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**SOCIAL IMPACT**

**Neera Nundy's (Class 3) Dasra ties up with leading philanthropists to launch India's first exclusive family philanthropy network**



Leading philanthropists in India and Dasra have come together to launch GivingPi - India's first and exclusive family philanthropy network. This invite-only network is focused on growing the ecosystem of family philanthropy for a transformed India, where a billion thrive with dignity and equity.

By 2030, GivingPi aims to have 5,000 members, annually giving \$1 billion to diverse social causes in India. The network is committed to creating a vibrant community of family givers by supporting them on their giving journey, nurturing collaboration and growing family philanthropy, for a developed India.

Bajaj Fellow Neera Nundy, co-founder, Dasra, said: "Families are powerful constructs for driving social change, but their giving gets overshadowed by CSR. Family philanthropy has tremendous potential that once unleashed can be transformative for India's development."

**Pranshu Singhal (Class 7) conferred the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Schwab Foundation**

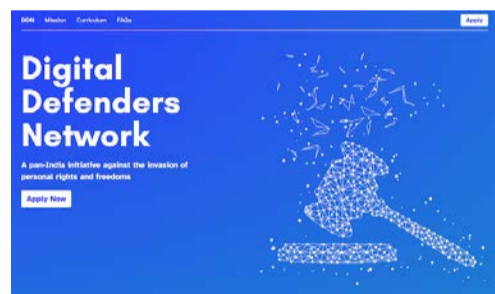


Pranshu was given the award at the World Economic Forum '22, held in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland. He was recognised for his promising entrepreneurial journey to scale up high-impact models and catalyse a circular economy in India.

Pranshu set up 'Karo Sambhav' (Make It Possible) in 2017, to make circular economy a reality. Starting with electronic waste, Karo Sambhav has since expanded its scope to other waste streams such as glass, plastics and batteries. Pranshu and his team have been instrumental in setting up a well governed, bottom-up collection system by partnering with businesses, civil societies, international societies and the informal sector.

At Davos, Pranshu addressed the session on 'Transforming through Trust' and urged businesses to participate in creating the other half of the economy in a fair and transparent manner. He believes "People will queue up for participation if they are provided with a solution, if they are given the ability to participate".

**Mishi Choudhary (Class 6) launches the Digital Defenders Network in India to protect freedom of speech online**



The Digital Defenders Network (DDN) in India seeks to protect journalists, activists and other citizens that are being arrested for speaking online. DDN is envisioned as a pan-Indian digital network of lawyers, academics, and policy experts in technology, software, data privacy and data protection. These 'Digital Defenders' believe that truly significant reform in the digital sphere can be achieved by hastening collaboration and building strong professional networks of lawyers throughout India.

Justice need not suffer owing to demographic or logistical problems.

**DIALOGUES & CONVERSATIONS**



Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship Class 9 launched in April with their Challenge of Leadership seminar being held in New Delhi



Class 8 Antigone performance at The Aspen Seminar in Lucknow



Moderator Training by JAMES ABRAHAM (Class 3) from 9-15 May 2022



SURAJ MORAJE (Class 9) giving a talk at The Shri Ram Ananta Aspen Leadership School held in Rishikesh, 2-14 June 2022. The Socratic Dialogues were moderated by James Abraham and Sudha Iyer.



10th edition of Ananta Aspen Emerging Leaders Fellowship was moderated by SHANKAR VANAARAYAR (Class 5) in Coimbatore



Fellows at Resnick Action Forum, Aspen Colorado

**NEW ROLES >**

AMITAV VIRMANI (Class 3) is now Chairperson of the Virmani Public School, Roop Nagar, North Delhi; Chairperson of the Asia Venture Philanthropy Network, India; Chairperson of the Governing Board of Gargi College

SHANKAR VANAARAYAR (Class 5) is now Vice Chairman, CII Tamil Nadu State

**IN THE NEWS**

**Charu Sinha (Class 4)**

War on terror: Telangana's 'Lady Singham' led CRPF unit in J&K wins 41 gallantry medals  
**News meter, 15 August**

**Radhikaraje Gaekwad (Class 8)**

Satragi: recognising the many colours of life  
**The Guardian, 12 August**

**Mishi Choudhary (Class 6)**

Opinion: India's Data Protection Bill goes back to the drawing board  
**Thomson Reuters Foundation News, 8 August**

**Anuj Poddar (Class 1)**

How Anuj Poddar staunched cash haemorrhage, repaid debt and more than doubled the market cap of Bajaj Electricals  
**Financial Times, 7 August**

**Ruchi Gupta (Class 9)**

Social media 'PR' posture on content  
**The Telegraph Online, 6 August**

**Tushar Aggarwal (Class 7)**

Neobank Stashfin raises \$270 million, tops \$700 million valuation  
**Tech Crunch, 21 July**

**Shaili Chopra (Class 9)**

UN Women has onboarded Shaili Chopra and her platform SheThePeople to further the discussion on women's rights.  
**Twitter, 12 August**

**Radhikaraje Gaekwad (Class 8)**

LGBTQ members regain 120-year-old respect in Vadodara  
**TOI, 19 July**

**Shaili Chopra's (Class 9)**

Shaili's new book #SisterhoodEconomy. is an insight into women who are struggling every single day to get their voices heard, presence felt and make their economics matter.

**Vishal Talreja (Class 9)**

Vishal published his first book - a collection of poetry called My Soul Stirring. Details here.

**Ajeet Bajaj (Class 4)**

Ajeet with his daughter Deeya climbed Denali (20,300 feet), the highest mountain in North America. This was the last of their seven summits (climbing the highest mountain on every continent) as a daughter-father team.