



# Srotoshwini Trust

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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Virtual Celebrations  
(Facebook live session)  
for Pathshala Hostel's  
First Birthday



We look forward to hearing from you...

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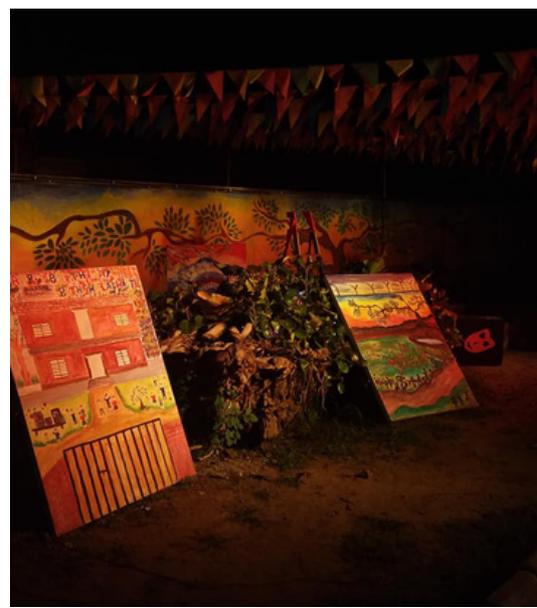
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# PATHSHALA HOSTEL ONE YEAR GONE BY...



# PATHSHALA HOSTEL FIRST BIRTHDAY

Pathshala Hostel turned 1 year old on September 29, 2020. Unfortunately we couldn't celebrate the day with all our well-wishers in person due to the lockdown associated to Covid-19. All the children got new clothes, one of our well wishers, Shreeparna Samanta baked us a big cake, we hosted a virtual facebook event to share with our wellwishers and we also hosted a painting competition for our children. The hostel was decorated with torans, inside and out. The children decorated the dorms with wall paintings and the entire building was spruced up and decorated. All in all a proud festive day for all of us!



11 July 11

# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



**GUEST ROOM  
DECORATION**



**STORY TELLING  
COMPETITION**



**NEW CLOTHES'  
DISTRIBUTION**



**SAVING TREES  
DURING STORM**



**ONLINE DANCE CLASS**



**BOYS VS. GIRLS  
DANCE COMPETITION**



**MORNING FOOTBALL**



**EDUCATIONAL GAMES**

|| August ||

# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



**FIRST BLESSING  
CEREMONY FOR  
CLASS 10**



**FISH POND  
CONSTRUCTED BY  
THE CHILDREN**



**CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**



**SAMOSAS MADE BY  
THE CHILDREN**



**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**



**FOOTBALL  
TOURNAMENT**



**CLAY MODELLING**



**ONLINE CLASSES**

|| September ||

# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



TEACHER'S DAY



FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



WALL MAGAZINE COMPETITION



WALL PAINTING



YOUTUBE CHANNEL THAT FEATURES OUR CHILDREN'S STORIES. OUR CURRENT SERIES IS - AMAAR DURGA [CLICK HERE](#)



DANCE VIDEO



SKILL DEVELOPMENT



ONLINE STORY MAKING SESSION



VAN KI PUKAR - DRAMA ABOUT SAVING TREES

# SUCCESS STORIES



## Fish Pond Construction

With the contractor quoting a very high price to construct a fish pond on our premises, the plan was shelved. But like everything else, we are completely transparent with our children and discuss all items related to the hostel in the morning assembly. On hearing this, Ajay said, "Koi zaroorat nahin hai (getting contractors) hum banaa denge". So under the leadership of Ajay & a self-organised team, the children got to work and built a fish pond from scratch in no time.

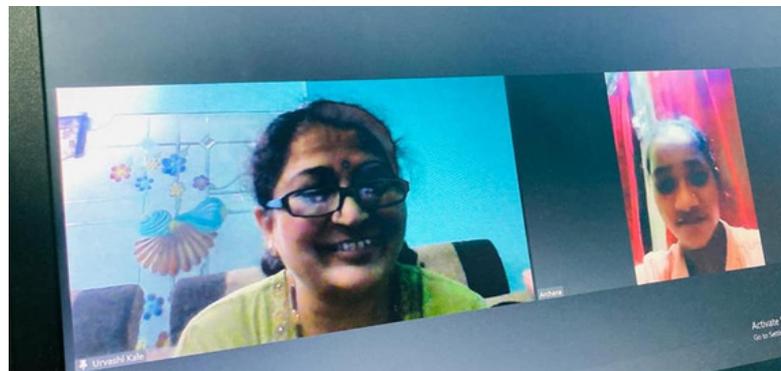
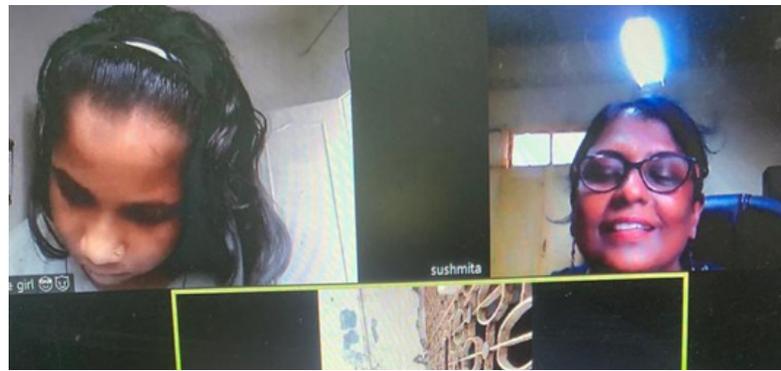
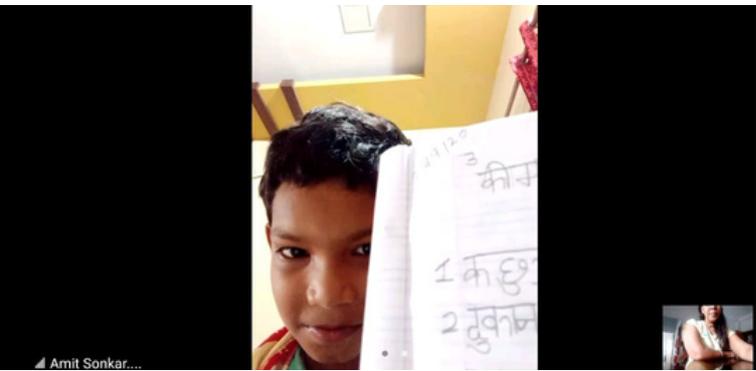
## Pooja reunites with her mother after 5 years

Pooja lost her father in 2015 and her mother left soon thereafter. She and her 5 siblings moved in with her aunt where they were ill treated in every possible way. They were forced to beg, do all the house work and were physically and mentally abused. She ran away from home a few times and finally moved into the hostel last year after a lot of forceful negotiations with her aunt's family. Even after that, she had unacceptable behavioral issues and after some very tumultuous times we learnt of the reality of her past. While we felt very guilty that we had actually considered sending her back home, we decided to trace her mother down since she felt abandoned and was looking to reconnect with her. She had committed that she would improve her behavior if she could speak to her mother. Our team set out to work with external help from Vadodara Police. Lo and behold her mother was tracked down and she spoke to her after 5 years! A prime example that shows the commitment our team has for each of our children. Pooja's story will be released on our new Youtube channel called "Pathshala Pathbhavan Golpo". Please subscribe.



# PATHBHAVAN

Due to the lockdown rules posed by the government on educational institutions, Pathbhavan remains closed for in-person classes. The team is making up for it by imparting 1-1 online classes for our Junior section children. Our std X students are working hard under 7 mentors. Schedules have been created by class, lessons are being taught, homework is being given and turned in through pictures and corrected by the teachers. Thank you to everyone who donated phones for this purpose. It is very important to keep the children engaged and motivated. The circumstances under which they live are so dire that the family always pushes them to take more responsibility at home which automatically steers them away from an education. We applaud our team to work with the situation and keep them connected to their studies through this entire period.



# ACTIVITIES

Rakshabandhan - protect trees



World Environment Day!



Rohit's admission to ITI college



Certificates for Class 10 results



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# SUCCESS STORIES



**Karishma Rajput completed 1st year in ITI college.**

Karishma got admission in Methodist Technical Institute, Vadodara for 2 years in the ITI course. She has successfully completed her first year and will graduate with her Diploma in 2021.



**Arvind secures admission in MSU**

Arvind's admission in MSU in Diploma (Electrical Engineering) course is confirmed. Simultaneously he will be completing his XII course under NIOS from Nevprerna school.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

In this section we will feature two heartwarming stories from our children's community to highlight the positive effects of an education that focuses on all round development

Ajay, the eldest son of the Pathshala Family is enrolled in S B Polytechnic, Savli ( KJIT) for doing Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. He has been with us from 2013, the very first day of Pathshala. We wish him all the success on his new academic journey. We thank the teachers at Navprerna and at Pathshala who helped him prepare for his onward journey. Ajay will attend the Polytechnic while residing in the Pathshala Hostel and continue to get academic support from our team here.



Rohit, the son of a vegetable vendor and domestic help is a Pathbhavan student. He has secured admission at Dashrath ITI college in Motor mechanic stream based on his class 10 results. We congratulate all his teachers who helped him with special mention of Shruti Ma'am who helped him with Gujarati. We wish him the very best for a bright future. The Pathbhavan team will continue to support him financially and academically to continue his higher studies.



# CHURNI

Inspite of the lockdown period due to Covid-19 being extremely challenging, there are some major accomplishments that the team has achieved during the last few months:

- Churni signed an MoU with L&T from 1st July to receive funding for training the ladies in Vadodara & Savli to gain more design and tailoring expertise and ability to produce better quality contemporary products.
- Received an order for 16000 masks from Thermax
- Received an order for 10000 masks from Manan Fertility Rajkot
- Training for the Churni ladies in Vadodara and Lasundra started from mid July.
- Received multiple orders from outside Gujarat.

Kudos to the team for their commitment to the Churni Ladies and keeping them engaged and financially independent during these trying times.



# PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES

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

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