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SAMVEDANA TRUST





amvedana is a non-profit organization registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. It is also registered under section 80G of Income Tax Act. Samvedana is working for the integrated development of slums with a focus on education and health of socially and economically deprived children.

Samvedana is committed to provide meaningful and purposeful life to the vulnerable underprivileged children, youth and women with an aim of improving education, providing nutrition and aiding skill development.

Along with education, Samvedana has partnered with the government as a proactive catalyst for the Integrated Child Development Services project. Under this initiative Samvedana monitors and adds value to 76 Anganwadis in the city of Ahmedabad.

Samvedana is privileged to have reached out to over 2,00,000 lives through its various initiatives since its inception in 2003.

Our Vision

- To support the social growth of the less privileged slum children by providing good educational opportunities.
- To uplift their whole environment by various welfare programmes, outdoors exposures and event celebrations.
- Be proactive and share the social responsibility of the state towards the social issues.
- Create sensitization and awareness about the cause of education and undernourishment amongst the privileged by inclusions and volunteer opportunities.
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- To evolve a learning system for marginalized children with family as its basic unit.
- To support the Aanganwadis for better functioning, thus, playing a proactive role for coping
 with the challenge caused due to undernourishment to infants, pregnant women and lactating
 mothers.
- To give the marginalized children the needed exposure to the various walks of life.



TO EMPOWER THE YOUTH AND ORGANISE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR BETTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.



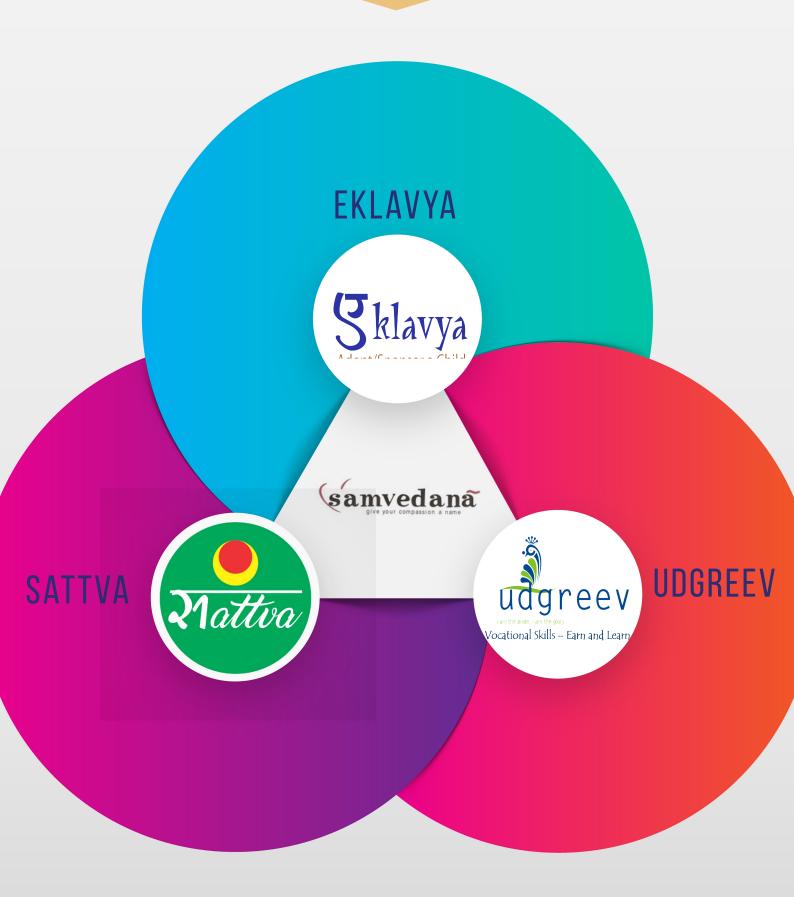
This year our Managing Trustee got a new feather in her cap. Mrs. Janki Vasant was awarded with the 'Naari Shakti Purashkar', by the President of India. This was the first time a woman from Gujarat received this national honor.

Mrs. Janki Vasant was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD), Government of India. She received the award from the President, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on Women's Day, March 8. The award carries a cash prize of one-lakh rupees along with a certificate of appreciation. This was featured in several publications including the Western Times



(Ahmedabad), which published that Samvedana Foundation Trust works for the integrated development of slums with a focus on education, nutrition, and skill development of society and economically deprived children, youth and women. She believes in continuous and persistent efforts to empower women. "I trust education to be a strong medium to empower. I am grateful and hope this will serve as more fuel to my commitment to serve through the platform of Samvedana," said Janki.







A CSR initiative of Kotak Bank and Gujarat Microwax

vibrant color of Samvedana's initiatives, EKLAVYA reaches out to deserving children from extreme poverty and provides them scholarships for higher education.

THE VISION BEHIND EKLAVYA:

Samvedana's EKLAVYA program was initiated to lend a support to deserving and economically constrained children through financial benefits and scholarships. The children are identified based on their merits and the socio-economy background of their family. The financial assistance covers school fees, uniform, round the year tuition support, other education materials, educational visits, career counselling, computer education and the exposures offered through workshops round the year.

WHAT DOES EKLAVYA DO?

Helps meritorious but economically constrained students to pursue higher education.

Organises additional workshops round the year.

Takes care of internships and placements.

Provides Fees and School Kit.

Provides three hou daily tuition classes

Offers Psychometric and DMIT Tests for each student.

Connect with Mentor support

Counseling support to the students and parents including career guidance.

Through common entrance test, nominates deserving students for scholarships.



amvedana planned and initiated 'Sattva', a 100 day drive for malnourished children from amongst the 76 Anganwadis in the area of Thaltej, Chandlodiya and Ghatlodiya in the city of Ahmedabad. The purpose of the drive was to free the 705 children going to the Anganwadis from the clutches of malnutrition. The Socio-Economic Review of Gujarat has revealed that 1.47 lakh of the 43 lakh children at Anganwadis in the state were suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM). The revelation brings to our notice how malnutrition continues to remain a challenge in Gujarat. With deep seeded desire for nation building, Samvedana proactively took up this challenge to play its part as a partner with the ICDS programme.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF SATTVA:

This project aims to eradicate malnourishment amongst the beneficiary children of the abovementioned Anganwadis.

Beneficiary Children: a.Sattva First Drive: 705 b.Sattva Second Drive: 846

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Give nutritive supplements as advised by Sattva's medical experts based on the micronutrient deficiencies of the children.
- 2. Along with food being a criterion, there is also a plan on working holistically.
- 3. Educate the mothers with Sattva's education manual based on our research and experience on the field as well as guidance of our medical experts. Mothers are also counseled on fort-nightly basis making them aware about nutrition and hygiene. Samvedana believes that apart from feeding the children, educating the mothers is equally important for the success of the programme.
- 4. A manual of early learning program is designed for children.
- 5. Samvedana believes that wellness is not just food for body but also food for soul. 1GB of music for children has been compiled in pendrives and they have been provided to every Anganwadi along with speakers.
- 6. Create awareness about hygiene, nutrition, gender awareness and skill training amongst the Kishoris and women through Happeee workshops.

Pilot Sattva - Samvedana's personal Intervention with 100 children in the age group of 1 to 5 years in 11 Aanganwadis.

During interaction with ICDS, Samvedana found an urgent need to fight against malnourishment amongst the Anganwadi children. Samvedana adopted 100 children from 11 Aanganwadis. We started discussing with friends who were doctors, nutritionists and others to form a small core team of people from diverse backgrounds, chaired by Samvedana's Founder Mrs. Janki Vasant.

While discussing and understanding the root of problems and the challenges, we learnt:

- It was important to monitor what they eat at home regularly, as the children were exposed to junk food, they don't show interest in eating nutrition-rich food.
- The young and uneducated mothers, distraction from TV, skipping meals etc. are making the
 problem of malnourishment more acute; hence, it is important to educate the mothers about
 the devastating effect of malnourishment, and how they can help bring their child in good
 health.
- Education about the importance of hygiene and sanitation as well as creating awareness amongst the mothers and their surrounding society about the negative impact of malnourishment.
- Motivating them to send their children regularly and taking the maximum benefit offered by Anganwadi centre.



Coverage of the Project:

This project has been undertaken in Chandlodia, Ghatlodiya, Sola, Bhadaj, Vadaj, Thaltej areas of Ahmedabad.

We intend to reach out to as many women and youth possible therefore in coming year we are planning to expand the number of centres in the abovementioned areas of Ahmedabad.

Objectives

- To empower the adolescent girls i.e. kishoris (Youth) and women through vocational training and awareness programs round the year and thereby, create employment opportunities and connect with market linkages.
- Our target group is mainly the girls from the economically backward sections of areas like Ghatlodia, Chandlodia, and Thaltej.
- It is a project not just about economic independence, but also about pragmatic understanding of the world and building of a brighter future.
- Samvedana, through this project, attempts to link the creativity and talent of the adolescent youth and women to the market requirements.
- Women learn to make home accessories, fashion accessories, candles, footwear, fine arts, tribal arts and much more.

A CSR initative by HPPL and Hazira Ports Private Limited.





The Plan

- o reach out to these children with nutritive food at least once in a week. We had an orientation meeting of all the workers & helpers from the selected Anganwadis on 15th June, 2015.
- Priyal Gandhi, a pre-medical student from America, as an intern, led this pilot project under the guidance of several doctors and Mrs. Janki Vasant. Educating the mother by Samvedana's Sakhi team included counseling mothers by the means of presentations and flashcards to show the food items that are included in a balanced diet and the disastrous effect of malnourishment. Three welfare initiatives consisting of distribution of grocery kits, tarpaulin sheets during monsoon and giving 250 grams coconut laddoos and date laddoos during Diwali were carried out. Prizes were given to the worker and the helper women whose Anganwadis showed positive results.

Results of Pilot Sattva

Area - Sola, Bhamariya and Thaltej Ward				
Total Number of Anganwadis				
Sample Size of Pilot	Boys	Girls	Total	
	42 / / /	////58////	100	
	SAM (Red)	MAM (Yellow)	///////////////////////////////////////	
	/////25 /////	/////75////	///100//	
Upgraded	Boys		/////////	
	////26////	////34////	///60///	
	Red to Yellow	Yellow to Green		
	/////17/////	////43////	60//	
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Minor increase in weight - no change in grade				

The proposed activities for this project will be mainly:

- 1. Taking the weights of all the children of the 76 Aanganwadi centres. Identify the red and yellow rated children. Maintain separate software for all yellow and red rated children.
- 2. Plan the diet with the help of experts. We have Dr. Deepa Banker, Paediatrician in our team along with Ms. Sohini Shah, a nutritionist along with a committed team of fifteen from Samvedana. It is crucial to monitor meaningful and sensitive implementation of the project considering the large



Weighing of each and every child during orthigh during sessions.

- number of Anganwadis that do not have any workers or helpers (not recruited in a long time).
- 3. Execute the cooking as well as distribution of the special food for the children of the yellow and the red zones regularly during the three months. This is done by the distribution team.
- 4. Have regular fortnightly meetings with the mothers of children of the red and the yellow zones to spread further awareness about importance of hygiene and nutrition and
 - to bring to their notice the dangers of their children being SAM children through

the specially designed flash cards by Samvedana. This meeting will be taken by our counselling team oriented by the medical experts.

- 5. Early Learning Education for 3 to 6 years children round the year.
- 6. Maintain and analyse all the data on Sattva's software.
- 7. The child care and education programme will have nutritious food distribution and health check up programme as well.
- 8. 'Happeee Summer', a special summer programme for children and kishoris during summer vacation with volunteers.

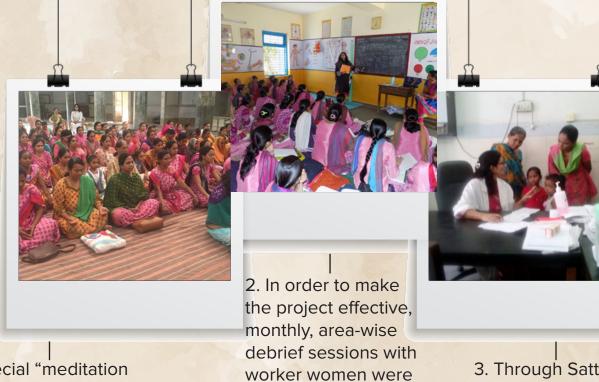


Sattva Food Distribution to each Anganwadi thorugh van.



Measurement of height during counselling sessions.





1. A special "meditation retreat" was organized for all the Aanganwadi helpers and workers by Ms. Nirali Shah, faculty from ULCA, California. It was a very powerful session where all the women realised the value of self reflection.

4. 'Diwali mela', full of fun

and entertainment, with

rides, music, games and

Ghatlodia Calorx School

1200 sattva children and

food was organized at

and was enjoyed by

mothers.

during Sattva 1 drive. 4. 'Kidznest program', an elite software program for e-learning aimed at toddlers to nursery children is introduced in four Aanganwadis of Thaltej area. This program is shown to the children on TV where they learn through audio-visual senses. As the program was designed in an entertaining form, the children learnt quickly and easily.

regularly organized

ute clothes and more to the beneficiaries through a mock This helps charity distribution while maintaining self dignity and choice.

- 3. Through Sattva program, children indentified with medical needs were taken up for health check at V.S. hospital, and were given medical support. A few cases where special attention was required were taken to private hospital.
- 5. 'Happeee shopping', a special shopping event to distribdisplay and monopoly money.
- 6. Sattva 1 was concluded with a grand celebration. Along with Navratri festive fever, we planned a story telling session; here, each Anganwadi shared one powerful success story of Sattva in their Anganwadis respectively. This was followed by awards and prices for the best performing Anganwadis as incentives.











Through Samvedana many individual volunteers and organizations visited different Anganwadis and spared some of their valuable time for the children.

VOLUNTEER INTERVENTION

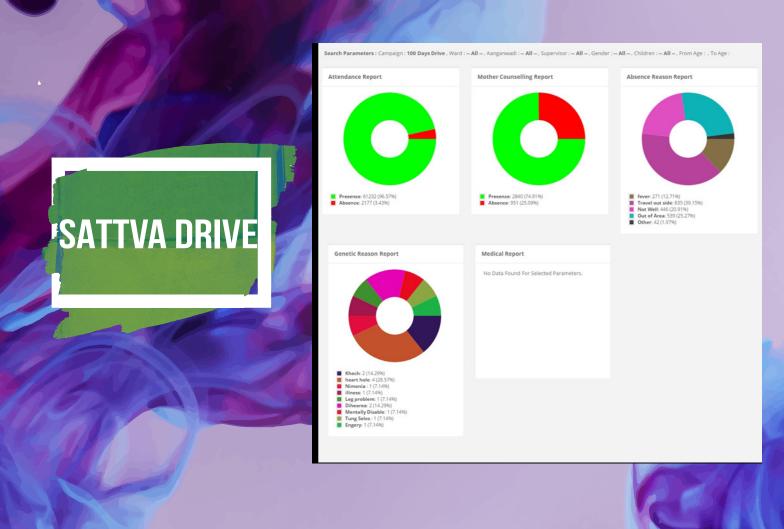
Anandniketan school children celebrated "Happy Buddy Program"

Anandniketan school and Wallroos preprimary school has a buddy programme
with our Anganwadis. The Anganwadi
children found themselves privileged to
be a part of this programme. Apart from
that we have ongoing birthday and festival
celebration plans through volunteer
interventions.

Aditi Dani adopted one malnourished girl of Shilaj Aanganwadi.









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Summer Camp was organized at HL College Campus during May 2016. Many children participated in various activities like dance, sports, intellectual arts, creative arts, drama, music and more. The children also were exposed to talks by guest lecturers and faculty on social issues and life advice. Lecturers conducted motivational seminars in the summer camp from which the children learnt life-chhanging values. The summer camp

ended with an event where the children performed on the songs and dances they learnt during the camp. The artifacts created by the children during these days were also displayed.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES



DANCE



SPORTS



STORY



PRAYER



CREATIVE ARTS



DRAMA/MUSIC



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



GRAND REHEARSAL AND SHOWCASE



GUEST LECTURES



FIELD TRIPS/INDUSTRY VISITS



HAPPEEE SHOPPING (ZUMBA)



Anand Mela at HL College

A n Anand Mela was organized by H L College on February 25, 2016. Many children from DM School, Sola Bhagwat, participated in the event. The children were exposed to the mainstream environment and participated in many games and activities.







KPI Achieved

During the tenure of the project, 100 youth and women received training and acquired the skills to be employed, and work on own.

They have learnt to design a diverse range of products through various techniques (Tie Dye, Shibori, Hanging of stoles, Jewelry, Paper Craft, Origami, Candles, Paper bag, paper Quilling, Drawing For Shibori Craft) During the year, eleven exhibitions are organized. Samvedana, communicates frequently with donors, customers and beneficiaries and receives their valuable feedback on all the activities being performed.

Facts and Figures

dgreev conducted 7 different workshops which benefitted 145 young girls and women. In these workshops they learnt various art forms like Tie & Dye, Shibori, Appliqué Work, Paper Craft & hangings. These skills were taught by artisans namely Mrs. Manishaben Gupta, Ms. Vasanti Parmar, Ms. Ekta Vaghela, Ms. Gurmeet, Ms. Arti Ramani as well our chief designer Ms. Rajani Parmar.

Udgreev participated in various exhibitions for sale of the products made by the beneficiaries. The exhibitions were held at various places in Ahmedabad

namely – Happeee Summer Camp at LJ College, office of Price WaterHouse Coopers, Heart Fest at Gandhi Ashram, Forever Event, Craft roots exhibition at Ahmedabad Haat, Diwali Diya sale at Alpha One Mall and Vista Print Office, Beyond Gallery, Art Affair at Rajpath Club and Weekend Window at YMCA.







RAMILABEN PARMAR

The is a courageous lady and dares to Itake any hardships that come her way. Ramilaben is an active Samvedana member. She has been part of Udgreev since last one year. She was a happily married housewife but things didn't turn out the way it should have been and, in dismay, she lost her husband who was the breadwinner of the family. She says that his ailment was not properly diagnosed and at the very last stage he was diagnosed with typhoid. Now Ramilaben is working day and night for the survival of her family. On asking her how she gets motivation to move ahead and face the society again she says that it is Samvedana who has kept her moving and has rejuvenated the confidence in her again. She does stitching of all items like shoes, scarves, purses crafted by the skilled craftswomen of the organisation. She is an inspiration for all the members of Samvedana.

AARTI RAMANI

LLI have conquered my crippling fear and I can now undauntedly handle any situation in life", says a twenty-two year old Aarti who faced some setbacks in her 10th grade and left her studies midway. She and her younger brother both help their father in his incense sticks business; they make the incense sticks at home and then sell it at the roadside city market. She came to know about Samvedana's Initiative Udgreev from an Anganwadi worker. An introvert by nature, Aarti joined Udgreev and learnt different skilled activities like tie and dye method, embroidery, stitching. Gradually, she started training other members of the institute. She is now one of the dynamic trainers of Udgreev. She is soon going to appear for her HSC boards; on asking what made up her mind to pursue her studies again, she said that Samvedana inspired her to chase her dreams and made her believe in herself. She aspires to become a fashion de-

signer in the future.



Shruti Vaghela, current Eklavya student, dreams of creating innovative structures in the city and build her mom's dream home. Coming from a disturbing atmosphere at home, she channelizes all her energy into designing new structures. Her monthly family income is only Rs. 2500. Through Eklavya Scholarship, she is pursing third year in L J college of Architecture. Samvedana is always with her in fulfilling her dream of becoming an Architect. In 2016-17 alone, 46 students were adopted under the project.

ANGANWADI WOMEN'S FELICITATION

he founder of the organisation Mrs. Janki Vasant, dedicated her "Nari Shakti Puraskar" to the women who dedicate their time and efforts to serving our society. Mrs. Janki Vasant hoped that this felicitation ceremony would provide a motivational boost to the team and this has proven to be the case and the team is working with more sincerity and passion than ever before.





નારીની સંવેદનશીલતા જ એની શક્તિ: જાનકી વસંત

સિતા દવે > અમદાવાદ

આંતરરાષ્ટ્રિય મહિલા દિન નિમિત્તે ારત સરકારના મહિલા અને બાળ વિકાસ તાલય દ્વારા વર્ષ 2016થી દેશની લગભગ 20 મહિલાઓની 'નારીશક્તિ પુરસ્કાર'થી ાન્માનિત કરાય છે. જેમાં સામાજિક ાદલાવ માટે કામ કરતી મહિલાઓને ાવિધ કેટેગરી અંતર્ગત આ સર્ટિફિકેટ ાને રોકડ ઈનામ અપાય છે. આ વર્ષના પુરસ્કાર વિજેતાઓની યાદીમાં શહેરના નકી વસંતની પણ પસંદગી કરાઈ છે. લ્હીમાં મહિલા દિને જાનકી વસંતનું હેલા અને બાળ વિકાસ મંત્રાલય દ્વારા માન કરાશે.

સામાન્ય રીતે મહિલા દિનની વાત ાવે એટલે લોકો નારી સશક્તિકરણની. માનતા અને અધિકારોની વાતો કરવા લાગે છે, જે પુરુષોને નીચા દર્શાવતી કે પુરુષ વિરોધી માનસિકતા ધરાવતી

બાબતોમાં પરિશમે છે. આમાં જાનકી વસંત એ રીતે અલગ પડે છે, જેમણે ક્યારેય નારીવાદના નારા લગાવ્યા વિના માત્ર પોતાનું કાર્ય કર્યું છે. છેલ્લા 14 વર્ષથી તેઓ 'સંવેદના' સંસ્થાની સ્થાપના કરીને મહિલાઓ અને બાળકો માટે કામ કરી રહ્યા

તાકાતથી જ તેઓ અન્યોને સમજી શકે છે, અને પરિવર્તન લાવી છે. જેનો અત્યાર સુધીમાં 1₊50,000 લોકોને લાભ મળ્યો છે. જાનકી શકે છે.' શિક્ષણના ક્ષેત્રમાં પુરસ્કાર પ્રાપ્ત કરવા જઇ રહેલાં જાનકી વસંતે જણાવ્યું કે, જો આપણા દેશની મહિલાઓ પોતાની વસંત જણાવે છે. 'મારા માતા કોકીલાબેન વ્યાસે પોતાનું સમગ્ર જીવન મહિલાઓની સેવા અને મદદ માટે સમર્પિત

કરી શકે છે. એ કોઇ પણ ક્ષેત્રમાં હોય કે

પોતાના પરિવાર કે સમાજમાં. સંવેદનાની

ક્ષમતા મુજબ નાના નાના પરિવર્તનની પણ જવાબદારી લઇ શકે તો આપણી આ વિશાળ વસ્તી જ આપણી કરી દીધું હતું, તેથી મહિલા દિને મળતો આ પુરસ્કાર હું એમને સમર્પણ કરું છું. મારા આ સેવાકાર્યને રાષ્ટ્રિયસ્તરે આવી સરાહના મળશે તેવી મને અપેક્ષા નહોતી. તાકાત બની જાય. દરેક મહિલા પોતાના ઘર પરિવાર, પડોશ કે સમાજમાં નાની હું ક્યારેય ફેમિનીઝમની વાત નથી કરતી કારણ કે, હું સમાનતા અને નારીવાદની નાની જવાબદારીઓ લઇ લે. જેમકે. કોઇ વાતમાં માનતી જ નથી. હું માનું છું કે, નારીની સંવેદનશીલતા જએની સોથી મોટી ભક્ષેલી મહિલા આસપાસના બે બાળકોને થોડું ભણાવી શકે. કે જો ભણાવી ન શકે તો

અને સહજ રહેવું જ મને ગમે છે. કારણ એક વખત પોપણયુક્ત નાસ્તો ખવડાવી કે, હું માનુ છું કે, 'એક ચેન્જ મેક્ટ તરીકે સમાજમાં એક મહિલા બહુ જ મોટું પ્રદાન લાડુ એવી સામાન્ય વસ્તુઓ પણ આપી શકે, તો પણ લાંબા ગાળે એ મોટું પરિવર્તન લાવી શકે છે.

અમેરિકાની પેનએએમ 73. જે ક્લાઇટ હાઇજેકમાં નીરજા ભનોટનું અવસાન થયું એ જ ફ્લાઇટમાં રહેલાં ગુજરાતીઓમાં જાનકી વસંત પણ એક હતાં. તેઓ જણાવે છે કે,'જીવનમાં નીરજા અને સિંધુતાઇ સપકલ જેવી મહિલાઓ પ્રેરણા આપી જાય છે. આર્થિક રીતે નબળા પરિવારો સાથે કામ્ કરતાં ઘણા એવા કિસ્સાઓ પણ બને છે જ્યારે મને એવું થાય કે, આ છોકરીએ પોતાના મુળિયા મજબૂત કેમ નથી કરતી તેમને હંમેશા બીજાના સહારાની જરૂ કેમ પડે છે, પોતાની જાતમાં જે ખૂટે છે તે બીજામાં શોધવાના પ્રયત્નો કરે છે, જેમ તે બીજાની આશ્રિત થઇ જાય છે. આર્વ છોકરીઓને જ્યારે હું મદદ નથી કરી શકતી

એકત્રિત થયેલ ફંડમાંથી 50% ફંડ કેન્સરનાં પેશન્ટ માટે ખર્ચાશ વિમેનના આઇડિયા પર ચિત્રો બન્યાં, सिटीन કેન્સરની ટ્રીટમેન્ટ માટે ફંડ રેઇઝ થશે साधड

સંવેદના ફાઉન્ડેશનના સહ-સ્થાપક જાનકી વસંતને "નારી શક્તિ પુરસ્કાર ૨૦૧૬ "એનાયત થયો અમદાવાદ, તા. ૧૦ આને કેલિર્દત કરીને સામાળીક અને અમદાવાદ, તા. ૧૦ આને કેલિર્દત કરીને સામાળીક અને અના સામાંજીક કાર્યકર શ્રીમતિ જાનકી આર્થિક રીતે વેચિત બાળકો, યુવાનો અને મહિલા સાર્કાલેક્ટરણમાં સ્થીમતિ વસંતે આ પ્રસંગે તેમના ક્રાંતિકારી પિતા અને મહતા સરકારના મહિલા અને બાળ વિકાસ તે આ પ્રસંગે જણાવ્યું હતું કે "હું શિકાશને સરાર્કારના મહિલા અને બાળ વિકાસ સરાકારના મહિલા અને બાળ વિકાસ વાગ અંગનો વિસાસ ધરાવું વ્યક્તિગત લાળને બદલે સમાજન કર્યા અંગો છે. રાષ્ટ્રપતિ ભવન, નવી બાળપણમાં કુપોપણમે કારણ વ્યક્તિગ સરાકારના અને અને પ્રસાશી મારાજન વાંતા અને પ્રસંગે શ્રી પ્રણત વૃપ્તજીએ આ છે. આવું ભારતમાં દ વર્ષથી ઓછી સહત પ્રયક્ષશીલ રહે છે. તે છે. આવું ભારતમાં દ વર્ષથી ઓછી મહિલા સરાક્તિક કરણના સતત અને પ્રયક્ષીય તે અને પ્રયક્ષીયો માને છે. આ ને બોલોર્ડ ઓના બોલોર્ડ ઓના બોલો કર્યો હવે! દર મિનિટે ૪ બાળકો ભૂખમરાને રે. લાખનું રોકડ ઇનામ અને

દિલ્હી ખાતે આંતરરાશ્યિ મહિલા

ાદલ્હા ખાત આતરચાથ્ય મહિલા કિંદન પ્રસંગે શ્રી પ્રણવ મુખર્જીએ આ એવોર્ડ એનાયત કરી હતો. શ્રીમિત વસંતે વર્ષ ૨૦૦૩માં સંવેદના કાઉન્ડેશન ટ્રસ્ટની સ્થાપના નોન-પ્રોફિટ ઓર્ગનાઇઝેશન તરીકે કરી હતી અને તેની બોમ્બે પશ્ચિમક રસ્ટ એક્ટ-૧૯૫૦ હેઠળ નોંધણી કરાવી હતી. સંવેદના ઝૂંપડપટ્ટી વેસ્તારોના સુસંકલિત વિકાસ માટે કામગીરી કરે છે અને શિક્ષણ, પોષણ ને કૌશલ્ય વિકાસ જેવા વિષયોમાં

છે! દર મિનિટે જ બાળકો ભૂખમરાને કારણે મરે છે તે એક દારૂણ હકિકત છે. મેં મારી જાતને આ હેતુ માટે સમર્પિત કરી છે. મને મળેલા રાશ્યિ સમાપત કેરા છે. મને મળલા પાઇય બહુમાનનો નમ્રતાપૂર્વક રિસ્કાર કરૂં છું. હું કૃતાર્થ થયાની લાગણી અનુભવું છું અને આશા રાખું છું કે આ એવોર્ડ સંવેદનાના પ્લેટફોર્મ દ્વારા જ મારી કટિબધ્ધતાને ગતિ આપવાનું

માન છે. તે હંમશા સમાજના લાભ માટે સતત પ્રયક્ષશીલ રહે છે. તે મહિલા સશક્તિકરણના સતત પ્રયાસોમાં માને છે. આ એવોર્ડમાં રૂ.૧ લાખનું રોક્ડ ઇનામ અને સન્માન પત્રનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. આવા જ હેતુથી સંવેદનાનું સર્જન પીઢ શિકાશશાશી અને સજન પાઢ શિક્ષણશાસા અન સહસ્થાપક શ્રી બી.એમ પિરજાદા તથા જાનકી વસંતના પતિ શ્રી હિતેન વસંત દ્વારા સહસ્થાપક તરીકે સાથે રહીને કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

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Ahmedabad: The 14th Annual Charity Corporate Cricket Tour nament organised by an NGO Samvedana came to an end on Sunday where 36 corporate hous es came together to fight for the 'Sahyog Cup'. Kataria Automobiles won the cup this year.

The charity cricket tourna-ment started on March 2 and ended with the nail biting final on Sunday The money collected from the league and knockout matches was given to Samvedana.

This is indeed a moment of pride for us. Our long journey has given us multiple partners who have found a meaning in our cause. This is our chance to felicitate them and express our gratitude towards them," said Janki Vasant, founder, Samvedana,

Annual charity corporate cricket tourney concludes



સિટી રિપોર્ટર @ahm અમદાવાદના જાણીતા સામાજીક 52212 જાનકી વસંતને મહિલા સશક્તિકરણમાં વિભાગ તરફથી Ress રાષ્ટ્રપતિ ખાત મુખ્ય જના રાષ્ટ્રપતિ પ્રણવ 1121 शक्ति **५२२५१२-2016** એનાયત કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો



રની કિરણ જે કન્યાકુમારીથી કામીર પાંચ હજાર કિલોપીટર 'ગીન ઇન્પિયા' માટે લોકોને જુગુત કરવા સાઇકલ પ્રવાસે નીકળ્યો છે જે ગઇલલે અમદાવાદ આવતાં અમદાવાદના સાઇકલિસ્ટ કારા તેનું વૈષ્ણવદેવી સર્ધલ ખાતે સત્યાન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું, હેલથી એન્વાપર એન્ટ માટે અમદાવાદના સાઇકલિસ્ટ તેની સાથે ૩૧ કિલોપીટર સાઇક્લિંગ કર્યું હતું, કેટો – સુરેશ મિસ્ટી

🌑 समाचार जंगत

नारी शक्ति पुरस्कार से सम्मानित महिलाओं ने की पीएम से भेंट



Janki Vasant awarded Nari Shakti Puraskar

Ahmedabad,

Ahmedabad-based social activist, Janki Vasant, was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2016 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD), Government of India. She received the award from President, Pranab Mukherjee, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on Women's Day, March 8. The award carries cash prize one lakh rupees along with a certificate of apprecia-tion. Her organization, Samvedana Foundation Trust, works for the integrated development of slums with a focus on eduction, nutrition and skill development of society and economically deprived children, youth and women. She believes in continuous and persistent efforts to empower women. "I trust eduction to be a strong medium to empower. I am grateful and hope this will serve as more fuel to my commitment to serve through the platform of samvedana," said Janki.

FUNDRAISING EVENT SAHYOG

Samvedana organized its annual fundraising event "Sahyog 2017: Cricket for a Cause", where this year 30 leading corporate houses of the city participated in the tournament to support the cause of



building exercise for them. The funds raised in this event, make a vital difference in the lives of children supported by Samvedana, and acts as a fuel for the current initiatives of Samvedana

The closing ceremony of Sahyog 2017 was graced by Ms Pallavi Fauzdar—a Naari Shakti Award Winner of 2017 for her motor cycling skills through tough mountain terrains, and conquered the Mana Pass in Uttrakhand. Mr. Priyank Panchal a budding cricketer from Gujarat also graced the occasion with



Samvedana. The tournament started on 2nd March 2017 and ended with a grand closing ceremony on 18th March 2017. "Sahyog – Cricket for a Cause" was initiated way back in 2003, with an objective to involve the corporate houses into a social cause and get into meaningful CSR projects. The corporate teams played league matches and enjoyed the box cricket – a monopoly of Samvedana in Ahmedabad. The playing teams enjoy the fun-filled cricket, which also acts as a team





his presence.

Ms Pallavi Fauzdar felicitated the heroes of Samvedana – the ones who helped Samvedana grow since its inception in 2003.

The Sahyog Tournament winners were given trophies by Mr. Priyank Panchal. Dance performance by Vasant Pathshala students, Anganwadi and Eklavya beneficiary children were the highlight of the closing event.









Janki Vasant is an eminent social activist having an experience of 25 years in the field of education. Social service has been in her family and she is 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.

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 also he is Honorary Secretary for Ahmedabad Traffic Police Trust working towards the betterment of the traffic situation of Ahmedabad.





Mr. B.M Peerzada 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 offering courses ranging from undergraduate to postgraduate to professional courses, and has served in the Planning Commision 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.