara, Ajit Agarkar have played the Charity Golf tournament to support Habitat's vision of building a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

This tournament has transformed the lives of over 200 families through housing and sanitation related projects. Click here to learn more about the impact made by Habitat Charity Golf Tournament

A workshop for the Dissemination of Knowledge and Exchange of Information on WASH

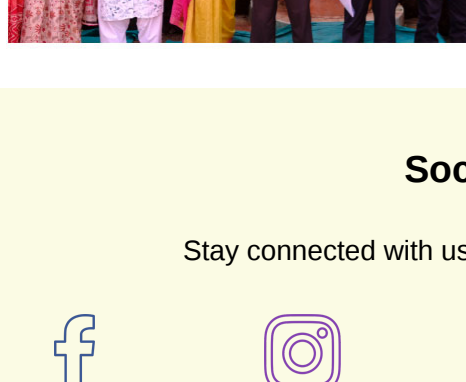
Habitat India and Water.org jointly organised a two-day event in Bengaluru on 23rd and 24th January 2024, focused on Knowledge Dissemination and Information Exchange to enhance the quality of services in Housing and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions. The workshop focused on the learnings from the Habitat project that was implemented in partnership with Water.org, aimed at promoting 1,000 rainwater harvesting systems and financial access and explored future partnerships with water.org, Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), Small Finance Banks (SFBs), Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), in positioning the Roof Top Rainwater Harvesting or Roof Top Recharging as an integral product of affordable housing initiatives.

The workshop saw participation of 47 representatives from Water.org, Habitat for Humanity, housing financial institutions and implementing partners.

MEDIA COVERAGE

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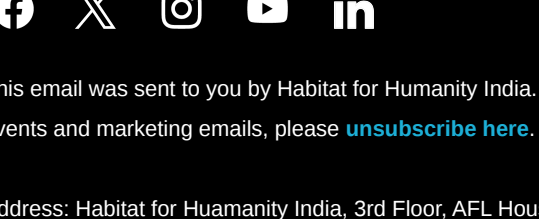


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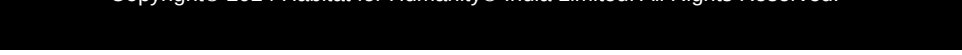
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