

## **A story of Vikas from joblessness' desperation to Self-reliance through Skill Training from Vatsalya Trust, Mumbai**

Mr. Vikas Shinde held a job in a Multi-national company but lost it during the Corona pandemic. His livelihood was lost and he could not get another job due to age at 50+ years. He had a family to feed, but was very miserable during this phase as he found it difficult to meet ends.

Luckily, he got to know about the 3-wheeler driving course provided by Vatsalya Trust' under its "Drive With Pride" (DWP) skill development initiative. He immediately enrolled in the course and completed it securing his 3-wheeler license. He didn't wait there!

After getting the permanent license and Badge from the sponsorship from India Development Relief Fund (IDRF) grant provided to Vatsalya Trust, he bought his own Auto-rickshaw at INR 3,70,000/- through a loan from Bank of Baroda. Not only has he restored his self-esteem by plying his own vehicle, he is now able to support his family overcoming his most difficult time.



"I thank Vatsalya Trust, Mumbai for enabling me to get back on track in my life through its Drive with Pride (DWP) program," says a contented Vikas! He also recommends the driving course to other underprivileged section in his locality and applauds the efforts of Vatsalya Trust in providing skilling for self-employment.