

Hurun India Reaffirms Mr A M Naik's Position as India's Most Generous Professional

"Integrate philanthropy into everyday life", he says.

The 2023 edition of Hurun India's list of philanthropists reaffirms the position of L&T's Chairman Emeritus, Mr A M Naik, as 'India's Most Generous Professional Manager' (as distinct from inheritors of family wealth). With this, he has topped the list four years in a row. Hurun India is an affiliate of the London-based organisation which contributes to community through the promotion of philanthropy.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Naik reiterated his appeal to Indians to be more generous in sharing their wealth with those less fortunate. He said: "You don't need a lot of money for philanthropy. What you need is a generous heart - *dil chahiye.*"



Here is what a generous heart needs to do:

- Understand the everyday anxieties of the poor. In the pressure of routine, we end up being indifferent to the plight of the poor and remain unaware of their concerns about monthly expenses, children's health, food, education....
- Sometimes, the most meaningful assistance comes from non-monetary contribution - time, skills, and emotional support. Volunteering, for instance, can make a positive impact without spending money.
- The essence of helping lies in the connections you make and the selfless dedication of your time, energy, and skills.
- If we look at ourselves candidly, we will realise that most L&T-ites can, with little difficulty, take care of the needs of another family. The best way to identify whom to help is to get in touch with a reputed NGO who will offer the necessary logistics support.

There is much for us to learn from Mr Naik's accomplishments. He has built five hospitals, six schools, adopted over 40 schools and set up a unique training centre for school dropouts. These initiatives are being recognised at the highest quarters. The Cancer and Multi-Specialty Hospitals in Navsari, which make advanced medical treatment affordable for the underprivileged, were inaugurated by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The A M Naik School in Powai, Mumbai, inaugurated last year by Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, provides freeships to more than 20 percent of children whose parents are from below the poverty-line.

Helping others is uniquely soul-satisfying. As Mr Naik put it: "The happiness you will feel from seeing the smiles on the faces of disadvantaged children relieved of pain and hunger is indescribable - something money cannot buy."

