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PATHSHALA HOSTEL

INITIATIVE UPDATES

UDAAN CAREER COUNSELING

We completed counseling 48 Pathshala & Pathbhavan children, combined. They were given an overview of career options, went through psychometric testing and were counseled along with their mentors in specific career option areas individually. This has also helped select their primary subjects in 11th and 12th grades.

One immediate improvement we see is, the focus on the future. They have got a glimpse of the possibilities and are taking their studies very seriously. There will be regular checkpoints with their mentors on their progress.

Thanks to Career Naksha for their professional support in getting this initiative kickstarted.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

We’ve kicked off a new style of teaching for our youngest children. Our teaching is not age based. It is skill based. Our children seem to learn better when they are taught by doing activities. As a result of all our observations over the years, we’ve kicked off a formal initiative to institute project based learning in our first grade classes. The children will get a chance to choose the theme of their learning through which language, math and science skills will be taught. Currently they have chosen animals as their theme and can be seen visiting the animal shed next door to learn about what they eat, how they are care for, how they help us etc.
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NEW INITIATIVE: SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION TO BUILD A SCHOOL ON CAMPUS

All our children used to go to Navprerna School, an initiative of the Navrachana Education Trust for formal schooling before the pandemic hit us. Since March 2019, our children haven’t been able to go to formal school and we’ve had to make alternative arrangements in the hostel premises. Currently we have teachers coming from Vadodara and Lasundra to teach our children. As an extension of this initiative, the plan is to build 12 classrooms on premises where we can carry out focussed classroom teaching on campus. With that vision in mind, we are going to start construction of the classrooms soon. Below are some pictures of the plans we have finalized for the classrooms.
**HOSTEL ACTIVITIES**

- **WORKER’S OF THE WEEK AWARD**
- **STUDIO RECORDING FOR SEP 29, FOUNDATION DAY EVENT**
- **CLUB ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE**
- **VELOCITY & PRESSURE**
  - Skill Development Center
- **SENDING RAKHIS MADE BY CHILDREN TO OUR TROOPS ON THE BORDER**
- **SUNDAY FUNDAY - SATODIYU**
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**
  - Heal the World
- **STATUE OF UNITY VISIT**
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HOSTEL ACTIVITIES

TEACHER’S DAY CELEBRATION
Event organized by Kids.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING FOR CLASS I

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER - LIGHT

JEWELLERY MAKING FOR FOUNDATION DAY EVENT

DANCE PRACTICE

CRAFT & PRODUCT MAKING

STAGE DECORATION

WALL PAINTING

HOSTEL FOUNDATION EVENT
Ban Gayi Muthi
Our 2nd Pathshala Hostel Foundation Day Event, Ban Gayee Muthi was celebrated on Sep 29, 2021. This was our first public event post-covid restrictions were lifted. Many of our well wishers could attend and celebrate with us. All our 100 children participated in performances and Auranga was was the House winner based on total points in our Stars and Dots tally.
OTHER EVENTS

- Teacher's Day is a very special event for us. It is one of those events where our children take charge, they cordon off the dining room area, cover the entire area with curtains and plan/rehearse and decorate the place as a big surprise for the teachers. The event they staged this year was exceptional and very professional. There was a drama, dances, games for teachers, felicitations, a full package of entertainment specially designed for the teachers and Hostel mothers.

- Independence day celebrations were held on the theme Heal the World and we started the day with flag hoisting and had one dance performance and a folk theater form called Bhavai. We also had a quiz competition on the theme of Independence day that Team Utavali won.
Student Council & Children

Sep 28. 2021 saw a destructive torrential storm pass through the Vadodara-Savli area. There was incessant rains and the storm uprooted trees and caused damage to the campus. All the decorations we had setup for the Foundation day event was destroyed, the stage constructed was damaged and it looked likely that we’d have to cancel the event. At that time, a Student Council meeting was called and the children along with our support staff decided not to cancel the event and committed to getting things back to normal. From cleaning the campus, to fixing the damages, to re-decorating, to taking extra precautions while taking care of the little ones within a span of less than 24 hours, the children made the event happen by taking initiative. For us this is a true sign of an education.

Ajay first in class in Sem 1

Ajay, the eldest son of Pathshala stood first in Mech Engineering (Diploma) KJIT college, Savli in first semester.
Pathbhavan opened its center premises on Aug 15, 2021 as per VMC guidelines. Daily 5PM-9PM classes are being held for senior children. Here are some highlights of events and activities:

- Sejal, Arvind, Shilpi, Deepak, Amit, Karishma, our senior class students are eagerly teaching our junior and middle class children in the absence of any teachers.
- Many competitions were held in this quarter - 38/20" wall painting competition, Quiz Competition, story illustration, story telling and speech competition
- Premise Expansion project: We are currently expanding our Pathbhavan premise so that there is more room for our children on all 3 levels. We are also installing a borewell to take care of the water issues we have faced in the past.
- Vocational Training: Vidhi, Achal and Radhika are learning stitching and creative work under the guidance of Pathbhavan's supervisor Suman Tiwari.
- Menstrual Hygiene: We distributed sanitary pads to our senior girls donated by Baroda Lions Club.
Rakhi was celebrated in a very special manner in Pathbhavan with our society’s essential workers by visiting an Old age home, Dr. Uma Mam’s Clinic, Rhythm Hospital, Police Station, Milkman’s family, Construction Workers, Domestic Helpers, Pathbhavan Parents, Trees of Sanjay Nagar with a pledge to protect them.

Children staged a great event for August 15. We had many well wishers who came to support us.

Children organized a fun event for their mentors on the occasion of Teacher’s day.
Our Class X Students performed very well in their exams

Shilpi Shah, Sanjana Sonkar and Deepa Sonkar are enrolled in one year Nursing Certificate course under Global Health & Education

Karishma Rajput, our senior most student at present, a sweet teacher of Junior section of Pathbhavan passed ITI final examination with First Class from Methodist College of Baroda.

Deepak Mahato and Karishma Rajput secured admission in Mechanical Diploma course in KGIT College, Savli
Dr. Ambika Datta Scholarship

Dr. Ambika Datta scholarship' for the highest scorer of Pathshala and Pathbhavan in secondary board evaluation. Amit Sonkar of Pathbhavan bagged the award in 2021 with 83% marks.

Deepak - participated in RWYC project

DPS Gurgaon School invited us to join RWYC (Reconnecting With Your Culture ) Project. Shukti Bhattacharya, our resident Music Teacher trained Deepak Mahato for the participation in the national level collaborative Project.
With the second wave of Covid-19 restrictions eased, we are moving our Churni store location from Sama to Alkapuri.

- **New location:** Our new location will be -
  Sterling Center, First Floor, RC Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodara.
- Our new location will be inaugurated on Oct 10, 2021.
- In this quarter we’ve made new collections of Sarees, Kaftans, Dupattas, accessories and many home decor items like table mats, table runners, cushion covers, bed covers etc.
- Our Churni and ChurniXMaindak products were exhibited and sold at the Pathshala Hostel Foundation day event in Lasundra.
- Our senior Pathshala girls who are part of the MaindakxChurni collaboration continue to train and contribute through making dupattas, table accessories etc.
- More product details available at www.churnicollection.org
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.

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