

# Moving Towards India@100



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## I HAVE A DREAM

As we move towards India@100, the years ahead are an opportunity to shape the nation that we aspire for. To explore what such an India could be, the Foundation hosts *I Have a Dream* – a fireside chat series. The chat features remarkable people, who the country looks up to. The conversations reflect on the personal journeys of the speakers, their vision for India@100 and what the country could do to reach this goal.

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**INDIA@100: TOWARDS GREEN PROSPERITY**

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- CII has shown through its Green Business Centre that a lot can be done by the Industry on a voluntary basis. India now has the world's second largest stock of green rated buildings in the world.
- The emergence of start-ups in India is among the most positive developments that have taken place. The startup culture is allowing highly educated, young people to think out of the box.
- To support equitable growth, we need the fabric of a social infrastructure where inclusion, employment, education and human development, converge.
- The successful CEOs and Entrepreneurs will be those who can see the vision of innovation and sustainability together. If you do that, you are built for the future
- A good education policy and a different approach to education where the focus is on learning will transform the social landscape of India.

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HOW CAN INDUSTRY LEVEL  
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- My vision for India@100 is to witness a significantly wealthier nation, positioned among the upper income category, with inclusive growth as a cornerstone. I dream that India becomes a role model for a thriving liberal democracy.
- India stands at the pinnacle when it comes to R&D efficiency, outshining other areas. Every penny spent on research and development is utilized judiciously. Therefore, the positive outcomes obtained should serve as an impetus to increase our investments in R&D within India.
- One of the areas where India ranks well is in the efficiency of R&D. Whatever amount is spent in R&D, is spent very wisely. Thus, the returns we get should encourage us to invest more in R&D in India.
- Shared alignment will come from shared understanding. We must develop a shared view of the problem we are solving, a shared vision of where we want to end up being and then a shared pathway of how we are going to get there.

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### VOLUNTEERING

#### Volunteering for a kinder nation: Food for thought



Robin Hood Army, one of our NGO partners, undertook a food distribution drive in the slums of Delhi. A group of volunteers, displaying both sense and sensibility, distributed food to the underprivileged and needy sections of society.

Whilst food drives are neither new or paradigm changing, they do highlight the fact that people want to reach out and make a difference. The difference between individual giving and volunteering is the opportunity to be a part of a larger and more organized intervention. Currently, these opportunities are far and few between.

This merits the question - what can be done to create a more vibrant volunteering space? India@75 is an advocate of institutionalised volunteering. One of its efforts in this direction is the National Volunteering Grid- an online portal that brings together NGOs, institutions, industry and individuals to create a vibrant volunteering ecosystem.

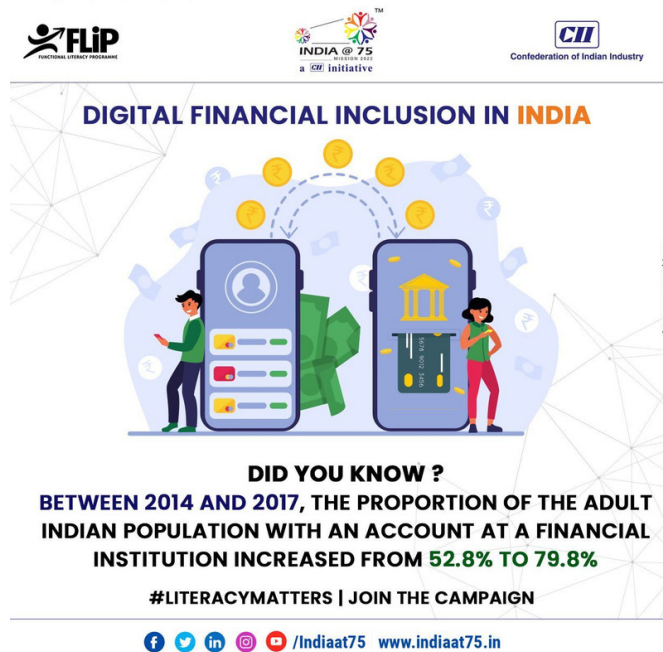
This one-of-a-kind portal, lists both volunteers as well as volunteering opportunities and thereby allows healthy exchange between those who need a hand and those willing to lend theirs.

If you want to be a part of the vibrant volunteering community enabled by the National Volunteering Grid (NVG) register [here](#).



## OUTREACH

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