



How Prevention Protects Futures:

IHF's Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive

On 18th and 19th November, India Humanity Foundation (IHF), in partnership with the Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA) and with support from Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar (RCM), conducted a two-day HPV vaccination drive across multiple locations in West Bengal. Over 600 girl students from BPL families, aged 9–18 years received the HPV vaccine, gaining essential protection against cervical cancer. The initiative brought together medical teams, school networks, and community organisations to ensure smooth coordination, safe administration, and strong student participation.

Cervical cancer though highly preventable remains one of the most overlooked cancers worldwide. Caused mainly by the **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**, it continues to affect thousands each year due to low awareness and delayed screening. When given in adolescence, the HPV vaccine dramatically reduces risk, making early vaccination one of the strongest tools for long-term protection.



Student receiving vaccine

A 7-member CPAA team, led by **Dr. Noopur Khare (Director)** and **Ms. Priya Prasad (Assistant Director)**, anchored the medical side of the drive. With CPAA's long-standing expertise in cancer prevention and early detection, their team handled supervision, and documentation—ensuring a safe, efficient, and well-organised camp throughout.



Mahanagar members at the vaccination camp

600+ girls vaccinated with HPV vaccine

Participating schools: Satashi High School, Khedaha High School, Rotary Vivekananda School, Joseph Day School, St. Stephen's School and Suryodaya High School

Community support: Parivar & Bharat Seabratni

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Kartikeya Sharma

Media visionary, entrepreneur & public leader



Mr. Kartikeya Sharma

Kartikeya Sharma, Rajya Sabha MP from Haryana, is a dynamic leader who blends **media innovation, public service, and global vision**. Born on **14 May 1981**, he comes from a distinguished family of public administrators and policymakers. A graduate of the University of Oxford (BSc) and King's College London (MBA), he represents a rare mix of academic excellence and entrepreneurial drive.



Kartikeya's most prominent contribution has been building iTV Network, one of India's fastest-growing media groups. Founded in 2007, the network now spans 80+ bureaus, 3,000+ employees, award-winning news channels like NewsX and India News, and influential print and digital platforms such as The Sunday Guardian and Aaj Samaj. His approach to media—anchored in technology, real-time analytics, and wide regional presence—has positioned iTV Network as a key voice in India's information landscape.



Beyond media, he has expanded into sports, hospitality, and premium spirits. Through Pro Sportify, he has championed youth sports and organised national leagues like the Pro Wrestling League. His family's strategic stake in the Piccadilly Group includes leadership in crafting India's globally acclaimed single malt Indri, which has won top international whiskey awards and strengthened India's presence in the premium spirits market. His hospitality interests include major properties under Hyatt and Hilton.



In public life, Kartikeya Sharma serves as an Independent Rajya Sabha MP backed by the BJP-JJP alliance. He contributes actively through Parliamentary Committees on Communications & IT, Finance (Consultative), Rules, Privileges, and Subordinate Legislation. His participation in global parliamentary forums and policy dialogues reflects his commitment to bridging governance, innovation, and international cooperation.



His flagship vision platform—NXT—has become a confluence of global leaders, innovators, and policymakers. The NXT Conclave 2025 at Bharat Mandapam hosted global statesmen and showcased frontier technologies like AI, quantum computing, and mixed reality, reinforcing his dedication to shaping India's future-ready leadership and media ecosystem.

Kartikeya Sharma's work across media, governance, business, and nation-building continues to reflect a forward-looking philosophy: innovation with impact, leadership with purpose, and progress driven by action.

Chairman's Message

Serving humanity



Dear friends of humanity,

It is divine pleasure in life when we are serving humanity. Whether it is taking care of the health of the people who do not have the resources for it or making literate those who missed the opportunity, or ensuring that people get enough food for the stomach as well as food for thought, fortunately India Humanity Foundation has been doing just this.

The HPV vaccination drive was hugely successful. My compliments to CPAA for their partnership.

Padho Bharat program is now in its next stage. Lacs of books that were collected are being sorted and am so happy to see that hundreds of libraries have already been created.

At the same time our program for making every jail inmate literate is spreading its wings in both West Bengal and Maharashtra. The Diksha and Vidya programs of Adult Literacy are doing well with hundred of Adults getting dignity back in life when they are able to read and write for the first time.

The Saving Little Hearts program is at its best, saving children's lives, whether the child is from India or across the world.

I compliment all who truly believe in serving humanity.

Regards,

Shekhar Mehta

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Chairman, India Humanity Foundation

CEO's Message

New Horizons



Dear Friends,

As I write this message, my heart is filled with gratitude for everyone who continues to support the work of India Humanity Foundation. This month has been especially meaningful for us.

Our biggest milestone this month has been the **Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive**, where more than 600 young girls received the HPV vaccine across multiple schools. This effort was possible only because of the strong partnership between CPAA, our school communities, volunteers, and every supporter who believes in the power of prevention. It is gratifying to know that through our efforts these young girls are safe from at least 1 cancer.

Our ongoing efforts in **literacy** and nutrition continue to touch many lives. Through the **Padho Bharat** campaign, thousands of books are being sorted and will be sent to schools to setup libraries. I am excited and looking forward to see the smiles on the faces of children when they turn pages of these interesting books.

Thank you for standing with us, encouraging us, and trusting our shared mission of **servng humanity**.

As we step into a new year, may we carry forward the same spirit of kindness, hope, and service.

With gratitude,

Aparna Biyani

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CEO, India Humanity Foundation



Students from Suryodaya High School

Beyond Vaccination

The HPV vaccination drive was the final step of a carefully prepared process that began weeks earlier. Before any child was vaccinated, we rolled out structured orientation sessions to ensure families were informed and confident. The outreach followed a clear, step-wise flow:

1. School Selection & Staff Briefing:

Teachers and school leaders were oriented on HPV, the importance of early vaccination, and their role in preparing students and families for the drive.

2. Parent-Student Orientation & Consent:

Joint sessions explained what HPV is, how the vaccine works, possible side effects, and why adolescent protection matters. Students were guided on what to expect during vaccination, and families received informed consent forms

3. Vaccination Setup & Administration:

Qualified nurses were present throughout the camp to administer the HPV vaccine, supported by a senior doctor who supervised student safety and addressed medical queries. All vaccination operations—including form verification, flow management, and medical oversight—were efficiently coordinated by the CPAA team.

4. Certificates & Post-Vaccination Observation:

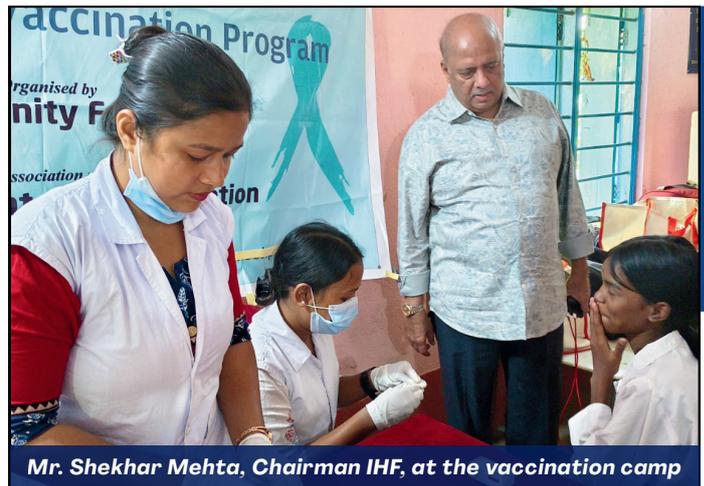
After receiving the vaccine, each student was given a certificate by the CPAA team and then guided to an observation room for a short monitoring period to ensure they felt well before heading back to class.

Thanks to this groundwork, the girls didn't just receive a dose—they received knowledge, confidence, and reassurance that their health truly matters. Parents felt informed, students felt safe, and schools appreciated the structured, collaborative approach.

Every vaccine administered is more than protection—it's a future safeguarded and a family empowered, echoing IHF's mission to build healthier, informed communities across India.

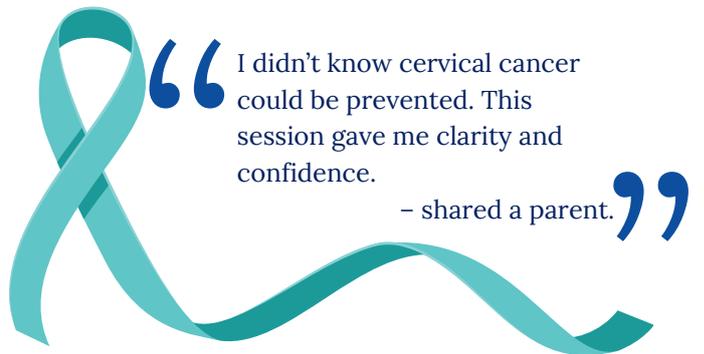


CPAA team with students pre vaccination



Mr. Shekhar Mehta, Chairman IHF, at the vaccination camp

Voices from the Community



“ I didn't know cervical cancer could be prevented. This session gave me clarity and confidence.

– shared a parent.”

“ The process—from counselling to vaccination—was smooth and comforting for the girls

– Altup Sekh

Principal,

Kheadaha High School ”



Mrs. Aparna Biyani, CEO IHF, at vaccination camp

Little Hearts, Lasting Impact

Through India Humanity Foundation's Saving Little Hearts initiative, many children who once struggled with congenital heart defects are now growing up healthy, active, and full of promise. These stories highlight the long-term impact of timely medical intervention—showing how a single surgery can shape an entire future, uplift a family, and restore hope where it once felt uncertain.

Little Sunita's New Start



Sunita Bhunia

Two-year-old Sunita* from Panskura received life-saving treatment for a congenital heart defect in August 2025. Her surgery and recovery were fully supported, easing the burden on her family.

Sunita's October follow-up showed excellent progress, with her next review scheduled for January. Today, she is active, healthy, and thriving — a reminder of how timely medical care transforms young lives.

Sumit's Healthy Tomorrow



Sumit Kumar

Little Sumit* from Khagaria, Bihar underwent a successful heart procedure in July 2025 and was discharged the very next day.

His recovery has been steady, with a clean post-operative check-up in September and his next review planned for March. Now cheerful and energetic, Sumit is enjoying his childhood again — proof that early intervention gives children the future they deserve.

Hope Healed for Indubala



Indubala Mandi

One-year-old Indubala* from Bankura received urgent treatment for a congenital heart condition in August 2025. Within two days, she was stable and ready to return home.

Her September follow-up confirmed strong recovery. Today, she is healthy and smiling again — a powerful reminder that access to care can change the course of a child's life.

**name changed*

Not Your Usual Comeback Story

How Asha Kiran helped a girl rewrite a script she never chose

In **Mithila**—where child marriage often cuts childhood short—**Maitraji was almost married off at 11** after losing her father and dropping out of school. But when India Humanity Foundation (IHF) and Jawahar Jyoti Bal Vikar Kendra opened an **Asha Kiran centre** in her village, everything changed. Enrolled after screening and encouraged by a teacher who convinced her hesitant mother, she returned to learning, rediscovered confidence, and picked up skills like stitching, drawing, and dance.



Maitraji playing with kids at the Asha Kiran centre



Children during classes

Today, she's in Class 9, studying daily and dreaming of earning through her talents—proving that with the right opportunity, a girl doesn't just escape a destiny; she rewrites it.



Spreading Joy: November Treat Distribution

This month, IHF added a little extra happiness to communities through the distribution of Cadbury Dairy Milk Mini Bites and Nescafé Ice Roast packs. With **over 24,000 units** shared across **Diksha (Each One Teach One) student volunteers**, thousands of individuals received a simple but meaningful treat—bringing smiles, joy, and a sense of care to those who need it most.



Children after receiving treats



Happy faces after receiving ration kits

Ration Support: Nourishing More Families

Alongside the treats, IHF delivered ration kits for November. A total of **66 kits**, weighing 8.1 kg each, reached households facing food insecurity—supporting nearly **1,000 beneficiaries** this month.

These essential supplies continue to strengthen families with nutrition.



Ration kit distribution at
Rotary Vivekananda School



Ration kits being given to staff members

From Collections to Classrooms:



Padho Bharat Turns Books into Libraries

When Communities Showed Up to Sort Stories

Padho Bharat began with a nationwide call—not just for books, but for people. IHF urged volunteers to step in, and they did.

Students from multiple schools, youth groups, and community members came together at IHF's collection centre, spending hours sorting, categorising, and packing thousands of donated books.



IHF Chairman, Mr. Shekhar Mehta sorting books



Student volunteers sorting books



Library - Mumbai, Maharashtra



Library - Palghar, Maharashtra

When Sorted Books Became Real Libraries

With collections sorted, the next chapter opened—classrooms turning into reading spaces. City leaders across India accelerated library installations, ensuring books reached the hands that needed them most.

What started as a simple sorting drive quickly grew into a movement—children helping children by giving every book a rightful place, turning piles of donated books into joyful reading corners where curiosity grows, confidence strengthens, and imagination finally finds space to fly.



Library - Bangalore, Karnataka



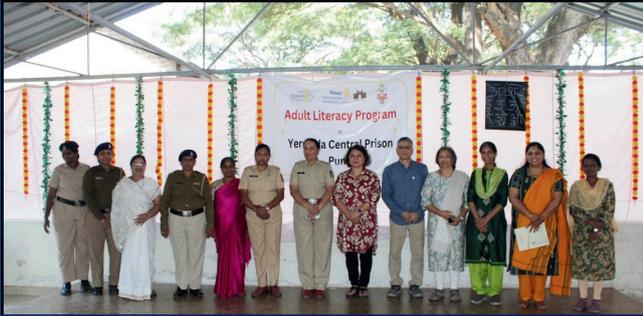
This month saw major leaps:

- **Mumbai:** New libraries with **900+** books
- **Gadchiroli (Maharashtra):** 300 Sapno ka Pitara libraries (**15,000** books)
- **Assam:** Library with **1,000+** books inaugurated
- **Mira-Bhayandar:** Schools recognised for new reading corners
- **Mumbai Suburbs:** **927** books strengthening libraries for **3,000+** students

Literacy Behind and Beyond Walls

IHF & Rotary Club of Bombay Open New Doors Through Adult Learning

- A report by **Runit Shah**, Chairman (Adult Literacy), Rotary Club of Bombay



Inauguration of Adult Literacy Program for Female Inmates at Yerwada Central Prison, Pune

The Adult Literacy Programme, jointly driven by India Humanity Foundation (IHF) and the Rotary Club of Bombay, has now empowered over 1,30,000 adults with essential reading, writing, and numeracy skills — marking one of the largest community literacy efforts in the country.

In a bold and pioneering step, the programme has also taken learning inside correctional facilities, ensuring education reaches those who need it most.



Literacy centres are now active in:

Byculla Women's Jail, Mumbai

Arthur Road Jail, Mumbai

Yerwada Central Prison, Pune



Joined by Shri Sunil N Dhamal - Dy Inspector General of Prison - Yerwada Central Jail



Inauguration of Adult Literacy Program for Male Inmates at Yerwada Central Prison, Pune

For inmates who never had access to schooling, these classes offer a fresh start—building confidence, independence, and a renewed sense of dignity. Many can now read basic text, sign their names, and navigate daily communication with ease.

Compact, practical, and deeply human, this initiative shows that education can break barriers—geographical, social, and even those built of concrete and steel. Through IHF and Rotary Club of Bombay's continued efforts, literacy is not just being taught—it's being unlocked.

