

Lord Loomba
Founder & Chairman Trustee
The Loomba Foundation

Lord Loomba CBE is Founder and Chairman of the Loomba Foundation, a UN accredited global charitable organization, which promotes the fundamental freedoms and human rights of widows and their children around the world. He is widely known today as the Pioneer of Widows' Rights and Instigator of International Widows Day.

Lord Loomba was invited by the Chief Minister of Punjab as State Guest on the Republic Day, 26th January, 2015 and awarded the highest and prestigious award – Praman Patra.

Lord Loomba received Non Resident of India Award, Pravasi Samaan Patra, from the President of India on 9th January, 2015 for his social services and Philanthropy.

United Nations New York Association conferred the Humanitarian Lifetime Achievement Award on Lord Loomba on UN Day 2014 in New York.

UN Women named Lord Loomba as the first Founding Champion of the circle of Widows Rights in June 2013.

Lord Loomba was elevated to the House of Lords as a Liberal Democrat Life Peer in 2011.

Lord Loomba received a CBE Excellence of Commander of British Empire) from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in her Birthday's Honour List in 2008.

Lord Loomba's campaigning achievements are founded on his successful business career as Founder of Rinku Group, a fashion and clothing company, of which he is Executive Chairman.

On May 11, 2016 Lord Loomba was invited to attend the UN Ambassadors luncheon as Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker which was hosted by the Hospitality Committee of the United Nations Delegates in New York.

The Loomba Foundation:

In memory of his late mother, Lord Loomba set up Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Foundation as a charitable foundation in 1997. Lord Loomba is a tireless campaigner for improving the plight of widows and their children all over the world. To date, the Foundation has educated over 10000 children of poor widows across all states of India, who have each received a scholarship of Rs.500 per month guaranteed for five years or more and supported over 60,000 of their family members. The Foundation is currently educating, approximately, 2,000 children in 13 states in India. In 2012, a new project to empower impoverished widows was launched in India. To date, we have started projects for over 15,000 widows in the age group from 20-45 years in various states in India.

We give vocational skills training in tailoring for two months and a foot-operated sewing machine after the training is complete. Our biggest projects are for 5000 widows in Punjab and Varanasi. The

Punjab project was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, Shri Prakash Singh Badal and the Varanasi project was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.

The Foundation has, in partnership with Virgin Unite, Sir Richard Branson's charity, supported a community based project in South Africa for 1500 HIV orphans from 2006 to 2008. We have empowered young widows in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Syria, Kenya and Uganda in association Lord Loomba CBE with HRH Prince Charles charity Youth Business International. In addition, we have supported 300 genocide widows in Rwanda by setting up a community based project through OXFAM (GB), where they are growing pineapples and supporting over 8000 family members. It has also funded projects in India, Malawi and Guatemala during 2013, in association with UN Women, an United Nations entity for women and girls.