The Hans Foundation (THF) is a charitable trust fund that was created in 2009 to provide a source of benefaction for not-for-profit organizations in India. In the last five years, THF has supported over 151 organizations across 25 states and union territories, with 406 completed/ongoing projects in the areas of healthcare, education, disability, livelihood, water and sanitation.

As of August 2014, the Foundation has committed more than Rs.300 crore and worked closely with partners to benefit the lives of close to 600,000 people. This charitable organization provides grants and financial aid to grass-root organizations that are able to directly serve the communities and also partners with larger international organizations for increased impact and large scale work.

VISION
Aim to create a massive change in nation's development programs.

MISSION
To provide endowments to proletariat organizations those are able to serve the society.

Individual Initiatives:
In addition to its role as an aid organization, The Hans Foundation also invests in independent initiatives. The state of Uttarakhand has not seen much development of its medical infrastructure. There is a widespread lack of access to even the most basic medical services.

1. The Hans Foundation has decided to build 'Shri Hans Karuna Hospital' in Satpuli, Uttarakhand, currently under construction. Satpuli is a small town near Kotdwar that is highly accessible to the
surrounding rural population. The hospital will be a 60-bed, state-of-the-art facility built on an 8-acre land parcel. The hospital will provide primary care (OPD) as well as specialized care in orthopedics, surgery, eye-care, gynecology, pediatrics, ENT, and emergency services. There will also be a trauma center and a blood bank.

2. To address rampant causes of blindness in Uttarakhand, The Hans Foundation has set up an eye hospital in Haridwar, Uttarakhand to diagnose and treat the major causes of blindness such as cataracts, diabetic induced retinopathy and glaucoma. The hospital is regularly conducting eye operations and free eye camps in the villages.

3. Rural villages all over India face a chronic lack of medical care. The Hans team has pioneered a method of providing primary health facilities to thousands of people in hard-to-reach areas that require the most attention. A network of well-equipped mobile vans serve as health clinics to administer much needed medical care.

Samaj Unnayan Kendra:

THF has developed infrastructure to provide medical care through a mobile boat service to the perpetually flooded Sunderban Belt of West Bengal in partnership with Samaj Unnayan Kendra. These boats have given hundreds of thousands of people access to qualified primary health physicians. People no longer have to rely on quack doctors for their needs and can consult with an educated qualified physician.

Community Educational Centre Society:

The Hans Foundation has partnered with CEC Society, Nagaland to bring education to 350 children in Nagaland up to 8th grade. After this, they are eligible for vocational training courses. Equipped with a basic education and knowledge of basic health and hygiene practices, they can pursue a career path of their choice.
OTHER ORGANISATIONS:
The Hans Foundation's aid program supports rural and urban community needs in partnership with Rural Development & Research Center (RDRC) in Gujarat and Adharshila in Delhi. THF has also partnered with several global organizations that share a similar focus on Indian development namely, American India Foundation, CRY America, AmeriCares and the Acumen Fund.

In partnership with Saket City Hospital, New Delhi, THF helps provide Cochlear implants (rare surgery, done before the age of 5 years) to children suffering from profound as well as significant deafness. Over 120 children have already been operated on and almost double the number of hearing aids has been provided to children. With fund support from THF, the hospital currently performs 20 to 22 surgeries per month along with a package for speech therapy up to 6 months.

Saarthak, a trust that provides mental health services to the underprivileged furthers THF's mission in New Delhi and other states like West Bengal, Gujarat, Assam, Meghalaya.

All the collaborative programs are implemented in a participatory community approach, with immense value given to the experience and wisdom of the people. Local community groups are nurtured for project implementation. Regular engagement and guidance is given to these groups to improve effectiveness of their individual and group enterprises and programs. All the programs are monitored at three levels - group at community level; implementation committee at project level and staff at the organization level. Feedback is given quickly after monitoring. Linkages are established with the resource agencies for smooth implementation of the program.

Recent Activity
THF Uncovers Rs. 500 Cr. For 'Uttarakhand 2020' Campaign

The Hans Foundation, has pledged Rs. 500 Crore to fund Uttarakhand 2020. It is comprehensive state-wide development program, focusing on disease prevention, children's education and forest regeneration in Uttarakhand. Project is designed to significantly improve the quality of life of the low-income communities of the entire state. A set of carefully selected programs will be scaled up in one of the nation's most powerful village development campaigns.

Disease Prevention:
The Hans Foundation's revolutionary approach to health is designed at two ends; prevention and treatment. The two major causes of diseases in India are malnourishment and a lack of access to clean drinking water.

- Malnourishment is the single largest contributing factor to disease in the world. The Hans Foundation will bring in the most effective agricultural programs in the world to thousands of villages in Uttarakhand. The poor will be well fed, healthy and will likely see a 100-200 percent increase in agricultural-based income.
- The people who have water-borne illness occupy 50 percent of the world's hospital beds. For this reason, The Hans Foundation has developed a cheap bicycle-driven system in which even a young child can filter water at a rate of 1000L/hour. Viruses and bacteria are filtered out, rendering the water clean. The system can be fixed by any average bicycle repairman and provides clean water at a cheaper rate than any other system available today. The system will be
installed in every village in Uttrakhand with contaminated water sources.

- A combination of these two programs may decrease disease rates by over 50 percent. To address the remaining need for health services, Foundation will expand its existing hub and spoke model to provide primary healthcare/emergency care access on a regular basis to the villages in Uttrakhand by 2020.

**Children’s Education:**
The Hans Foundation will fund the construction and operation of massive state-of-the-art kitchens to provide mid-day meals to hundreds of thousands of children across Uttrakhand. In addition, this Foundation has committed to fund computer training courses in 500 schools in the state, bringing a highly vital skill to thousands of underprivileged children.

Improving the quality of education requires investments in teacher training as well as creating environments that foster growth and learning in children. Additional large-scale programs will be taken on to increase the state educational productivity of Uttrakhand.

**Forest Regeneration:**
The Hans Foundation plans to provide a smokeless stove to every household in Uttrakhand that needs it. Smokeless stoves are known to reduce firewood usage by 30-40%, cut black carbon emissions by 50-90%, cut disease rates, and significantly reduce the time it takes to cook a meal. The Hans Foundation 5th anniversary celebration featured a high-octane performance by popular Bollywood singer, Kailash Kher. Numerous philanthropists, senior government officials were also present including Uttrakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananth Kumar, Ex Uttrakhand CM Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri, Rajya Sabha MP Murli Deora, Rajya Sabha MP Ajay Sancheti, Lok Sabha MP Anurag Thakur, former cricketer Kapil Dev, and other social contributors to The Hans Foundation.

Manoj Bhargava, Co-founder, The Hans Foundation said, “We have created pockets of change in each of the 25 states where The Hans Foundation has worked. We are now pooling the best of what we have learned and scaling it up in Uttrakhand.”

Sweta Rawat, Co-founder & Chairperson, The Hans Foundation said, “We chose Uttrakhand because it is the birthplace of the Mother Ganges, the cradle of Indian civilization, and a place most in need of large-scale development initiatives that will improve the quality of children’s education and reduce the prevalence of major diseases throughout the state.”

**BEYOND UTTARAKHAND**
The Hans Foundation will actively advocate for and fund similar pilot projects in other states across India. This will facilitate awareness and adoption of best practices in other states. The Hans Foundation extends an open invitation to other NGOs and government agencies in the upcoming years to observe the results of The Hans Foundation’s revolutionary project.