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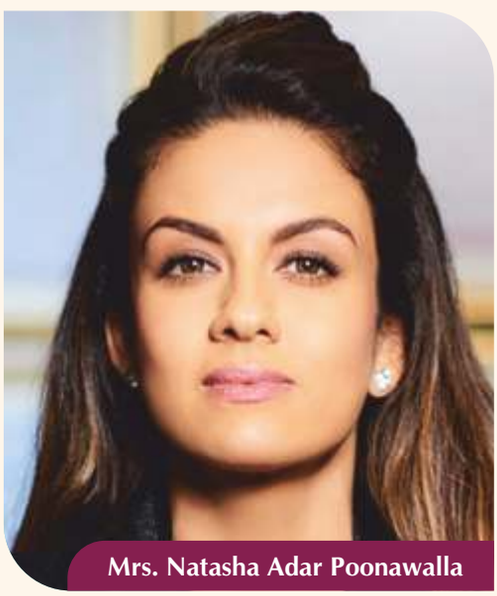
Late Mrs. Villoo Cyrus Poonawalla

Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) takes forward the legacy of late Mrs. Villoo Poonawalla. It was founded by Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla in 2012, with an earnest passion to enhance the lives of communities around us. Now chaired by Mrs. Natasha Poonawalla (Executive Director of Serum Institute of India), VPF has showcased a cause above self to create a strong support system for the society in the form of schools, an ultra-modern multi-speciality hospital, a city-wide sanitation & waste collection project 'Clean City Initiative'.

At the Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) - The Cyrus Poonawalla Group's philanthropic arm is working to support communities with sustainable, impact-driven, actionable initiatives to affect large scale change on issues of global importance. We are an ever-growing team of change makers, propelled by local partners, collaborating with industry peers, domestic and international organisations, versed with decades of experience and driven by the passion to do more. Healthcare, education, environment & sustainability, empowerment of women, and marginalised communities are the essential elements of our foundation. We strive for tangible impact in the spaces we work.

In essence, VPF firmly believes that when children are better educated, sustainability is practiced, healthcare is affordable, resources are accessible - economies grow, communities thrive, and people live healthier and better lives.

Message from Chairperson - Villoo Poonawalla Foundation



Mrs. Natasha Adar Poonawalla

The Villoo Poonawalla Charitable Foundation was established in memory of Late Mrs. Villoo Cyrus Poonawalla. Her values continue to shape the Foundation's work and the responsibility with which it is carried forward. From the outset, the purpose was clear. To support work that is meaningful, sustained, and grounded in real need.

Over time, the Foundation has built a diverse portfolio of initiatives across healthcare, education, sanitation, environmental sustainability, skill development, and social welfare. These areas reflect the realities faced by communities and the belief that access, dignity, and opportunity must go hand in hand. Our work is focused on strengthening systems and institutions that serve people over the long term.

A defining feature of the Foundation's approach has been consistency. Many initiatives highlighted in this report have been developed gradually through long-standing partnerships and careful engagement. Progress has come through commitment, trust, and accountability, rather than speed. This is work that requires patience and responsibility, but it delivers lasting impact.

As Chairperson, I am deeply conscious of the responsibility that comes with leading a Foundation created in Villoo Poonawalla's memory. I remain grateful for the guidance of Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla and for the teams and partners whose integrity and dedication sustain this work. Their effort is central to everything the Foundation has been able to achieve.

Looking ahead, the Foundation will continue to build on what has been established, strengthen credible partnerships, and respond thoughtfully to evolving needs. Our commitment is to remain focused, responsible, and effective in contributing to stronger communities and a more equitable future.

Enhancing Lives Around Us

A healthier, cleaner and safer future Empowering Marginalised Communities

"Enhancing Lives Around Us" is a program run by the Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF). The foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for people in India and around the world by providing support for a range of initiatives, including education, healthcare, and community development. Through the "Enhancing Lives Around Us" program, VPF aims to make a positive impact on people's lives by supporting programs and initiatives that address critical needs, such as access to education, healthcare, and clean water.

VPF works closely with local partners to identify areas of need and to design and implement programs that can make a real difference in people's lives. The foundation provides funding, technical expertise, and other resources to help its partners succeed.

VPF's "Enhancing Lives Around Us" program is an important part of the foundation's overall mission to create a better world by investing in people, communities, and causes that are in need of support. Through its work, VPF seeks to empower people, build communities, and create a more equitable and just world for all.



Education



Clean Drinking Water



Skills Development



Healthcare



Environment Sustainability

ET Awards for Corporate Excellence and the ET Family Business Awards.

Philanthropic Leader Award

We were delighted to receive the Philanthropic Leader Award at The Economic Times Family Business Awards 2026, accepted by our Chairperson, Natasha A. Poonawalla.

This recognition reflected the vision of Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Chairman and Managing Director of Serum Institute of India, whose commitment to creating meaningful societal impact continues to inspire our work across public health, healthcare access, and community development.









Jhandu Kumar-Para Lifter Commonwealth Games Medalist

The para lifter, who contracted Polio when he was four years old, lifted 190 kg to win a bronze medal at the recent Commonwealth games 2026, in Glasgow, Scotland.

Jhandu Kumar, the 29 years old, who has sold vegetables and driven e-rickshaws to fund his training. He is now preparing himself for the upcoming 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 are taking place in Aichi prefecture and Nagoya, Japan.















Kamala Devi - Brave Heart Woman from Himachal Pradesh

Kamala Devi, 42 years old dedicated health worker from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh risked her life by jumping across a flooded river to reach Hurang village and vaccinate babies. With roads blocked due to floods and landslides, she carried out her duty with remarkable courage and determination.

Kamala is a person who is exceptionally courageous, fearless and determined, especially when facing adversity. She is a woman with strong spirit who is willing to face danger and stand up for what she believes in.









The Inauguration of New Academic Building named as Dr Cyrus Poonawalla School Block.

Inauguration of Dr Cyrus Poonawalla School Block Education grows stronger when learning environments evolve. For over 160 years, The Bishop's School has been shaping young minds and building a legacy of excellence. The inauguration of the "Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School Block" marks an important milestone in that journey. The occasion was graced by alumnus Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, whose association and support continue to contribute to the School's growth and development. Congratulations to The Bishop's School on this landmark achievement and to all those who made this vision a reality. Here's to the next chapter of earning, growth, and opportunity.










VILLOO POONAWALLA BLOCK


DR. CYRUS POONAWALLA
SCHOOL BLOCK

Villoo Poonawalla School for Differently Abled Children, Wanawadi, Pune.

The SWD&MRC is the first Institution founded in 1956, with an aim to rehabilitate the orthopaedically Challenged children. The Institute is unique and is the only organization of its kind in India and strives to become a centre of excellence.

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla is committed to renovate the entire School and to construct a new building so that it can house more children who are differently Abled.








CORE PLY







Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School for the Hearing Impaired.

Master Darius Poonawalla and Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla had a wonderful time interacting and building meaningful connections with the children at the Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School for Hearing Impaired (Indian Red Cross Society), Pune.

The visit was a touching reminder of how care, encouragement, and inclusive education positively shape young lives.

















WZCC Global Convention, Mumbai.

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla was felicitated as a chief guest at the recent WZCC Global Convention held in Mumbai. WZCC was established in the year 2000 and has been serving the community and encouraging entrepreneurs and professionals in their careers. WZCC wants to give ample opportunities to their youngsters to become successful and uphold the good work done by their ancestors in the past.







Gool Soli Poonawalla Building

The inauguration of the Gool Soli Poonawalla Building at the Dr. Minoo Mehta Audyogik Sanstha, Pune marked a significant milestone in the Foundation's ongoing commitment to creating enabling spaces for those it serves. The new building brought together thoughtfully designed spaces, modern infrastructure, and upgraded facilities that strengthened the Foundation's vision for the future.

At the entrance, the statue of Gool Soli Poonawalla stood as a tribute to the values and legacy that have continued to inspire this journey, Which started in August 1993 serving as a lasting reminder of the purpose and compassion that have guided the Foundation's work over the years.











Sanmati Bal Niketan founded by Sindu Tai Sapkal

A visit by Mrs Natasha Poonawalla and Master Darius Poonawalla was very enlightening.

'Maai' as she is fondly called by children and all those privileged to know her, has been conferred the prestigious Padma Shri Award for her humanitarian work. Sindhutai Sapkal founded both, Sanmati Bal Niketan and Mamta Bal Niketan, orphanages for boys and girls respectively and at Villoo Poonawalla Foundation we aim to help these orphanages renovate with improved infrastructure consisting of restrooms, a library, a shower, and a computer room as well as provide the children with new study material, furniture, books, computers, ration, clothes and medicines, etc.

"Chhote chhote sankatse matt daro, bas chalte raho, sankatse dosti karna seekh lo."

Sindhutai Sapkal























Dr. Cyrus Poonwalla High School & Junior College
(Round Table India.)

Shree Siddheshwar Vidyalaya is a secondary school located in Naigaon Village, Purandar Taluka, Maharashtra. The school is dedicated to providing quality education to students from the local community, helping them to develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life. The Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported Shree Siddheshwar Vidyalaya by providing financial support for the school's facilities, resources, and programs. VPF's contribution has helped the school to improve its infrastructure, technology, and equipment, providing students with a better learning environment. The school falls under co-ed and has facilities to teach 5th to 10th graders. Through its work with the school, VPF seeks to promote access to quality education and help 450+ students achieve their full potential. By supporting Shree Siddheshwar Vidyalaya, VPF is helping to create a better future for the students and the community they serve.











Villoo Poonawalla Girls Hostel-SNDT University, Pune.

SNDT Women's University inaugurated it's renovated girl's hostel with support from Villoo Poonawalla Foundation. The renovation has enhanced sanitation, infrastructure and overall living conditions, creating a safer and more supportive environment for students.

The occasion also marked the unveiling of busts honoring late Villoo Poonawalla and Smt Anandibai Karve ji celebrating their enduring contributions to education and women's empowerment.











Badminton Gurukul
(An Initiative by Gopichand Pullela and Supriya Devgun)

Badminton Gurukul was founded by Padma Bhushan Pullela Gopichand and Supriya Devgun. Badminton Gurukul is a platform to promote physical literacy and grow badminton in the country by making excellence accessible to create positive playing experience through quality coaching imparted in an organized and systematic manner, using the collective knowledge of achievers while promoting joy and happiness through sports and high quality sporting events.









IRON MAN

Randhir Takale has been running in various International Marathon's in several countries over the past few years. Currently, he is running an Ultramarathon, as the name suggests is a much more tougher version, the distances are longer and could be running in hilly terrain with major elevation changes.

Running strategies for both are different with the marathon runners focusing on speed to balance the distance, and ultramarathon runners focusing on endurance and hydration focus on the physical side.

Randhir is an employee of Serum Institute of India and an inspiration to other associates to strap on their boots and break the shackles of a sedentary life.









Dr Cyrus Poonawalla -Indian Deaf Cricket Association Women's International Cricket Tournament in Sri Lanka.

The Indian Deaf Women's Cricket Team created a history when they won against Sri Lanka in 5 match T 20 series in Sri Lanka. This landmark tour will mark the Indian Deaf Women's team debut on the International stage in women's cricket and set the tone for the country's future in deaf cricket.








INTERNATIONAL DEAF
GOLDEN GREEN PLANTATION




PRESS CONFERENCE
Date: Saturday, 4th July 2026
Venue: The Constitution Club of India, New Delhi
WOMEN'S T20 INTERNATIONAL DEAF SERIES
From: 7th to 13th July 2026 | Venue: De Soysa International Cricket Stadium, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
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SRI LANKA v INDIA
T20I

Empowering Transgender Communities.

Laxmi Narayan Tripathi with Mr Adar Poonawalla

Laxmi Narayan Tripathi is a transgender/Hijra rights activist, Bollywood actress, Bharatnatyam dancer, choreographer and a motivational speaker. She speaks on the plight of sexual minorities and for the upliftment of transgenders. The major problem that are being faced by transgender community are of social exclusion—in social and cultural life, discrimination, unemployment and lack of educational and medical facilities.













Kineer Garima Foundation

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Gardens are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the community, with 1000 acres of space, with more than 500 trees, 2kms of jogging space, and 4 play areas for children.













FICCI FLO PUNE

FLO is the women wing of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). An all-India forum for women which was established in 1983. FLO has its headquarters in New Delhi, with 20 chapters covering different geographical regions of India. FLO represents over 12000 women entrepreneurs and professionals and corporate executives.

The collective vision for FLO, which includes building a strong inclusive community for sustainable progress, promoting individual business and career growth, furthering the inspirational impact of the members, and making FLO an aspirational organization for women across the country.















Zoya Charitable Trust
Kannur, Kerala

Zoya Charitable Trust is an Indian NGO based in Kerala founded by Dr Shama Mohamad that provides medical assistance, scholarships and aid during natural calamities to the underprivileged. ZCT was established in 2019 and has undertaken various projects such as free eye camps, building homes for flood victims and providing medicines to those in need.











Utkal Gaurav Foundation
(Education with Values)

The Utkal Gaurav Foundation is a non-profit organisation based in the state of Odisha, India, that works to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of the region. The foundation organises various cultural events, exhibitions, and programs to showcase the rich history, traditions, and art of Odisha.

The Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) is associated with the Utkal Gaurav Foundation through its support of the foundation's programs and initiatives. VPF provides financial assistance and resources to help the Utkal Gaurav Foundation in its mission to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of Odisha.













Alert India -Leprosy

Alert-India, founded in 1978, is committed to improve the health and social status of people affected by Leprosy and other communicable diseases with special focus on vulnerable groups such as tribal, women, children and disabled through people cantered disease control programs and community initiatives. Leprosy is completely curable at any stage, if detected timely and treated promptly.













Indian Medical Association - Mumbai Vasectomy Clinic

We are very pleased to announce that Indian Medical Association, Haji Ali, Mumbai branch has received an Award for the best performance in NSV for the year 2024-2025.

This award was presented by Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation - Public Health Department. A special kudos and congratulations to Dr Aspi Raimalwala and his entire team from all of us. Dr Aspi Raimalwala is an experienced Obstetrician and Gynecologist with over 40 years of dedicated service.


Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation
Public Health Department

CERTIFICATE

FOR BEST PERFORMANCE

This is to certify that

Indian Medical Association, Haji Ali, Mumbai

is presented with a Special Award for

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Executive Health Officer | Jt. Executive Health Officer | Special Officer -FW









Vasectomy Clinic

Pune: Family Planning Association of India

In India, there have been various efforts and campaigns to promote the use of vasectomy as a form of family planning, particularly as a means of reducing population growth and improving maternal and child health outcomes. We believe that family planning isn't just the responsibility of women, men are equal contributors. The spread of awareness over the years amongst the men over the country has led to an increase in the number of males ready to undergo vasectomy and contribute towards birth control. The Vasectomy Clinic in Pune contribute towards this cause and help spread awareness about vasectomy and promote the same.











Saheli, HIV / Aids Karya Karta Sangh

Saheli — a community based Female Sex Workers Collective founded in 1998, based in Pune, Maharashtra, committed to resolving the issues and concerns of women in sex work with a rights-based approach. A community that was initially formed with 9 members, today stands strong with 1500 members and has successfully empowered over 1000 women. Committed leadership towards creating a conducive environment to eliminate all forms of stigma against people affected by HIV/AIDS, advocate for their inclusivity in society and a vision to empower female sex workers has led Saheli Sangh to be the only female sex workers collective active in 12 districts across Maharashtra.

The Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported Saheli in its efforts to empower women and promote gender equality. VPF has provided financial and technical support to help Saheli expand its reach and impact, and to develop and implement programs that address the needs of women in India. VPF helps create jobs for elderly former sex workers to promote economic and social empowerment, reduce vulnerability, and improve overall well-being. The children of these sex workers are offered education in Villoo Poonawalla High School and training at the Skill Centre.

VPF's support for Saheli is part of the foundation's broader commitment to improving the lives of people in India. Through its work with Saheli, VPF seeks to empower women and promote gender equality, creating a more equitable and just world for all.









Foundation for Child Protection, Muskaan

Foundation for Child Protection-Muskaan is an NGO working to prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) and help survivors since the year 2000. Muskaan is the only initiative in Pune whose entire focus is on the critical issue of CSA, addressing it with a multi-disciplinary approach, involving prevention, case work, counselling, police support, legal aid, healing Services and community intervention. We focus not only on children, but on all involved stakeholders, viz.,parents, relatives, teachers, police, lawyers and child protection agencies. We also work with children staying in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in need of care and protection as well as children in conflict with the law at Observation Homes to expedite the process of rehabilitation and restoration of their lost childhood. Free legal aid- Our In-house lawyer and the dedicated law firms provide free legal assistance to CSA survivors till the judgement is given. They also prepare survivors for court appearances and support public prosecutors to handle the cases. Currently they are assisting 97 cases of CSA survivors legally.











British Asian Trust, India

British Asian Trust is supporting thousands of marginalised women to build resilience against poverty. With their support they are gaining economic empowerment through increased access to finance, learning about financial management and seeking control of resources. Mrs Natasha Adar Poonawalla is committed to working with the British Asian Trust and its partners to achieve our joint vision of protecting children from harm and ensuring they have access to the same opportunities in future as all of us.

















Miracle Foundation of India, Ranchi, Jharkhand

Miracle Foundation of India is part of a global network of non profit organizations leading the worldwide movement to end the need for child care institutions in our lifetime. They ensure children live safe, meaningful and productive lives, all through to their adulthood. MFI believes in creating a kinder world through direct community action, compassion and commitment. The Miracle Foundation continues to spread warmth, hope and change-one life at a time.









Villoo Poonawalla Memorial Hospital, Hadapsar, Pune

Villoo Poonawalla Memorial Hospital, a tertiary care multi-specialty hospital located at Hadapsar, Pune is committed to providing ethical and affordable medical services of the highest standards.

Access to comprehensive, quality health care services is important for promoting and maintaining health, preventing and managing disease. The hospital has been constructed, equipped and commissioned by Welfare Medical foundation in association with and assistance from Serum Institute of India who have provided whole hearted financial and logistic support.



















Environment Sustainability Green Spaces

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Environment Sustainability Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI)

Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative founded in 2015, with objective of making city more livable. Initiatives undertaken in this direction includes-

Garbage

- Deployment of 295 Vehicles for clearing litter and garbage, covering around 60% of area of Pune and Mumbai.
- 700+ Kms of Road
- Litter picking on roads.
- Clearing of chronic waste spots across the city.
- Installing of litter bins at strategic / high traffic locations across the city and support vehicles and manpower for clearance of litter from this litter bins.
- Pothole
- State of the Art on-site Pothole filling machine deployed on roads of Pune city, 100000+ potholes filled till date.
- Water
- Providing drinking water to over 8000+ families in fringe villages of Pune city.
- Awareness
- Information and outreach programs to educate citizens regarding importance of segregation of waste and disposal using waste / litter bins
- Activation programs in association with local civic bodies in schools, residential societies, market places and among others





प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am pleased to note about the continued contribution of Adar Poonawalla City Movement towards the cause of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Swachh Bharat is truly a mass movement. Jan Bhagidari makes it a unique initiative involving people from all walks of life.

I fondly remember my visit to Serum Institute of India in November, 2016. Steps towards timely and affordable vaccination of our children are always important for a healthy nation, and so is Swachhta. Your city movement will surely inspire others to take up the mantle.

Pune has made a mark in the list of 'Smart City' Initiative aimed at urban rejuvenation. We are committed to develop these cities by promoting healthy competition and creating an ecosystem of self-reliant and clean cities.

Our mission to dedicate a 'Clean India' to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary can only be realised with these collective and sustained efforts.

I wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
08 March, 2017













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