



December Newsletter 2025

Monthly Newsletter

PEPPER COOK SEVA FOUNDATION.

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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us during these times. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.

December usually feels like a sprint, but this year, it felt more like a long, warm embrace. Between the steam rising from the kitchen pots and the steady stream of volunteers through our doors, the energy in our kitchen was nothing short of magic. As we wrap up the year, we wanted to share the stories that made this month so special—moments that only happened because of people like you.

Truth be told, we've had some pretty "pinch-me" moments lately. We were absolutely thrilled to be featured by the Free Press Journal as part of their "Angel of Mumbai" initiative, but that wasn't the only highlight.

We also received a donation that felt like a literal answer to a prayer: 1.7 metric tons of rice! Seeing 1,700kg of ready-to-cook rice stacked in our pantry felt like a shower of blessings, knowing it will soon become thousands of warm, comforting meals.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Anuja Kohli Mariwala

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A Month of Milestone Birthdays

The Mother of Seva Kitchen- There's something incredibly moving about seeing generations come together over a steaming pot of food. Truth be told, our hearts were particularly full this month as we celebrated **Ms. Sudesh Kohli**. We affectionately call her the "Mother of Seva Kitchen" because it was her original vision that breathed life into this entire mission.

From the very first day, she has been a constant presence, volunteering her time and serving as our trusted kitchen advisor. Seva Kitchen has grown and flourished specifically under her steady guidance and wisdom. To mark her 90th birthday, instead of a quiet day at home, she chose to give back yet again by donating **2,000 meals** to the community. Her life remains a beautiful blueprint for what it means to serve others.



Ms. Aneeta Talwar

Then there was the wonderful Ms. Aneeta Talwar. To celebrate her 85th birthday, she didn't ask for a fancy party; instead, she chose to roll up her sleeves and volunteer in our kitchen alongside her three daughters. Seeing that kind of family bond centered around seva is truly something else.



Yash and Simran Pethani

On December 13th, Yash and Simran Pethani celebrated their birthdays in the most hands-on way possible. They spent their special day volunteering right here in the kitchen, helping us prep and serve. Their energy was a gift to everyone who walked through the door that day.



We were also delighted to celebrate the birthday of **Anika Vinze** on December 11th. It's such a joy to see our community members choosing to mark their personal milestones by being part of our kitchen family.

Moments of Remembrance & Celebration



Dr. Kedar Nath Kohli

On December 24th, **Ms. Sudesh Kohli** honored the remembrance of **Dr. Kedar Nath Kohli**.

She chose to turn a day of deep personal reflection into a day of nourishment for the community, a tribute that perfectly mirrors the life of service they have built together.



Kamla Sadrangani

During this Christmas month, we also stood alongside **Aparna Sadrangani** as she offered meals in loving memory of **Kamla Sadrangani**.

It was a moving reminder that even in moments of loss, we can find a way to create light for others.



Richa Kapoor

We were also honored to celebrate the anniversary of Richa Kapoor this month. It is a privilege to be the place where our community chooses to commemorate their most significant and personal dates.



Truth be told, there is something sacred about transforming a personal memory or a moment of grief into a warm meal for a community in need.

It is perhaps the highest form of love there is—taking our own stories and using them to feed the stories of others.



A Blessing from Goddess Annapurna

- Here is the kicker: We received a donation that felt like a literal answer to a prayer. Food Service India sent over 1.7 metric tons (1,700kg) of ready-to-cook rice. As the bags were being unloaded, it felt like a blessing from Goddess Annapurna herself.
- This rice will transform into thousands of warm, comforting meals, bringing nourishment and smiles to so many families. It is a massive gift that will sustain our mission for weeks to come.

Mission Updates

Strengthening Our Partnerships



The highlight of our month was a deeply meaningful new collaboration with **GEO Roti Ghar**. Begun as a simple Sunday meal initiative has blossomed into a massive movement supporting education, women’s empowerment, and the underprivileged across India, impacting nearly 1.6 million lives. The founder, **Rajesh Shah**, is an old friend and mentor whose guidance has been instrumental in the growth of Pepper Cook Seva.

Beyond just providing meals, Rajesh Ji has shared his incredible expertise to help Seva Kitchen navigate hunger mapping in Mumbai, ensuring we find the pockets of the city that need us most. Through this beautiful partnership, we are now serving **150** additional soul-warming nutritious meals to those in need. It’s a true testament to what happens when friends and mentors unite for a common cause.

Joy in the Audit

Even our CSR donors' visits were full of heart.

Mihir from HDFC Capital came for an audit but ended up rolling up his sleeves to volunteer and visit our distribution centers to experience the joy of serving firsthand.



Enrich Lives Foundation (ELF).

We spent a lot of time this month making sure the heart of our operation—the distribution—is as strong as it can be. Our founder, Anuja Kohli Mariwala, and Independent Director, Vandana Walia, spent some quality time with the **Enrich Lives Foundation (ELF)**.

ELF is our incredible partner that helps get our food out into the community, and this visit was all about seeing that impact firsthand. We spent the day brainstorming ways to scale up our volume, focusing specifically on how we can ensure even more nourishing meals reach the children who need them most.

A TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS MAGIC

We wrapped up the month with a little bit of Christmas magic, and it came in the most heartfelt way. One of our beloved volunteers, **Karishma**, surprised the entire team with a beautiful gift: handmade ceramic keychains.

Holding something that was crafted with such care and intention really touched us all. It was a lovely reminder that at Seva Kitchen, we aren't just a team—we are a family that looks out for one another.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

The holiday energy stayed high thanks to a group of wonderful students from **NMIMS College** who joined us as part of their **Samvedana initiative**. These young people didn't just stand by; they jumped right into the heart of the kitchen to help us cook nutritious, soul-warming meals.

Seeing their enthusiasm and fresh energy was the perfect way to close out the year. It gives us so much hope to see the next generation stepping up to serve with such compassion.





Join the Seva Family! Your Support Fuels Our Mission

We are committed to making sure all 1500 children we serve daily get a meal that is tasty, nutritious, and feels like home! You can help us continue this joyful work, and help us grow towards our goal 3000 meals per day!

What Needs to Be Done?

How You Can Make a Difference

Honour a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or mark an anniversary by supporting our kitchen operations for that day

Sponsor a Day of Meals

Send us supplies like oil, daal, rice, vegetable and biscuits

Give a Monthly Donation

Provide steady support to cover essential ingredients, logistics, and kitchen maintenance.

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