



PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

NADACE ZATISI

Puri, Vrindavan and Varanasi

October – March 2026

Executive Summary

School feeding is globally recognized as one of the most effective investments in human development, improving attendance, learning outcomes, nutrition, and long-term economic productivity. For children from low-income households, mid-day meals serve as both an incentive to stay in school and a pathway to a healthier, more secure future.

Over the last 25 years, The Akshaya Patra Foundation has built one of the most trusted and scalable school feeding programmes, driven by the vision that no child should be deprived of education due to hunger. Through a technology-led model and strong donor partnerships, the Foundation delivers nutritious meals at scale, enabling children to learn and thrive.

With the support of Nadace Zatisi, from October 2025 to February 2026, a total of **21,11,247 meals** were served to **21,346 children** at **Puri, Vrindavan and Varanasi**, ensuring consistent nutritional support during the school year.

As a valued partner, your support strengthens a transparent and efficient system that transforms resources into meaningful impact. Your contribution not only provided meals but also reduced classroom hunger, improved concentration, and enabled children to learn with dignity and focus, creating lasting benefits for communities.





ABOUT THE AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION

The Akshaya Patra Foundation is a leading social impact organization in India, dedicated to addressing classroom hunger and supporting education through one of the largest school meals programs in the world. Established in 2000, the Foundation serves fresh, nutritious mid-day meals to children attending government and government-aided schools across the country.

Working in close partnership with the government and donors, Akshaya Patra operates through a strong public-private partnership (PPP) model. At the core of its operations is a robust network of state-of-the-art kitchens across 78 locations, ensuring the timely, safe, and hygienic delivery of meals to children in underserved communities.



Vision

No child in India shall be deprived of education because of hunger



Mission

To achieve 6 million servings



Current Impact

- Serving **2.35M+** children daily in **23,000+** schools
- Presence in **16** states and **3** UTs
- **5 Billion+** meals served until today



Strategic Goals

Expand reach, strengthen programs, engage communities



Future Aspirations

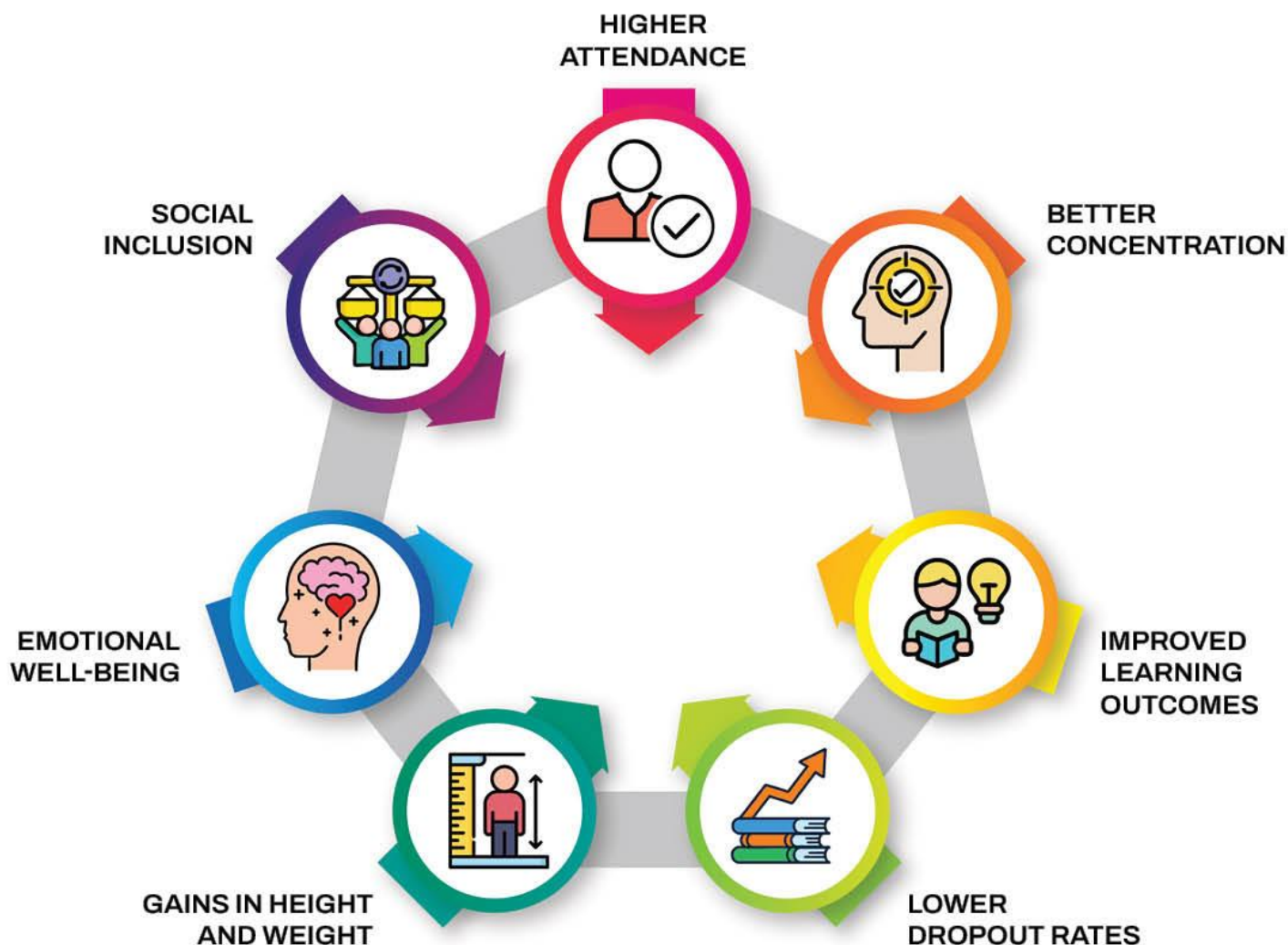
1000 EVs by 2030

Why School Meals Matter

Education is only as effective as a child's ability to learn.

In India, millions of children attend school hungry. Hunger is not just discomfort; it is a barrier to attention, retention, and aspiration.

Research shows that a nutritious school meal leads to...



For many children, the mid-day meal is the most reliable meal of their day and often the difference between being in school or working for survival.

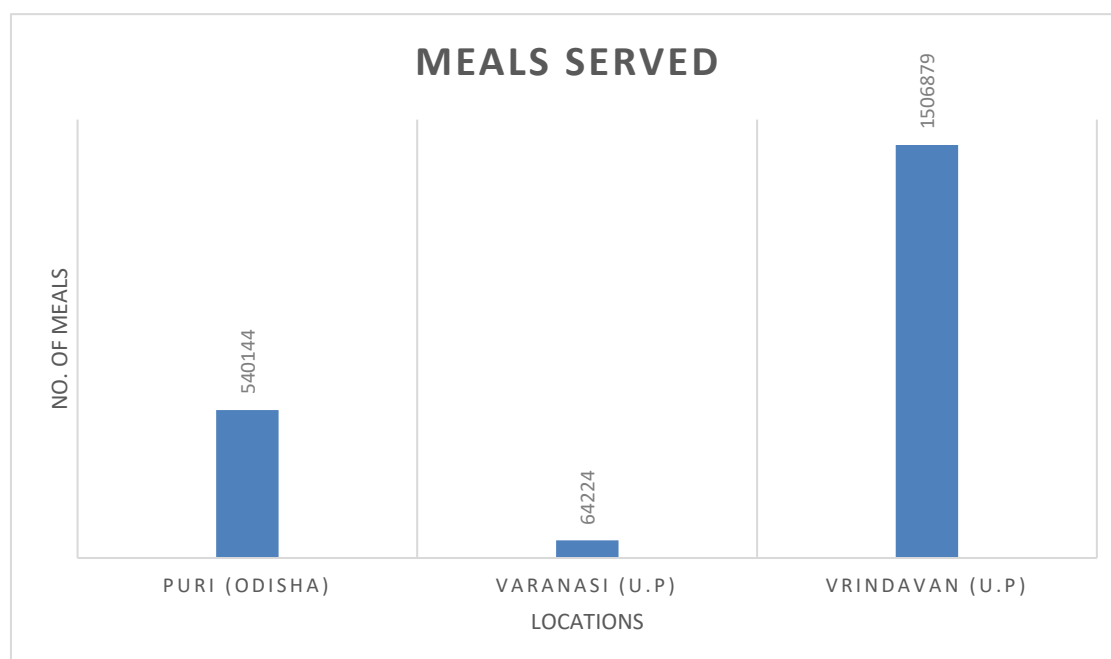
Project Progress

Nadace Zatisi extended an important feeding support of **INR 76,00,000** in Puri, Vrindavan and Varanasi through which Akshaya Patra has provided **21,11,247** school meals to **21,346** school students studying in 496 government schools for the period of **October – February 2026**. All meals are prepared and distributed from the centralized kitchens of Akshaya Patra. The projected number of meals for March 2026 is **4,05,574**, and expected amount to be utilised is **INR 26,24,064**.

Location	Children	Meals	Amount (INR)	March Projection - Meals	Amount (INR)
Puri (Odisha)	5,456	540,144	34,94,732	1,03,664	6,70,706
Varanasi (U.P)	669	64,224	4,15,529	12,711	82,240
Vrindavan (U.P)	15,221	15,06,879	97,49,507	2,89,199	18,71,118
Total	21,346*	21,11,247	1,36,59,768	4,05,574	26,24,064

Table 1: Showcasing the projected March 2026 numbers

*These total beneficiaries, supported during October–February 2026, will continue to be covered under Nadance Zatisi’s support until December 2026.



Graph 1: Illustration of number of meals served in each location for the period of October 2025 – February 2026

**The data is provisional and the final numbers will be shared with the final report.

Impact Stories - Dreams Fueled by Hope and a School Meal



Bhumika, a 14-year-old student in senior secondary school from Vrindavan, has experienced a remarkable transformation in her daily life with improved access to nutritious meals. Earlier, her school days were often marked by hunger and lethargy, making it difficult for her to stay active and focused in class.

With the introduction of regular nutritious meals, Bhumika now feels more energetic and engaged in her studies. Walking nearly 1 km to school every day, she values the importance of healthy eating and makes the most of the meals provided. She particularly enjoys roti-sabji and looks forward to her favourite dish, kheer, which she cherishes whenever it is served.

Understanding the role of nutrition in her well-being, Bhumika expresses a desire to include more fruits in her diet to further improve her health. With renewed energy and focus, she is steadily working towards her aspiration of becoming an advocate.

Bhumika's story reflects how access to nutritious meals can positively influence not just health, but also confidence, awareness, and ambition in young minds.



Shruti Subhangini, a bright and enthusiastic Class 8 student from a government school in Puri, has always shown a special fondness for Mathematics. Numbers and problem-solving excite her, and she approaches her studies with curiosity and determination. Coming from a humble yet supportive family, Shruti draws inspiration from her parents, who work tirelessly to ensure she receives a good education. Her father, a contractor, and her mother, an anganwadi teacher, instill in her the values of hard work, discipline, and perseverance.

Despite her interest in Mathematics, Shruti dreams of becoming a doctor one day, a goal she holds close to her heart. She understands that achieving this ambition will require consistent effort, focus, and dedication, and she is committed to working steadily toward it.

These meals ensure that she remains energized, healthy, and attentive throughout the school day. With her nutritional needs taken care of, Shruti is able to concentrate better in class and actively participate in her lessons. Among all the dishes served, matar paneer is her absolute favourite, and she eagerly looks forward to those days with a big smile.

Feeding Glimpses

Akshaya Patra extends a heartfelt gratitude for the support and partnership to NADACE ZATISI. Our partnership continues to impact thousands of children in the project-implemented location of Puri, Vrindavan and Varanasi.



Puri



Varanasi



Vrindavan

Collective Impact



Addressing classroom hunger

Children are staying in school longer



Boosting learning outcomes

Children are more engaged in learning.



Supporting nutrition & health

Better nutrition means healthier, active children.



Advancing gender inclusion

Meals help girls stay in school.



Promoting equity

A stabilising force, easing financial pressure and enabling children to remain in school.

A reliable safety net for vulnerable families



2025 Highlights

Reaching More Children



Mid-Meal Program now in **16 states** and **3 union territories**



Morning Nutrition Program now in **6 states**

600 Million Servings



480+ million mid-day meals served in **2025**



120+ million morning nutrition servings

Transitioning to Sustainable Energy



3,200 kW
Solar Energy
to reduce
dependence of
power grid

Akshaya Patra's Bhavnagar kitchen becomes the first kitchen to run 100% on solar energy.

158 EVs
added to
delivery fleet
to shift

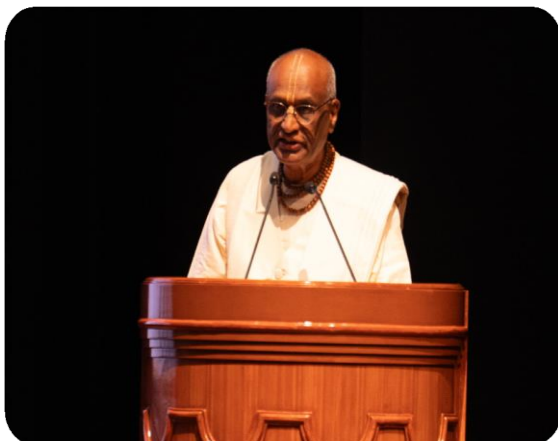
Akshaya Patra's Delhi kitchens now deliver 100% of meals using EVs.



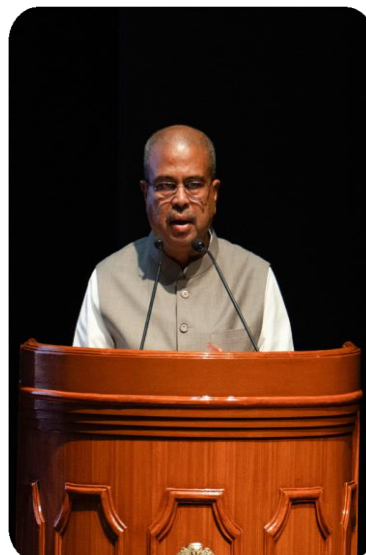
**5 Billion
Meals**
Commemoration
Under PM POSHAN Abhivaan



Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon'ble President of India



Shri Madhu Pandit Dasa
Founder & Chairman
The Akshaya Patra Foundation



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
Hon'ble Minister of Education
Government of India



Shri Chanchalpathi Dasa
President, Vrindavan Chandrodaya Mandir



The commemoration of Akshaya Patra's 5 billion meals milestone by the Hon'ble President of India,

Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, marked a defining moment in the organization's 25-year journey, celebrating not just scale but sustained impact over two decades. Also present on the occasion was the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, underscoring the national significance of the mission. In a deeply moving gesture, the Hon'ble President personally served meals to children, symbolizing compassion in action and reaffirming the collective commitment to nourishing young minds. This milestone stands as a testament to the unwavering support of donors, partners and stakeholders whose contributions

have made it possible to transform millions of lives through the simple yet powerful act of a nutritious meal.



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