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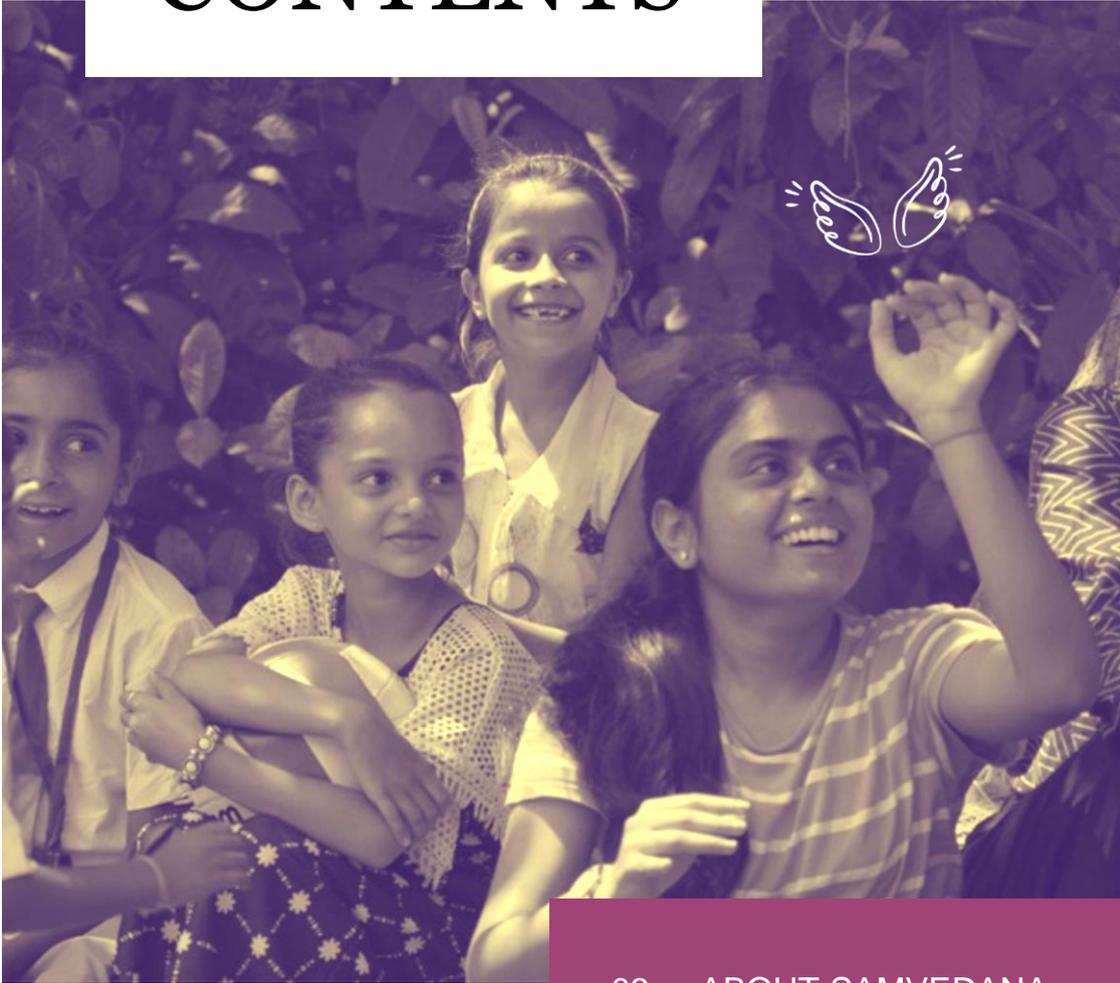


**Giving wings
to their dreams!**





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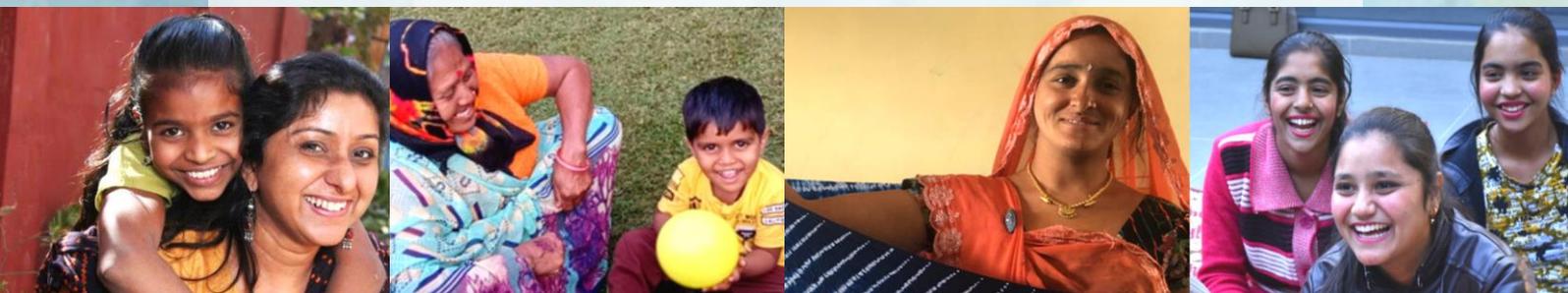
Today the world that we live in is highly dynamic, going through radical changes. 'Samvedana' is a Gujarati and Hindi word meaning "compassion". To channelize that compassion into making a tangible difference, Samvedana serves as an initiator. With the motto of *empathy, empower, enrich*; it was founded in 2003 and is a registered non-profit organization striving for integrated and a holistic development of the underprivileged with a focus on children's education, health and welfare. At Samvedana we are constantly striving to understand the changing needs of our community and adapt to those needs.

Through our initiatives focusing on quality education, scholarship programs, nutrition, and skill development today we have touched the lives of over 3 lakh beneficiaries which include socially and economically deprived children, youth and women.

Driven by sole passion for development, we are constantly striving to fulfill our purpose of sensitizing the society and transforming lives. It is the relentless support of our team of volunteers, corporates, professionals which has collectively worked towards bringing about the difference. Samvedana, over the years and through its varied and timely interventions, has nurtured a potent ecosystem that adds value to everyone involved - be it children/youth from extreme poverty, their families or volunteers from privileged sections!

It's our great satisfaction to have this number constantly grow over the years from 30 children to over 3 lakh at present!

Adding smiles to faces...



ABOUT THE FOUNDER



“**If you have a purpose, means will follow!**”

– JANKI VASANT, FOUNDER OF SAMVEDANA TRUST

Life changed for her at an early age due to being one of the passenger hostages of the PANAM flight hijacked at Karachi in 1986. This incident brought her close to real values of life, helped her recognize true human nature and interconnectedness with others. While India is undergoing radical changes, *Janki* believes – the personal choices made by the citizens would lead us to either more greed, isolation and suffering or to more love, compassion and happiness.

“**If You have a purpose, means will follow**” – With this philosophy she has dedicated her life to the underprivileged, eventually working towards modifying lives and environments. *Samvedana's* tag line says it all... **Give your compassion a name.**

Her compassion was first channelized back in 2001 when Gujarat was destroyed post-earthquake. She volunteered overall coordination of an earthquake shelter, where over 20,000 earthquake victims stayed and thrived for 2 months.

A passionate deep seeded trust that education, empowers, drives her to reach out to the children. With a motto- “Not just education, but quality education is the right of every child”, she founded *Samvedana* in 2003; a platform to create opportunities and interdependence through inclusive synergy. Her area of focus is strengthening the *Public Education system, Infant Nourishment – early care and Skill*

integrated development of socially and economically deprived children, youth and women. She started working in the slums with informal education, soon adopted a public school. Today, *Samvedana* has created an ecosystem that is doing some great work in our community. What started as a remedial bridge program with 30 children, has today reached to and worked with over 125,000 beneficiaries over the past 14 years.

She received the most prestigious National Honour; 'Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016', by President of India at *Rashtrapati Bhavan* on *International Women's Day*.

Yet immense work needs to be done. It is now time to scale up, touch many more lives and spread the wings of compassion nationwide!

OUR VISION



To be a catalyst for sustainable impact in the area of Nutrition, Education and Skill building amongst the underprivileged considering their family as a unit and inclusions at the core.

OUR MISSION



Our Scholarship Initiative to provide the meritorious students with the right mentoring and facilities after their primary municipal school education to carve their aspired future through higher education.

Our latest initiative, Vasant Pathshala, is a challenging yet much needed project dealing with the aspect of quality English medium education with a focus on 21st century skills and parenting in a rural area 45 kms away from Ahmedabad, at Lana, Dholka. At the crux of this initiative is 'Getting back to the roots!'



Our Skill building initiative to provide vocational skills to the adolescent girls and women at the *Anganwadi* centres and create market linkages

Samvedanā's INITIATIVES

give your compassion a name

Samvedana touches the lives of people in various stages of their growth. It begins right from improving education standards in primary sections of municipal schools; to supporting the more meritorious students to achieve their dreams through further education; bringing quality education at the doorsteps for rural children; and finally uplifting the others through building their skills and helping them stand on their feet. Keeping in mind the vision of working in areas for education and skill building; *Samvedana* has divided its activities in 3 projects:

Our Skill Building Initiative to establish basic economic stability by imparting vocational skills.



Our commitment towards building strong foundations of education at the grass-root levels with our belief-

'Not just education, but quality education is the right to every child.'

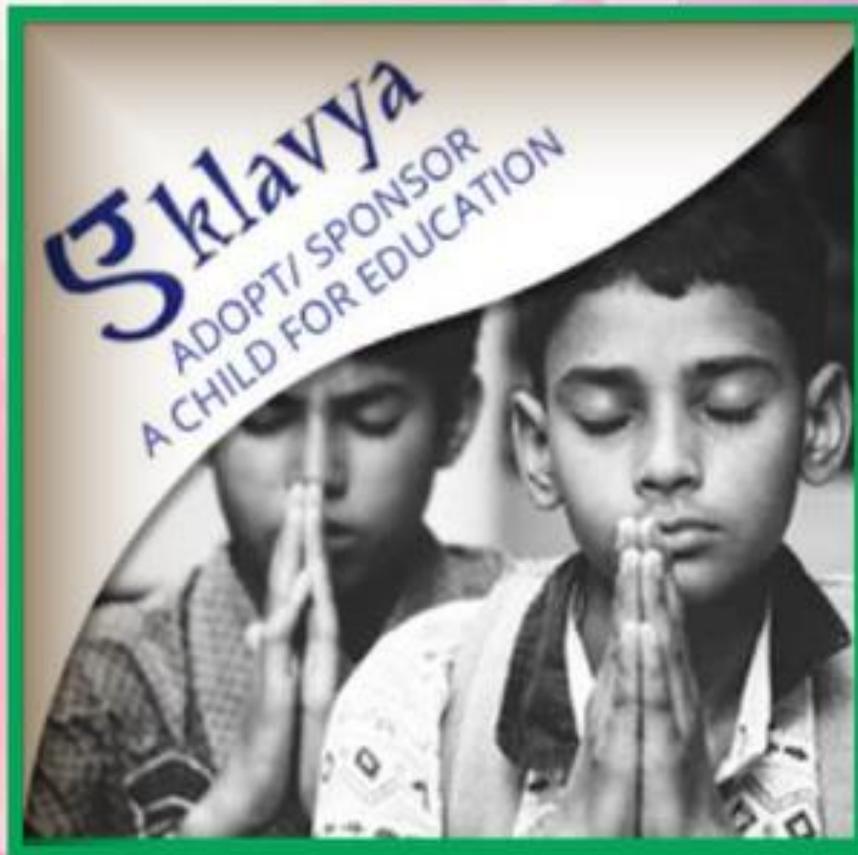
Skavya
Adopt/Sponsor a Child for Education

Our Education Initiative to support meritorious scholars by offering scholarships that help them achieve their career goals.



"Getting back to the roots with 21st century skills" for higher employability through quality education & English.





A child without education
is like a bird without its wings!



Education is the best gift one can give to the child. It is the only effective way to empower the children to break through the shackles of poverty and transcend their families to higher strata. It also represents a double investment – an investment in the child and an investment towards future of the slum community.

Eklavya is our commitment towards offering educational scholarships to meritorious students to achieve their career goals. Based on their age and development factor we work with the children by adapting our support to their changing needs. Since 2005, we have been identifying deserving students from the community and working towards nurturing their potential.

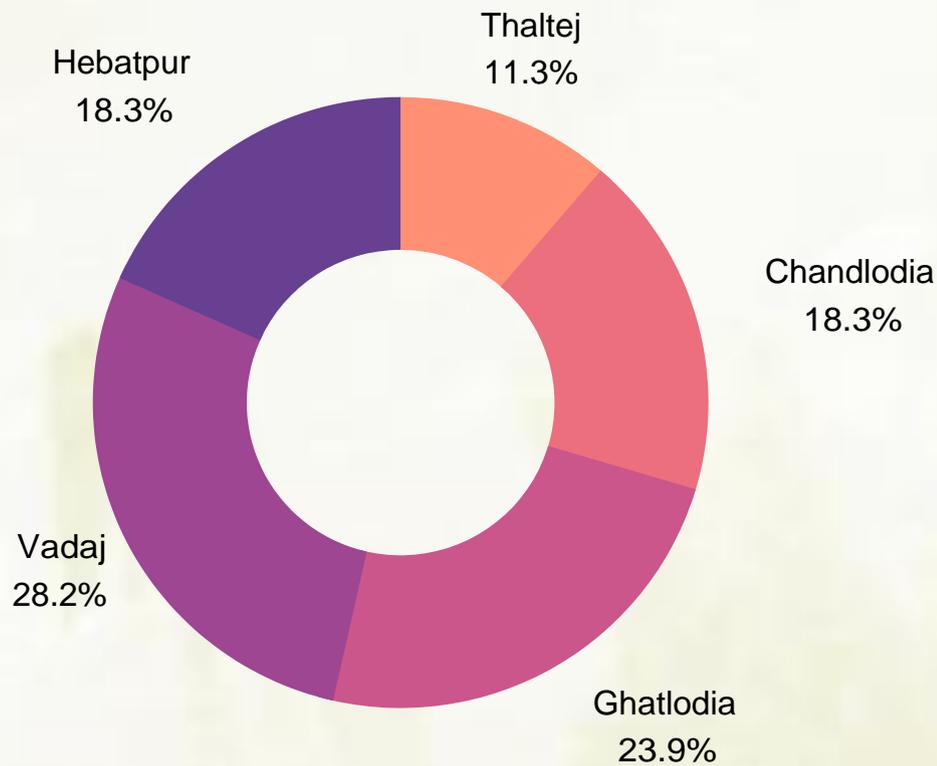
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To recognize the untapped meritorious potential and providing the right facilities towards nurturing it. By providing scholarship we aspire to mould the unnoticed future leaders of our society.

- Offering educational support, guidance and grooming through teachers,**
- experts and volunteers to make their foundation strong.**
- Provide scholarships from secondary and higher secondary sections till college to**
- make them achieve their career goals.**
- Offer vocational to those who strive to build a career but require support.**
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Project Eklavya is a unique project in which we select underprivileged coming from humble backgrounds wherein the parents earn their living through occupations like sweepers, cleaners, vendors, laborers, drivers and domestic help. Yet, they're bright and deserving students, who need a little help so as to be inculcated in the mainstream.

***Samvedana* meets with this grave need through the supplementary teaching centres to provide with quality education, offer health- welfare programs, does handholding and mentorship. *Samvedana* has its functioning in different areas in and around the city of Ahmedabad; covering 16 Municipal and Government Schools of the city from where we select deserving and bright students entering Class 9 which is a crucial year for their future education. Support is provided in the form of scholarship for their school and tuition fees; and in some cases, supplementary tuitions given by volunteers.**



***Samvedana* takes upon itself the entire responsibility of the selected students in Eklavya project in the following ways:**

- **We talk to the students to find out which school they would like to attend. This is also based on distance from their home and school results as well as fees. *Samvedna* helps the students in getting admissions in the school they wish to study in.**
- **They are given full or partial sponsorship of their fees based on their need.**
- **We provide tuition facilities to students in the subjects of their choice in tuition classes close to their area of residence. Some students are given extra coaching by volunteer teachers in the *Samvedana* office.**
- **The students are also given support in the form of books, sample question papers and supplementary study material.**
- **We also do DMIT (Dermatoglyphics Multiple Intelligence Test) of the students to know their potential and also to help them in choosing a right career choice for them.**
- **We provide counselling to the students by a certified and expert counsellor who gives them all the relevant inputs for their development. The counsellor helps every student understand his/her weak and strong points, and change the method of studying to improve results.**
- **We believe in holistic development of the children so we put emphasis on exposure visits and provide all kinds of different experience to the students for their overall growth and development. Family plays a vital role in the education of the children. *Samvedana* counsel the parents also to provide the them and support to the children so that they are able to put in their best efforts.**

Vishal Parmar

"The key to success is to focus on goals,
not on obstacles"



In a family of 6 members, where the pillar of the house, Mr. Ramchandra Parmar (Vishal's father)'s income is limited and hence they tend to face challenges to meet their basic expenditure. Vishal understands the situation and tries to help him meet the family requirements to the extent it is possible to do so. Even at this young age, he is of a very subtle & mature nature. He is soft spoken and always tries to understand other people's emotions. He can easily be differentiated from the crowd because of the qualities he possess and his never give-up attitude! Studying in std 9th, Vishal is very interested in the fields of *management* and armed forces to carve a bright future for himself. He wants to become an ACP (Assistant Commissioner of Police). He possesses good verbal skills and is also good with numbers. His skill of hacking is also good, which he wishes to polish and use in the field of Ethical Hacking in the future! In his spare time, in stead of wasting time in gossiping or playing, he would create small mobile apps or would try to keep himself aware about current affairs.

Currently Vishal is working very hard on building up self-confidence. Samvedana helped him to build his skills overall. His hard work resulted him excellent in academics. He also achieved many certificates like Student of the Year by Sandesh News! He also likes to travel and explore new places.



Mahesh Bharwad

Let the bird fly high...



Coming from a family of tight financial position, Mahesh aspires to become a doctor and serve the society. Currently studying in std 9, his interest lies in doing something that is useful to society in true manner. He is good at understanding social responsibilities and even fulfilling them. He is of a very mixing nature and is very brave. He has good verbal skills and is good with numbers. He is a mathematics lover and is very determined to find solutions to every problem! He's good at playing *Sudoku* & *Chess*. His art & aesthetics skills are good as well.

In the Children Innovation Festival (CIF-19) organized by UNICEF and GUSEC, his science project, a special Wind-Mill, was short listed among number of other students from Gujarat state schools! He very well presented his project to other selected students and judges gathered for the event on 15th Nov-2019 at Courtyard Marriott, Ahmedabad.

Mahesh's siblings and cousins (Satish, Bhoomi, Gopal, Hasmukh) too are part of Eklavya, and are improving their interpersonal and academics skills after becoming part of Eklavya family! Samvedana is proud of her Eklavyas & kids like Mahesh are such an inspiration to others...





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Happeee Shopping

21.10.2019

This Diwali, to bring some joy and 'happeeness' to our Eklavya family, we organized 'Happee Shopping', in which the students were given coupons based on their recent academic scores to buy things of their choice! Also, many thanks to hotel Novotel to provide our students with a very special Diwali lunch.

Happeee Shopping

Happeee Eating



Happeee Diwali!



Children Innovation Festival 2019 was an initiative by GUSEC in partnership with UNICEF to identify, nurture and support children's innovations in the state. The festival engaged young innovators across a boot camp, a conclave with multiple stakeholders and an exhibition of the selected ideas. Samvedana is very proud of her 3 students whose innovative ideas got short listed by the CIF team!

Jaswant Jatodia (11th Sci), a born-leader who sees himself as an engineer in the future, and wishes to gift his parents' a beautiful life devoid of misery. He presented an awe-struck project on 'Ambulance Traffic Control' system in the bootcamp. Coming from a family of tight financial position, Mahesh Bharwad (Std. 9) aspires to become a doctor and serve the society. He is brave and is very determined to find solutions to every problem. A special 'Wind Mill' designed by him was amazing indeed! Hasmukh Bharwad (Std. 9), being the son of a dairy farmer has a keen interest in the fields of games and teaching. He aspires to become a mechanical engineer. He amazed the crowd by representing an eco-friendly & inexpensive 'Electric Water Heater'!

Jaswant

Hasmukh



Mahesh



Eklavya PARENT'S WORKSHOP

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for Education

30.11.2019

Eklavya family gathered again to celebrate the academic achievements of our students & to boost their energy and prepare themselves to bring out their best in the future months! We also played some interactive games towards building a stronger bond between the child and parent, helping keep a positive and virtuous environment at their sweet homes.



It's all about
growing together!



Eklavya ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

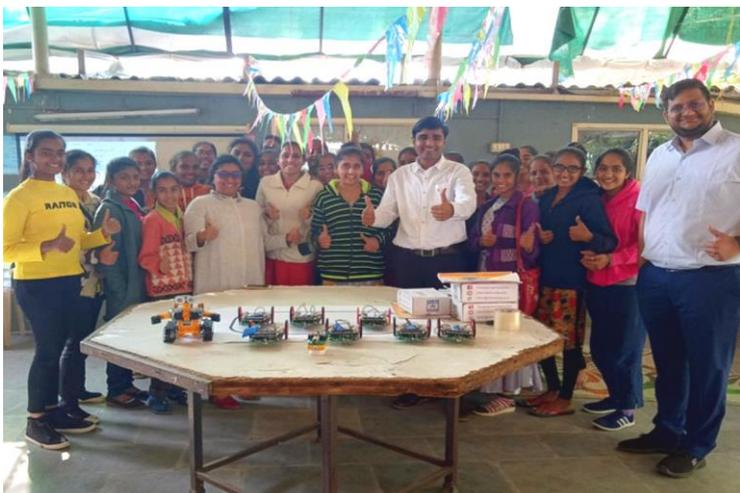
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15.12.2019

A day full of learning for Eklavyas! Thanks to Robotex India team (Mr. Dhruv Patel & Mr. Devendra Parmar) for the fabulous teaching on Robotics: What are the basic parts of a robot? How does a robot work? How to build your own robot? & so on...

Fortunately our kids got a wonderful 'Me Time' guided by Prof Chirag Trivedi taking them on a deep journey within to help them bring out their best being in their personal and student lives.

Thank you **robotex**
INDIA





Our fortunate Eklavya girls got to learn basic makeup and nail art at Mudia's studio! The event was full of fun starting from beautiful guitar tunes (by Mr. Atman, a volunteer), makeup sessions by Nishi's artisans, beauty kit distribution and dance...



To boost up the energy of our 10th & 12th board students, we had invited a soft skills trainer who taught them building positive attitude in a simple yet very effective manner! Mr. Vijay Basak from Smile Foundation inspired & guided the youth for investing their time & energy effectively. Followed by which we had board exams kit distribution.

Thank you





Gklavya

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's Achievements!

Jeel Valand

(Std 3),

our special child, received First prize
in Solo Dance Competition organized by
Gujarat Spastic Society and
Health & Care Foundation.



Vishal Parmar

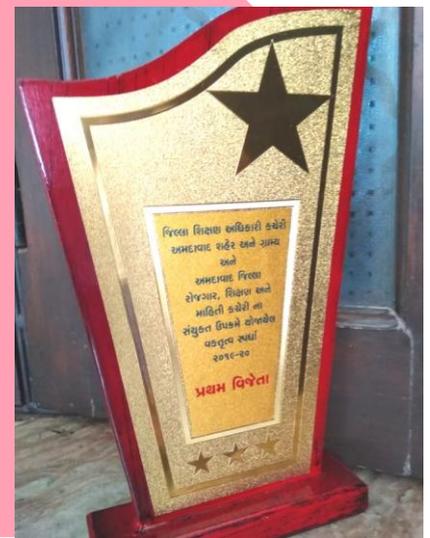
(Std 9)

was awarded with STUDENT OF THE YEAR
2019 in an IQ quiz organized by Sandesh News.



Dhruvi Prajapati

(pursuing BA) achieved First rank in
an Elocution Competition
held at Ahmedabad district level.





ॐkshara

Not just Education,
but Quality Education is the Right of every child.



AKSHARA is about our commitment towards building strong foundations of education at the grass-root levels with our belief - 'Not just education, but quality education is the right to every child.' As *Samvedana*, we had been associated with Gandhinagar Municipal School since 2003, and Sarkari Vasahat Primary School since 2007. *Samvedana* is committed to giving meaning and purpose to lives of the underprivileged children by providing them quality education. Along with regular academic sessions, we have initiated welfare projects as well as workshops for children and parents round the year in the community, eventually working towards modifying lives. Based on past 14 years of grass root level experience, this coming year, we propose a specific module with a proactive approach towards filling the gaps at the municipal schools. An intervention to strengthen the system.

With *Akshara* our aim is to have strong education foundation amongst the municipal school children. By giving quality Education at the foundation, we aspire to create smart students with developed critical and analytical thinking abilities, who can compete with other privileged peers when they reach high school, thus have higher employability.

With an aim to provide a solid foundation to primary school education, we have compiled and collaborated to offer special modules on English, Mathematics and Computers.

As a supplement to what is already given as midday meal, we provide fruits daily.

Through 'Happee Together' we conduct planned inclusion workshops by volunteers to give exposure and explore one's potential amongst the municipal school children in the area of creative arts, intellectual arts and performing arts round the year with a fix calendar. This would include Happee Shopping, festival celebrations and 15 days Summer Camp with kids.

Have regular parent-counselor meetings every quarter;

Have one health camp in the community every year.

By synergizing and working with the school principals and teachers, *Samvedana* feels privileged in being a catalyst in act of nation-building by proving the qualitative education which is the birthright of every child irrespective of his background.





Vasant Pathshala

Educate • Enrich • Empower



Through education, we at Vasant Pathshala is committed to empowering the rural community to imagine a better future for them and work proactively towards achieving it. The major challenges faced in education sector in rural areas are Lack of quality teachers, especially English speaking teachers, lack of transportation facilities, lack of exposures, much less availability of resources, limiting mindsets for girl child education and more. Pathshala is our intervention to tackle the above and bring quality education at the doorsteps for rural children. Apart from education through books and classrooms, *Vasant Pathshala* also aims to accomplish various other objectives such as improving the standard of living, health, hygiene and nutrition of the children. We also motivate parents to be a part of the school and take part in various activities such as sports, cultural programs, etc. Through these objectives, we aim to turn these kids into responsible citizens of tomorrow who can lead self-sustainable lives in the villages.

VISION

To create an ecosystem of integrated development in villages by empowering rural children to uplift their communities through quality education.

MISSION

To build an institution for the integrated development of rural children and to enable them to lead self-sustainable lives in their society.

AIM

- **Fill the gap of good quality English medium education to rural children. Our curriculum includes a lot of activity-based learning and learning through nature.**
- **Guide the students with expert Parenting modules and essential 21st-century skills we want to provide a quality holistic education. Home visits are an integral part of our plan.**
- **Make the school ecologically sustainable, as it is located in the midst of green fields and blue skies**

Ayushi Bharwad



Ayushi, our school's sweetheart, the fourth daughter of Rekhaben & Pravin Bharwad, was not very welcomed by the family, who were eagerly awaiting a son to blossom their family's heirloom after three consecutive daughters! Her father, who is the caretaker for the farm the family lives in, loves all his four daughters, but admits, his youngest son completes him. Mother is all out for the son, wouldn't be worried about the daughter's going on Picnic with school but would plead us to be allowed to come along with their son, to protect him!

Ayushi is always smiling, loves stories, is very friendly with everyone and always eager to help! Her favorite pastime is playing with her dolls whenever she gets time from the household work. Though she has too many friends, her best friends are Divya, her sister and the birds and animals at the farm! In her own words she says...

Ayushi, with her school friends



Ayushi, with her sisters and mother





What I like about my school is that we have a lot of greenery around us! Not everyone is lucky enough to be in such a beautiful environment with enough space to run and play around. I also enjoy that we have the chance to experience the teaching styles of different teachers for a subject they are good at instead of just sticking through the whole day with a single teacher. The third thing that I like about my school is that we have remedial classes for everyone to build on our understanding of English and Math. I find them to be extremely helpful as I have improved in my studies and I am able to speak more in English.

Though, the infrastructure of our school can be better. I would like for all our students to have more sports opportunities, a smart class and a big library where we could read anything of our choice. I wish that in my school I would get more opportunities to experiment in Science! On TV, I saw people in white coats, spending time in labs, making new things with glass instruments and colourful liquids. I too want to do the same. My dream is to study hard and be a scientist one day and make my parents proud as a daughter!

I dream of three jobs when I am all grown up: 1) A scientist, because I love learning, 2) Doctor, because I would like to heal and save lives of people, and 3) Soldier, because it is my father's dream for me. I want to work hard on my English speaking skills, I believe if a person knows this language well it will be easier for them to get a job of their choice.

I feel very blessed to have the teachers like the ones I do now! Some of my teachers come all the way from Ahmedabad every day to teach us. My favourite teacher comes all the way from Mumbai! Our teachers are creative and they keep exposing us to different opportunities through classroom activities, field trips and meeting students from other schools. Every day, we learn something new!



Jaswant Baraiya



Jaswant, a visibly rustic and bright kid of *Vasant Pathshala* is very grounded and mature for his young age of 8. *Sumitra*, who wasn't sure of her age, but guessed it to be 35, mother's 5 children, *Jaswant*, being her second son. She came across as very warm, vocal, hard working and smart woman. *Jaswant* looks upon his father *Mohan*, who toils all day in the large farm for their owners, who have given the family place to stay.

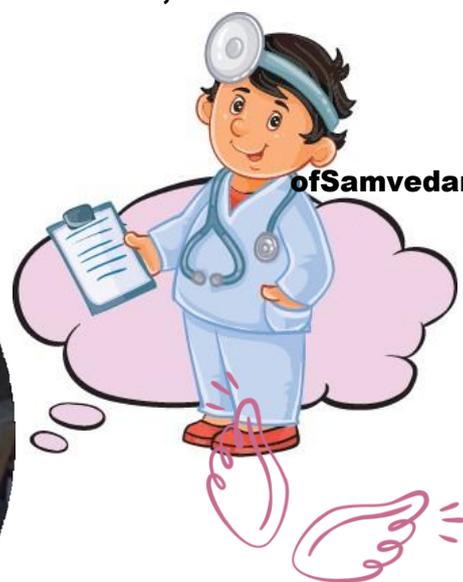


While they had so much inquisitiveness about what Jaswant does in school, they never come for the parent's meeting, as they were too occupied with the extensive labour work required in the farm, But reluctantly he shared, I will not understand anything there. "We will make a fool of ourselves in a parent's meeting!! We have never stepped in a school in our life time!" Immediately the mother added
- *"Please look after my son, he is the reason we are staying here."*

Their hometown is a small village 'Handi', near Sanjeli, Dahod, where their parents and two other brothers look after the small land they have there. This couple moved here 4 years back and have settled in Lana, due to the education opportunities for their kids. While other kids are in panchayat gujarati schools, Jaswant is selected based on his merits to be with Vasant Pathshala. Jaswant shares the aspiration of his father of being a Doctor one day and go back to Handi and serve his community!

His pass time is filled with helping his father in farming and playing with the goats at the farm. What inspired me was the understanding of this uneducated mother about growing a small patch of greens so her family can eat healthy! She was amazed when asked about adding chemical fertilizers! she responded by saying, there are no medicines added, as this is to be eaten by my family!

**- Janki Vasant,
Founder**



of Samvedana Trust

& many more such stories are awaiting to be unfolded



CELEBRATING THE IMPORTANT DAYS



JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION AT VASANT PATHSHALA
To understand Krishna, one needs to understand, connect and feel like a child!

24 AUGUST 2019



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FLAG HOISTED BY THE TRUSTEES AND STUDENTS

15 AUGUST 2019



ENVIROMENT DAY

Parents of Our children are mainly farmer's or cattle breeders. Our vision is not to uproot them, but rather to strengthen their roots. Hence creating an ecosystem of connecting them with the values of nature, having nature as their teacher and sustainability is extremely important for us ! And hence, the class around environment is an important one ! It's not about teaching but always about learning from nature - for both - children as well as teachers!

5 JUNE 2019



Navaratri Celebrations 04.10.2019



HAPPEEE INCLUSIVE TIMES!

With Joey's Pre-School Teachers,
Ahmedabad



LEARNING IS JOY!



Students and School Team visit Anand Niketan School 05.10.2019

Elementary students are divided into three groups of Joy, Smile and Giggle based on the age group. Vasant Pathshala children enjoy the lunch specially made and carried for them by their hosts to encourage inclusivity and compassion. Games and songs are facilitated by the Anand Niketan school teachers and students.



Pre-primary students visit Wallaroos School

16.10.2019

Pre-primary students participate in the second inclusive activity of the month at Wallaroos school, Thaltej, Ahmedabad.



Happee Friday 19.10.2019

Vodafone Idea Team visited Pathshala on 19 October, and spent a morning filled with karaoke music and songs.



Happeee Shopping

23.10.2019

Diwali break and celebration began with a flea market event, on 23 October, that also included an entertaining magic show for students, their families, and the village-persons at Dholka. Some of the items that were sold were clothes for all age-groups, books, games, and so forth.

Happeee Shopping is Samvedana's unique initiative to give a happy shopping experience to the marginalized children before Diwali.



20.10.2019 - 21.10.2019

Teachers' Training on Soft Skills

A two-day workshop for the teachers was held on 20 and 21 October, 2019, and was facilitated by Arvind Amin wherein teachers were encouraged to be work on their English speaking skills, personal development, and taking ownership for their own growth and development.



Diwali Celebration with Parents

31.10.2019





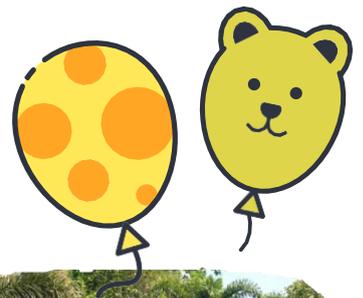
Children's Day Celebration

Pathshala Kriya

14 Nov – School reopened on this day after a short Deepavali break. Children's day was celebrated with a spirit of cheerfulness by both the children and the school team. Teachers came to school with hairstyles and outfits resembling to that of children. The day was filled with dance, music, relay games and art.

Special Events

- 14 Nov Children's Day celebration
- 23 Nov Parent teacher meeting



Remedial Bridge Program – Revamped



Based on the feedback and learnings from the past five months, the remedial program has now been revised to suit the current needs of both the students and the teachers.

15 Nov – An ASER assessment for English was taken for all children to check their reading and comprehension fluency. They were divided into four levels based on what they needed to master: *letters, words, paragraph, a short story.*

Each level was given a name: Planet, Solar System, Galaxy and Universe to allow children to focus on progress instead of rank.

Weekly assessments were taken at the start of every week to collect concrete data on which topic students need to work on. Teachers and students move forward with the topic only if more than seventy percent of the students have mastered it.



14.11.2019

Project Work by Students of Vasant Pathshala as part of the Children's Day Event

Parents Teacher Meeting 23.11.2019

The grades of the students were shared with them and their family to ascertain their current level of performance with respect to academics. The PTM welcomed more than 70 percent attendance of parents.

The progress reports also included how the students respond and act inside and outside the classroom in showing values like leadership, compassion, teamwork, and classroom participation. This was to give an overall insight and focus on the personality and skill development for each child.



Teachers Training & Team Building Sessions

7 Nov – A self awareness and reflection sessions wherein teachers were encouraged to think on their growth and journey with their students and themselves from the beginning of the year till the present date.



8 Nov – Team building through watching a movie (Saand ki Ankh) about women empowerment and making decisions for themselves. This was followed by a trip to a rural carnival.



9 NOVEMBER
A dynamic and unique session on child behaviour management, taken up by a clinical psychologist and a Teach For India Fellow, through self-empathy and compassion.

11 NOVEMBER
A feedback and learning session on school remedial curriculum and proceedings. An inductive model for remedial curriculum was implemented based on the needs of the students by the teachers.

13 NOVEMBER
Teachers were trained on administering and evaluating ASER tests, choosing lesson objectives, and creating lesson plans based on a standardized format that follows DO, WE DO, YOU DO.



Pathshala Kriya

24 Dec – Children learnt how the world celebrates Christmas through activities like singing carols, reenacting Christmas stories (on the joy of giving, Saint Nicholas, and the birth of Jesus Christ), Christmas tree decoration, Secret Santa, and so forth.

Special Events

24 Dec **Christmas celebration**

Christmas Preparations



Day 1, 19 Dec



Skit on the joy of giving and kindness put up by grade 5 and 4 students.
Carol sung – **Joy to the world**



Day 3, 21 Dec



Skit on the birth of Jesus Christ put up by grade 2 and 1 students.
Carol sung – **Silent Night**



Day 2, 20 Dec

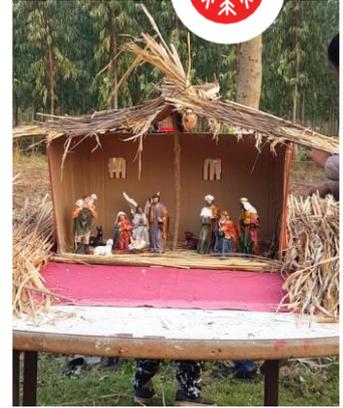


Skit on Saint Nicholas (Santa Claus) put up by grade 3 students.
Carol sung – **Santa Claus is coming to town**





Christmas Celebrations





Christmas Celebrations



Uttarayan Celebration







Udgreev is our commitment towards skill development amongst youth and women. We believe in creating a holistic impact by providing the community with a solution beyond education. By lending support to the youth and women through skill building and providing market linkages, we aim at empowering them with self confidence.

Through *Udgreev* our objective is to prepare the marginal youth towards economic stability by imparting and building their vocational skills. Through skill trainings, we aim at instilling them with unfettered self confidence and economic independence along with pragmatic understanding of the world.

Udgreev's main goal is to link the creativity and talent of the youth to the skill requirements of the market to become economically independent.

OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- **It provides vocational education through expert faculties.**
- **Create Market linkages through exhibitions and corporate orders.**
- **Create opportunities through exposures and visits. spread awareness through workshops around gender sensitisation, financial literacy, mental health and more.**

I am the pride, I am the glory!





Udgreev Bazar Exhibition

@BARODA | 27.04.2019

Udgreev presented its products at Bazaar Exhibition in Baroda. Shibori Handmade Trays , Glass Covers & Capes were best sellers!



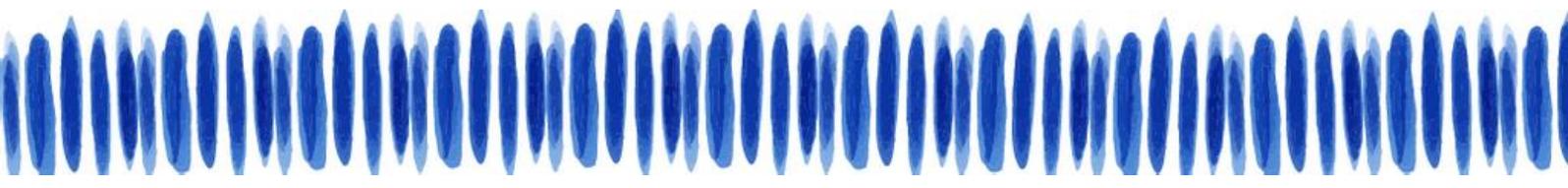


udgreev Summer Camp

MAY, 2019

In collaboration with a Designer based in US - Ms. Krishna, we created necklaces and diaries from their waste material. Udgreev took a step closer towards up-cycling!

Also, at the annual Happee Summer Camp time Udgreev did creative activities with children in Thaltej Municipal School - dreamcatcher making, origami, wall painting,..





udgreev Bazar Exhibition

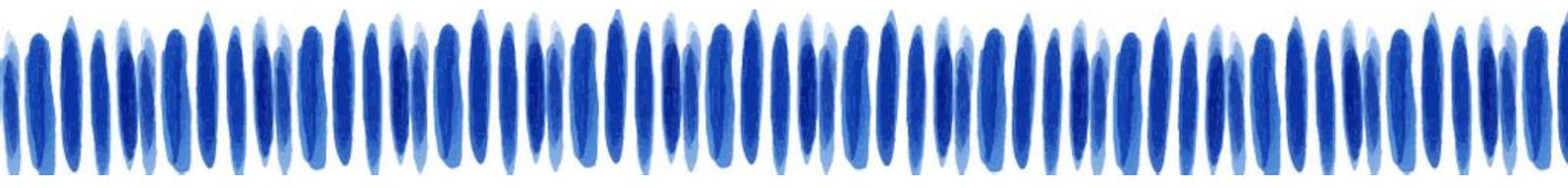
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@BHAVNAGAR | JULY '19

This year, Udgreev got the fantastic opportunity to spread our wings and explore a new city - Bhavnagar! We proudly participated in DESIGN SOIREE in July 2019 & received great response & love for our creations. The mirror rakhis were a huge hit! The upcycled necklace were a huge hit as well which was made from the waste discarded fabrics of tie dye we created from pieces.



3rd time in a row Udgreev was NGO partners of the famous Black Taxi Exhibition (a Mumbai based curated exhibition initiative) where we introduced our photo frames , diaries & bottle covers!



Udgreev's artists experimented with Shibori to create Custom Dupattas, Name Plates & many other things... The idea was very well received by everyone!



Here is our *team Udgreev* with custom made logo frame in Shibori by our artisans!



Shibori Workshops

AN INITIATIVE

This year Udgreev team was fortunate to organize 3 amazing Shibori Workshops! A workshop at **079 Stories** (a renowned art gallery); **Mustard Stitches Exhibition** - by Mudita Patel, Designer & A workshop at **Greenstraw Cafe!**

At **079 Stories**, we did a two-day **advanced Shibori workshop**, where the students got to take back a name plate as well as a custom made Shibori dupatta for navratri.



At Mustard Stitches we had set up a *bangle bar* as well as workshop. The people had choices of things they could do depending on the free time they had.

Greenstraw Cafe was another amazing initiative, which talked about up-cycling & encouraging the art of tie & dye and Shibori to be used to revamp your discarded clothes !

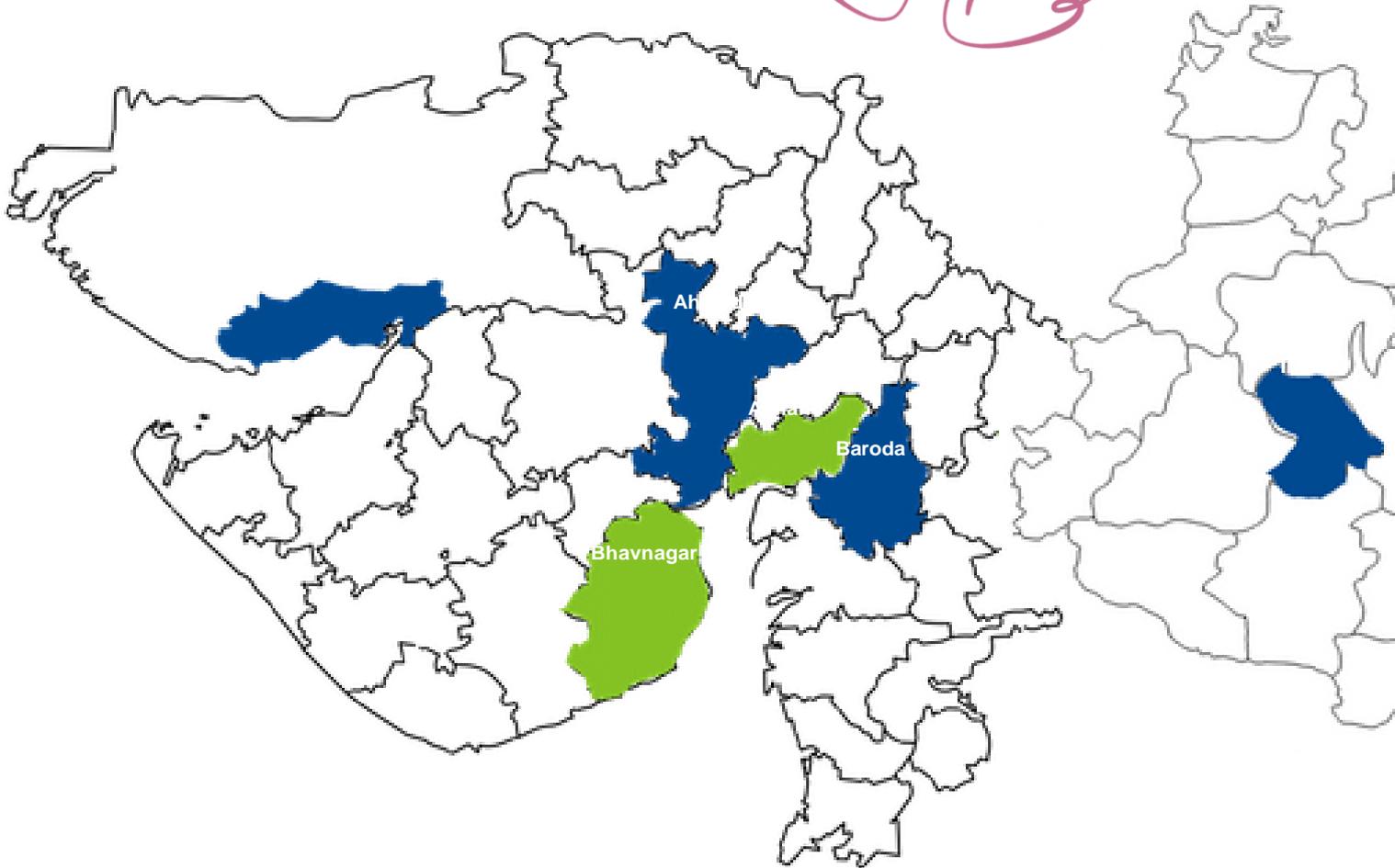


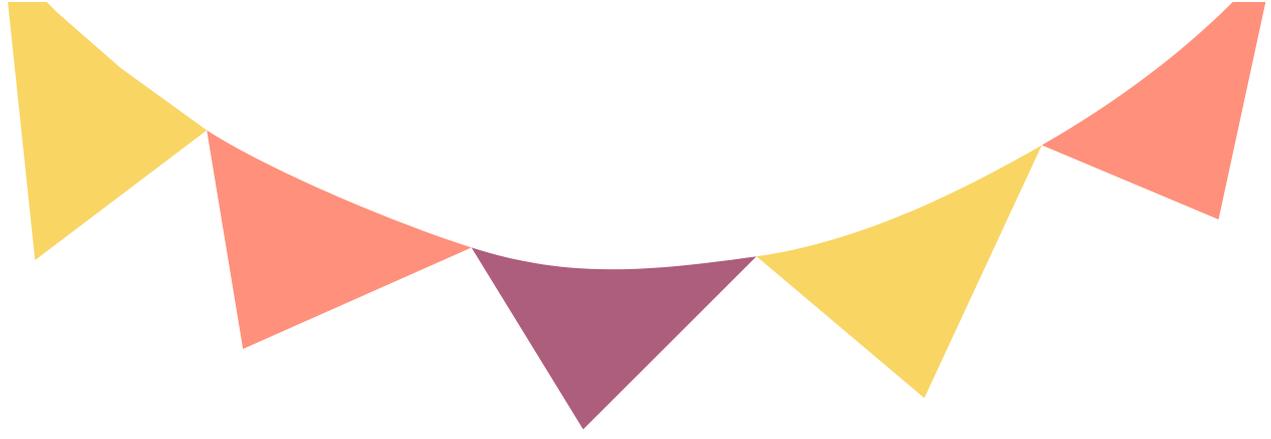


udgreev's Presence

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In this financial year *Udgreev* spread its wings and mark by having its presence in new cities, taking the team for Shibori Workshops as well as Exhibitions!





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EVENTS



"Happee Carnival" to welcome New Year 2020! Samvedana team put on 'compassion cap', bundled up sack of kindness, polished that cheerful laughter 'Ho Ho Ho' & shared New Year Festive Cheer to villages with Rides, Games, Planetarium, Dances with Happee Volunteers, food stalls & more...







Community Outreach



SAHYOG: Cricket for a Cause

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... Cricket for a Cause

16th EDITION



A Box Cricket Tournament; played every year by corporates to give flight to the dreams of Samvedana kid. It is a fund raiser of a different league altogether as it brings joy and excitement even to the participants.



RECOGNITION



Felicitated in a CSR event by SriSri Ravishankar



Education for everyone

To make education inclusive, Samvedana has come up with a school in Lana village, near Dhoika. The English medium school comprises 61 students, children of poor farmers, cattle breeders, labourers, and has sections from pre-primary to class 5. The aim is to bring sound education to these underprivileged children, by teaching them about hygiene, culture, equality and much more. To serve this purpose, an initiative called 'Happy Friday' has been introduced where volunteers from various sectors will come and give practical knowledge to the students. Last Friday, volunteers taught them a few games and also conducted a nature walk, explaining them about trees, animals, etc.

Featured in a Newspaper

Founders' Day Celebration by the students





FUTURE PLANS



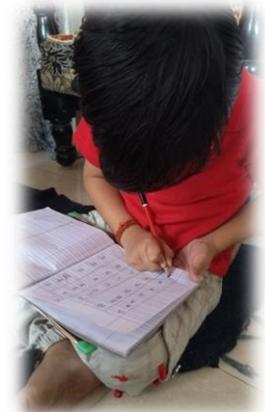
India lives in its villages!

To empower India we need to empower our villages. Samvedana's first step was 'Vasant Pathshala', a rural school focusing on 21st century skills along with impactful inclusive programs with volunteers and parents.

Our future plan is to scale deeper, to create an ecosystem in the surrounding 25 identified villages with interventions to give quality education and exposures through 21st century skills, create higher education opportunities through our scholarship program for meritorious rural girls, support challenges of malnutrition in early years, work with adolescent girls by creating opportunities of growth and skill training.

We have created remedial education modules to strengthen English in the gram panchayat schools.

We aspire to create a community at our rural centre at Lana with likeminded interested in contributing towards rural development.





BOARD OF TRUSTEES



MRS JANKI VASANT

Janki Vasant is an eminent social activist with an experience of 25 years in the field of education. Social service has been in her family and she was born to well known social activist parents. Being the brainchild of hers, the inspiration for initiating Samvedana has been through her association with numerous social activities and organizations like Citizen's Council, UNICEF, VISAMO Kids, Yuva Unstoppable in the past.



MR HITEN VASANT

Hiten Vasant is a multi-faceted, self-motivated individual with diverse talents & business acumen. Under his leadership, Vasant Group is excelling in logistics solutions, data management, Vasant veggies & warehousing. With social cause at his heart, in addition to Samvedana, he is a trustee with Utthan- an NGO working with mentally challenged children & Yuva Unstoppable and he is also the Honorary Secretary for Ahmedabad Traffic Police Trust working towards the betterment of the traffic situation of Ahmedabad.



MR B. M. PEERZADA

He is an eminent Economist, former Dean, Commerce Faculty, Gujarat University and President of L.J. Group of Institutes which comprises of 19 different institutes in Ahmedabad and offer courses ranging from undergraduate to postgraduate to professional courses, and has served in the Planning Commission of India. His orientation towards serving the society and grooming the youth has inspired him to be associated with Samvedana as its trustee, since its inception.

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