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OUR INITIATIVES

Srotoshwini is a Vadodara city based Trust, registered in 2010, primarily aimed at working towards the development of underprivileged children and women. The Trust is 12AA, 80G and FCRA compliant. There are 3 main initiatives that run under the Trust:

Pathshala Hostel: a residential facility for children where the focus is, all round development of the child including academics, sports and extra curricular activities, vocational training & career counseling. Pathshala classes now run on hostel campus.

Pathbhavan – A Learning and Development Center that runs in the after-school hours and focuses on nurturing the childen of Sanjay Nagar Slum area (Vadodara) through academics and extra curricular activities for all round development.

Churni: a creative initiative that vocationally trains the mothers of our children to empower them by providing a steady income by selling the products they make. We have two centers, one in Sama, Vadodara and another in Lasundra, Savli.

"UPLIFTING CHILDREN & EMPOWERING WOMEN"



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2020-2021 is an unprecedented year. No-one could predict it, prepare for it or come out of it unscathed. We started the year with a bang with Udham, our Annual Function held right before the lockdown in March 2020. It was the coming together of all our children, staff and ladies of Pathsahla. Pathbhavan & Churni to celebrate India, her art, music, dance, culture, food, handicrafts etc.

Right after that celebration, we had to close down in March 2020. Pathbhavan & Churni especially had a very hard time since they are based out of Vadodara and had to close down while following all the VMC Covid rules for educational institutions and businesses. Remote learning continued for Pathbhavan children & Churni ladies worked on orders independently from home. Pathshala Hostel located in Lasundra, Savli continued to operate since it's a residential hostel for underprivileged children. As they say, every dark cloud comes with a silver lining, it was the true emergence of the Student Council for us. While we've had a student body for a while, the situation really forced them to take matters into their own hands.

They took responsibility of every aspect of keeping the hostel operational and shouldered the responsibilities of the hostel with the 6 hostel mothers. All that we taught was put to the test & they emerged with flying colours.

What we learnt was, we can achieve anything with our committed staff and children.

DR. JUIN DUTTA, PRESIDENT, SROTOSHWINI TRUST

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A HOME TO 100 UNDER PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Total children at the Hostel for 12 months with no break due to the pandemic. Supported by 6 hostel mothers.



Class X & Diploma: 6 of our children - Ajay, Jyoti, Rani, Poonam, Sejal and Mamta cleared their X exams in 2020-2021. Ajay joined the Diploma, Mechanical Engineering in KJIT, Savli.



New initiatives launched this year: Green Initiatives -Solar Cooker, Organic Farming, Rain water harvesting New Construction - Pottery Section, Remote learning classroom, Music room, Churni Workshop, new play gym equipment. Vocational Training - Maindak x Churni Career Counseling - Udaan Activity based learning - Biweekly activity clubs - Spoken English, Music, Dance, Drama, Art, Pottery



Extra Curricular competitions held at Pathshala Hostel - An average of 6-8 competitions per month. Story telling, public speaking, singing, dance, drama, wall/poster/wall magazine painting, jugaad, doormat making, football, khokho etc. were organised all year round specially since children didn't have regular school and neded to be engaged more than usual.



ACADEMICS

Academic Classes

All Pathshala Hostel children go to Navprerna School, an initiative of the Navrachana Education Trust for their formal schooling. Due to the pandemic, it has been closed from March 2020 to today. Academic classes are being held by grade at the hostel premises by local Lasundra village teachers in non-lockdown periods. Exam papers being sent by Navprerna teachers are being used to test the children.

Remote Learning

Due to the length of school closure, we have setup an online class on campus with 6 workstations where children can access online content and specially the senior children can continue to take available classes. We also host Computer classes and online learning content by grade so that online learning can aid the Pathshala classes.

Class X

5 of our children - Ajay, Jyoti, Rani, Poonam and Sejal cleared their X exams in 2020. Mamta cleared her X in 2021 with 74%.

Diploma

Ajay, our eldest child who has been with us from 2013 joined a Diploma course in Mechanical Engineering, KJIT, Savli. He will also continue his XI and XII standard studies.

Skill Development Center

We try to take a hands-on teaching/learning approach for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) courses. The children do hands on experiments, present their findings in class and discuss the outcomes. The class is lead by Kajal Sir.





ACTIVITY CLUBS

We started our club activities earlier this year - biweekly classes for Arts and Crafts, Vocal Music, Synthesizer, Drama, Dance and English speaking classes. At the end of our academic year all the club activities culminated with a dance competition and performances to showcase everything the children had learnt. We also inaugurated a new pottery section (designed and built by our team) on campus.



Ajay working on his Engineering Drawing homework (Diploma, Mechanical Engineering)

CAREER COUNSELING - UDAAN

We're launching a brand new initiative called Udaan, our career counseling program for Pathshala Hostel and Pathbhavan children. The objectives of this program are:

- Make career counseling a part of the curriculum for standards VIII to XII children.
- Identify potential career options by psychometric assessment and 1on-1 counseling sessions and preparation of a custom career plan for each child.
- Prepare for the required qualification exams much before they finish their higher secondary studies.
- Project goal is for children to succeed in the exams and get admission in chosen fields with a clear career path to follow.
- Ultimate goal is to stop the cycle of poverty, illiteracy and/or abuse with this generation of children and set them up on the path of success for the future.
- We have identified 27 children from Pathshala and Pathbhavan who will join the first phase of this project.
- Counseling sessions will start on June 14

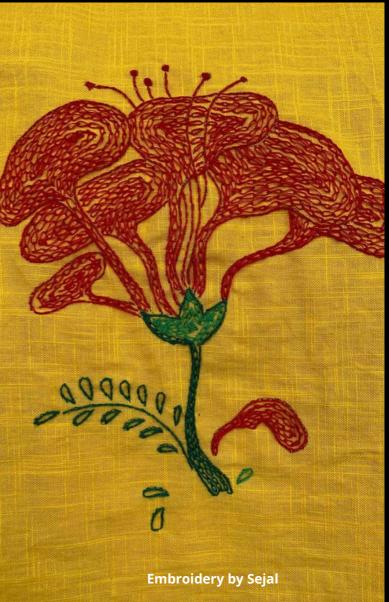
We extend our warmest gratitude to Prof. Veena Mistry and her family for sponsoring the first phase of the project in memory of Dr. Rumy Mistry.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING -MAINDAK X CHURNI INITIATIVE

Some of our senior Pathshala girls (18+) - Rani, Radha, Sejal, Poonam, Nanhi, Hasina and others have joined the Churni x Maindak collaboration where they will learn and make products and receive remuneration for it. All their products will be available at our Lasundra outlet for sale. The initiative will be lead by our Creative Head, Anisha Roy.







GREEN INITIATIVES

Solar Cooker: Our vision when we built the hostel was to be as environment friendly as possible. This year we made some good strides - we moved all our cooking to the Solar Cooker. We thank Dr. Vikram Patel, President, Muni Seva Ashram and Mr. Deepak Gadhia for the idea/financial support/installation & training.

Organic Farming: We have initiated an organic farming program where we are growing seasonal vegetables and also teaching our children to tend to the plants. This initiative is being lead by Mithu Madam.

No Plastic: We've initiated a major effort to get rid of all plastic furniture and accessories from the campus. We've also undertaken a big effort to get all our grocery items in cloth bags, steel containers and getting delivery from factories like biscuits without the use of plastic packaging and also made our own washing powder in-house.

Rainwater Harvesting: Another initiative to be operational before the monsoons in June, 2021 so that more water can be saved and reused.





acher's day event conceived and organised by chil<u>dren</u> eacher's day



Sports day 2021

EVENTS

We try to celebrate all festivals all through the year - Nabanno (worship farming tools), Holi, Eid, Diwali, Durga Puja, Navratri, Christmas. We also have a number of other events we celebrate through the year like -Sports Day. Teacher's Day. May 9 Foundation Day, Hostel Anniversary, Children's Day, Blessing Ceremony for Class X students and many more. We also organised our Annual Picnic, a day trip to Ratanmahal with all our hostel children and mothers. See a glimpse of our events in pictures.



Republic Day celebrations



TEAM

Other than the Hostel mothers, we have our team of Pathshala Teachers who teach our children from 9:00AM to 12:30PM in non-lockdown periods and support staff that help us in the Kitchen, Building Maintenance and Accounting & Administration. We are grateful for all their contribution for the successful running of every aspect of the hostel.



LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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HIGHLIGHTS



Total children at Pathbhavan have been engaged through remote learning, extra curricular activities and event celebrations during the pandemic.



Class X, XII & Diploma: 3 of our children passed Class XII - Ankita, Sakshi and Simran. 2 of our children passed class X - Arvind and Rohit and started Diploma Courses in MSU and Dashrath ITI respectively. Karishma who got admission in MTI's ITI course continued into her second year.





Arvind

Rohit

Karishma

Ankita

ACADEMICS

Academic Classes

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we had to follow the VMC rules for educational institutions and close our primary location. We continued our learning the best we could ...

Junior students:

First half of the year was managed by 1-1 online remote learning with our volunteer mentors. The second half of the year was managed by our senior students teaching English and Hindi words and Maths tables in a common area within the Sanjay Nagar slum.

Class 8-10:

Systematic remote online classes were held for Gujarati, English, Science and Math by Shruti Madam, Sushmita Madam and Mousumi Madam. **Class 10:**

Our Class 10 students were also enrolled into Bhavani Tuition classes and attended online classes to prepare for their exams.

Class X

2 of our children - Arvind and Rohit cleared their class X in 2020. Arvind scored 71% in the SSC exams.

Class XII

Ankita Sharma, Sakshi Agrawal and Simran Chauhan passed standard 12th from Nevprerna School. They are the students from our initial years when we started Pathbhavan inside Sanjay Nagar in 2013. Two of them are working in stationary shops and one in a call center.

Diploma

Arvind started Diploma (Electrical Engineering) course in MSU. He'll simultaneously be completing his XII course under NIOS from Nevprerna school. Rohit joined Dashrath ITI college in Motor Mechanic stream. Karishma got admission in Methodist Technical Institute, Vadodara for 2 years in the ITI course. She that successfully completed her first year and will graduate with her Diploma in 2021.



ACTIVITIES

While Pathbhavan was very restricted with the lockdown regulations, we still tried to make sure that the children had some creative outlet to remain engaged while they were trying to keep up with their learning and helping their parents at home and work. Dance classes were organised and we also held some competitions like poster making and rangoli. The children also participated in an external speech competition on Kritagyata.





EVENTS

With very limited opportunity we still managed to organise a few events for/with our children. 2 of them were educational outings to Champaner and Patan so that the children get a break. We also celebrated Uttarayan, a short celebration for Garba, Christmas and Diwali with our children. A couple of other events were Sports day and Children's day this year.



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Total ladies supported during the pandemic. The retail business took a big hit but we continued to support our ladies through corporate and personal orders as much as we could.



Exhibitions & online live sale

Exhibitions are a large part of our sales but due to the Covid situation, we participated in 3 on-site exhibitions and 2 FB live sessions this year.



New collections launched

We had to change our collections with the changing demands coasters, doormats, menswear, children's wear, vests, bed linen, bag, chaniya choli, winter apparel, masks, gowns were some of the new collections launched during this time.



Masks - From the very early days of the pandemic, our team came into action in making masks and delivered many large corporate orders within the first couple of months and 1000s were sold to our own wellwishers and customers.



Churni ladies @ Poicha

Training @ Lasundra location

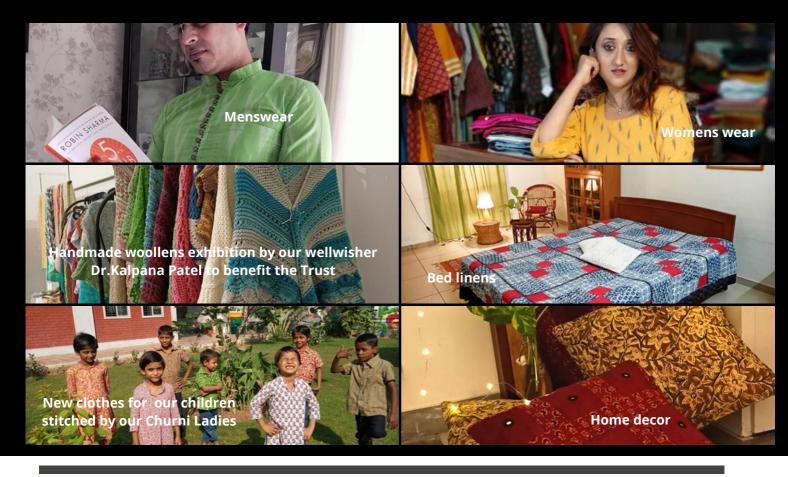
Pathshala Girls Joining Maindak Churni Collaboration

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Working Towards

ACTIVITIES

- Sales: The retail industry has really suffered immensely during these times. We are grateful to the corporate partners who placed large orders for masks. It helped us provide a steady income to our ladies. Other than our regular apparel and home decor collection, Churni also stitched clothes for Diwali and Navratri for our Pathshala and Pathbhavan children.
- **Training**: While it was difficult to maintain our regular training programs, our ladies still got trained in the two locations at Sama and Lasundra when permissible.
- **Outing**: Our ladies managed to take a day out and enjoy themselves in Poicha.
- New Outlet: We started a new outlet in the Pathshala Hostel Campus in Lasundra so that visitors to the hostel have access to buy products made by the Churni ladies and Pathshala girls





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