

## Langer on wheels – Khaddar Slum (Yamuna Bank) Delhi

With the government lockdown order and inadequate state provisions for food distribution, several families are sleeping hungry -- in their homes in Slums & backward Communities areas.

In the midst of the on-going pandemic Sahyog Foundation identified Khaddar Slum near Lalita Park near Yamuna Bank where people were hungry and most of them are Migrants, Rag pickers or daily wagers workers and have no work. With the aim to provide them with Cooked meal Sahyog Foundation team approached Gurudawara Sikh management committee and in association of Gurudawara Bangla Sahib organized its Second food distribution drive at Khaddar Slum and the mission was simple - no one should have to sleep hungry. Before this Drive one week drive for Chilla Village was also organized in the month of June 2020. 1200 Meals Every day from 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 till 2<sup>nd</sup> September for 24 days for 200 plus families at Khaddar slum Delhi, reached the location ever morning at 11.15am. Sahyog foundation collaborated with local NGO for Ground support of Meal distribution so that even distribution of food following Govt norms of maintaining Social Distancing and other safety requirements are taken care off.

During these 24 Days under '**Langar on Wheels' Drive** ( an initiated by the Delhi Sikh Gurudawara Management Committee (DSGMC) hygienically-prepared nutritious meals (Dal, Chawal & Roti+Sweets (sometimes ) was supplied to areas by the authorities through Truck. The food truck parks itself at a particular location and people queue up to get a meal. Showing gratitude to the Sikh community for their relentless service, Speaking about the initiative, Mr. Rajpal Singh Duggal Deputy MD and CSR Head, said, "We must leverage our resources to support the community in tough times. Our food distribution drive is a small gesture in this

direction – to provide relief to the most vulnerable of our people and to those relentlessly working on the ground with limited support.”



He added: “We express our gratitude to the Gurudawara Sikh Management committee with Special thanks to Manjinder Singh Sirsa, President, Delhi Sikh Gurudawara Management Committee for enabling us to effectively drive the initiative and contribute to our country’s collective relief efforts.”

The initiative was Well appreciated and gratefully thanked by the Slum wellers each and Every day .They were very Happy to Get the food , relished the food, daily waited for the Truck to reach to them and said that “We are very Lucky that Langar reaches us every day at our doorsteps” .

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