



# Srotoshwini Trust

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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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# PATHSHALA HOSTEL

## POOJA MEETS MOTHER

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. Junin & 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.



# PATHSHALA HOSTEL FESTIVE SEASON

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**



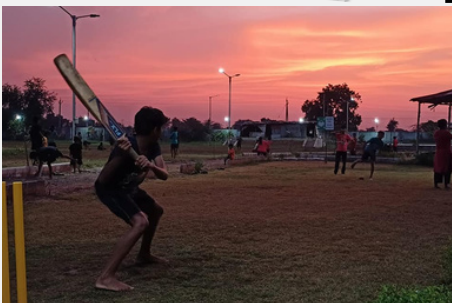
**NAVRATRI  
PREPARATION**



**GARDEN COMMITTEE  
CLEANING**



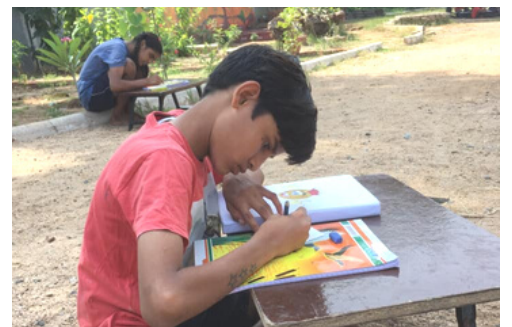
**QUALITY CONTROL -  
CHECKING DISHES  
AFTER BEING  
WASHED**



**EVENING CRICKET**



**ORGANIC FARMING**



**HOSTEL EXAMS**

|| November ||

# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



**CYCLE REPAIRING**



**PATHSHALA HOSTEL  
ANNUAL PICNIC**



**PALLETTE 2 PLATE -  
DIWALI CELEBRATION  
FOOD FIESTA**



**EXTENDED STUDY  
TIME FOR SENIOR  
CHILDREN**



**CHILDREN'S DAY**



**CHILDREN'S DAY  
WALL PAINTING**



**NEW DIWALI  
CLOTHES**



**DIWALI CLEANING**

|| December ||

# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



COL. FALNIKAR  
SPOKE TO THE  
CHILDREN ABOUT A  
CAREER IN THE  
ARMY, NAVY OR  
AIRFORCE



BIRTHDAY CHART  
COMPETITION



HANDKNITTED  
WOOLLNENS'  
EXHIBITION BY  
DR.KALPANA PATEL  
(FUNDRAISER)



NEW OUTDOOR  
CHHOLAH CREATED  
BY PAVNI FOR  
ROTIS



FOOD COMMITTEE JOBS



FOOD FIESTA  
CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION



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!

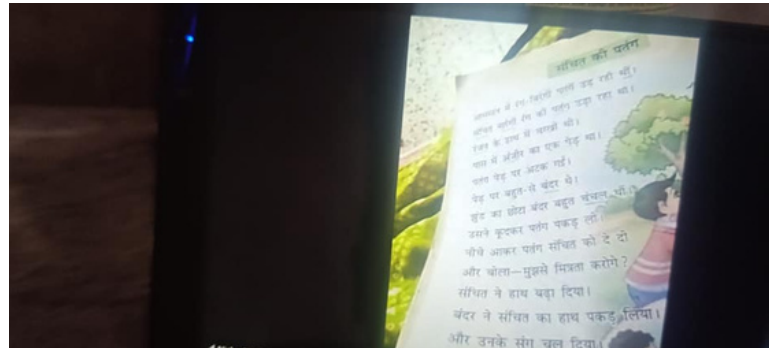


## Competition Winner

Jyoti got audience award for her speech in Kritaggyata (being grateful) Competition.

# PATHBHAVAN

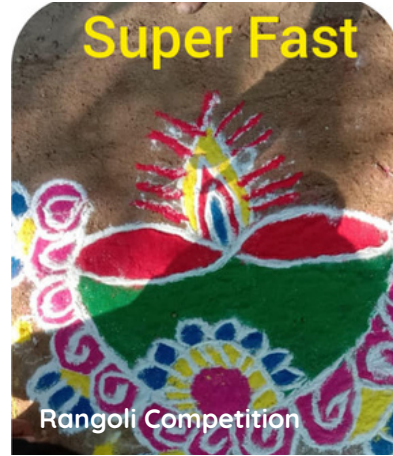
- The junior and senior students continued to study under the guidance of 10-12 Pathbhavan mentors remotely using mobile phones.
- Standard X children are studying with Bhawani tutorial class and 5 teachers from Pathbhavan.
- Standard VI to IX children are showing considerable progress in English language, 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.



# SUCCESS STORIES



## Academic Scholarship

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.



## Competition Winner

Priyanka Tiwari got audience award for her speech in Kritaggyata (being grateful) Competition.

# CHURNI

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 Navratri 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.

Diwali Kurtas and Shirts



Navratri Chaniya Choli @ Pathshala Hostel



# 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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