Srotoshwini Trust

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 3; OCT - DEC 2020

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

We look forward to hearing from you...

srotoshwinibaroda@gmail.com
http://srotoshwini.org

Dr. Juin Dutta: +919714028704
Mousumi Datta: +919998950531
Shukti Bhattacharya: +919925844562
Anisha Roy: +918160982246
Arpita Mukherjee: +919974532833
Dr. Uma Kapadia: +919990902912
Padmaja Dutt: +9192751243368
Bharat Desai: +919824503533
KK Dutta: +919712301613
In the last issue we had reported that the Vadodara Police and some well-wishers had helped us locate Pooja’s mother after being untraceable for 5 years. She had spoken to her on the phone and finally on November 1 we could organise a meeting of the two. Jui & Uma Ma’am drove with Pooja to a remote village near Somnath and finally that moment of re-union happened. Not only did she meet her mother and her youngest brother but gained a new family in the form of her new step-father who accepted her whole-heartedly and other new family members. A meeting that is very hard to describe in words, there definitely was not a dry eye in that moment they met. The emotion of not knowing where her mother was, a strong sense of abandonment and all the abuse she had suffer in the hands of her extended family, before moving into the Pathshala Hostel; all those negative feelings melted away in that embrace with her mother.
At Pathshala Hostel we try and celebrate every festival that our children or teachers celebrate. That's how we learn about different cultures and the children get the exposure to the cultural diversity that exists in our country. We celebrated Durga Puja, Navratri, Eid and Christmas in the last 3 months.
October

HOSTEL ACTIVITIES

ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION DAMAGED BY MONSOONS

PAINTING HOSTEL ENTRANCE

CARD MAKING

NAVRATRI PREPARATION

GARDEN COMMITTEE CLEANING

QUALITY CONTROL - CHECKING DISHES AFTER BEING WASHED

EVENING CRICKET

ORGANIC FARMING

HOSTEL EXAMS
December
HOSTEL ACTIVITIES

- Col. Falnikar spoke to the children about a career in the Army, Navy or Airforce
- Birthday Chart Competition
- Handknitted Woollens' exhibition by Dr. Kalpana Patel (fundraiser)
- New outdoor chholah created by Pavni for Rotis
- Food committee jobs
- Christmas celebration - dance performance
- Stage decoration for Christmas performance
- Solar cooker installation
**SUCCESS STORIES**

**Sharing is caring**

We went out for a short walk with the senior girls of the hostel, outside campus. The girls noticed an elderly man carrying harvested wheat grains on his head with no chappals. Mamta didn’t hesitate to offer her sandals to him and helped him wear them and the girls even spoke about dropping him back home. Seeing their friend, bare feet, Khushi and Sejal happily carried their sandals in their hand on their walk back to the hostel...

Very proud of the girls and the values they displayed spontaneously!

**Competition Winner**

Jyoti got audience award for her speech in Kritaggyata (being grateful) Competition.
- The junior and senior students continued to study under the guidance of 10-12 Pathbhavan mentors remotely using mobile phones.
- Standard X children are studying with Bhawani tutorial class and 5 teachers from Pathbhavan.
- Standard VI to IX children are showing considerable progress in English language, communication and Mathematics.
- Some of the senior students came in for a short time to a room in the Sanjay Nagar slum area for a few hours with permission from the local authorities for extra help so that their class X studies are not hampered.
- The children also took part in a Nibandh competition and a speech competition during this time.
- Children's day was celebrated at the temporary location in Sanjay Nagar.
- Mr. KK Dutta held a focus group discussion related for his Phd. study with our children and received very good feedback.
- We organised an educational trip to Champaner for our Class X students.
FESTIVE SEASON

While following all the rules of Covid-19, we could still manage to celebrate Garba, Diwali and Christmas in a small way with our children to spread the love and cheer in these trying times.

30 minute garba with permission

Diya making

Wall painting

Super Fast

1st position

Diwali Cleaning

Rangoli Competition

Wall painting
Anjali Paswan (left), Arvind Gupta (Center) and Priyanka Sonkar (right) received scholarships for the academic performances in their respective classes from Mahavir International Foundation. Arvind received the scholarship for two consecutive years. Parents of these children sell vegetables in Swati, Sama market. You might have seen them working hard for their livelihood. It is our extreme pleasure rendering service for the growth of these underprivileged children. Kudos to the mentors for persistently helping them achieve this.

Priyanka Tiwari got audience award for her speech in Kritaggyata (being grateful) Competition.
Covid-19 has been specially challenging for the retail apparel business. With most people subjected to their homes, products sales have plummeted. Through these difficult times, Churni still has managed a few major accomplishments:

- Churni made clothes for all the Pathshala Hostel and Pathbhavan children for Navratris and Diwali.
- A new attractive Chaniya Choli collection for Garba was launched.
- An order for 2000 masks was delivered to Thermax.
- First Exhibition of the year was hosted on Nov 7 and 8 at Trisha Gallery.
- New bed cover, pillow cover and bags' collection was launched.
- New Winter apparel collection has just launched.

Kudos to the team for their commitment to the Churni ladies and keeping them engaged and financially independent during these trying times.
An organization always does better when like-minded people put their minds together
to achieving bigger dreams and goals. Beyond our immediate volunteers, teachers and
mentors, we have an accomplished set of diverse citizens of Vadodara who are our
sounding board for ideas and execution details. The diversity of viewpoints they bring
to the table, truly challenge us to be better and make more informed decisions.

- Dr. Juin Dutta
  - President, Srotoshwini Trust | Management Committee | Hostel Mother
- Mousumi Datta
  - General Secretary, Srotoshwini Trust | Management Committee | Director, Pathbhavan
- Rina Pal
  - Asst-General Secretary, Srotoshwini Trust | Management Committee
- Sumita Bhaumik
  - Trustee | Management Committee | Mentor, Pathbhavan
- Dipali Chowdhuri
  - Trustee | Management Committee | Teacher, Pathshala Hostel
- Dr. Uma Kapadia
  - Trustee | Management Committee | Teacher, Pathshala Hostel
- Padmaja Dutt
  - Trustee | Management Committee | Hostel Mother
- Raksha Sisodia
  - Trustee | Management Committee
- Jaydeep Verma (Advocate)
  - Management Committee | Advisor
- Bharat Desai
  - Management Committee | Advisor
- Pooja Makhija
  - Management Committee | Advisor
- Arpita Mukherjee
  - Management Committee | Academic Coordinator, Pathshala Hostel
- Dr. Madhurita Choudhary
  - Management Committee | Mentor, Pathbhavan
- Mr. K.K Dutta
  - Advisor
- Shukti Bhattacharya
  - Churni In-charge
OUR LOCATIONS

PATHSHALA HOSTEL
Lasundra, Gujarat 391775, India
Dr. Juin Dutta: +919714028704

PATHBHAVAN
C/40 Jay Yogeshwar Nagar Society,
Opposite Jalaram Temple,
Near Sama Bus Stand
Vadodara, Gujarat 390024
Mousumi Datta: +919998950531

CHURNI STORE
#5 Saral Prakash building,
Near Chanakyapuri Circle,
New Sama, Vadodara,
Gujarat, India 390008
Shukti Bhattacharya: +919925844562