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Chairperson's Message

Founded with the ideals of Shri. Rajiv Gandhi, the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation continues to inspire every one of us to re-live his vision of a secular and progressive India, rooted in its cultural traditions. Throughout these years, one thing that remains unchanged is its zeal to serve people from all hues.

In the year 2017-18, through our initiatives and programmes, we were able to serve thousands of people in multitudes of areas. INTERACT Scholarship Programme assisted 294 scholars from diversified geographical regions. Wonderoom, our initiative for children is bringing joy to the kids through innovative learning techniques in the form of an interactive library.

The Foundation also awards Cambridge Scholarships to bright Indian students to pursue their master or doctoral degree in social science at the University of Cambridge. Two such students have received scholarships this year.

Earnest efforts are being made to bring change into the lives of the physically challenged people through Rajiv Gandhi Access to Opportunities (RGATO) programme by providing them with specifically designed motorized vehicles, besides raising awareness about government schemes enacted for differently abled. Over the years, the Foundation has provided more than 2600 motorized vehicles to those in need.

RGF is making rigorous efforts for environmental conservation by taking

numerous measures to tackle the problems related to water. The Foundation through its partner 'Gram Gaurav Sansthan' constructs water harvesting structure in the drought-affected villages of Rajasthan. In the year 2017-18, twenty eight soil and water harvesting structures were funded for by the Foundation.

This year we have also started a Kashmir Livelihood Restoration Programme in the state of J&K, where residents are provided training and support in the field of animal husbandry, horticulture, handloom etc. with the aim of creating a livelihood for them.

The Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS) was developed as an independent think tank, to fill the vacuum existing in policy advocacy and has been relentlessly helping the policy makers through its publications. During the year 2017-18, RGICS produced about 20 briefs on a wide range of issues. Additionally three White Papers were published on the electoral promises of the current political dispensation, in 2017.

In the coming years, RGF endeavors to reach out to many more people of this nation and strives to serve across the domains that were dear to Shri Rajiv Gandhi. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the trustees, donors and the entire team of the Foundation.



Sonia Gandhi (Mrs.)
Chairperson, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation



Introduction

The Foundation is working relentlessly to bring a difference in the life of the people, irrespective of caste, creed, religion or region. In its 26th year, RGF has touched the lives of thousands through its flagship programmes and initiatives. Education has been the key priority of the Foundation and this is being fructified in the

forms of Wonderoom, a state-of-the-art learning room for the children, INTERACT and Rajiv Gandhi Cambridge Scholarships.

RGF has undertaken gamut of works, which has a direct bearing on the life of the people, among it is the environmental conservation, mobility



facilitations to the physically disabled and policy research and analysis.

INTERACT is providing healing touch to the children affected by violence and conflict while RGATO has given a ray of hope to the physically disabled people.

This report dwells on the initiatives taken to accomplish the stated goal of the Foundation in the year 2017-18. It showcases, how the Foundation has turned the dreams of thousands into reality, what more it has undertaken, and areas it has ventured for the realizations of the Foundation's vision.



INTERACT Scholarships

The Initiative to Educate, Rehabilitate and Assist Child Victims of Terrorism (INTERACT) programme envisions to prevent and protect child victims of conflict from falling prey to violence and its aftermath. The programme helps the affected children lead a normal life, making them choose education as a ladder to a bright future. One of the prime objectives of this programme has been to change the psyche of the children, who were unfortunate to a part of violence and conflict. The trauma caused by violence leaves a scar on the child, the bearing of which lasts a prolonged period. INTERACT programme is healing the very scourge of violence and conflicts. Beginning with the worst hit children from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Assam and, two districts in Andhra Pradesh, the INTERACT programme has spread its wings to other conflict-ridden states in the north east of India like Tripura, Nagaland, and Manipur after the initial years.

In the last 26 years, the Foundation has supported 2,115 children across 11 states and two Union Territories under the aegis of the INTERACT programme. This also includes 134 scholars who went on to further pursue graduate studies or vocational programmes.

In the period 2017-18, the Foundation assisted 294 scholars from diversified geographical regions consisting of Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur,

Assam, Nagaland, Chhattisgarh, Mumbai, Gujarat, Puducherry, and Telangana. This included 16 new scholars who were selected from the north eastern states of Manipur and Assam. The scholarship amounts vary according to the class. Students below class 1 were awarded a scholarship of Rs 8,000, between standards I and VII were presented a scholarship of Rs 12,000, while those between standards VIII and XII were granted Rs 16,000.

INTERACT Scholars State wise distribution 2017-18:

Telangana	21
Assam	26
Chhattisgarh	8
Gujarat	1
Jammu & Kashmir	99
Manipur	119
Mumbai	10
Nagaland	3
Puducherry	7
Total	294

New Selection 2018 (included in the above table)

States	No. of Scholars	Male	Female
Manipur	14	8	6
Assam	2	1	1
Total	16	9	7



Archana Devi

Archana Devi comes from a remote village named Kuluhand, located in Doda District of Chenab Valley region of Jammu & Kashmir. Kuluhand is about 52 kms from the District HQ and has limited facilities. This impels people to visit either Doda or Gath, even for basic facilities. Every inhabitant of J&K is affected by armed conflicts, directly or indirectly of which children and women are most affected ones. Archana Devi had lost her father Late. Mr. Satish Kumar at the age of four in a very gruesome militant attack. Archana was then a student of LKG at Govt. Primary School, Tehwa where her father used to teach. The incident dated back in 30th of April 2006, when some unidentified gunmen had entered the village Kuluhand and asked every male member to assemble near a temple in the village. Fearing for life, around 30 people of the village gathered, including an eight-year-old and 35 years old women. The masked gunmen then released indiscriminate gunshots on the unarmed innocent villagers, killing all of them on the spot. In the gruesome incident, Archana lost not only her father, but also her maternal grandfather, paternal grandfather and two uncles.



The ghastly incident turned her life upside down. Left with no male member in the family to sustain, Archana family migrated to Doda and started living with their relatives. Aftermath of the incident, RGF representatives visited the Kuluhand village and made on spot selection of the children of victim families. Amongst the children selected for INTERACT programme were Archana Devi and her brother Goutam Kumar. Archana's mother Silma Devi, received an envelope from the police station containing a cheque and a letter about the RGF scholarship programme.

Archana and her brother got admission in Green Model School, Doda where she finished her school. The family had purchased a two-room house in the Doda town out of the compensation received from the Government. Archana is preparing for her B.Sc. Nursing entrance exam for state Medical College. However, she has an offer of admission from ASCOM College, Jammu which a private nursing college, but she's reluctant for being a bit expensive.

She intends to serve her community in her village hitherto wrecked due to an absence of healthcare facility.

RGF is nurturing the dreams many such children through INTERACT programme.

Haniyah Farooq

Haniyah Farooq, was born in December of 1999 in Nowgam area of Srinagar city of Jammu & Kashmir state, which is a conflict zone since 1989. She lost her father Late Farooq Ahmad Bhat when she was just 13 months old. Her father, a private Lab Technician, was killed on 2nd Jan 2001 in a crossfire between the militants and the security forces, while on his way home. Haniyah's mother Shaheena confessed that post-Haniya's father death, the duo were ill-treated by their paternal family, who once used to live a peaceful life.



Haniya was admitted to a local school for pre-nursery class, on 2nd Jan 2002, which according to Haniyah's mother Shaheena, was not satisfactory as she used to frequent the school with her daughter. It was a government run school, with poor infrastructure, inadequate teaching staff and had only four classrooms. A total of 150 students were taught by only three teachers.

Shaheena, Haniyah's mother was compelled to leave her paternal house in 2003, where her in-laws were abusive and indifferent, towards them. She used to remain preoccupied with the uncertainty of her livelihood and the education of her daughter, Haniyah. She was running from pillar to posts, for an adequate compensation and a job, which was denied due to lack of documents.

It was during her visit to SHRC (State Human Right Commission) where she first heard about RGF scholarship and later got in touch with Late Mr Abdul Rashid, who linked her daughter with INTERACT Programme. She in the same year i.e. 2003, received a cheque of Scholarship from RGF under the programme. Shaheena and daughter Haniya started a new phase of their life at maternal home.

Haniyah Farooq was admitted into Kashmir Valley School, a reputed school in Srinagar with the help of her maternal uncle who is a government employee, where she studied upto class 8th. Later, she joined prestigious Melonson School, Srinagar where she passed her board exam in 10th with 78% of marks and opted science stream. In the year 2017, Haniyah completed her schooling by scoring 72% marks. Haniyah remained unsuccessful in her attempt to clear NEET 2018, due to many reasons. One of the many reasons could be her mother embattling psychological disturbances, causing paucity of time to her, and another could be financial issues, which desisted her from enrolling in a private coaching centre. She is hopeful of clearing the NEET in her next attempt to pursue MBBS.

Haniyah and her mother Shaheena wholeheartedly thanks RGF for its timely help through INTERACT which enabled them to realise their dreams.

Sorensangbam Chanchan Devi

Sorensangbam Chanchan Devi is from a village named Thinungei in Bishnupur District of Manipur. Her mother, Sorensangbam Loidang has raised her and her siblings with utter difficulty, after her father was killed by the insurgents. As a livelihood, her mother used to sell fish in the village market, after catching them from the Loktak Lake. Amidst this period of chaos and upheaval, RGF INTERACT scholarship provided to her, turned out to be a boom, without which she might not have been able to study at all. Chanchan is currently pursuing her Bachelors in Arts from G.P. Women's College, Imphal.

Sorensangbam Chanchan Devi was trained in Wushu Martial Art, by a Wushu Trainer, who had spotted this talent in her childhood. Owing to her dedication and exposure to Wushu Martial Art, she has won many gold medals at the state and National Levels championships. The list of her achievement includes:

2009 – Gold in 7th National Choi Kwang Do Martial Art Championship

2010 – Gold in 10th Sub Junior National Wushu Championship

2012 – Bronze in Sub Junior Wushu Championship; Gold in 58th National School games 2012-2013

2013 – Gold in 13th Sub Junior National Wushu Championship; Silver in Manipur State Level Wushu Championship

2014 – Gold in 14th State level Wushu Championship; Gold in Inter School Sports and Games Competition 2014-2015

2015 – Gold in 13th Junior National Wushu Championship

2016 – Gold in 14th Junior National Wushu Championship

Chanchan is a resolute girl, who is now helping her family to meet the day end as ailments of her mother had barred her from catching and selling fish. She has taken a break from the sport activities, and is taking tuitions classes of children of her locality to get rid of the financial constraint.

Chanchan Devi, recently attended the INTERACT alumni meet in RGF for Wonder Room, where she expressed to carry forward the work of RGF in a way she could. She also wished to contribute in a manner she could.

RGF salute hers sportsmanship and never give up attitude.



Singam Ahanjao Singh

Singam Ahanjao is a class 12 student at Birmangol College, represents his state Manipur in football at the national level. He divides his time accordingly between his academics and sports. He and his younger brother Singam Milan were selected for RGF's INTERACT Scholarship when they were in Class 3 and Class 1 respectively.

They had lost their father in an insurgent attack. Their father late Singam Premananda used to work as a head manson at a building construction site. He was shot dead by the insurgents when he was way back to home. Singam (O) Ibema Devi his mother had a tough time raising three children. She had to take weaving as a means of livelihood which was not bringing enough income to support her children's education. Her village lies at the outskirts of Imphal, the capital of Manipur, which is infested with the insurgency. The presence of insurgents prevent people from venturing into the area.

RGF educational assistance extended to them at the crucial stage was like God's gift to them. His mother made all of his siblings to get enrolled into sports activities, to prevent them from coming under the ill influence of their surroundings. As a result, now, all the three siblings play football. Milan completed his class 10th, and has played the junior league matches in Manipur, under the sponsorship of RGF. Whereas MAN 0321 – Ahanjao represented his home state Manipur at the National Level and has the achievement of playing for hosts of renowned clubs and teams.

Despite bearing the trauma of losing father at a tender age and bearing brunt of financial constraint by the family, Ahanjao has brought laurels to the State of Manipur. He hopes to make into the Indian Armed Forces through sports quota.

RGF is a helping hand to many kids like Singam Ahanjao in the insurgency-affected regions of North-East India. The Foundation is instilling the fighting spirit in them.



Pubali Borah from Assam

Pubali Borah comes from Akhngaon village of Dhalajan in Jorhat District of Assam, a versatile child gifted with many talents. Her family consists of 3; mother and her younger brother Kaushik and herself. Her father was killed by the ULFA insurgent when she was an infant. This incident left the family shattered. Smt. Reshmi Rekha Dutta, Pubali's mother is a woman of action who stood the test of time. She with her grit built her home as her late husband wished, from the money received as ex-gratia from the Government.

Three tiny tea gardens raised on the small patches of land is the only source of income to them. The tea leaves plucked from their tea gardens are sold to the nearby tea companies for a price of Rs 18 to 22 a kg. Their monthly income drops to Rs 3,000 in the offseason, which only in the rainy season rises to a high of Rs 25,000. Unstable income had put many limitations on them.

RGF in this hour of peril got in touch with the family and under the INTERACT programme. Pubali Borah was offered the scholarship to pursue education. She currently studies at Chitraklekha Siksha Vidya Mandir, Dhalajan, wherein she excels in her extra-curriculum activities such as arts and crafts, dancing, quiz and more. Apart from her studies, she also shares the responsibility of household chores and helps her mother in weaving on handloom. They have set up a small handloom in their house where they mostly produce traditional attires.

Losing her father at an early age was very traumatic for her and her family and also caused her psychological distress. She gets nervous breakdowns, which is a resultant of it. RGF not only supported her financially but also emotionally. RGF representative met her in July at Sibsagar in an event where she acted as a translator between the representatives and the alumni. Pubali is emotionally bonded with RGF and its team; whom she calls on an alternate day. She dreams of becoming a doctor in the future.

RGF is spreading the light of joy in the life of such kids, even the inaccessible parts of the North East.

****She has woven her mother's chador. Now Pubali is all set to weave her dream of becoming a doctor into reality.****



Pubali and her mother displaying the Chador which she has woven for her mother



Pubali weaving

Rajiv Gandhi Cambridge Scholarship

In the year 2013, the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) and Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust (CCEIT) agreed to collaborate in a scheme of scholarship at the University of Cambridge known as Rajiv Gandhi Cambridge Scholarship. This scholarship is accorded to outstanding Indian students to pursue Masters or PhD degree in the field of Social Science. The total expense is divided between RGF and CCEIT in the ratio 50:50

During the year 2017-18, the RGF selection committee panel selected two scholars for PhD. Shuvatri Das Gupta for PhD in History and Rishi Rajpopat for PhD in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge.

RGCS Meet was organised in August 2017 at the Foundation. Mrs. Sheelagh Helen Pennant, the Director of the Cambridge Commonwealth European & International Trust, had visited the Foundation and met the scholars selected for RGCS. During this occasion, she had explained about the Cambridge Trust Programmes. One of our past RGCS Scholar was also present on the occasion.



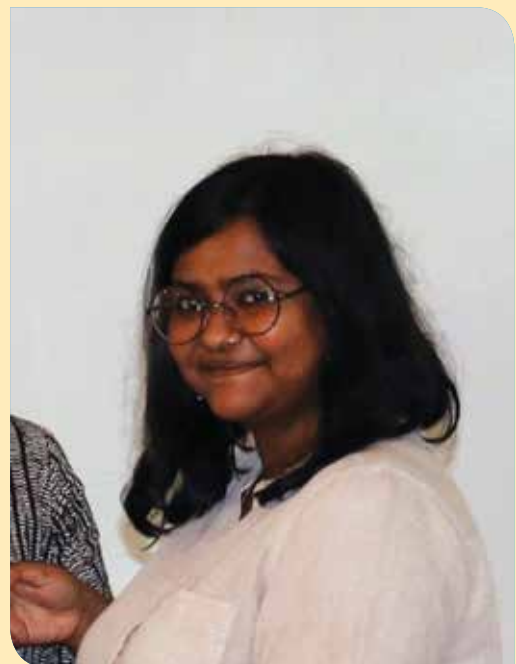
“I’ve spent almost a year now in Cambridge, and every minute of this experience has been absolutely fantastic. I divide my work-time between auditing lectures at the Asian Studies and Linguistics Faculties, meeting my research supervisor, and poring over books about Sanskrit and Indian languages and linguistics in some of the most beautiful libraries of the University. My research for me is like a jigsaw puzzle - the more pieces I am able to put in place, the more complete the picture looks, which makes the whole exercise a very exciting one. In my free time, I enjoy meeting friends, swimming, cooking, and singing.



On the whole, I am convinced that my time in Cambridge is and will continue to be an enriching journey of learning and exploration, on a path that will lead to intellectual maturity, academic achievement, and professional success. I am extremely grateful to the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for their significant contribution towards making this opportunity available to me.”

Rishi Rajpopat

“My first year of graduate studies at Cambridge has been rich not only in terms of learning academically, but also has taught me a lot about different cultures of the world and has enriched me as a human being. Cambridge has given me the opportunity to interact with students from all over the world from diverse backgrounds, which has in turn shaped my world views. Intellectually, being amongst the best in the world, although intimidating, has been extremely beneficial to say the least. From attending seminars and workshops, to organizing lectures and cultural events for the Cambridge South Asia Forum it has been a fulfilling and engaging year of doctoral work. I thank the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation from the bottom of my heart for their generous support, for making this dream come true for me.”



Shuvatri Dasgupta

wonderoom



Wonderoom is a distinct community space cum library, located in the heart of India's national capital. It was inaugurated in the year 2011, with the stated goal of generating interests amongst the children within the age group of 8 to 15 years, in reading books. Since 2011, it has transformed into a learning center; well equipped with over 6,500 books which are available in multiple languages. Wonderoom is open throughout the week from 10 am to 6 pm, wherein interested children can avail free daily bus service provided by it.



Yearly programmes and activities

Art and Craft: Facilitating children to acquire a vast range of skills through innovative learning, helping bring out the creativity in them. Throughout the year children actively participated in workshops like drawing, painting, puppet making, origami, pottery and mind games.

Ados Pados club: A theatre club, where children are encouraged to be themselves, where children enact in a group. This year too, a beautiful play was prepared and enacted by the Wonderoom children. Children are made to take a few dress rehearsals before the play to shed their inhibition.

Film Screening: Children's classic films are screened every week at Wonderoom, to promote inquisitiveness amongst the children. The screened films generally carry a message. Using films as a medium is helping the children to grasp the lesson quicker in comparison to other medium.

Fun with Science: The boredom and complexity of Science are taught in a very playful way. The technicality of science is applied in daily experiences of the children. The part of the programme also includes the celebration of anniversaries of noted scientists, discussing discoveries and telling their inspiring life stories.

The Espresso Club: This was conceived to instill the habit of expressing in the children. Children communicate their stories, which can act as a source of inspiration to the others. The expression can be in a form, be it art or drama.

Drama: Wonderoom hosts drama for the entertainment of the children. The entire role in the drama is taken by the children themselves. The theme of the drama revolves around the children.



From a mother's eye

Dear all,

My name is Neeru, I am a mother of theatre enthusiast daughter named Rupanshi. My daughter was not showing any interest in any activities despite being encouraged. She was not willing to get involved in extracurricular activities like her friends of same age group.

We had tough times in coping with her. We also consulted psychologist, but was of no help. I admitted Rupanshi to Wonderoom classes, a noble initiative of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation in May 2017. There she took up the drama classes as she was naturally inclined towards it.

Within no time she started interacting with other children. The classes imparted at the wonderoom, acted as a fuel in the life of my daughter, who once used to confine herself alone. The seminars, workshops and lots of fun filled organised regularly made my daughter bold as well as interactive. The teaching staffs at wonderoom leaves no stone unturned in providing nourishing environment to each child. They are giving wings to many children like Rupanshi and making every child bloom.

I heartily thank all members of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for recognizing and nurturing the skills of children. They helped them to gain identity. Respected Ashwini Sir, Pratul Sir, Rajneesh Bisht Sir, Raju Sir, Anju Madam, Neelam Madam Sohail Sir and Vaibhav Walia ji have left a mark in the hearts and minds of the children.

I am indebted to Rahul Gandhi ji and Sonia Gandhi ji, for having created this institution which is continually bringing smile to many mothers like me.



Kabad Se Jugad Club: Children are taught to make things out of scrap. This is basically an initiative to make learn the lesson of recycling. The waste coming out of daily used items are utilized to create a usable product out of it. Kabad Se Jugad Club in a way promotes the message of environment conservation.

Story Telling: Any story remains impactful and attractive mode amongst the children. Considering storytelling as a potent medium of learning, children at Wonderoom are encouraged to tell their favourite stories. Children can read out a story from any book of their choice. It also inculcates the habit of reading amongst the children.

Summer Camp: A month-long summer camp was organized by Wonderoom at Jawahar Bhawan. The camp was held during the summer break in the month of May and June. The activities were created to cater to the children of age group of 5 to 15 years. It was attended by hundreds of students from all sorts of socio-economic background.

Library

No learning center is accomplished without a library; so is Wonderoom. Its library is a paradise to the readers, a home to a plethora of books. Children can avail many activities at the library such as computer surfing, drawing, colouring and others. The library has the provision of issue and return. Children can get a book issued and return within a specific period.

Padhaku - The Mobile Library

'Padhaku' is a mobile library. With the objective to take education to the children residing in the far-flung area, 'Padhaku' was instituted. It visits the children every Sunday. It is steadily expanding its reach to few other places, which was serving only to the students of Baprola in Dwarka of NCT Delhi when initiated. The membership is also increasing with each passing day.





Sheetal

Sheetal was born in a village of UP named Jaunpur. Her father was a street vendor, who had set up small shop outside the premises of Jawahar Bhawan, to sell betel. She used to have the opportunity to visit Delhi, only once a year during her summer vacation. It was during her summer holidays that she visited Wonderoom classes, accompanied by her father. Sheetal soon got acquainted with the environment at the Wonderoom.

Wonderoom provided the requisite atmosphere to showcase her talents. Sheetal keenly started participating in all sorts activities hosted at Wonderoom. Sketching and writing story is what excited her most, and in which she also excelled. Her sketches and her story titled, 'Mara Pedh Hara Hua' was published in a children's magazine called 'Chakmak'. Not only these, Sheetal also performed in the World Book Fair among many renowned authors and poets.

Sheetal regularly read out her poems written by her, in the assembly of summer camps, organized in 2017. As talents have got no bound, her poems have now found space in children's popular magazine 'Abhinav Balmar'. Seeing her growing interests and talents, followed by her success, Sheetal's parents now regularly come to Delhi from their village.

Summer Camp organized at Wonderoom is an opportunity to grow interests and talents in the children. Every Child can be a part of this camp to reinvent them and create interest.





Rajiv Gandhi Access to Opportunities Programme

Rajiv Gandhi Foundation is deeply concerned about the welfare of the persons with disabilities in the country and believes that most physically challenged people are deprived of opportunities relating to education, employment, training, recreation and even medical treatment due of limited mobility. The Foundation provides specially designed vehicle to such people, which enables them to move without hindrance and eases their mobility. More than 2600 physically challenged people have been facilitated with mobility support across states in India by the Foundation.



States	Male	Female	Age Group	Married	% of Disability	Both lower limbs disability	Family member disabled	Employed/self employed	Students
22	50	50	21 -35	23	60 – 100	82	21	63	37

In the year 2017-18, seven companies have sponsored 34 vehicles:

The donors companies were: Bharat Forge Limited, Patton International, Max India Foundation, DCM Shriram Consolidated Limited, Tata Steel Limited, Pirojsha Godrej Foundation and The Muthoot Group.





RGATO awardees lined up for the vehicle distribution event

Former Union Minister, Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar interacting with the RGATO awardees



Sharmishtha Ben Parmar

Sharmishtha Ben is a young woman who got affected by polio at the early age of two. It takes her two hours to reach her work. Earlier she used to travel in public transport with assistance from a family member. Sharmistlia Ben said, after years of social discrimination, I have found a life of dignity and acceptance from the society. She feels more confident and can handle her own physical movements. She very excitedly shared the news of her increment at her present job. She completed her teacher's training in 2011 and is currently writing a TET exam to move towards better job prospects in life.



Dhanani Reshamben Iqbalbhai

Reshamben does a part-time job as a data entry operator in a hospital on a contractual basis. After receiving a vehicle in 2017, her dependency on others as well as mobility issues have significantly reduced. She was two and a half years old when polio gripped her and was affected with 75% disability in both her lower limbs. Despite many physical and social challenges, the vehicle has restored her confidence. She now very enthusiastically moves from one place to another and make optimum use of her time. She takes tuitions at three various places to earn extra money. Her interest in sports led her to participate in Paralympics sports where she took part in a tri-cycle race and shot put. She is now very popular in her locality.



Solanki Pawanben Babubhai

Solanki Pawanben contracted polio at the tender age of three which left her with 80% physical disability. She comes from a remote village in Gujarat with no developed infrastructure of public transport. Solanki works as a tele-caller and used to find it difficult to even find a bus or an auto. Her everyday expenses on transportation did not let her save any money. The lack of connectivity in her village also affects other villagers. She is now able to help others in various emergencies. Because of her helpful and proactive nature, she was rewarded in a Republic Day event of her village where she also shared her experience in Delhi when she came to receive the vehicle.



Archives at Rajiv Gandhi Foundation

Background

Archives at RGF preserves the thoughts and memories of our great Ex PM Shri Rajiv Gandhi, who had been a constant source of strength and guiding light of this Foundation. The speeches, photos and videos will immortalize the ideals of Shri Rajiv Gandhi. Archives will continue to inspire the generation to come by giving them a view of the significant events that had occurred in the past.

The RGF houses the archives on Sh. Rajiv Gandhi's life and work since its establishment. The collection includes photographs, speeches, copy of PMO letters, condolence books, parliamentary debates, books, press clippings, audio and video tapes (A series) etc. In subject matter, the focus is on individual portraits of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, Smt. Sonia Gandhi and other prominent political personalities, family photographs, photographs taken at various political rallies/campaigns, national and international visits and photographs taken at various functions etc.

There are two more series in the archives:

- Material related to activities of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies,
- Material related to Smt Sonia Gandhi (Chairperson).

Work done in 2017-18

During the year 2017-2018, a total number of 3,500 loose photographs and 117 albums were documented. A set of 26,000 loose photographs, 200 albums along with other material was also received in May-June 2017 which was also initially sorted and counted at that time.

Another major task that was completed during the year 2017-18 was the digitization of Audio-video material pertaining to A series. The material was sent in batches to a Mumbai based



Archiving in progress

firm Film Heritage Foundation (FHF) that was engaged for the digitisation work. The work included identification, packing and listing of the material to be sent for digitization. To ensure safe transit of the archival material to be digitized, the Archives team travelled to Mumbai with the material and ensured its safe delivery to the studios. Also assisted in reviewing the sample digitization and provided feedback. A total of 1475 Spool tapes, 163 audio cassettes and 110 High Band Tapes were digitized.

Contributed to the outreach activities of the archives department by providing material for Instagram, Facebook pages on Sh. Rajiv Gandhi and worked on other queries related to Sh. Rajiv Gandhi's visit to different states.



Natural Resource Management

Natural Resource Management (NRM) programme has been working continuously to meet the environmental challenges posed in the form of drought, water scarcity and depletions, since its inception in 2011. The NRM programme was devised by the Foundation to tackle the repeated drought like situations, arising in the north-western part of India.

In the year 2017-18, the Foundation continued its support for the ongoing Natural Resource Management programme in the Dang Region of Rajasthan with implementing Partner, Gram Gaurav Sansthan to extensively work towards the “Empowerment Through Sustainable livelihood”. During the year 2017-18, the Foundation funded 28 water and soil harvesting structures. Gram Gaurav Sansthan is an independent organization and is based on the model of ‘Rural Participatory Appraisal’, which empowers disenfranchised groups in building water conservation structures.

Gram Gaurav Sansthan has been able to effect more than 1760 families residing in around 40 villages, by constructing water conservation structures. The Sansthan continues to work for the environmental conservation by adopting environment friendly techniques. Besides, it also focuses on the generation of employment opportunities for the people of the regions.

Gram Gaurav Sansthan (GGS) had organized three “PadYatra”, 13 Nukkad Sabhas and 35 community in 38 villages to address various developmental issues and awareness. GGS also organized “Pokhar Sena Sammelan” (Voluntaries meet).

Community meeting



Harvesting Happiness at Sahejna

Sahejna wali Pokhar is situated in Manikpur village, 50 km away from the town of Karauli in Rajasthan. The village remains cut off from the town in most of the seasons. The connectivity is in a deplorable state. Commercial activities mostly consist of selling and buying locally grown produce in the nearby town market. One has to traverse 50 km of rugged terrain consisting of mountain and swamps to reach village Manikpur from Karauli. Commuting to and forth to town gets worst in after overdue of rains, the reason where the rut gets submerged. The scorching heat of the summer and the bone-chilling weather in winter makes the lives of the people hellish in the village of Manikpur. The same bumpy and swampy road is used for purposes, right from visiting doctor in the town to transporting goods back and forth. Geographically, Manikpur is parched village nestled amidst mounds and scores the lowest in social and economic parameters. The locally grown produces of the village is composed of dairy products and paddy which are sold in the town. The commercial activities sustaining their livelihood take a toll either due to the scarcity of water or untoward natural catastrophe.

RGF through its implementing partner Gram Gaurav Sansthan is easing the lives of the people living in the drought-stricken regions of Rajasthan and turning a lifesaver to the inhabitants. Sahejna Pokhar was constructed to harvest rainwater has proved not only beneficial but has also glorified the village. The pond is helping the farmers to increase their harvests, providing fodders to cattle besides supplying potable water to the villagers. The water gained has also decreased many water-borne diseases amongst the people.

The kind of increase in grain production due to water harvesting at Sahejna Pokhra is phenomenal and that brought happiness in the lives of all families in the village.

Farmer's family	Land (in Bigha)	Paddy (in Quintals)		Wheat (in Quintals)	
		2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Kalva Gurjar	1.50	06	13	05	16
Halke Gurjar	1.25	07	12	06	14
Hari Gurjar	1.50	06	13	08	16
Kalyan Gurjar	1.25	04	12	06	16
Khilari Gurjar	1.25	04	12	05	13
Ramswaroop Gurjar	1.25	04	12	08	12
Pillu Gurjar	1.25	05	13	04	09
Ramesh Gurjar	1.50	06	14	06	10
Umed Gurjar	1.25	08	12	05	09
Banesingh Gurjar	1.50	07	14	04	10
Ramgilas Gurjar	1.25	06	12	03	09



Gharban ka Tall, Doltiya



Sahejana wali pokhar

Kuwa wali Pokhar, Teen Pokhar



Sahejana wali pokhar





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From left to right

1. GGS Board Member visit Ms. Poonam Madan
2. Tree plantation at Gajsinghpura
3. Pokhar Sena Shivir
4. Patpada Wali Pokhar, Angad Ka Pura



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Kashmir Livelihood Restoration Programme

In year 2014, the Foundation quickly responded and carried out relief activities in five flood affected districts of Kashmir. Nearly 5000 families were provided relief material and 9000 patients were provided free medicines. RO plants installed to ensure clean drinking water to the families. The community members fondly remember RGF's relief support during the floods in September 2014, especially the door to door delivery of relief packets.

The Foundation started livelihood restorations programme with its implementing Partner, Indo Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) in flood affected areas of Bandipora and Baramulla districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the year, a census survey of seven villages and baseline survey of 527 families was done to identify the beneficiaries and livelihoods activities. The 125 shorted families out of 203, were supported during the year. The support includes inputs for agriculture, Sheep and raw materials to artisans.



- Three capacity building and skill up-gradation trainings of farmers, artisans and other groups organized for 130 farmers.
- Three demonstration sites on improved vegetable production established in two villages Nowgam & Najan to promote best agricultural practices.
- Trainings of Trainers (TOTs) for Agriculture, Craftsmanship and livestock management organized.
- Institutional building trainings provided to three artisan groups in Ankhulla, Nowgam & Rakhmohall.
- Two farmer groups (Al-Mustafa Farmer Group Ankhulla & Mehdi Farmer Group Kawapora) linked with NABARD's Farmer Club Programme. Orientation meetings conducted with these groups in which sub-divisional agriculture officers.
- KVK coordinators participated & highlighted the different schemes of agriculture and KVKs for farmers Groups.

RGF stories

Bashir Ahmad

Bashir Ahmad is 37 years old carpet weaver from the village Ankhulla in Kashmir. He was caught up in a vicious cycle of poverty and his road to survival was turning gloomy. His debt which he had borrowed kept mounting and had reached to the sum of Rs 80,000. Being his income moderate, he ended up all his earnings in repaying the debt. This was also making him to take more advances to meet his end. Bashir was entrapped in the web of debt.

It was in the February of 2018 when he received the support in the form of raw materials from this project. Stricken with uncertainty, he started weaving carpet with the raw materials received from the project, with his wife. Bashir got his major breakthrough within a span of two months when he was able to sell his weaved carpet to a Srinagar based contractor for an amount of Rs 62,000.

The price his carpet fetched was markedly higher than what he used to get. With the money received, he spent Rs 30,000 to repay debt, kept 2000 as support back to the project and purchased raw materials worth Rs 13500 for his next carpet. The remaining amount of 16,500 was spent on school fees of the children and for buying household essentials, besides saving some for other emergency needs.

The project helped him to turnaround his life within two months which once was filled with uncertainty.





Nazir Ahmad and his wife Arifa are parents to four kids. They were depended on weaving carpet and agriculture for their living. A tale of fortune went wrong; Nazir Ahmad fell to the ailment of his back. The ailment barred him from carrying out his livelihood activities. As a result, his wife Arifa had to take all the responsibilities of the family. The income derived from their sources was meagre, even to meet the basic meet ends. This was also pushing them in the trap of poverty.

Farmer Assistance Group, formed by RGF assistance was very active in her area and was imparting pieces of training on sustainable agriculture techniques. Influenced by result oriented work of the group, Arifa joined the group to increase her agriculture yields. To her hope, RGF assistance programme acquainted her with environmentally-friendly agriculture practices, such as composting, seed preservation and the use of organic pesticides.

One of the practices that Arifa employed was the replacement of chemical fertilizers with organic fertilizers; a technique she learned to increase the fertility of the soil. Arifa's zeal and passion for learning started yielding a result where the harvest was more than what she had expected. She was also thrilled to have quality vegetables for her family to consume. In addition to this, she had enough produce to sell and made a profit of about 7,300 INR by selling her first crop of 120 kgs of tomatoes, 140 kgs of brinjal and 60 kgs of capsicum. She expects to double her produce in the next couple of years and utilize the profit gained for her family's betterment.

RGF assistance programme transformed Arifa from an ignorant into an enlightened farmer. This also stimulated the others to go for organic farming over chemical farming.



Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies

In the year 2017-2018, RGICS continued its work on policy and legislative issues and produced about 20 briefs. Apart from this eight Issue briefs were written on topics ranging from cow slaughter to the FCRA regulations. Parliamentary Questions were prepared and sent out for our parliamentarians and several of these questions were picked up. In addition to our weekly – Policy Watch and monthly *Communalism Watch* we have also added Gender Watch which will focus only on gender issues. Both policy watch and gender watch consist of a lead or cover story on a topical issue of interest. These cover stories serve two purposes- one to bring to our audience a detailed and succinct presentation of an important issue and secondly help our young research assistants develop the ability to reflect and write.

POLICY WATCH: Since Policy Watch is disseminated every week a wide range of policy issues are covered every month. Each cover story points at the policy lacunae and suggests way forward. In this section we bring to you excerpts from some of the cover stories to present the position and arguments RGICS put forth on key issues.

A quick look at the cover stories in 2017-2018, show that rapid digitalisation along with its advantages has had a negative impact especially with mob lynching, fake news and online data of citizens being compromised. The cover stories on these issues show an alarming trend of how there is trend moving towards setting up a system of surveillance and creating unrest through fake news using the social media. The cover story on ‘Mob Lynching Incidents’(10/07/2018) mentions “According to the latest Global Digital Report 2018, the total number of social media users worldwide has grown to 3.196 billion with India counted as one of the largest social media

users in the world”.... As a result, reports of lynching¹ have been on the rise in the last four years with people from the Muslim community have become easy preys. For instance, Muslims were the target of 52% of violence centered on bovine issues over nearly eight years (2010 to 2017) and comprised 84% of 25 Indians killed in 60 incidents². These attacks however, include mob lynching, attacks by vigilantes, murder and attempt to murder, assault and gang-rape.

Also a large number of victims belonged to the marginalized sections of the society. As per media reports, starting from January 2017, more than half or 56% of the attacked victims were men, 22% women, 3% transgender, and for the remaining 18% while the gender was not mentioned in the news reports and among those who were killed, 14 were Hindus, 3 Muslims and in 16 cases the religious/ethnic identity was not reported. However, in 2018, 100% of victims attacked in these hate crimes were Muslims. Secondly, these incidents indicate towards a society that does not hesitate to act in a violent manner against the poorest of the poor who belong more often than not to minority and other marginalized sections as in the case of the poor migrant laborers lynched in Maharashtra who belonged to the Dongari Nathpanthi Gosavi community, one of the 650-odd tribes under the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribe (DNT-NT-SNT). Further as per investigations, at least 24 of these killings occurred in villages, deep in interior areas, where the accused were either school or college dropouts, largely unemployed, illiterate and living in poverty. In at least two cases, some of the accused were under the influence of alcohol. In such a situation, it is highly possible that the spread of technology and the inability of people to identify a fake news from the information accessed has led to a worrying situation”.

1 Lynching refers to incidents in which individuals have been killed as a result of mob violence.

2 <http://www.indiaspend.com/cover-story/86-dead-in-cow-related-violence-since-2010-are-muslim-97-attacks-after-2014-2014>

Closely associated with this issue is that of cyber security. A cover story (*Analyzing the case for a new data protection law, 11/04/2018*). on this issue states that “In the absence of a clear framework to deal with data protection and privacy issues and with increasing digitalisation, the magnitude of vulnerability has increased over the years. This can be witnessed by the fact that the number of Indians experiencing cyber-attacks, as per the Internet Security Threat Report 2017, increased to 84 per cent in 2017 as compared to 73 per cent in 2016. The first 6 months of 2017 saw 918 data breach incidents reported globally compared to 815 in the last six months of 2016, a 13% increase. India has also been ranked fourth in online security breaches by the Internet Security Threat Report 2017. These numbers are clearly indicative of the threats that hover around data privacy and underline the urgent need for intervention. In the wake of serious concerns arising out of allegations of mass state surveillance along with possible data security breach, the inadequacy of India’s data protection and privacy regime and the immediate need for a robust law to govern the same has been underscored repeatedly in the last few years”.... . One such serious lapse was the Debit Card Breach in 2016 where about 3.2 million users lost their debit card PINs as well personal banking details due to ineffective implementation of payment security standards. The breach took place across ATM networks of a number of popular banks. The Food Tech Database scam in 2017 also shocked the Indian market when personal details of over 17 million users were found at risk. The privacy of the registered users was invaded and all the important details such as email addresses and passwords were also hacked. Another 120 million users reportedly suffered an invasion of personal data. In 2017 alone, almost 2 data billion records were reportedly breached”.

Several of the policy watch cover stories also focussed on women migration, sexual harassment against women in workplaces and the low participation of women in the work place. On the environment front, we highlighted the looming water crisis for India and how



lack of policies and ineffective implementation of the existing policies are exacerbating the situation. “Despite India having about 4% of world’s freshwater resources, ranking it among the top ten water rich countries. According to the Working Group II report of the Fourth Assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, India is designated a ‘water stressed region’ with current utilisable freshwater standing at 1122 cubic meter per year³. The same report indicated that as demand in India increases further, utilisable freshwater will fall below the international standard of 1000 cu m per year and per capita.

With rapid urbanization and industrialization along with the traditional demand for agriculture, ground water levels as well as reservoirs are already 10% lower in 2018 than in the previous years. In some states, like Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand, reservoir levels are less than 50% their usual level. Across the country, people have been hit by frequent droughts due to drying up of natural water resources or over usage of ground water. While experts have acknowledged that India’s topography and distribution pattern presents constraints and technical limitation, it is also the poor management and government policies that do not allow India to harness its water resources efficiently”.

3 <https://www.firstpost.com/india/world-water-day-2018-unesco-report-confirms-trouble-for-india-major-water-crisis-predicted-by-2050-4400661.html>

Year	Education	Health	Economic Participation	Positive Ranking/Negative Ranking
2015	125	143	139	Positive: Political Empowerment – India ranked among the top 10 countries Negative: Economic Opportunities – India stood as the third lowest ranked country in Asia Pacific Health – India stood at the bottom three countries
2016	113	142	136	Positive: Political Empowerment – India ranked among the top 10 countries Education – India managed to close its gap entirely in primary and secondary education Negative: Health
2017	112	141	139	Positive: Political Empowerment – India ranked among the top 15 countries Education – India for the first time nearly closed its tertiary education gender gap Negative: Economic participation and Health

GENDER WATCH: The policy watch cover stories do cover women related policies and other issues, however gender watch which is a monthly product focuses exclusively on gender. In the past one year, we have focussed on Gender Gap report, the amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act and the lack of women in the judiciary to name a few.

The following table on the Gender Gap report was part of the cover story.

In a closely connected issue of lack of women representation in various fields, we also wrote the patriarchal approach of Judiciary- an excerpt “This article therefore, speaks of the fact that while in theory, the law is supposed to be devoid of any bias towards gender, for many women, life in India’s courts is a constant reminder that the judiciary is patriarchal. With the help of the government statistics, the following data represents the lack of representation of women in the higher judiciary in the past, and to highlight the present scenario as well (from low to high level of court. The article also tries to highlight the concern regarding equity between genders in appointments and promotions, and the potential factors behind the gender imbalance in the judiciary and concludes by highlighting the need to reform to accommodate concerns over

gender discrimination”(Missing Gender Diversity In Indian Judiciary, March 2018).

In the issue of Gender Neutrality and in laws related to sexual violence, we wrote “Gender neutrality in sexual violence laws has been a long-standing demand of men’s rights activists. The argument against gendered laws is that in a number of cases, men are at the receiving end of sexual violence which the IPC does not recognise. Sections 354, 354A, 354B, 354C, 354D and 375, all define the perpetrator of sexual violence as a man who engages in a non-consensual sexual activity with a woman. Women and other civil society activists, however, argue that in the face of lack of substantial evidence of female perpetrators of sexual violence against men, a male-dominated legal system and police machinery, cultural impunity for sexual violence, gender neutrality of accused in sexual violence laws will not only have an effect on women’s ability to file complaints, but will also make it likely that complaints by women are met with counter-complaints to get them to withdraw”.

The fundamental premise on which both petitioners frame their arguments for gender neutral laws is that crime per se has no gender. Going by this logic, not only rape, but all crimes, the victims and the perpetrators are supposed

to be viewed as gender-less, caste-less, race-less, class-less, etc., stripped off their social and political contexts. This view presents a problematic understanding of crime itself. As Sacco and Kennedy argue, understanding crime requires consideration of offenders, victims and the social context within which the criminal activity occurs.¹ This implies that the criminal act of rape needs to be understood – especially in countries like India – in the context of an intrinsically patriarchal and gendered society where sexual violence evidently acts as a medium to exercise power over the female/non-male body. Writing about horrific rape incidents in Bolivia and India, Jill Filipovic explains that rapists “are particularly abetted by cultures in which women are second-class citizens, where women’s bodies are intensely politicized, where social hierarchies outlandishly privilege certain members and where there’s a presumption of male authority and righteousness”

WHITE PAPERS: In 2017, three White Papers, were published which focussed on the electoral promises of the current government and an analysis of the same.

Monthly/Weekly Products

POLICY WATCH	46 Issues
GENDER WATCH	11 Issues
COMMUNALISM WATCH	5 Issues

WHITE PAPERS

1. Promises of 2014: Manifesto and Policy Initiatives – Three part series of White papers

2. Women and Children, SC/ST, Education, Health and Agriculture
3. Minorities, Scheduled Castes and Tribes, Employment and Environment
4. International Diplomacy, Defence and Internal Security

Narratives on Contemporary India

October 10th 2017: **“Peopling of the Northeast of India: A Case of Diversity at the ‘Periphery’”**

The speaker was Dr Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Centre for Advanced Studies in Linguistics, University of Delhi.

May 12th 2017: चम्बल: मिथक, यथार्थ एवं मेरा रचनाक्रम

Chambal: Myth, Reality and My Literary Pursuits

The speaker was Dr Jitendra Visariya a young writer from Bhind district, which falls in the Chambal eco-cultural region of the state of M.P. He has been published in several leading publications. His collection of short stories ‘Naye Sajan Ghar Aaye’ has been awarded the Navlekhan Award by the Bhartiya Gyanpeeth.

April 25th 2017: कबीर पन्थ और मलवा विस्तार में दलित चेतना

Kabirpanth and Dalit Consciousness in Malwa

The talk was by Mr. Sanjay Jothe a Ford Foundation International Fellow and Lead India Fellow. He completed his MA in International Development in from Sussex University and is presently pursuing his PhD from TISS, Mumbai.



ISSUE BRIEF

S. No.	Title	Nature of Work	Date
1	FCRA A Regressive Tool	Issue Brief	6-Apr-17
2	Slaughterhouse Ban in Uttar Pradesh: Striking at Revenue, Livelihood and Food	Issue Brief	20-Apr-17
3	National Plan of Action for Children, 2016	Issue Brief	20-Jul -17
4	Slaughter House Ban in Uttar Pradesh	Issue Brief	20-Jul-17
5	Deadly Combination of Fake News and Social Media	Issue Brief	4-Sep-17
6	Crime against Women: Beyond Numbers	Issue Brief	Jan 2018
7	Social Sector Highlights and Critical Overview of the Union Budget 2018-19: Health, Education	Issue Brief	2-Feb-18
8	Implications of Supreme Court Order on Atrocities Act	Issue Brief	13-Apr-18

POLICY/ LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS


S. No.	Title	Nature of Work	Date
1	The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill 2016	Legislative Brief	7-Apr-17
2	Draft of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Rules 2017	Policy Brief	1-June-17
3	The Factories (Amendment) Bill	Legislative Brief	5-Jul-17
4	The Banking Regulation (Amendments) Act 2017	Legislative Brief	19-Jul-17
5	The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Bill, 2017	Legislative Brief	27-Jul-17
6	The Central Road Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2017	Legislative Brief	3-Aug-17
7	The Transgender Persons (Protection Of Rights) Bill, 2016	Legislative Brief	4-Aug-17
8	Domestic Workers and Policy Discourse in India	Policy Brief	27-Sep-17
9	Simultaneous Elections to National and State Legislatures	Legislative Brief	6-Oct-17
10	Changing the electoral voting system	Policy Brief	6-Oct-17
11	Domestic Workers: Hindi version	Policy Brief	14-Nov-17
12	National Food Security Act	Policy Brief	17-Nov17
13	Code on Wages Bill 2017	Legislative Brief	8-Dec-17
14	The Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance 2017	Legislative Brief	15-Dec-17
15	The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017	Legislative Brief	19-Dec-17
16	The Constitution 123rd Amendment Bill 2017	Legislative Brief	4-Jan-18
17	The RPA Bill 2017	Legislative Brief	4-Jan-18
18	Consumer Protection Bill 2018	Legislative Brief	1-Feb-18
19	The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018	Legislative Brief	16-Mar-18
20	The Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2018	Legislative Brief	23-Mar-18

Audited Financials 2017–2018

RAJIV GANDHI FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2018

Particulars	Schedule	As at March 31, 2018 ₹	As at March 31, 2017 ₹
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Corpus fund	1	1,007,881,835	1,006,929,962
Restricted fund (Unutilised grant balance)	2	4,982,275	5,198,615
Unrestricted Fund	3	126,039,059	121,318,853
		1,138,903,169	1,133,447,430
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed assets	4		
Gross block		21,508,876	23,230,684
Less: Depreciation and amortisation		19,024,641	20,043,650
Net block		2,484,235	3,187,034
Investments (at cost)	5	1,075,955,057	1,070,365,057
Current Assets, Loans and Advances	6	70,881,398	71,212,106
Less: Current liabilities and Provisions	7		
Current liabilities		1,407,202	2,537,498
Provisions		9,010,319	8,779,269
		10,417,521	11,316,767
Net current assets		60,463,877	59,895,339
		1,138,903,169	1,133,447,430
Summary of significant accounting policies and notes to accounts	12		
The schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Balance Sheet			

As per our report of even date attached
For Haribhakti & Co. LLP
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Mayur Gupta
Partner
Membership No. 505629



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Date : September 29, 2018

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Secretary & CEO


Sandeep Anand
Director-Finance


P Chidambaram
Trustee


Sonia Gandhi
Chairperson

RAJIV GANDHI FOUNDATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

Particulars	Schedule	For the year ended March 31, 2018 ₹	For the year ended March 31, 2017 ₹
INCOME			
Income from investments	8	89,408,171	91,938,035
Grants and donations		5,768,000	12,328,080
Other income		1,949,724	3,397,567
		97,125,895	107,663,682
EXPENDITURE			
Program implementation expenses	9	72,685,316	68,259,778
Administrative expenses	10	17,937,800	19,387,945
Non cash expenditure	11	1,782,573	3,027,622
		92,405,689	90,675,345
Surplus for the year		4,720,206	16,988,337

Summary of significant accounting policies and notes to accounts 12
The schedules referred to above form an integral part of Income and Expenditure Account

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Christy Friedgram Industry
Dr. C R Naseer Ahamed
Dr. B S Somara

Partners

RGF partners having outgoing grants for the Financial Year 2017–18

1. Indo Global Social Service Society
2. KHWAI Social Development Organisation
3. Gram Gaurav Sansthan

RGF INTERACT Work partners for the Financial Year 2017–18

1. Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, Mumbai
2. Integrated Rehabilitation Development Centre (IRDC), Puduchery



The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) was established in 1991, to realize the vision of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. He dreamt of a modern India, secular, independent and progressive; a country that enshrines the democratic principle of equality, and blends progress with rich cultural traditions. He imagined a country with an educated people free of prejudice; where women participate as equals; a nation with the space and will to empower all citizens, and especially the underprivileged.

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