



CREATING RIPPLE EFFECTS ACROSS INDIA

Today, October 2nd, we honor the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi by celebrating Gandhi Jayanti and the International Day of Non-Violence.

Scroll down to see a video highlighting how your generosity is helping Lokmitras uplift entire villages through our Nirmal Village Program.

Gandhi Jayanti is a longstanding national holiday in India honoring the life and values of Mahatma Gandhi. The International Day of Peace was established in his honor by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. It was declared to be a day to disseminate his message of non-violence and reaffirm the desire to create a worldwide culture of tolerance and peace. His life and teachings tell us:

“In a gentle way, you can shake the world.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Lokmitras ("friends of the people") offer relief, education, and mentorship in their villages in Gujarat. **Lokmitras working through our NGO partner ESI, with the support of Share & Care, have found that their assistance and influence are shaking the world around them.** Their work has created ripple effects that are spreading across state lines and building a brighter future in India.

Nirmal Village Program: Lokmitras Reach Out To Communities



In response to the wide-ranging work of these Lokmitras:

- The Governor of Gujarat recognized the success of the Lokmitra program and is committing resources and training to replicate it in Gujarat villages.
- The State Bank of India is sponsoring water harvesting programs in two villages.
- The Gujarat government sanctioned a school of excellence to provide higher grade education in the village of Lilapur.
- In another village, residents banded together to procure land to start an organic farm and nursery.
- Parthiv Gohil, singer-performer, visited a village and met with a girl named Maya; he was so impressed by her voice and passion that he committed to providing her with a platform to showcase her talents.

The presence, advocacy work, and mentorship of Lokmitras is pushing the government, corporations, and individuals to **create opportunities for those who may not otherwise have had them**. These achievements are rippling across the villages you have supported, to transform and uplift all of those who experience them.

*As you reflect on the teachings and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, please consider making a donation to further uplift villages in India. As he taught, “**The future depends on what you do today.**” Please help us work to transform the future and continue to create these ripple effects. Just as the smallest stone creates ripples when dropped into the ocean, even the smallest gift can make a massive impact.*

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