



# Srotoshwini Trust

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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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SROTOSHWINI TRUST

## TRIBUTE

Covid-19 hit everyone hard this past year. We also experienced some personal losses. We lost two of our beloved team members. We extend our deepest condolences to their families. We also extend heartfelt wishes and prayers to all our well-wishers who were affected by this pandemic.



### Raksha Ma'am

The Coordinator at Navprerna School (Navrachana, Sama. Vadodara), the formal school that all our Pathshala children and some of our Pathbhavan children go to. Raksha Ma'am had been the reason for the academic progress our children have made in school. She along with her team worked with us closely so that each of our children's needs could be handled uniquely. We lost her in May this year and she will truly be missed.



### Sumitra Ben

Sumitraben, one of our Churni members, succumbed to COVID. She was a resident of Lasundra village. She used to teach stitching to the ladies of Churni.

In Memory of Prof. Rummy Mistry

## UDAAN: CAREER COUNSELING PROG

Our Career Counseling initiative Udaan for Class VIII to Class XII students was kicked off on June 14 in Pathshala & June 17 in Pathbhavan. We have partnered with CareerNaksha, a professional Career Counseling Service Provider based out of Vadodara. The program so far has done the following -

- provided career path overview to all children
- internal mentors have been identified for a small group of 3-4 children who will help the children follow the career guidance recommendations
- provided training to our mentors on how to guide the children
- conducted psychometric testing and created a customized report for each child with possible career options
- collected background information of each child and provided 1-1 counseling to the children in the presence of their mentors
- a plan for each child has been created and periodic followups will be carried out with CareerNaksha representatives to evaluate progress.

A big shoutout to Sharodiya Dutta who is spearheading the program for the Trust and coordinating all the activities with CareerNaksha and our Pathshala & Pathbhavan children and staff.



# EVERYDAY CHALLENGES

## Sexual Molestation Case

A man from Lasundra village molested a girl student who is 8 yrs old. She along with a group of children had gone to the barber's for a haircut. He threatened her and other children so that they did not say anything to the supervisor. After coming back to the hostel, they rushed to Jun Ma'am and narrated the story. He put his hands inside her shorts and threatened her and other children. Immediately. The person was called after knowing that he was from the village but he did not turn up. It was reported that he was asleep. The Sarpanch of the village was informed. He brought him the next day. And astonishingly he was not apologetic and said.. 'i thought the child was a boy'. As if it is ok to molest a boy.

An FIR was lodged in the Bhadarva Police Station. The villagers requested us to withdraw the case and when we declined, they started harassing us with our water supply.

## Water Supply Issues

Following the filing of the Sexual Molestation case, we were forced to remove our motor from the village pond. After that day, we tried to reinstall the motor according to the suggestion of Taluka Development Officer but the villagers did not allow us to do so and misbehaved with us. The Sarpanch said, "No Collector, TDO or DDO can do anything" and physically and verbally was very aggressive with our hostel mothers, well-wishers and children. Our team continued with BoreWell water and the TDS was as high as 3500. Finally coverage in social media, media and help from our well-wishers got us in touch with Mr.Ketan Inamdar, MLA of Savli. He helped us resolve the issue and the motor could be re-installed.

We also proactively suggested to help the Village Panchayat by running the pump 1 hour in the morning and evening to help with their water supply. From the very beginning we use our STP Plant for our waste water reuse for watering our garden and clothes washing. The motor is primarily installed for water consumption.



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# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
EXPERIMENT - WEIGHING  
USING A SCALE



HOSTEL CLEANING



POTTERY CLUB



ORGANIC FARMING



READING @ ASSEMBLY



PANIPURI PARTY



EMBROIDERY BY SEJAL-  
MAINDAK X CHURNI



MASKED & DISTANCED  
ASSEMBLY



WALL PAINTING  
COMPEITION

11 MAY 11

# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



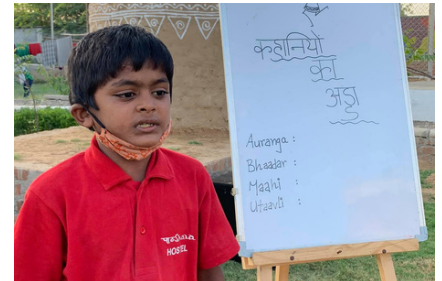
**MAY 9 FOUNDATION DAY VIRTUAL EVENT**

Tribute to Raksha Ma'am



**PATHSHALA TERRACOTA JEWELLERY**

Pottery Club



**KAHANIYON KA ADDA**

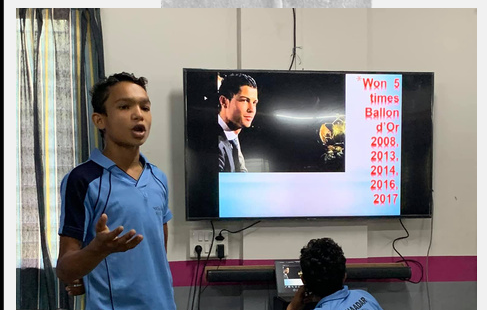
Story telling competition



**READING AT ASSEMBLY**



**RAHUL SAVING A BIRD FROM THE RAIN**



**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON FOOTBALL**

Interhouse Competition



**COOKING COMPETITION**



**BITARK PRATIYOGITA**

Debate Competition

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# HOSTEL ACTIVITIES



**UDAAN CAREER COUNSELING SESSION**



**RAIN WATER HARVESTING PROJECT INITIATED**



**DOORMAT MAKING COMPETITION**



**BIWEEKLY DANCE CLASS**



**FULL YEAR'S SUPPLIES DONATION**  
By Rotary Club Golf Committee



**BIWEEKLY KEYBOARD CLASS**



**RJ COMPETITION**  
Interhouse competition



**BIWEEKLY CRAFT CLASS**



**BIWEEKLY DRAMA CLASS**

A Tribute to Raksha Ma'am

# FOUNDATION DAY EVENT

Our 8th Foundation Day Event was celebrated on May 9, 2021. Due to the pandemic lockdown restrictions we decided to stream the event online. We dedicated this year's event to Raksha Ma'am who lost her battle with Covid and Cancer unexpectedly a few days before that. It was a solemn and wonderful presentation by our children and Hostel Mothers. Here are a few glimpses from the event





# SUCCESS STORIES



## Our Well wishers & Team

In the end of April when we ran into the motor issue where we could no longer draw drinking water from the village pond, we received overwhelming support from all quarters. Everyone tried on their part to reach out to whoever they knew to get help to us. We got well-wishes and support on social media, advice on who we should contact, our story was covered in Our Vadodara and many people reached out to us providing assistance. We are truly grateful for all the support.

Our team is always ready for all crisis situations. On this occasion, our senior children stepped in to truly take responsibility and support the situation and helped with the motor installation, manually drawing water, stand shoulder to shoulder with our Hostel Mothers every step of the way.

## Mithu Aunty, Anisha didi & Mubina didi

Recently we took 2 new girls and 1 boy into the hostel. After the admission process the mother revealed that the girl was addicted to gutka. After some time she started crying and the brother said, she would need gutka. The only remedy we have is patience and love. Mithu aunty, Anisha didi and Mubina didi have been exemplary in giving their time, warmth and love to help her manage the situation in addition to managing the other 90 odd kids. These are stories of real-life super-heroes.



# PATHBHAVAN

Pathbhavan continued in remote mode in April & May but the good news is our premises could be opened from June 15, 2021. for academic sessions for our senior children. Here are some highlights of events and activities:

- Mousumi Ma'am hosted creative summer sessions at the Pathbhavan center location for selective senior students after lockdown rules were lifted. The children made some amazing products and were very happy to be back.
- Udaan Career Counseling sessions with Career Naksha were organized and the children went through a general overview, psychometric testing and will go through 1-1 counseling very soon.
- Arvind, our senior student who is doing his diploma in MSU has volunteered to take care of the junior children and take their classes and engage them with a few activities at a Sanjay Nagar slum location. The junior students are not permitted to come into the center yet.
- World Environment Day was celebrated by planting a few saplings by a few children in the Sanjay Nagar Slum
- International Yoga day was celebrated on premise with Ms. Sonal Shah and a few of our senior children
- An interactive session with our children was held where they described how their day was spent helping their parents selling vegetables or doing household work with the highlight being the 2-3 hours they spent in Pathbhavan remote classes or in our makeshift class in the Sanjay Nagar slum. Everyone is very excited to be back.



PATHBHAVAN

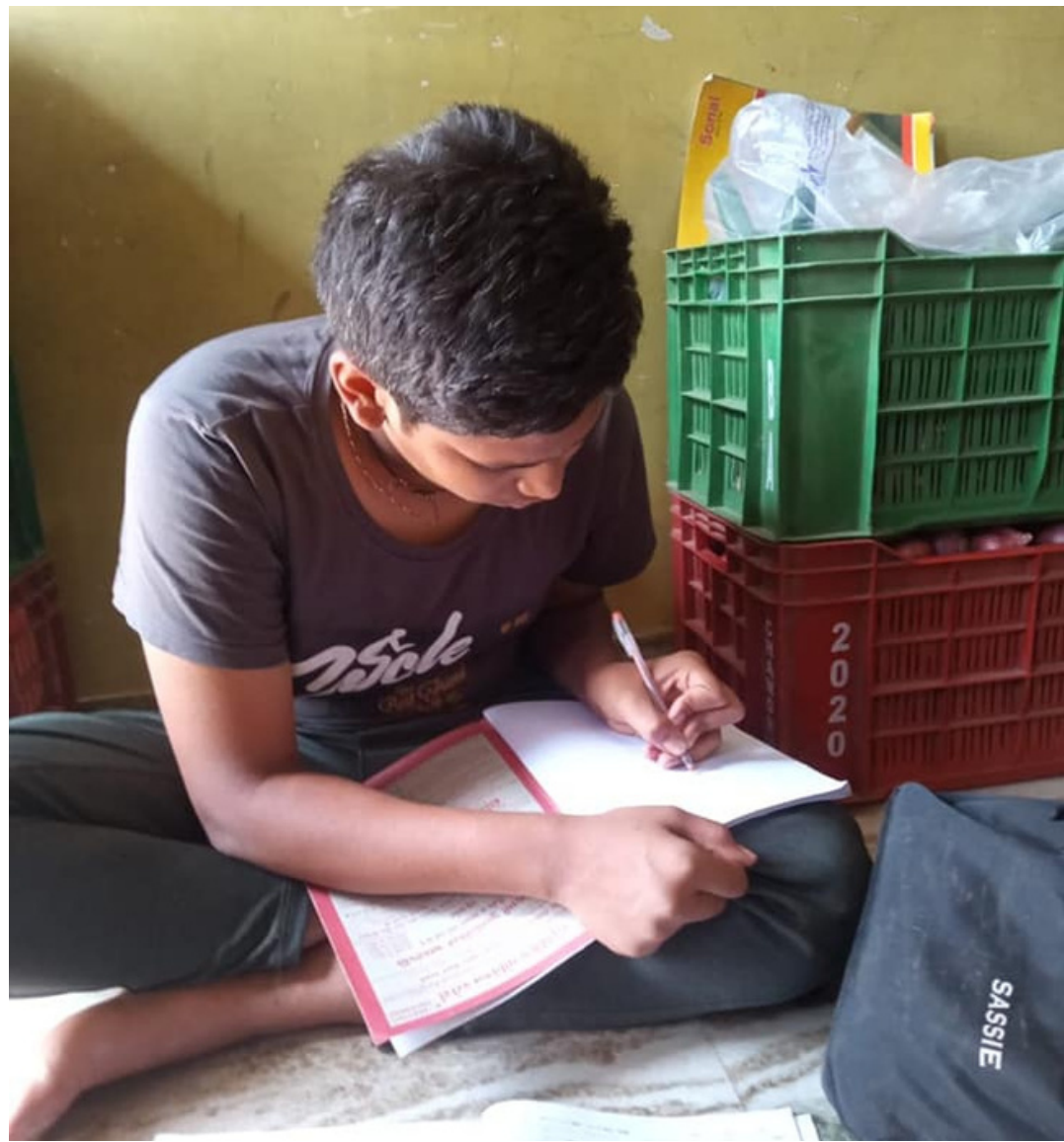
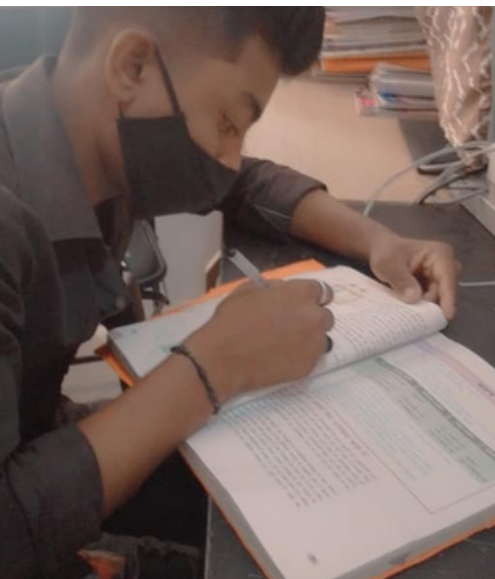
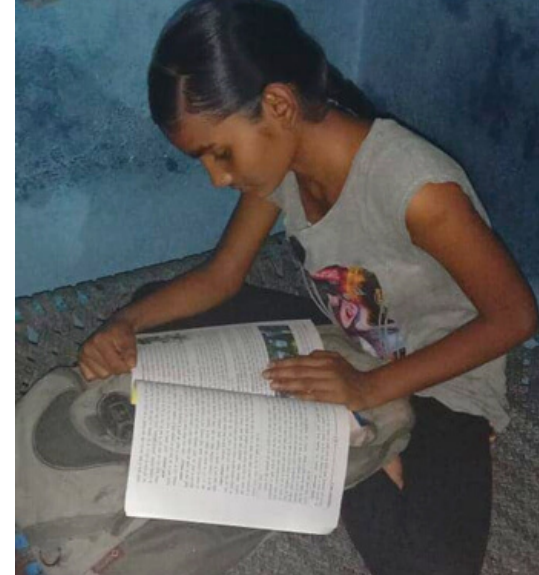
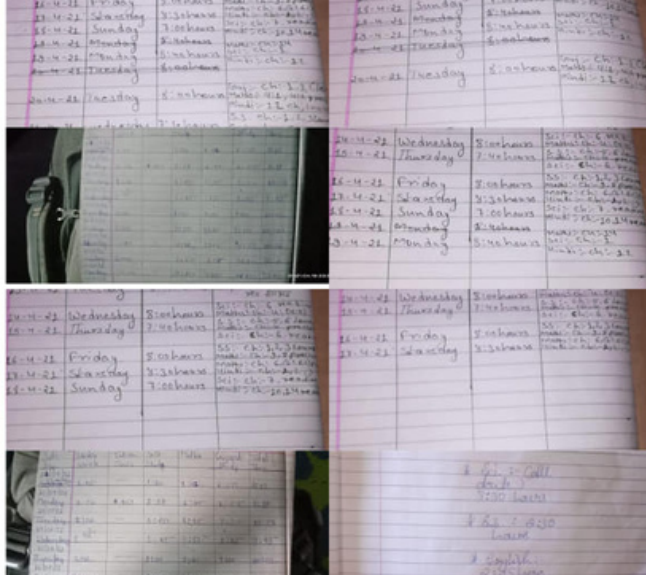
# CREATIVE PRODUCTS

With the summer creative classes and smalls groups of children engaging through the summer months, the children made some great products some of which were sold online and the proceeds were directly transferred to our (senior) children's bank accounts.



# PATHBHAVAN CLASS X

Our Class X Students did a great job taking out 6-8 hours a day after helping their parents selling vegetables or doing household work and really focussed on preparing for their exams even though there were a lot of uncertainties due to the lockdown. They continued to attend Bhavani classes when permitted and at other times were guided by our own Pathbhavan mentors remotely.



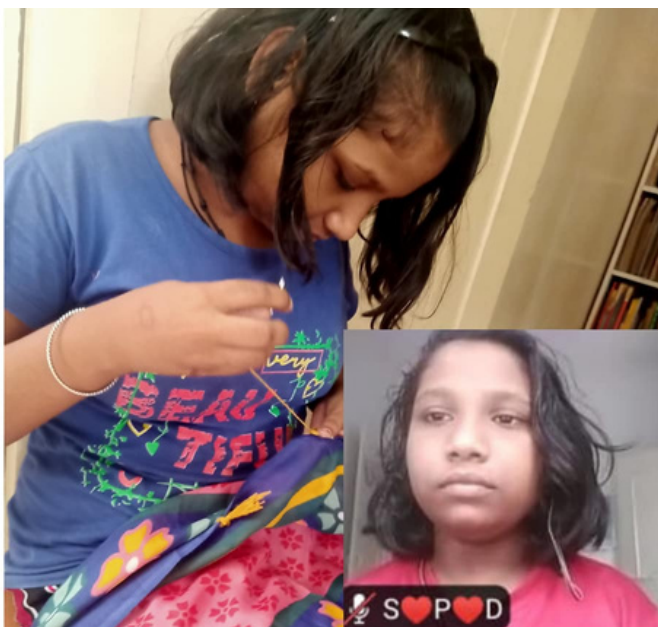
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**Arvind - New Pathbhavan**

**Mentor**

Arvind Gupta , our own student has taken the responsibility to give all round development to our junior section children. The reason being, the junior students can't still be called to the Pathbhavan center. Arvind has volunteered to handle the tiny tots in a room in the SanjayNagar slum. Kudos to Arvind for taking this thoughtful step.



**Priyanka - New Pathbhavan**

**Mentor**

Priyanka Tiwari, she is 14+, promoted to standard IX . She has taken the responsibility to give handwriting and phonetics practice to our little ones in the slum. A future leader in the making

# CHURNI

With the second wave of Covid-19 stabilizing, we hope to get a lot more foot traffic in the store and participate in exhibitions. In the meantime we have added a lot more to our apparel and home decor collections.

- We've launched new selection of kaftans and nighties in different styles
- Baby/children's apparel
- New home decor selections - bed covers, door mats, pillow covers and curtains
- New accessories - bags, purses, utility bags
- In the last quarter we have relied on virtual selling through two facebook live sessions and word of mouth sales.
- 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](http://www.churnicollection.org)



# 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**
  - Trustee | President, Srotoshwini Trust | Management Committee | Hostel Mother
- **Mousumi Datta**
  - Trustee | General Secretary, Srotoshwini Trust | Management Committee | Director, Pathbhavan
- **Dr. Uma Kapadia**
  - Trustee | Treasurer | Management Committee | Teacher, Pathshala Hostel
- **Padmaja Dutt**
  - Trustee | Asst-General Secretary, Srotoshwini Trust | Management Committee | Hostel Mother
- **Rina Pal**
  - Trustee | Management Committee
- **Dipali Chowdhuri**
  - Trustee | Management Committee | Teacher, Pathshala Hostel
- **Rajeshwari Trivedi**
  - Trustee | Management Committee
- **Bharat Desai**
  - Management Committee | Advisor
- **Jaydeep Verma (Advocate)**
  - 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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