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To
Trustees,
Shankarao Pitla Foundation
Maharashtra, India

Dear Trustees of Shankarao Pitla Foundation,

As the Patron of Shankarao Pitla Foundation, I would like to express my utmost happiness and satisfaction over the remarkable work done by our organization for the welfare of society. The work we are doing in the important areas of education, health, rural development and digital empowerment, preserving the legacy of the ideals of public service of the late Shri. Shankarao Pitla, is truly inspiring. The commitment adopted by our organization for the all-round development of the deprived and needy sections of the society is certainly commendable.

Shri. Shankarao Pitla created an ideal of honesty, public service and social commitment in public life. It is a matter of great pride that we are carrying forward the legacy of his thoughts and values by implementing social service activities in a manner befitting his memory. He was a lifelong public servant, a loyal son of the land and a leader of the Indian National Congress, whose commitment to the welfare of the common man never wavered in his lifetime of service. Honouring such a legacy is in itself a public service, as it ensures that the ideals of integrity, sacrifice and dedication to the underprivileged continue to illuminate the path for generations to come.

I am particularly pleased to see the breadth and vision that inspires our work in four important areas of national life. I hope that in the future too, priority will be given to skills and digital empowerment of rural women, expansion of mobile healthcare in remote and tribal areas, 'Shankarao Pitla Memorial Scholarship' for promising students from rural backgrounds, and initiatives to promote sustainable livelihoods in villages of Maharashtra. Such initiatives will provide more opportunities for the weaker sections of the society to participate in the mainstream of development.

His service, compassion and dedication remain the true inspirations of their work. I am confident that their resolve to reach the most weaker sections of the society will continue to grow stronger.

Under the dedicated leadership of Chairperson Smt. Usha Shankarrao Pitla, Managing Trustee Mr. Nayesh Shankarrao Pitla and Advisor Smt. Vanita Nayesh Pitla, I am confident that Shankarrao Pitla Foundation will continue to carry forward this inspiring work of social service in a more comprehensive manner in the future as well.

My heartfelt wishes and blessings for all the initiatives of the Foundation.

Yours sincerely,

(Pratibha Devisingh Patil)