

The background of the top half of the page is a photograph of a school building. The building is a two-story structure with a red brick facade and white horizontal bands. A large, leafy green tree stands in front of the building, partially obscuring it. To the right of the tree, there is a brown metal gate. The ground in front of the building is dry and dusty. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

2018-2019

# ANNUAL REPORT

**SROTOSHWINI TRUST**

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Srotoshwini is a Vadodara city based trust, registered in 2010, primarily aimed at working towards the development of underprivileged children and women. There are 4 main initiatives that run under the trust:

**Pathshala:** a mobile school that bridges the gap between the street and a formal school.

**Pathbhavan:** a learning and development center

**Pathshala Hostel:** a living facility for children where everything is provided for and the focus is all round development of the child.

**Churni:** a vocational training initiative to empower the mothers of our children by providing a steady income by selling the products they make.





**2013:** Birth of the concept of a mobile school, FOOTPATH PATHSHALA

**2014:** Beginning of a learning and development center with a library that encourages children in developing extra curricular skills and provides additional academic tutoring: PATHBHAVAN

**2014:** Beginning of PATHSHALA HOSTEL for 8 kids (now 18) since parents (construction laborers) were going to take them away and the only way to keep them was to provide them a secure place to stay and the infrastructure to do well.

**2014:** All the children in the hostel and children doing well in Pathshala were enrolled into a formal school called Navprerna.

**2015:** Results were astonishing. Major difference in speed of development between children attending Pathshala for 3 hours and those living in the hostel.

**2015:** The idea to extend the hostel model to 100 children took root.

**2015:** CHURNI started with a group of 10 women, most of which were mothers of our children

**2016:** Acquired land in Lasundra, Savli

**2017:** Spent a year getting government NA to start construction on the land

**2017:** Fundraising from well wishers, corporate CSRs, Srotoshwini's annual performances

**2017:** Churni becomes self-sufficient by selling it's products at exhibitions.

**2018:** Construction of the hostel started in December 2017 and continued through 2018.

**2018:** First Churni store opened near Chanakyapuri Circle in Sama, Vadodara.

**2019:** We are 90% complete and finishing the staff quarters, landscaping and other amenities. Inauguration slated for September 29, 2019.



**Pathshala**, was introduced in 2013, for the children of construction labourers. The fundamental concept of Pathshala is that of a mobile school; we take the school to the children since these children can't make it to traditional schools due to their dire circumstances. Pathshala has had many homes over the years. We started in the Sama Sports Complex while it was under construction. From there we moved to having 3 different branches of Pathshala being run from the footpaths of Vadodara. Then we moved to the Police Training academy for a few months, MSU's management department for another few and finally now we are based out of Parshuram Bhatta at Jetalpur, Vadodara. We cater to 80 children there.

Pathshala runs from 8am to 11am from Monday to Friday. The children receive breakfast, milk and fruit in the morning. They attend classes by grade. They also engage in many co-curricular activities.



# 01

## January

# 2018

- Various classes were conducted for Pathshala students like toy making by Mr Nitin Bhate & Nilima Bhate.
- A session was conducted on 'Good Touch and Bad Touch' by Ms. Sonal from Young Indians.
- A mask making class by Mr. Chirag.
- Annual Pathshala Sports Day was also celebrated in January.
- On average 63 students attended Pathshala in January.



# 02

## February

- Pathshala children were busy with concert practice.
- Props, decorations were being made by the children.
- Average 65 students attended Pathshala. 19 students got prize for attending Pathshala daily.



# 03

## March

- A musical play 'Gopi Gawaiya Bagha Bajaiwa' was enacted by children at KsmstibAmphitheatre.
- Around 120 students took part in the play.
- Annual Examination was conducted in March.
- Average 63 students attended classes in March. Full attendance for the month of March was 34 students.





# 04

## April

- Various summer activities like craft, drawing, storytelling were done for children in the month of April.
- Results were declared and many of the children had done well.
- In April on average 52 students attended Pathshala. 11 children received prize for full attendance in April.
- Rank holders -
- Class VII - Nanhi 2nd
- Class VI - Karan 1st, Ajay - 3rd
- Class V - Pran 2nd, Dinesh 3rd
- Class IV - Veer 2nd, Pavni 3rd

# 06

## June

- Pathshala reopened on 11 th June after summer vacations.
- Around 62 students from Pathshala started attending Navprerna School.
- Nielsen donated study tables for children. Nielsen also organized Jungle Book movie show for children.
- In June average 70 students attended Pathshala. 26 students attended Pathshala regularly in June.





## 07 July



- Pathshala children started making Rakhis for sale, which were displayed at Churni Store.
- Few children of Pathshala and Kidzee Learning Mantra, Sama planted saplings at Parshuram Bhatta.
- 40 children got prize for full attendance in July. On average 73 students attended classes.



## 08 August



- Schaeffler India Limited organized a visit to Lakshmi Vilas Palace along with Magic Show.
- Tobacco de addiction seminar was conducted by Faith Foundation at Pathshala.
- Pathshala Children also made contribution towards Kerala Flood Relief.
- Independence Day was celebrated by children by enacting Mime, Dance, song, drama and street play.
- Pathshala kids went to tie Rakhi to personnel from Police Bhavan and Air Force.
- 14 Children got prize for full attendance. 70 students attended Pathshala in August.



# 09

## September

- A show was planned and organized by children for teachers on Teacher's Day.
- A session on Menstrual Hygiene was conducted by Ms. Swati Bedekar from Vatsalya Foundation and sanitary pads were also distributed.
- In September, on average 68 students attended Pathshala. Full attendance for the month of September was 13..



## 10 October

- Chaniya cholis and Kurtas were distributed to children for Navratri.
- Children were taken to watch Dha movie from the sale money of Rakhis which were made by Children.
- Dr.Kalpana Patel hosted two exhibitions cum sale for woolen knitwear. The proceedings from the sale were given to Srotoshwini Trust.
- A book named "Bubli Ki Rang Birangi Jhanda" was released during Durga Pooja. The story and illustrations were done by children from Sr. Kg.





# 11 November

- Half yearly results were declared in November.
- Children's day was celebrated by painting a wall by children near Pandya Bridge.
- Around 30 children celebrated Diwali by not bursting crackers.
- Mr. Nipun Kumar Shah hosted exhibition cum sale of his paintings at P.N Gadgil. The proceedings from the sale would go to Srotoshwini Trust.
- 74 children on average attended Pathshala. 36 Children received prize for attending Pathshala daily.



# 12 December

- Food Fiesta was conducted at Sanjay Nagar, Sama. The complete event from venue cleaning, decorations, groceries, food preparation and presentation, pricing were done by Children.
- Midterm results were declared at Navprerna.
- Many children from Pathshala stood 1 st and 2 nd in their respective classes.
- Children who had refrained from bursting crackers during Diwali were given gift by Santa Claus on Christmas.
- Full attendance in the month of December was 40.



# 2019

## 01 January

- Pathshala, Pathbhavan & Churni Annual Sports Meet
- Rehearsals for Jungle book, our annual function with 130 children of Pathshala & Pathbhavan
- Makar Sankranti celebrations at Lasundra.



## 02 February

- Ankan drawing competition
- Prop making for annual function
- Recordings for annual function
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## 03 March

- TEDX event held at Navrachna University by Juin Dutta on the topic Transformation through the language of love
- 2 books illustrated by our children released - Babli ki rang birangi jhanda (Hindi), Sauthi motu ghar (Gujarati)
- The Jungle book performed on the occasion of children's annual concert





# PATHSHALA HOSTEL



**Pathshala Hostel** was started on June 5, 2014. The reason it was started was, after the construction at our first pathshala site was completed, the labourers had to move to their next destination. The children refused to move away from us and their education. They made ardent requests to help them find a place to stay. We received two flats as donation and started the hostel with 8 kids and now have 17. Each of the kid have undergone a remarkable transformation both academically and in overall personality development. As a result, a decision was made to acquire land and build a hostel for 100 children so that we can make the maximum impact to their lives.





In the year **2018-2019** our hostel children continued to grow and flourish. Most of them held ranks in Pathshala and Navprerna's exams. They attended sports classes in Swati sports complex. 4 additional children were added to the hostel after they were orphaned and our strength grew from 13 to 17. Our current hostel's expenses were sponsored by Jacob Engineering.

A major accomplishment of this year has been the construction of our new hostel for 100 underprivileged children. We are almost complete and the new hostel will become operational in September 2019.







**Pathbhavan** is a learning and development centre for the children of Sanjay Nagar Slum in Sama, Vadodara. It was initiated by Srotoshwini Trust as a library and activity center inside Sanjay Nagar - Nehru Nagar slum in May, 2013. The main purpose is to inculcate reading habit in the local kids who rarely get the opportunity to study formally in good schools. Also, to nurture their talent in extra-curricular activities and to groom them to become sensitive, self-reliant and happy citizens. Pathbhavan also provides additional tutoring for the academic subjects.



In the year **2018-2019**, Pathbhavan moved to a new location that has more space and allows kids to be segregated by grades to better focus on academics and extracurricular activities. This year the mentors focussed on developing thinking skills, communication skills and oratory skills improving the overall personality of the children giving opportunities to work in teams, encouraging students to participate in computer, dance, Art & craft , yoga/ fitness and storytelling classes in weekends.

We held multiple **in-house competitions** for improving the above focus areas -

Bond with the cement (Jr. and Sr. sections) - 3 Feb 2019.

English Elocution (Sr.) – 19 December 2018

Search and Learn (Jr.)- 19 December 2018

Debate in Hindi (Sr.) – 27 Jan. 2019

Story Telling In Hindi (Jr.) - 7 Feb. 2019

Some personal **milestones of our students** that help encourage other students to follow their own interests.

- Simran Chauhan, Shakshi Sharma and Ankita Sharma passed secondary examination from Navprerna school.
- Ankita Sharma is taking Karate training from the reputed 'Sudoku Karate Academy'. She completed her Brown Belt Examination and started fitness classes for Pathbhavan's junior section children.







# churni

An initiative by Srotoshwini Trust to empower women

**Churni** is our creative initiative, first started in 2015 with the goal to engage the women of the slums, located close to Pathshala and Pathbhavan. Most of the women were mothers of our students. We started with 10 women. They had no vocational training. They were taught to tailor, sew, understand design and produce household products that are saleable. The vision was to empower the women in the area so that they have their own source of income. This helped the families share financial responsibility and understand the value of education which helped to keep the children in school. Today Churni employs around 20 ladies who draw a regular salary. Churni became self-sustaining in 2017 from it's sales and no longer needs funding from the trust.





In the year **2018-2019**, Churni has going through more orders and the pace of production has markedly increased. Three new ladies have enlisted to our working group, taking the total strength to 22.

The success story of this financial year is Churni has got its own permanent store for display and sale in the Sama area. The store was inaugurated on 15th April 2018. Along with the store, each month we organised at least one exhibition to increase the sale volumes as much as possible. Products have been exhibited at Trishna Gallery multiple times, Sayaji hotel, Subhanpura Atithi Gruh during the festival of Durga puja, Nutan Bharat Club.

They are being paid quarterly. The amount they are earning quarterly is nearly nine to ten thousand rupees each on an average. Along with that, one lady has been appointed on a monthly salary basis to supervise the shop and to handle customer orders. In this year sale amount has been Rs. 1.6 lakhs each month on an average. Our expenditures cover purchase of raw materials, the payment of salary and to meet the store establishment cost.



# RECOGNITION



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