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# India Development and Relief Fund Empowering the Underprivileged for 30 years

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## Newsletter: March 2018

Dear Vinod Prakash,

Namaste!

From our IDRF family, a big thank you to all our donors and well-wishers for YOUR continued benevolence and confidence in IDRF. Your magnanimity and commitment to help the underprivileged, made it possible for us to improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in India. **Over IDRF's 30 years of service** to the marginalized, YOU have helped in providing education and skill development to the poor children and unemployed youth, health services to the rural poor, micro-credit for eco-friendly small businesses to rural women to stand on their own feet, safe drinking water in arid areas, private toilets to BPL (Below Poverty line) families to end open defecation, programs and mobile apps to combat corruption in rural as well as urban areas, and last but not the least relief and rehabilitation to victims of natural and man-made disasters.

### **In this Newsletter:**

- IDRF was awarded the prestigious 'Manav Seva Sarvodaya Award'
- Project update in Jammu and Kashmir
- IDRF's Top rating for 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

### **IDRF was Honored at the Indian Republic Day Celebrations**

On 27th January, 2018 at the 69th Indian Republic Day Celebrations in Maryland, National Council of Asian Indian Associations (NCAIA) honored the Founder and President of IDRF-Dr. Vinod Prakash and his wife, Sarla Prakash with the prestigious 'Manav Seva Sarvodaya Award'. This award marks IDRF's 30 years' of service of marginalized by empowering them with skills, services and infrastructure grounded in sustainable development. The celebrations were attended by the Governor, Senator and Congressman of Maryland along with dignitaries from White House and Indian communities.



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### **Construction of Boys' Hostel in Jammu & Kashmir**

IDRF is funding the construction of a boys' hostel in Rajouri, where orphans/poor children from far flung areas of this state will stay and complete their studies. Hostel will be ready for 2018 academic year. The hostel is managed by IDRF's partner Sewa Bharti J&K and will be able to accommodate 40 students.

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### **You have helped IDRF to do it again!!!**

[Charity Navigator](#), has yet again awarded [IDRF with 4-stars \(top rating\) for fifth consecutive year](#). The 4-stars rating for IDRF denotes an exceptional qualitative rating that **'Exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in the similar cause'** as IDRF. You will be surprised to know that only 9% of the charities are able to retain top-rating for 5 consecutive years. Even more exciting news is that IDRF is featured in: **'Top 10 perfect score (100%) charities relying on Private contributions'**.  
<http://blog.charitynavigator.org/2018/03/charity-navigators-top-10-tuesday.html>

[Charity Navigator](#) is a premier non-profit rating agency in United States. It commends IDRF for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Please make IDRF your preferred public charity and be assured that 96 cents of \$1 of your hard-earned money will go to the needy!

*The IDRF team thanks the Indian American Community, volunteers, well-wishers and NGO partners for helping us all along the way in-  
'putting power, not charity in the hands of those in need!'*

Best Regards,

Vinod Prakash  
President, IDRF



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