

Pre-Diwali Shop for Cause

The HT Parekh Foundation kicked off Diwali celebrations with a 'Shop for Cause' on October 15, 2019, with two of our long-time partners, the Mann Deshi Foundation & The Jai Vakeel Foundation and Research Centre. It was a great opportunity to interact with many of the beneficiaries and purchase gift items that were perfect for Diwali.

Mann Deshi Foundation has been working for over 20 years to create livelihood opportunities for thousands of rural women across Satara, Pune and Nashik. The HT Parekh Foundation has supported the Mann Deshi business school in Pune and Nashik, which have been instrumental in helping these women become successful entrepreneurs who are able to run their own business.

The Maan Deshi stall was filled with handmade products such as Hand stitched silk bags, Irfal Sarees, organic food items, chutneys and snack items.



The Jai Vakeel Foundation is one of India's oldest organisations working in the area of intellectual disability and runs the largest special school in Mumbai. The HT Parekh Foundation supports the Jai Vakeel School (JVS) that caters to approximately 350 children. Items on sale included decoration materials, candles, and gifting items, all handmade by children from the Jai Vakeel School.



Our Chairman, Mr Deepak Parekh seen in conversation with Ms Archana Chandra, CEO - Jai Vakeel Foundation and Research Centre

We were able to get over 300 HDFC staff visiting these stalls and helped both organisations reach great sales figures. A big thank-you to everyone for their support! 📈

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Oranges were originally green



The first oranges ever imported from to the West were from Southeast Asia and were tangerine-pomelo hybrids that were green in colour. In fact, oranges grown in warmer parts of the world such as Vietnam & Thailand stay green throughout their lifetime.

There is no specific time zone at the South Pole



This is because all the longitude lines on the planet meet up there (because the planet isn't flat). The stations on the South Pole use the time zone of the country that owns them, meaning two stations near each other could be using two different time zones.