HelpAge India has been actively voicing the needs of India's 90 million elderly. It has been advocating for their rights and working towards empowering them to demand what's rightfully theirs. The Age Demands Action campaign was one such initiative. HelpAge has also been focusing on issues such as pensions, social inclusion and health care, to enable them to lead fulfilling lives with dignity.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of HelpAge India for the financial year which ended March 31, 2008. This has been a special year for the society as it intensified services for the deprived elderly and expanded care services for older persons in general. Significantly, a substantial number of old and new donors contributed generously to help us fulfill our mission.

India is on the threshold of a demographic change. While we remain a predominantly young nation with only 8% of the population over 60 years of age, the scenario is set to change sooner than expected. The decade between 2011 and 2021 will see a growth of over 38% in the absolute number of the elderly who are expected to go from the present 90 million to 133 million. With increasing life expectancy, many older persons are now spending longer years out of paid work, dependent on family, on public health care and battling illness and a steep rise in the cost of living. As the functional capacity of the aged decreases, many types of dependency affect the elderly. (a) Economic dependency due to lack of income, (b) physical dependency caused by failing health and dexterity, (c) psychological dependency, and (d) social dependency caused by weakening of intra and intergenerational relationships. While this represents a huge challenge for the policy planners, it also thrusts upon HelpAge India a responsibility to reorient its programmes and services to meet the emerging needs. The scope of our programmes therefore has been expanded significantly.

Everyone in HelpAge India, especially its staff and volunteer doctors, has worked very hard and I should like to express my appreciation to all of them. The advice and support of the members of the Governing Body have sustained the management and staff in our efforts. I extend my personal thanks to our individual donors and supporters and to HelpAge International, Help-the-Aged and CORDAID in the Netherlands.

I look forward to your continuing encouragement, guidance and support for our efforts.

Amal Ganguli  
President

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**AGE DEMANDS ACTION**

Elders press for social security

In an initiative to self-empower the elderly of the nation, in October 2007, HelpAge India coordinated a nation-wide campaign titled “Age Demands Action.” Across India, thousands of elders put their might behind this drive, by putting their thumbprint and signatures on forms for the Petition, which was submitted to the government to call for better ageing policies, specifically to demand social security. Memorandums were submitted to senior policy makers in Coimbatore, Orissa, Mangalore, Guwahati, Chandigarh, Jagadhri & Amritsar in Punjab, Rajpur, Bhopal and elsewhere.

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**CHALLENGES AHEAD...**

This is a landmark year for all of us in HelpAge India, as we complete 30 years of service to the disadvantaged elderly. As we move ahead we are cognizant of the challenges ahead of us. Our programmatic focus now includes broad-based advocacy interventions in rights, social protection and against elder abuse.

Our ongoing school education programme is being re-oriented as Value Education Programme with the aim to inculcate in the young values of love and respect for the elderly. The network of helplines for the elderly, particularly those living alone in large cities, has been established in Delhi, Chennai and Hyderabad. Work towards a national helpline is under active planning. Our ongoing programmes viz., Sponsor-A-Grandparent, Mobile Medicare services, cataract and health camps have been expanded. We have successfully completed large projects in disaster affected areas notably amongst which has been the 100 bedded old age home supported by NDTV viewers, in Cuddalore. Our dedicated team ventured into flood-affected areas in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to provide assistance to 5000 families, particularly older persons.

I on behalf of my colleagues would like to acknowledge the support of all our donors for their trust and generosity. Whenever HelpAge India has embarked on a new project or launched a new service, it has been with the knowledge that our donors will come forward to support it.
MOVING AHEAD
New beginnings, new milestones in policies for elderly.....

Over the past 30 years, HelpAge has been lobbying with the government & policy makers to address the varied needs of senior citizens. The effort is now bearing fruit with policy makers recognizing the importance of this section of society and their needs. Year 2007-08 has brought with it good news for senior citizens from various segments of society. The foremost being “The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Bill, 2007, becoming an ACT. A much desired move that HelpAge had been supporting.

Under the Act, the States shall form Tribunals for deciding upon the order for Maintenance. They have the powers to make the rules for carrying out the objectives of the Act, which would be put before the concerned State Legislature for adoption. The Act not just provides for Maintenance of the elderly, but also for better medical facilities, protection of life and property and old age homes in every district.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Maintenance Application can be filed by parents and senior citizens (above 60 years) unable to maintain themselves against children (not minor) or relatives (who would inherit and are in possession of the property of the elderly).
- The Maintenance Application can be filed by the senior citizen or parent or by any other person or organization authorized by him/her, if incapable of doing so himself/herself.
- The Maintenance Application can be filed either in the district where the elderly resides, or where the children or relatives reside. Notices would be sent and the proceedings should conclude within 90 days from the date of service of the Maintenance Application on the children or relatives.
- The case would be referred for conciliation, if appropriate, before hearing. The findings of the conciliation officer (who can be the Maintenance Officer, NGO representative or anyone on behalf of the elderly) should be submitted to the Tribunal within a month. If an amicable settlement has been reached, the Tribunal shall pass an order according to such settlement.
- If, children or relatives are ordered by the Tribunal to pay Maintenance to the elderly, fail to comply, they are liable to a fine or imprisonment.
- Abandonment of the elderly is now a cognizable offence. Anyone responsible for looking after or protecting the senior citizen, leaves him/her in any place with the intention of wholly abandoning, shall be punished and fined.
- Role of NGOs has also been legislated under the Act e.g. for filing Maintenance Applications on behalf of the elderly if he/she is unable to do so himself/herself, for reconciliation and representation of his/her case if unable to do so and authorizes someone else to represent and facilitate.

Budget 2008 also brought some good news vis a vis senior citizens, showing the growing recognition of their special needs. Here are some highlights:

- For senior citizens the income tax limit goes up from Rs. 1.95 lakh to Rs. 2.25 lakh.
- Three schemes to be introduced for providing social security to workers from the unorganized sector.
- A national programme for the elderly to be started at a cost of Rs. 400 crore.
- Rashtra Swasthya Beema Yojana to start in Delhi and Haryana. Rs. 30,000 for each family belonging to the unorganized sector.

HelpAge explores the issue of “Property abuse of Elderly”

With urbanization and industrialization spreading its wings to all segments of society, real estate value has shot up. Property speculation has led to increase in house values. New issues and problems have stemmed up as a result. One such is that of abuse of older people for property. To understand this growing problem and to have a deeper insight, HelpAge conducted a sample survey in the city of Delhi. Some shocking revelations came into fore.

49% of elderly with property in their name were being harassed by their own children & children in law. Others were victimized by landlords, neighbours, civic bodies etc.

Maximum cases of abuse were from the affluent colonies of the city.

Elders come under intense pressure to either sell off their property or transfer ownership to their sons or daughters and are subjected to various forms of abuse if they refuse, by their kin. The dependency factor emerges very strongly in cases of property disputes. Most of those being harassed are dependent on their children. Those who are able to support themselves are empowered enough to turn around and quash such demands. 44% of those facing harassment have reported the matter to the police. The bulk of those who have not lodged complaints, are afraid of revenge by the abuser, are emotionally dependent on them and many wanting to preserve family honor don’t come forward. There is also a distinct lack of faith in the police and legal system and physical frailty becomes a constraint.

The Maintenance Act for Seniors can now be used as a tool by them to protect themselves against harassment and abuse.
POLICY MAKERS SHOW THEIR CONCERN
Mark International Day of Older Persons

HelpAge is extremely grateful to those policy makers who have over the years been long standing supporters to the cause. With each passing year more and more people from the government come forward to show their concern towards elderly issues. On International Day of Older Persons they once again showed their solidarity towards the cause.

Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Ms. Meira Kumar, along with Mr. M.M. Salazar (right), President Emeritus, HelpAge India, laid off the inter-generational walk at India Gate, New Delhi, symbolizing the importance of the bond between the young and the old.

Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram (centre), Finance Mr. Inter Press Award (left), who held important offices in many Indian business organizations with the HelpAge India Golden Award. Looking on is Mrs. Gouranga Pradhan (right), Managing Director, St. Xavier's & Ryan International Group of Schools, who was honored with the HelpAge India Excellence Award.

Union Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram (right) hands over the Silver Plate Award to Mr. S.L. Raina, Joint Executive Director (Training), GAIL (India) Limited, for Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility, and continuous support to HelpAge India. Looking on Mr. R.A. Subramanian from GAIL (India) Ltd.

II. Gokul, Delhi, Mr. Rajendra Khanna, interacts with an old person. Khanna launched HelpAge’s “Age-Friendly Cities” research report on urban India’s preparedness and response towards the needs of the elderly on October 1.

FIRST EVER HABITAT FOR ELDERLY NEEDS
HelpAge India - NDTV Viewers elders’ village inaugurated

It’s been 4 years since the Tsunami hit the coast of southern India. The tidal wave destroyed habitats, lives and livelihoods, and rendered thousands of aged helpless. HelpAge has been working towards providing long and sustainable solutions for the elderly like habitat and livelihood. December 2007 saw the inauguration of the first ever Habitat built by HelpAge for elderly Tsunami victims namely “Tamarakulam”. This was made possible by contributions from viewers of New Delhi Television Ltd. (NDTV), and support from the Disasters Emergency Committee (UK).

“Tamarakulam” lies on the Cuddalore-Pondicherry road. This attractive red-tiled residential complex is built on traditional lines and can house 100 elders. The complex includes residential area, an in-firmary, a dining hall, and a multi-purpose resource centre. Various farming activities and vocational trainings are already underway involving the elderly. Who will live in the complex is decided by village bodies themselves. HelpAge has encouraged the formation of the Elders for Elders Foundation which feels responsible for the wellbeing of the elderly. This unique complex is especially built to cater to elderly needs and therefore designed accordingly.

Dr. Pranveer Singh, NDTV Chairman, inaugurates “Tamarakulam” village for elders, as Mr. Mathew Cherian, HelpAge India, Chief Executive, looks on with beneficiaries.
PACS DRAWS TO A CLOSE: Elderly feel empowered

The Poorest Areas Civil Society (PACS) programme which began in October 2005 and was carried out in 900 villages of Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh, in 9 of the poorest districts, drew to a close on December 2007. It has left behind a much more aware and empowered elderly population. Early studies in the 3 states revealed that very few elders were even aware of their basic rights, let alone being able to access them. This was the basis for the programme supported by DFID, which focussed on raising their awareness about their own rights. Rs.1.3 crore was disbursed for this unique project.

Today a large segment of these elderly people have found within themselves the 'Power to Demand'.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 979 village level groups of older people formed with over 20,000 members; 180 block level groups of older persons (Vidhi Sangh) formed with 6011 members.
- Government Directives issued to include aged in Gram Sabha agendas. Pension cases to be brought to the notice of block office within 3 days.
- Sensitization of community through traditional media such as slogans on walls, street plays, puppet shows.
- Entitlements through various social welfare schemes facilitated for 22,880 older persons.
- 90 Civil Society Organizations sensitized.
- State Level rallies of older people (Vidhi Sangh) organised at Ranchi, Bhopal & Lucknow presenting Charter of Demands to senior govt. officials.
- HelpAge invited to be a member of the Advisory Committee constituted by the Government of Jharkhand to draft a State Policy for Older People.
- National Human Rights Commission, commissioned HelpAge India to organize workshops on Human Rights & Elder Abuse in 6 PACS districts of Ranchi & Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), Banda & Unnao (UP) & Betul & Mandia (MP).

A first of its kind, it had many resounding successes

SPONSOR - A GRANDPARENT
Sustaining support, maintaining Dignity

One of HelpAge's oldest and sustaining programmes, the Sponsor-A-Grandparent programme offers a dignified life to those elderly who have nothing and no one to depend on. Under this the basic needs of an older person such as food, medical supplies, clothing etc. gets covered.

- 228 projects supported
- Nearly 14,000 beneficiaries
- Rs. 10 crore (approx.) disbursed

75 year old Shanti Devi mistreated by her daughter and physically abused by her son-in-law, was adopted under the Sponsor-A-Grandparent project through which she now gets ration, clothing, plus some money to spend on herself. Today Shanti, lives alone, but leads a safer and happier life.

HELPLINES FOR THE ELDERLY Help is but a call away

HelpAge is spreading its wings slowly but surely to address elderly problems and reach out to as many elderly in need of help by extending its Helpline initiative to other cities, such as Hyderabad and Delhi besides the one in Chennai. The Helpelines not only attend distress calls from the elderly themselves, but also receive calls to address cases of elderly found lying on the roadside, or being abused, requiring medical attention, police intervention or require information in general. Counseling and legal services are also provided by some. The Hyderabad helpline has already received over 5000 calls since its launch in August 2007, it functions from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's office and has 3 functional lines in Telugu, Urdu and English. With the increasing need felt across the nation, HelpAge aims to widen this program further.

- Chennai Helpline: 1253
- Delhi Helpline: 1800-180-1253
- Hyderabad Helpline: 1253
MOBILE MEDICARE UNITS Elderly healthcare gains momentum

33% (approx.) of India's elderly population lives below the poverty line, basic healthcare is a major necessity, yet unavailable to most. It is to service these elders primarily that HelpAge India's Mobile Medicare Units (MMUs) bring basic medical care to the doorsteps of needy older people. Manned with a qualified doctor, a pharmacist and a social worker, they dispense free medicines and health checks to the elderly. The MMUs also organize health camps to raise awareness among the elderly and their carers about various health-related issues. These MMUs also act as vehicles of immediate relief during disasters, providing treatment to elderly victims who are often left to fend for themselves and are especially vulnerable during such a time.

- 52 MMUs across the nation
- Covering 19 states
- 465 health camps conducted
- Total treatments meted out - 11,54,310
- Rs. 4.9 crore disbursed

PALLIATIVE CARE for elders

HelpAge is now getting into the much required Palliative care for the elderly. Palliative Care is the care of patients and their families, by a team of trained professionals at a time when the patient's disease is no longer responsive to curative treatment and life expectancy is relatively short. A 3 year plus pilot project has been developed in partnership with Indian Association of Palliative Care & Institute of Palliative Medicine, Calicut, and funded by HelpAge India, Help the Aged, and Help the Hospice (UK). The project started in Kerala and has a demonstrative module in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu. Nearly 600 healthcare professionals have been trained in Palliative Care, along with HelpAge MMU staff.

DISASTER RESPONSE Helping Elders keep afloat during crisis

In 2007, floods created havoc in UP, eastern and north-eastern parts of India, resulting in heavy casualties of life and livestock and extensive damage to infrastructure, crops, property and other assets. Living conditions for the poor became inhospitable due to scarcity of dry ground and their houses were damaged or virtually submerged in flood waters. No availability of food and drinkable water during the initial weeks brought with it, the fear of epidemics.

The HelpAge team immediately got into action and provided healthcare facilities in the flood affected states of UP, Assam & Bihar. This was possible with support from ECHO (European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office), Cordaid and HelpAge International.

- 52 villages were covered, spreading across the 3 states
- Rs.8.1 crore was disbursed towards Disaster Response work related to the Tsunami, flood relief and Kashmir earthquake.

OPHTHALMIC & GENERAL PROJECTS Meeting varied needs of the aged

For the want of a small cataract surgery, many older people are left dependent on others to sustain themselves. Failing sight deprives the elderly not only from earning their livelihood but also from the simple pleasure of seeing the smiling faces of their grandchildren. A mere 1000 rupees, the cost of a simple cataract surgery can change the life of an older person. HelpAge provides a variety of services to the elderly from support to old age homes, hospitals, day care centres, livelihood projects, cancer awareness & detection, geriatric care, to provision of disability aids, drinking water, awareness building, and Alzheimer intervention among others. The aim is to deal with the wide gamut of problems the elderly face, whether it is health related, social, economic or emotional, and address them accordingly.

- 34,235 cataract surgeries conducted
- Total expenditure incurred for general & ophthalmic projects - Rs. 6.30 crore

Sowdaman becomes self reliant

63 year old Sowdaman of Naham Block, Dindigul District, TN, after her husband's death in 1994, had to struggle to take care of her two children with no steady source of income. HelpAge recognized her skills in tailoring and provided her with a loan of Rs. 5000 to purchase a sewing machine. Today, she has honed her tailoring skills and is financially independent and secure. The project started by HelpAge to support 55 elder people, today has benefitted 191 elderly.
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CELEBRATING the spirit of 60

The year saw India celebrating its 60th year of independence, a number synonymous with the aged. HelpAge took this opportunity to honor prominent seniors who turned 60 during the year and launched a web resource for the aged. It also ventured into new territory by organizing a unique auction titled “Art for the Aged”, held at the national capital, urging people from all fraternities to come forward and contribute towards the cause.

RAISING VOICE Against Elder Abuse

Mrs. Stella Daschit, Delhi Chief Minister, joins the fight against Elder Abuse at a function in Delhi, marking World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Also seen are (from right) Mr. M.M. Salooja, Chairman, HelpAge India, Dr. M.K. Shankar, from International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Mr. A. N. Sood, from the Delhi Federation of Associates of Senior Citizens.

As urban India is expanding rapidly, it has risen the need to make an elder friendly environment for our senior citizens. It is to serve this purpose that 8 focus group discussions with older persons, care givers and service providers were held in Delhi and Udaipur to get their opinion. This culminated into a report which finds contents on age friendly features for older persons along with suggestions for improvements. This is a part of the Global Age Friendly Cities Project that is being conducted in 33 cities in 22 countries across the world. WHO gave technical guidance and Help the Aged and Division of Aging and Seniors, Public Health Agency of Canada provided financial support.

Visitors admire the artwork put up at Delhi’s Oberoi Hotel as part of “Art for Aged,” an auction of works by contemporary masters such as Gopi Gavain, Jaitu and Satish Gujral, Jatin Das, Krishan Khanna and other leading artists. Part of the money raised from the auction of each artwork was donated towards the cause. The event was organized by HelpAge in collaboration with Habib Foundation and supported by Grey Goose (Beard’s Martini India Limited’s premium brand).

RESEARCH & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Working towards making cities Age friendly

Ms. Vasantha Raja, Chief Minister Rajasthan, receives the “Age-Friendly Cities” report from Mr. Mathew Cherian, Chief Executive, along with Mrs. Frenzy Billimoria, Governing Body member, HelpAge India. Standing alongside Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, former Indian Hockey Captain, Ms. Arundhadi Ema Menon, eminent artist and Mr. S.T. Qassim, Election Commissions of senior citizens, who were initiated on the eve of India’s 60th year of independence celebrations when HelpAge also launched its new web resource for its senior citizens.
Mumbai Salaam HelpAge efforts

Mr. Guru Swaroop Srivastava (second from left), Chairman CTI, hands over the Certificate of Appreciation of Salaam Awards Mumbai to Mr. Valerian Pinto, Prp. Manager (Mahrashtra & Goa), HelpAge India, in testimony and tribute to the outstanding service by HelpAge to the city of Mumbai, during the felicitation ceremony by Swaraj Group of Industries. Looking on are Mrs. Indu Sahani (left), Sheriff of Mumbai and Mr. Periasamy Sahani, veteran actor.

BEYOND EDUCATION

Schools come forward in support

Mrs. Dulcie Khago (left), Head Mistress, O.C.P.M Girls Hr. Sec. School, Madurai, receives the Victory Cup (on Mrs. Indrani Rajadurai, National Director (South & West), HelpAge India, on behalf of the school), for being the highest contributor towards the cause of the oped, among schools. Looking on is Mr. K. Sirkumar, Dippyra Director - Resource Mobilization (Mahrashtra), HelpAge India. We thank the Bishop of Madurai Roman Catholic Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Christopher Anil for his support.

ELDERS DEMAND THEIR RIGHTS

In true Gandhigiri style

1600 senior citizens along with children and young volunteers, march in true "Gandhigiri" style in Bikaner (Rajasthan) during the "Gandhi Ratha" a march organized by HelpAge India. Servains walked upto the District Collector's office and put forth their demands before the District Collector which ranged from social security to medical facilities for elders. As a result, those pensions for older people which had been held back for the past two and a half years were released.

In 1979 more than 2 lakh children walked for the cause and raised valuable funds for the organization. Since then the school education program has gained momentum and today nearly 1800 schools are supporting the cause. To propel this movement further Rs. 2.8 crore was disbursed towards raising awareness along with increasing quality education.

Young students of Modern School, Bank Records Rd, (Delhi), went on an elderly lady towards the venue during the symposium organized by HelpAge & the Interact Clubs of Modern School, filled "Trauma of the Old" Chapter: Right of the Aged?", Ms. Menaka Chawdhary, Minister for Women & Child Development, was the chief guest of the function and stressed on the strength of human touch and said "the one thing older people crave for, is to be held and hugged".

Ms. Sunda Williams, famous astronaut and second woman of Indian heritage to have been selected by NASA for a space mission, honored as a function organized by the Rajasthan Sainia Samiti in Aenkotabad, two funds collected by the students of Rajasthan English School, Aenkotabad, are being handed over by Mr. Pardha, her father towards the cause. Looking on are HelpAge staff members along with the students.
Mr. M.M. Sabharwal honored with the Padma Shri

Saluting his spirit: Mr. M.M. Sabharwal, HelpAge President Emeritus, is honored with the prestigious Padma Shri Award for his contribution to Social Work by Ms. Padma Patel, President of India.

The Pillars of Strength: Health support gains impetus

The backbone of any charitable organization are its donors - individuals, corporates, institutions and others who have contributed to the cause. HelpAge has been fortunate that over the years those who have associated themselves with the cause have shown their dedication by their consistent support and desire to make a difference. HelpAge is grateful to those who have walked the path with it. A renewed vigour has been seen this year in support of HelpAge’s healthcare programme, from corporates and embassies taking active interest, by supporting the MMU programme and aids for the elderly, or providing the essential drinking water in much needed districts.

In Memoriam

In November, 2007, Mr. D.R. Kohli, ICS (Retd.), former president of HelpAge India and Lt. Governor of Delhi and Manipur, passed away at the age of 88. HelpAge India’s first Indian head, he was associated with the organization for 25 years. The HelpAge family will always remember him with fondness and respect.

A Special Thank You

We would especially like to thank the Indian Society of the Church of Jesus Christ (Latter Day Saints), and its President, Mr. Mehran N. Nicholas for their support towards the Clean Drinking Water Project. The Society is supporting the project in Tamkura District, Karnataka, which aims at providing adequate and clean drinking water throughout the year to the people of 8 villages of the District. 6500 (approx.) people benefit from this project.

We would also like to thank the Consulate General of Japan, Chennai, with whom we have had a long association. They donated a new MMU for Coimbatore, helped set up the Elders’ Helpline Counseling room, and have provided infrastructure equipments & other vehicles for age care services for the southern region.

Mr. Ram Sheresaw, noted Marathi author, performs ‘puja’ for the inauguration of the Nagpur MMU donated by Johnson & Johnson. Looking at HelpAge staff members and other officials, Johnson & Johnson also donated a MMU vehicle for Konark replacing the old one.

Mr. Kapi Paul, Country Head (Resource Mobilisation), HelpAge India, receives a grant from Mr. Ajeet Vir (with from right) General Manager North, BPCL Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). Through a unique tie-up with BPCL, the reward points of BPCL’s PetroCard holders were donated to HelpAge.

Representatives of OCL India Limited along with MMU beneficiaries & HelpAge India staff during their visit to the MMU site in Jajpurtkhors, Orissa. OCL has supported this healthcare unit and has been consistent supporter to the cause.

Mr. B.R. Bangera (right), Managing Director, HiTech Asia Ltd, Mafura, hands over an appeal letter to Mr. S. Sankaran, Deputy Director, Resource Mobilisation, HelpAge India, stressing the company’s support towards sponsoring the running cost for MMU Mafura for 3 years (2008-2011).
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Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Kolkata, WB
Raj Kumar College, Rajpur, Chhattisgarh
Palatial Ramgoyal Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, Sikkim
St. Francis College, Harmu, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Kendriya Vidyalaya - 2, Haripur, WB
Carmel School, Dhanbad, Jharkhand
Guru Gobind Singh Public School, Bokaro Steel City, Jharkhand
Kendriya Vidyalaya 1, Nizamgarh, Anroseal Pradesh
Deepal Convent School, Jagdipeer, Chhattisgarh
Creation Memorial School, Guya, Jharkhand
St. Xaviers Mrt. Sec. School, Belthang, Bihar
Surendranath Centenary School, Ranchi, Jharkhand
St. Xaviers School, Buxton, WB
St. Anthony School, Roasli, Jharkhand
Narmari Public School, Namri, Sikkim
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