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# PROCONNECT NEWSLETTER

## PSF BRIEF INTRO

Professionals Solidarity Forum is a registered NGO and one of the fastest growing networking group of professionals in Hyderabad. We are focused on professionals personal and professional wellbeing as well as take part in the community development and reform the lives of underprivileged and downtrodden.

PSF's commitment to fostering a community of socially responsible professionals, equipped with the skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on society.

## OUR COMMITMENT

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## OUR ACTIVITIES

- Job Guidance
- Career Guidance
- Skills Development Training
- Service to the Professionals
- Service to the Society

## PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Professionals,

It's time to sharpen your axe. Since the beginning of 2023, the job market has become increasingly uncertain for job seekers. Thousands of employees have been laid off, and many others are apprehensive about the possibility of facing a similar fate when the axe falls again.



It is important for professionals to upskill and reskill themselves and stay relevant in today's rapidly evolving job market. A recent Upskilling Trends Report 2023 Great Learning, a professional learning platform, highlights that upskilling helped 43% of professionals gain career growth in their own organization, while 23% were able to switch to a different domain and 18% were able to secure a new job.

In a quest to help its members to sail through the difficult times, PSF always provides its members to enhance their skills. It has "Elevate your career" training program where a professional can learn the softskills which are very much required in the corporate world. It also conducts its flagship training program GTIT, an IT Networking course apart from various technical skills courses like Fullstack Java, Digital Marketing, Graphic Designing, etc. Recently it has launched Cyber Security course for a very subsidized cost.

This year, we are concentrating on a Job Portal on our website a part of it where job seekers can post a CV and Corporates can pick or post their job requirement for job seekers to apply. This way we can bridge the gap between job-seekers and job givers. We will increase our focus on job & career guidance to freshers and make them job-ready. We have started HR Connect program where we plan to connect 100 companies this year and induct them in our organizational membership program where they get free access to our sjob portal.

Dear professionals! It's time to join PSF and sharpen your axe.  
Dear HR Executes! It's time to join PSF to get sharpened axe.

**- Abdul Mohi**

# RECAP OF SUMMIT 2023

## PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT 2023: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS IN FOSTERING SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONALS



***PSF orchestrated a spectacular event, the "Professionals Summit 2023," on theme "Unleashing Ambitions, Igniting Success" at FTCCI, Hyderabad, on December 17, 2023.***

The summit commenced with a warm welcome from Abdul Mohi, President of PSF, who not only introduced the distinguished guests but also provided an insightful overview of PSF's endeavors. He urged attendees to join hands with PSF in fulfilling its mission of serving individuals seeking employment, career guidance, mental and financial well-being, along with hard and soft skills training. Emphasizing PSF's notable accomplishments, Abdul Mohi highlighted the success of the Gateway-to-IT (GTIT) program, where over 350 professionals benefited from job-oriented training, resulting in more than 75 reported job placements.

He announced PSF's commitment to offering courses such as Fullstack Java, Graphic Designing, and Microsoft Exchange at nominal fees, with plans to introduce advanced courses in Cyber Security, Digital Marketing, AI, and Data Science in 2024. Guests of Honor Sameer Siddiqui, IAS Coach, and Deepthi Ravula, CEO of WeHub, delivered inspiring keynote addresses on "Unleashing Ambitions, Igniting Success" and "New-Age

Leadership," respectively. The event also featured Faiz Jung and Zaki Hyder, who added a touch of artistry with their enchanting poetry.

A special panel discussion focused on women professionals explored the theme of "Bridging Career Gaps – Embracing and Enhancing Women's Career Journey." The discussion featured eminent panelists Uha Sajja, Pragya Jain, Drishti Goenka, Avinash Chimote, and Sharfoddin, and was expertly moderated by renowned consultant Asiya Shervani.

Post-lunch, a gripping panel discussion on "GenAI: A Boon or a Bane?" delved into the implications of the GenAI revolution. Moderated by Muaz Ziauddin, the panel included industry leaders Amardeep Lakhtakia, MD, Deloitte, Chiranjeevi Maddala, Director at igebro.ai, S.Suresh, VP India-Head, NetElixir and Mohammed Arif Sabeel, AVP, Synchrony. The engaging Q&A session allowed participants to actively engage and clarify their queries.

# RECAP OF SUMMIT 2023



**Sameer Siddiqui addressing the audience**

Dr. Ebaad Momin, Director of Rehbar Financial Services, Mumbai Partner Mount Judi, addressed the intriguing topic "Financial Freedom: A Distant Dream or Achievable Reality," stressing the importance of systematic saving and investing.

In line with PSF's commitment to creating socially responsible professionals, a panel discussion was held, featuring social heroes Rumana Sinha Sehgal, Khamroddin Mohammed, Mohammed Obaid, and Ravi Shankar. Moderated by Sabiya from TiE, Hyderabad, the discussion inspired professionals to contribute to the upliftment of society.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Arif Mohammed, a Core Committee Member of PSF and organizer of the summit.

Nisar Mohammed and Khalid Mohammed, members of PSF skillfully hosted the event, ensuring its seamless execution.

The "Professionals Summit 2023" stood as a testament to PSF's commitment to fostering a community of socially responsible professionals, equipped with the skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on society.

To know more about PSF, log-in to [www.psf-india.org](http://www.psf-india.org).



**Deepthi Ravula, CEO of WeHub**



**Panel discussion "Bridging Career Gaps – Embracing & Enhancing Women's Career Journey."**



**Panel discussion on "GenAI: A Boon or a Bane?"**



**Panel Discussion on "Creating Socially Responsible Professionals"**

# PSF ELECTS ABDUL MOHI AS PRESIDENT IN 2024 ELECTIONS



On January 7, 2024, the members of PSF gathered for a significant event as they re-elected Abdul Mohi as the President of the organization. The election, a pivotal moment in the organization's leadership, also saw the election of a new core team under the guidance and consent of President Abdul Mohi.

The election process was conducted under the observation of a distinguished panel comprising Rashaduddin, Dr. Raza Ahmed, and Mohammed Ishaq. Their oversight ensured fairness and transparency throughout the proceedings.

During the election, members engaged in a democratic process where nominations were made, discussions ensued, and votes were cast. Abdul Mohi emerged as the President-elect, having received the highest number of votes, reaffirming the confidence and support of the PSF community in his leadership.

The re-election of Abdul Mohi and the formation of the new core team mark a new chapter in PSF's journey, dedicated to advancing its goals and serving its community with integrity and dedication.

# PSF Members Outing Day Strengthens Community Bonding and Commitment to Impactful Initiatives



Hyderabad, July 13, 2024 – The Professionals Solidarity Forum (PSF) organized a memorable Members Outing Day at a serene Farm House, drawing enthusiastic participation from around 100 members. The event was designed not only for relaxation and enjoyment but also to foster a deeper sense of community and commitment among its members.

The day began with registration and a lively networking session over breakfast, where members mingled and shared insights. President Abdul Mohi welcomed everyone warmly, acknowledging their spirited participation and dedication to the PSF community. He encouraged members to actively engage in PSF activities and contribute towards creating meaningful impacts in society.

To facilitate interaction among new and existing members, a POD (Point of Discussion) session was organized under 10 POD leads. Each lead introduced PSF and its objectives to ensure all attendees felt included and informed about the organization's mission.

Highlighting the strategic direction for 2024, Vertical Leads from five verticals – PEP (Personal Enablement Program), CPDP (Continuous Professional Development Program), JCG (Job & Career Guidance Program), Skills Academy, and Social Service – presented their ambitious plans. These initiatives aim to empower members

professionally, enhance skills, and contribute positively to the community through various social service initiatives.

The day continued with engaging team bonding activities and spirited games, followed by a refreshing swimming session. Participants relished a delicious lunch together, further strengthening camaraderie among the members.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, where attendees expressed their commitment to supporting PSF initiatives and making a meaningful impact on society. The atmosphere was filled with optimism and determination to leverage collective strengths for the greater good.



# Gateway-to-IT Training Program Reaching Significant Milestone

PSF's flagship training program, "Gateway-to-IT," is very near to reaching a significant milestone as its 89th student secures a job in a prestigious company. Launched three years ago, this program continues to enjoy remarkable success.

Beyond technical training the program also focuses on enhancing students' soft skills, including CV preparation, communication skills, and email writing proficiency. Additionally, PSF provides robust job assistance support, guiding students through the entire job search process, from identifying opportunities to preparing for interviews.

With the imminent achievement of reaching the 100th placement milestone, "Gateway-to-IT" stands as a testament to PSF's commitment to nurturing talent & facilitating meaningful career opportunities for aspiring IT professionals.



# Successful Launch of Our Cyber Security Course

PSF is known for running high quality job-oriented training programs. We have introduced new Cyber Security Course commencing May 1st, 2024.

A new lab has been setup for this course with the help of philanthropist Ahmed Siddiqi & his associates.

Crafted by experts, this 60-day program equips students with job-oriented content, covering cyber security fundamentals, threat identification, and hands-on ethical hacking during the course. Emphasizing practical skills, the curriculum includes advanced topics like NextGen Firewalls, preparing graduates for lucrative careers in cybersecurity.

This launch signifies PSF's commitment to excellence and provides aspiring cybersecurity enthusiasts with a vital pathway to success.



# Inauguration Ceremony of the Skills Development Hub A New Era in Skills Empowerment



The inauguration ceremony of the Skills Development Hub (SDHub) took place on June 30, 2024 (Sunday). An initiative managed by the Professional Solidarity Forum (PSF) and sponsored by the Support for Education and Economic Development (SEED) along with the Helping Hand Foundation (HHF), marked a significant milestone in community empowerment and education. The event was graced by distinguished guests and dignitaries, showcasing a collective commitment to skill development and educational advancement.

The event featured Syed Mazheruddin Hussaini, Executive Director of SEED, Mujtaba Hasan Askari, Managing Trustee of HHF, and Abdul Mohi, President of PSF, as the guests of honor. Their presence underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in fostering educational opportunities. Other notable attendees included founders and directors of various NGOs and engineering and intermediate colleges. The ceremony was further honored by the presence of Dr. Mohd Khalid Mubashir-uz-Zafar, State President of Jamat e Islami Hind Telangana.

Abdul Razak, a core member of PSF, Mastered the program & introduced the audience to the forum's objectives and agenda. The program commenced with a soulful Quran recitation by Hafiz Najeeb, setting a serene and respectful tone for the proceedings.

Abdul Mohi, President of PSF, while delivering opening remarks, welcomed dignitaries and guests highlighted the significance of skills development in individual growth and growth of the economy. He emphasized the mission and vision of PSF in empowering the community through skill development and how it is successful in changing lives of 100s of youths.

Mohammad Hammad Azam presented how the Professionals Solidarity Forum (PSF) contributes to the comprehensive development of professionals throughout their entire career lifecycle. He also highlighted the initiatives of PSF viz., Job & CV Portal, Mentor-Mentee program, Interview Clinic, College Connects and Corporate Connects programs and asked the audience to support PSF in spreading the words among needy.



This was followed by a comprehensive presentation on the 'Skills Development Hub' by Mohammed Furqan Baig, Director of SDHub. He highlighted the SD Hub's mission to bridge the gap between education and practical skills, preparing individuals for the evolving job market.

Syed Mazheruddin Hussaini, Executive Director of SEED, elaborated on its contributions to educational and empowerment projects.

Mujtaba Hasan Askari, Managing Trustee of HHF, followed with a presentation on HHF, and its philanthropic endeavours.

The Idea of Skills Development Hub is stemmed from a collective desire to bridge the gap between job seekers and industry requirements and make trainees job ready. As a result, we have dedicated ourselves to provide high quality, job-oriented programs Free of Cost.

Dr. Mohd Khalid Mubashir-uz-Zafar, State President of Jamat e Islami Hind Telangana, delivered an inspiring speech and praised the collaborative efforts of PSF, SEED, and HHF in establishing the Skills Development Hub that will transform the lives of the students.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Madheeya Tabassaum Shaik, Faculty at SDHub. She expressed gratitude to all attendees, sponsors, and organizers for their unwavering support and commitment to the cause.

#### Walkthrough and Refreshments

The inauguration ceremony culminated with a detailed walkthrough of the Skills Development Hub, providing guests with a firsthand look at the facilities and programs offered. The tour was followed by refreshments, allowing for networking and discussions among the attendees.

The inauguration of the Skills Development Hub signifies a promising step towards empowering individuals with the necessary skills and education to thrive in today's competitive landscape. With the collective efforts of PSF, SEED, and HHF, the hub is poised to become a cornerstone of community development and a beacon of hope for future generations.



# PSF Tolichowki Preparing to Launching "Interview Clinic"

Hyderabad, July 13, 2024

In pursuit of launching an "Interview Clinic" at Tolichowki, The Professionals Solidarity Forum (PSF) hosted a specialized 'Train the Trainer' session focused on interview clinics. The session, which took place on Sunday at 11 AM, was led by Mohammed Obaid, esteemed member of PSF, aimed to equip PSF Trainers from the Tolichowki area with essential skills and strategies for conducting effective interview clinics. Obaid, a seasoned trainer in interview techniques, delivered comprehensive training covering various aspects such as interview preparation, common interview questions, body language, and effective communication strategies.



Attendees benefited from practical demonstrations and interactive exercises. The session emphasized practical insights and real-world examples to better prepare Interview Clinic beneficiaries for successful job interviews. Interview Clinic was first launched in Banjara Hills by Obaid in which more than 250 job seekers successfully cleared interviews and placed at the companies.

## PSF Participated in Hyderabad Education Expo'24

Professional Solidarity Forum participated in Education Fair' 24 on 3rd and 4th May, at Kings Crown Function Hall sponsored by MS Education and powered by Madina Education Society.

PSF Team Led by Shaikh Anwar from JCG Wing provided free Career Guidance to the Students and the Parents. They were very happy to learn that we have whole lot of programs under PSF's various verticals including Skills Academy, Short and Long Term Courses, Drug Awareness & Professional Development Programs etc



# 600+ Students Benefited from Alkhair Golconda Summer Camp

Al-Khair Society Golconda successfully organized Summer Camp 2024 in which more than 600 students completed various job or gig oriented courses.

On this occasion PSF President addressed the audience on topic "Importance of Learning Skills and technology". He mentioned that skills development is core for community empowerment. Certificates were given to the students on this occasion.

Kausar Mohiuddin, MLA Karwan Constituency, Hyderabad invited as Chief Guest.



## Unlocking Potential: LinkedIn Profile Building Webinar

On March 9, 2024, PSF had the privilege of hosting a transformative webinar on LinkedIn profile building, led by Arif Sabeel, a distinguished member of our PSF Core Team. Arif brought years of expertise and insider knowledge to the virtual table, guiding participants through the intricacies of crafting a compelling LinkedIn profile.

Attendees learned the art of showcasing their skills, experiences, and achievements in a way that attracts attention and enhances credibility. The webinar wasn't just about technical know-how; it delved into the psychology of networking online. Participants gained insights into leveraging LinkedIn's features to expand their network strategically and engage meaningfully with peers and potential employers alike. Arif emphasized the importance of maintaining an active presence, sharing relevant content, and participating in industry discussions to build authority and visibility.

## "Diving into AI" Master Class Conducted

On June 1st, 2024, the CPDP team of PSF proudly presented another insightful session in our "Meet-the-Professional" series. This time, we delved into the dynamic realm of Artificial Intelligence (AI), guided by Atif Damodi, a distinguished Core Team Member and our esteemed PEP Program Lead.

Atif gave a comprehensive introduction to AI, demystifying its fundamental concepts and shedding light on its profound impact across various industries.

His guidance on navigating career paths within the AI domain and preparing themselves for the future of work and essential skills required to thrive in the AI landscape resonated with aspiring professionals keen to carve a niche in this transformative field.

# Fostering Next Generation of Professionals: PSF conducted Career Guidance Sessions



**HYDERABAD INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE**



**GOVT. GIRLS SCHOOL**

January 2024 saw two Career Guidance Programs conducted by PSF at Hyderabad Institute of Excellence in Vikharabad and Government Girls School, Shalibanda.

Led by Shaikh Anwar, Khaja Mustafa, Fakhruddin Ali, and Safiuzzama Khan, the sessions aimed to equip young minds with essential skills and insights for navigating future career paths. Esteemed speakers of PSF focused on key aspects such as current industry trends, crucial skills development, and effective networking strategies. The session was designed to empower students with the knowledge and confidence needed to pursue their aspirations."

PSF efforts underscores a dedication to nurturing talent and fostering personal growth among the next generation of professionals.

## PSF sports connect 2024: Promoting Fitness

PSF bowled over the professional community with its thrilling cricket tournament, PSF Sports Connect 2024, held on March 2nd, 2024. The field was alive with competition as five teams battled it out for victory. In a gripping finale, Team Hyderabad Warriors emerged as champions, while Green Star displayed commendable sportsmanship as worthy runners-up.

But the tournament was more than just cricket; it was a platform for professionals to come together, forge connections, and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. Beyond the boundaries of the cricket field, PSF aimed to promote fitness and well-being among its members while fostering a sense of camaraderie and teamwork.



# Harmony in Celebration: PSF Eid Milap – 2024



Hyderabad, July 13, 2024 -

The Professionals Solidarity Forum (PSF) organized a vibrant Eid Milap event aimed at fostering networking among its members and guests.

The President of PSF, Abdul Mohi, welcomed the attendees emphasizing the importance of continuous professional growth and mutual support within the community. He highlighted the role of PSF in nurturing talent and facilitating opportunities for advancement in various fields. During the session, the General Secretary of PSF, Misbah, provided updates on the forum's recent activities and outlined ambitious plans for future initiatives.

Members asked to share their views on their activities during Ramadan and all were enthusiastically shared.

The Eid Milap concluded with Sheer Khurma, a customary sweet dish of Eid.

## PSF Hosted Family Day Event

PSF hosted a delightful Family Day celebration on 25th February, 2024 at Jashanz Banquet Hall, Toli Chowki. Members, along with spouses and kids, enjoyed a day of networking and fun.

Highlights included a World Cafe activity led by international trainer Dr. Haseeb Jafferi, followed by a sumptuous lunch. Kids enjoyed the painting & fun learning activities. It was a memorable day of building connections and family bonding.



# PSF Delivered Drug Awareness Session on behalf of Hyderabad City Security Council at Hitex

Hyderabad, 19th May 2024 -

Professionals Solidarity Forum (PSF), representing Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC), delivered a crucial awareness presentation on "Campaign Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" at the IGBC Green Property Show held at Hitex on 19th May, 2024.

The presentation, delivered by Fakhruddin Ali of PSF, focused on educating the public about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of community vigilance. Fakhruddin provided in-depth insights into the current drug abuse landscape, preventive measures, and the critical role of community involvement in drug awareness.

"Awareness is the first step towards prevention," said Fakhruddin, highlighting PSF's commitment to continuous public education and community engagement. PSF President Abdul Mohi and Najmuddin of HCSC also present on this occasion.

PSF will be working with HCSC, which is initiated by Hyderabad City Police Commissionerate to promote safety and security, to deliver more such programs and also supporting in their Traffic Farishte and Cyber Security Awareness programs.

To be a part of the above programs, PSF members can get in touch with PSF Social Services Team.



## PSF Team met with Hyderabad City Police Commissioner Sri K. Sreenivasa Reddy

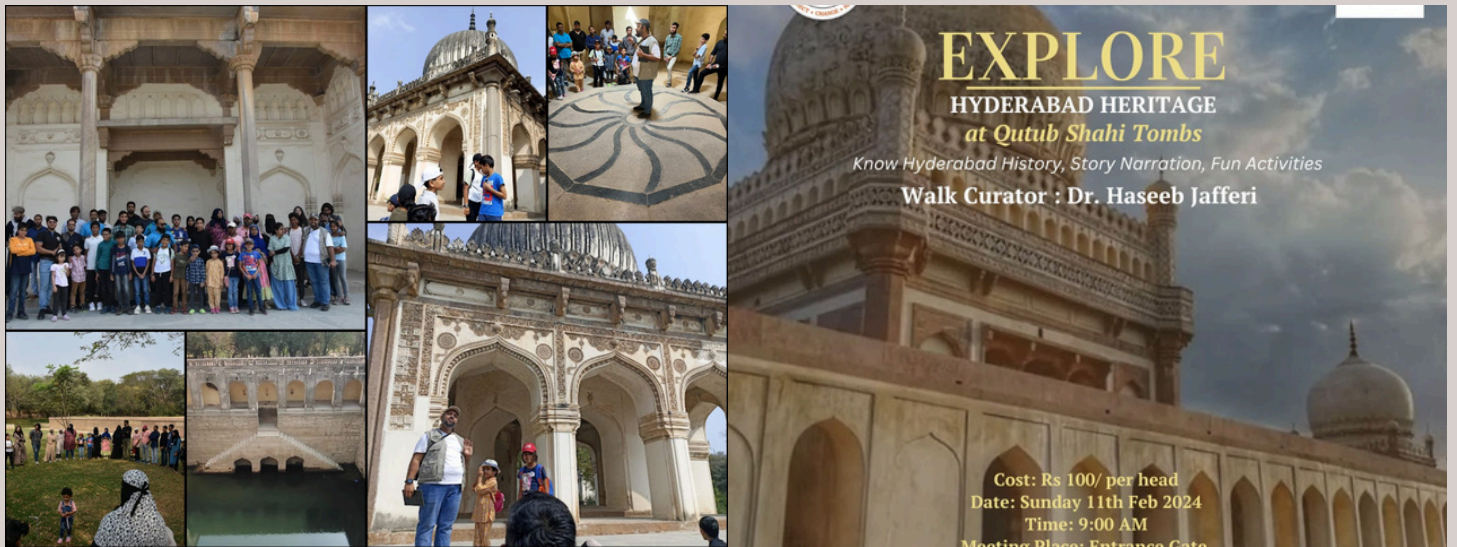
PSF President Abdul Mohi and his team met with Police Commissioner of Hyderabad - Sri Kothakota Srinivasa Reddy and briefed about PSF and its social activities including Drug Awareness campaign.

Discussions focused on collaborative initiatives aiming to address broader societal issues and work towards being better citizens.

They also met Hyderabad City Security Council and CREDAI Hyderabad dignitaries on this occasion.



# A walk in the famous Qutub Shahi Tombs



Professionals Solidarity Forum (PSF) hosted an enriching Explore Hyderabad Heritage Walk, drawing participants from all corners of the city and diverse backgrounds on Sunday the 11th February, 2024.

Dr. Haseeb Jafferri mesmerized the crowd with his captivating storytelling, weaving tales of the city's vibrant history. From seasoned IT professionals and their families to curious locals, everyone left enchanted by Dr. Saab's exceptional narration and thanks PSF for the organising such a beautiful event.

# A walk at the famous Charminar

On June 23, 2024, the Professionals Solidarity Forum, in collaboration with Sufi Trails, organized the "Explore Hyderabad Heritage" walk, curated by Dr. Haseeb Jaffri. The walk began at the historic Badshahi Ashurkhana and concluded at the iconic Charminar, covering several significant landmarks along the way. Participants explored Dewan Deodi, the Madina Building, Pather Ghatti, Gulzar Houz, Charminar, and Makkah Masjid, gaining insights into the rich history and cultural heritage of Hyderabad. During the walk, participants enjoyed tea and snacks at the famous Nimrah Cafe and wrapped up the event with a traditional breakfast of Nahari at Shadab Hotel. The event attracted children and families, offering them an educational and enjoyable experience that highlighted the city's historical significance.



# BECOME MEMBER / VOLUNTEER

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE AND IN OTHERS'



## PROFESSIONAL SOLIDARITY FORUM ACTIVITIES IMPACTING PROFESSIONALS' LIFE CYCLE

### College Connect Program

- Career Guidance
- Industry Exposure
- Bootcamp Programs

### Skill Academy

- Job Oriented Training Programs

- Express Club
- Financial Well-Being
- Societal & Sports Connect
- Parenting



### Job & Career Guidance

- Interview Clinic
- CV Portal
- Job Portal
- Corporate Connect
  - Job Drives

### Service to Society

- Anti-Drug Campaigns
- Traffic Farishte
- Cyber Security

### Professional Development (CPDP)

- Elevate your Career Program
- Mentor - Mentee Program
- Professionals Connect

## HOW PSF CAN HELP YOU?

- We provide perfect platform to contribute for the community.
- Great opportunity to network with other professionals
- Flexibility to choose from various projects as per your skills & availability.
- We are open to new ideas & initiatives which benefit the community.

If you have the desire to help, support and work for the betterment of the society then you are most welcome to join our organization. With your help we can initiate to bring hope smiles to those less fortunate and lead them into a new era of hope and progress.

We want professionals who are willing to volunteer and share their knowledge, intellect, experience and skills for the overall development of the community.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP PSF?

### Member / Volunteer

- Participate in our ongoing programs.
- Support us by conducting various activities.

### Sponsor

- Sponsor our programs and activities.

### Donate

- Give a helping hand by funding our projects.
- Provide services / infrastructure for our projects.