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UNIQUE LOUIS BRAILLE DAY CELEBRATION



Special Day Cover depicting photos of Padma Shri Jagdish Patel (Founder of BPA) and Louis Braille (Founder of Braille script) were virtually released with a speech of the Chief Minister on

World Braille Day at Porecha Auditorium, Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad. Post Master General, North Gujarat, Ms. Suchita Joshi was Guest of Honour and spoke about details of Postal system and Special Day Cover. She released this Special Day Cover and handed over passbooks to special girls under

Sukanya Sunidhi Yojana sponsored by department of posts. She also felicitated Mr. Ranjit Gohil, a disabled postal employee on winning Gold Medal in Malaysian International Athletics. The Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijaybhai Rupani's recorded speech was played in this function. Shri Rajendrabhai Shah, the President of BPA was present. Mr. Tarak Luhar, Secretary, NAB Gujarat explained about the life and achievements of Louis Braille. Dr. Bhushan Punani, General Secretary explained about Blind People's Association (BPA), the Founder of BPA Late Shri Jagdish K. Patel and details of Special Day Cover. Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director welcomed and introduced the guests to the audience. Mrs. Vimal Thawani, Project Director proposed vote of thanks.

Braille Reading by visually impaired persons at All Indian Radio and Door Darshan on eve of World Braille Day was also held.



NEW PRESIDENT OF BPA



Shri Rajendrabhai Shah



Shri Piyushbhai Desai

Our beloved President **Shri Piyushbhai Desai** has shown his inability to continue as President due to his ill health. BPA is very happy to inform that **Shri Rajendrabhai Shah** has very kindly agreed to lead the organization as President. The virtual Executive Committee meeting and Annual General Meeting of 30th September, 2020 has appointed him as President of BPA.

Rajendrabhai has been President of SWMR – leading organization of Parents of mentally challenged children as his own daughter was born with mental retardation. He has helped to establish Anand Dham – an abode for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities near Bavla. He is an industrialist and has 4 Engineering Units - two in India and two abroad. He is a very energetic person with personal experience of disability and will be an asset to BPA.

Shri Piyushbhai Desai Former President visited BPA on 4 December.

Visit of New President in various units:

Rajendrabhai, the new BPA President is a very hands on President. He has decided to visit every unit and campus of the BPA in a bid to understand the working and the team dynamics.

He has already visited the campus at Bareja, Naaz, Bavla and has conducted intensive meetings with the staff members.



VIRTUAL PLATFORM - INAUGURATION OF OCT & SLT SOPHISTICATED DIAGNOSTIC MACHINES AT BPA PORECHA EYE HOSPITAL

13 August, 2020: On behalf of the Government of Japan, Mr. Michio Harada, the Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, inaugurated the "Project for the Provision of Medical Equipment to Eye Hospital in Ahmedabad City" virtually on August 13, 2020, due to Covid pandemic situation. The OCT and SLT Yag Laser machines costing Rs. 55 lakhs were donated by the Japan Consulate General, Mumbai. Dr. Utpal Jani, Programme Officer (Ahmedabad District), National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) & Mr. Tushar Patel, President, Bareja Nagar Seva Sadan were physically present at Bareja for the same. The Japanese Government was very keen to see the machines and their working and also visit the project site.



There was a physical inauguration on 4 November, 2020 in which Mr. Michio Harada, Consul General and Mr. Tauch Noritaka, Vice Counsel



General of Japan, Mumbai officially handed over the OCT and SLT Machines to BPA Bareja Eye Hospital. The new President of Blind People's Association Mr. Rajendrabhai Shah and whole team of Bareja hospital were present on this occasion.

MAYOR LAUNCHES LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME



5 October 2020: The women with disabilities livelihood program sponsored by Heart Foundation and Research Institute in Association (HFRIA) with Blind People's Association Porecha eye hospital, Bareja was launched by the Hon'ble Mayor of Ahmedabad Ms. Bijal Patel. Dr. Nitin Shah is the Managing Director of HFRIA and Committee Member of BPA. Dr. Bhushan Punani, Executive Secretary, Dr. Dharmendrakumar Jena, Deputy Director (Health) and Mr. Bharat Joshi, Deputy Director (Projects) attended this function.

CSR SUPPORT FOR SMART CLASS



Ms. A. Manimekhalai, Executive Director of Canara Bank inaugurated the Smart Class sponsored by Canara Bank under CSR on 13 January, 2021. 2 classes have been donated by Canara Bank which will help children with multiple and severe disabilities to learn academics through the audio, visual and tactile media. BPA thanks Canara Bank for this generosity. Similar inauguration done at Bavla School on 18 January, 2021.

FAREWELL TO ATCB PRINCIPAL



BPA Family bids farewell to Mr. Vinod Rathwa, Principal of the Adult Training School for the Blind. He has been transferred to Govt Blind School Junagarh by the Department of Social Defense. BPA gratefully acknowledges his service to the school for 33 months.

GREAT INITIATIVE OF A RESIDENTIAL SOCIETY

Mr. Natubhai Shah, Trustee of BPA, who is 90 years young has raised funds with his colleagues in his society, namely Mr Akshay, Chairman; and Shri Nareshbhai, Secretary of Samruddhi Bungalows and Shaligram Bungalows who motivated the resident members to donate household and other items as charity to BPA. The Members got motivated and made a spontaneous donation of Rs. 63000. BPA Family wishes Natubhai the best on this 90th landmark in his life and prays that he becomes a centurion!



VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS

5 Nirma students have completed online internship who helped us transcribed the audio-video documentary and 5 Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute student physically came to BPA who helped us digitalized our records. Currently, 5 MICA students are working on developing communication tools for BPA and 4 NMIMS students are analyzing huge data of assistive devices and supporting the HR department. 2 students have just started internship and will come to BPA.

CHITKARA CONTRIBUTION

28 September, 2020 : Mr. Inder Chitkara, a Trustee of BPA and a dedicated volunteer for the past two decades donated additional amount of Rs. 4 lakhs for providing medicines to poor and needy persons. The Chitkara fund has been set up by the family to provide medicines and health care to needy people with disabilities. It is truly a very needed and pious service set up by Chitkaraji.



Lalita Purshotamdas Fund of Rs 1 crore has been set up for Rehabilitation of Mentally Challenged Persons and the Hansa & Sushilkant Purshotamdas Fund of Rs. 1 crore has been set up for Respite and Rehabilitation Centre for Persons with Multiple Disabilities –

SOCIETAL SUPPORT



5 December 2020 : Employees of Kalupur Commercial Cooperative Bank are a very motivated and socially committed lot. They collected funds from within their group and sponsored the distribution of 51 tricycles to persons with disabilities at the BPA campus.



- **17 October** : BPA Trustee Sunitaben Thakor distributed 12 Smart Mobile Phones on occasion of her grand son Mr. Eric Thakor's (USA) birthday.
- **31 October** : Parmahansa Yogananda Charitable Trust sponsored 5900 Helping Hand Kits and donated 54 Mobile Phones. Thanks to Mr. S. K. Khazanchi and PYCT Team.

12 January 2021 : Mihirbhai Parmar, Urvashiben Dave and Sudhaben Joshi, for wonderful gift of Uttarayan to children with special needs.



New Pediatric Belt Cane has been donated by Safe Toddlers, USA to the BPA Early Intervention Center. This cane is rectangular and allows the child to grip it properly and explore the environment. Training with this device will help the child to graduate to using the white cane. Students of the centre were taught how to grip the device, properly balance themselves and walk safely.



AHMEDABAD LADIES CIRCLE-64 SUPPORT



29 August, 2020 : Ahmedabad Ladies Circle-64 donated Rs. 10000 on the eve of Sports Day for purchasing Table Tennis Racket for Bhavina Patel and Sonal Patel. Bhavina represented India in Para Olympic Games of 2020. BPA is grateful to Ms. Nisha, Chairperson and Ms. Chhavi, Past Chairperson of ALC for their generous support for this noble cause.

JUMBO CRUTCH



51 Feet Crutch registered with Guinness Book of World Records as the largest single Crutch was gifted to the BPA with kind support of Dr. Harikrushna Dahyabhai Swami General Charitable Trust, Ahmedabad by Navjeevan Charitable Trust, Memnagar. This record breaking crutch has been installed at Building No.8 of BPA. It was inaugurated on 1 September, 2020:

EXCO & AGM MEETINGS

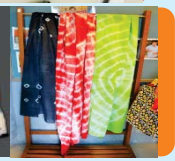
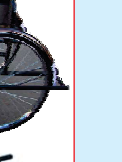
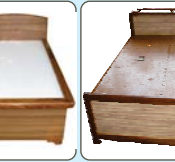
Blind People's Association (India) - BPA
 National Adult Training Centre for the Blind - NATCB
 National Association for the Blind - Gujarat State Branch - NAB
 Saddbhawna Rural Development Trust - SRD
 Dr. Jit Mehta Balshala Trust
 International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment - ICEVI

Date	Item	No. of participants
15 July, 2020	Executive Committee Meeting	33
30 Sept., 2020	Annual General Meeting	43
24 Dec., 2020	Executive Committee Meeting	32

NATIONAL ADULT TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE BLIND (NATCB)



ABLE AND WILLING
Visually impaired members of the Blind People's Association in Ahmedabad's Vastrapur area, perform the intricate task of weaving corded mats for chairs on Wednesday, the eve of the International Day of Disabled Persons 2020. —PHOTO BY HARP SINHA



The ATCB Workshop as it is popularly known as is reinventing itself by tapping the private and household markets. A new and improved range of furniture has been launched and a permanent exhibition space has been created on the BPA campus. Newspaper inserts have been circulated in areas around Vastrapur and we are happy to inform that the people of Ahmedabad have patronized the centre. The Trust has also revamped its website. Visit [website http://atcforblind.org](http://atcforblind.org) of Adult Training Centre for the Blind, a sister organization of BPA to purchase variety of furniture and gift articles crafted by #Divayangjan.



"BPA Products on Display in Exhibition organized by BAOU on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities"

Contact for order :

Furniture

Mr. Arindam Ray,
Deputy Director, HR & Training
Contact No. : 079-26302840

Assistive Devices

Mr. Futarmal Porwal
Secretary
Contact No. : 079-26308174

Handicrafts

Mrs. Vimal Thawani
Project Director
Contact No. : 079-26304070

CONGRATS CORNER



Mr. (Dr.) Dharmendrakumar Jena, Deputy Director Health, Bareja Hospital was conferred the P.hD-Doctorate Degree by Raffles University on 2 September, 2020. He has studied the Management of Health Care Systems.

BPA was given Commendation Award by Mary Glowrey - Liliane Brekelmans Award 2020 and a Certificate and Rs, 25,000 as cash prize on 5 December, 2020.



Baba Saheb Ambedkar Open University recently launched its Women's Development Wing on 13 January, 2021. **Ms. Sonal Madhani**, BPA Music Teacher who is visually impaired and doing her B.Ed in Special Education was felicitated on this occasion by Mrs. Anjali Rupani, First Lady of Gujarat



Mrs. Jigna Joshi, Manager, BPA won First Prize in Essay Writing Competition organized by Society for the Welfare of Mentally Retarded.



Mrs. Sudha Joshi was conferred **National Award as a Best Special Educator** by the HE The President of India in a virtual distribution ceremony on 5 September, 2020, Teachers Day. Ms. Joshi has recently retired from the school but continues providing her voluntary services to students with disabilities.



Ms. Shrutilata Singh deafblind Physiotherapist of BPA now working as Advocacy Manger of Sense India gave a 3 minute presentation in Conference of State Parties at United Nations on 3rd December, 2020 International Day of Persons with Disability.

BPA SECOND LINE ASSUMES CHARGE FROM 1 JULY, 2020



BPA is a large and growing organization due to its strong foundation of professionalization and compassion. As every organization and its staff age, it is essential to plan a second line to seamlessly and smoothly carry the mission further. There was a planning meeting in the BPA for sustainability and staff restructuring as result of which four staff members were elevated.

- **Senior Manager Ms. Kinnari Desai, Advocacy & Rehabilitation:** She will look after employment, self-employment, micro credit, assistive devices distribution, accessibility, adjustment training to newly disabled and community based rehabilitation.
- **Deputy Director Mr. Arindam Ray Training & HR:** Will look after Workshops, HR & Administration
- **Deputy Director Mr. Bharat Joshi: Projects, Centres & Resources Mobilization**
- **Deputy Director Dr. Dharmendrakumar Jena, Health:** will look after Bareja Eye Hospital, Vatrak Eye Hospital, Vision Centre, Orthopaedic Hospital and general health care

NEW VISION CENTRE IN MAHEMADABAD



Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director, Dr. Dharmendrakumar Jena, Deputy Director BPA-Porecha Hospital, Bareja with Dr. Lata Brahmbhat, CSR Head, Wagh Bakri Tea Group visited Mahemadabad Netra Saravar Kendra on 6 June 2020. This centre is supported by Wagh Bakri Tea Group. The centre has been set up under the CSR grant of the Company and has enabled poor patients from around to get quality services at low cost.

BOSCH FOUNDATION CSR SUPPORT



Bosch Foundation supported eye surgery under CSR and poor patients from Nalsarovar area were checked up and operated upon on 19 December, 2020. They were picked up from their villages, the surgery was conducted and they were discharged successfully from BPA Porecha eye hospital after sight restoration. We thank Bosch Foundation for this humanitarian support.

SUPPORT FROM VISION SPRING FOUNDATION



Vision Spring Foundation In association with BPA-Porecha Hospital provided **200 Free Quality eye Glasses** to Children and **2 Free Masks** to Every Children along with free Eye glasses from the Period 18-8-2020 to 31-12-2020.

A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING PASSES AWAY

Sad demise of Smt Bellaben Yogeshbhai Patel in USA on 29 June, 2020. She was a very warm, loving and dynamic donor of the BPA who alongwith her husband donated more than a crore of rupees for setting up of the of Mangalbhai R. Patel and Shardaben M. Patel

Bhojanshala in loving memory of Yogeshbhai Patel's parents and also Ultra Modern Operation Theatres at the Porecha Hospital. She also committed Rs. 2 Crores for the naming of the new Eye Hospital at Vatrak as the "Smt. Bellaben & Yogeshbhai Patel Eye Hopsital". She passed away after a surgery. She will always be missed by the BPA for her humanity, compassion and joyful nature.

The photograph shown here is of the inauguration of the Bhojanalay on 3 December, 2016 at BPA-Bareja Eye Hospital. Prayers for her soul.



INDUCTOTHERM SURGERY INAUGURATION PROGRAM



The Inductotherm India Ltd pledged 1200 cataract surgeries as part of Sight Restoration under CSR of their Company. This was a very generous donation received during these harsh Covid times.

Mr. Naishad Parekh, Director, Inductotherm (India) Pvt. Ltd. attended the function at Bareja Eye Hospital and flagged off the programme for conducting 1200 free-of-cost cataract surgeries on 19 August, 2020. BPA thanks the Company and Mr. Parekh for this generosity.

VISITORS FROM NATRAJ GHARGANTI

Mr. Harshad Pathak Natraj Founder of Natraj group of industries was a regular supporter of cataract surgeries for the past two decades. Harshadbhai passed away and his legacy is being carried forward by his son Devangbhai. Every 12 January – Harshadbhai's birthday is celebrated by holding an eye camp. This year Devangbhai inaugurated the eye camp and announced that the group support an Ambulance in the memory of Harsadbhai M. Pathak.



AIDS & APPLIANCES GIVEN TO 408 BENEFICIARIES

Name of Aid Given	No. of Beneficiaries	Name of Donor
Angel	1	VoSap
B/E P/S	7	Haldyn Glass Ltd & N.A.B.
Calipers	8	Sanjay Parikh & Assistive Device Fund
Crutches	13	Indian Bank Sanjay Soni & Other Donor
Digital Hearing Aid	14	Swabhiman Fund & Rahi Hearing Aid
Folding Wheel Chair Standard & Mini	33	N.A.B. Fund Haldyn Glass Ltd. Mahendrabhai
Folding Walker	9	Geeta Gandhi
Four Pad Stick	1	Assistive Device Fund
Ground Mobility	1	Assistive Device Fund
M.R. Educational Kit	4	Bhavisha Sheth & Brijeshbhai Shah
Modified C.P. Chair	3	Biju Pillai & Assistive Device Fund
Mono Hearing Aid	36	Dark & Light Fund Kumbhani
Pair of Surgical Shoes	2	Global Giving & Dahyalal Chotalal Fund
Prosthesis	25	Biju Pillai Sanjay Mahadeshwar
Smart Cane & Stick	40	Haldyn Glass Ltd & N.A.B.
Smart Phone	62	PYCT & Nimisha Parikh
Stereo Hearing Aid	4	Assistive Device Fund
Tricycle	145	Kalupur Bank Shushilaben & many other Donors
TOTAL	408	



BPA SHINES IN COVID TIMES

The world witnessed a pandemic, the proportions of which, have never been seen in this world in 2020. The feeling of helplessness, anxiety and uncertainty looms large...

Amidst the gloom, your organization proved that it has the gumption to keep on working in the Corona crisis. We did not stop our work or close the institute but continued as a relief organization in helping people in these times of need. We made and distributed one lakh masks free of charge in our bid to prevent the increase of infection. We appealed to donors to help us to help people with disabilities who had lost jobs, small trading to survive. People with disabilities had to face the most hardships in this Lock Down situation. A person with disabilities life depended on his daily income; the sudden closure of the business made it difficult for him to get even a one-time meal. The organization launched the Stop Hunger-Helping Hands Kit project to help persons with disabilities and their families in such dire circumstances. Under this project, ration kits are given to the family of a person with disability. This ration kit is made of wheat flour, rice, tur dal, sugar, oil, 2 masks, sanitizer, and soap. So far, the organization has distributed ration kits to more than 27000 at the cost of Rs. 1.5 Crore raised from friends and well wishers. Even as we write this newsletter, our persons with disabilities are being provided necessary education and intervention through the online medium.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

- Covid times
- Working with limitations....
- But work must go on...
- Alternatives found.....

Due to COVID situation, BPA started Community Mask Project, Dry Ration Kits Project, online education for children with disabilities etc.



SMART PHONE FOR ONLINE EDUCATION



MASK MAKING & DRY RATION KIT PACKING



REGISTRATION & DISTRIBUTION

LIST OF DONORS FOR DRY RATION KITS

Paramhansa Yogananda Charitable Trust	1797000.00	Santoshkumar Dubey	11250.00
Sangeeta Kaul	596460.00	Pankaj Laljibhai Bharadia	11111.00
Round Table India Trust	425000.00	Saumil Shelat	11106.00
Girish Motumal Navani	420000.00	Durgadas Sivashankaran Menon	11100.00
Heart Foundation & Research Institute	200000.00	Amrish H.Parikh	11000.00
Harsha Engineers Ltd.	150000.00	Ashok Bhatia	11000.00
Azure Knowledge Corporation	97000.00	Gokul Auto World	11000.00
Asharam khemchand Meghani	80000.00	Mahendrakumar A.Patel	11000.00
Ashram Inc. DBA Hope Foundation	73234.16	Mythili Baskaran	11000.00
School for Deaf-Mutes Society	60000.00	Rajendralal Bhagat	11000.00
Ashok Shaligram Modi	51000.00	Shirishbhai Joshi	11000.00
Jigar Yogeshbhai Shah	50000.00	Hitendrabhai Gujarati	10625.00
Leena Bhupendra Desai	50000.00	Skyquest Technology Consulting Pvt.Ltd.	10625.00
Rachana Jigar Shah	50000.00	Vipulkumar Rameshchandra Co.	10625.00
Rajendra Shah	50000.00	Atulbhai M.Patel	10000.00
Viruben Ramanlal Varsani Family	50000.00	Dharmendra Kumar Jena	10000.00
Maitri Foundation	45940.15	Haresh Nandlal Raval	10000.00
Uchit Arora	45454.50	Hasti Petro Chemicals & Shipping Ltd.	10000.00
M.M.Patni	45000.00	Inderlal R Chitkara	10000.00
Monisha Parikh	45000.00	Mr. Anubhav Sethi	10000.00
Naishadh N.Parekh	45000.00	Mrs. Kiran Sethi	10000.00
Biren Harshadbhai Shah	42500.00	Ms. Aanchal Sethi	10000.00
Transformers & Rectifiers (India) Limited	42500.00	Nihar Patel	10000.00
Binali Vijay Su	40000.00	Nita K Parikh	10000.00
Fellowship Masonic Charitable Trust	40000.00	Rajesh Anandjiwala	10000.00
Toycra	40000.00	Rakesh R.Mistry	10000.00
Vatsal P.Thakor	40000.00	Swati Bhunesh Modi	10000.00
Anil Jagdish Jaiswal	36000.00	Vaibhav A Vyas	10000.00
Dilipkumar Jagannath Mahajan	30000.00	Vyoma Pandit	10000.00
Sanjiv K.Rawal	30000.00	Devang Patel	9657.80
Harshida Bipin Mehta	27625.00	Shivaya Patel	9657.80
Chaturbhai N Patel	25500.00	Narendra Moorjani	9488.00
Hem V.Shah	25000.00	Netraben Pendharkar	9000.00
Jagdishchand Mangalchand Shah	25000.00	Sultan H.Syed	9000.00
Praduman Prabhudas Mehta	25000.00	Ketan Papat	8924.79
UCO Bank Zonal Office	25000.00	Sandeep Yadav	8750.00
Sapna Pankaj Desai	24000.00	Dhruv Kapoor	8692.02
Shah Investors Home Ltd.	24000.00	Harish Chander	8500.00
Trinity Construction	21675.00	Bipinkumar R.Mehta	8400.00
Ahmedabad Ladies Circle 44	21250.00	Kirankumar Co./Prop. Kirankumar Abhayraj Begani	8000.00
Bharat Panchal	21250.00	Gramophone Club	7500.00
Harish Rangwala	21250.00	Manoj Gor	7200.00
Naimesh Patil	21250.00	Puja Kakkar	6800.00
Nakul C.Modi	21250.00	Urvashiben & Kantibhai Thakkar	6750.00
Zenith Apex Pvt.Ltd.	21250.00	Dhiren Ramanlal Shah	6375.00
Nirmal Kumar	20400.00	Ishwarlal Kantilal Bhatt	6000.00
Ashish Khandulwal	20000.00	Neha Kshemkumar Dave	6000.00
Ashwani Gupta	20000.00	Bijal Prakashkumar Patel	5348.17
Inner Wheel Club Ahmedabad South	20000.00	Atul Amthalal Panchal	5100.00
Lions Club of A'bad Comm.Service Centre Ch.Trust	20000.00	Ninad Dharmeshbhai Buch	5100.00
Mythali Bhaskara	20000.00	Asha Sharma	5000.00
Romesh Kumar Bhagra	20000.00	BUPI/012514339067/04-05-2020 14:55:07/UPI	5000.00
Rotary Club of Ahmedabad South Charitable Trust	20000.00	Dignity Foundation	5000.00
Dr Parag Dagli	19315.60	Dr. Jyotindra Laxmishankar Bhatt	5000.00
Deepak Gopal Soni	17800.00	Harsh Shantilal Parekh	5000.00
N.I.Patil	17000.00	Hiral Patel	5000.00
Mihir Jani	16815.00	Hitendrakumar Prabhubhai Patel	5000.00
Nandini Rawal	15000.00	Kundanbhai D.Banani	5000.00
Rashmi Soni	15000.00	Manoj Harsukhrai Jani	5000.00
Smt.Bhanuben Hasmukhlal Shah Ch.Trust	15000.00	Mohit Khandulwal	5000.00
Alpaben & Sanket Mehta	14975.00	Nalinkant Parekh	5000.00
Vibhuti Shah	13175.00	Purnimaben K.Desai	5000.00
Daxaben Dave	12750.00	Rajesh J.Agarbattiwala	5000.00
Kathya Swamy	12500.00	Shailesh R. Pare	5000.00
Nitinbhai	11300.00	Tarun Arora	5000.00
Prachi Paresh Shah	11250.00	Varun Budhelia	5000.00
Rakesh Bhavsar	11250.00	Vraj Marble & Stone	5000.00

Yashkumarsinh Gohil	5000.00	Sandeep Prabhakar Pawar	2001.00
Niraj Sheth	4950.00	Aakash Sonara	2000.00
Ashish Kaushik	4675.00	Aansh Baiju Joshi	2000.00
Devshankarbhai Jethalal Patel	4675.00	Achalchand Lukkad	2000.00
Mrudulaben R.Patadiya	4675.00	Aditya Goenka	2000.00
Niraj Sheth	4675.00	Akash Sanghavi	2000.00
Ranu Parikh	4675.00	Alpesh Patel	2000.00
Govindbhai Maganlal Patel	4500.00	Ambaben Prahlladbhai Patel	2000.00
Abhinandan Kumar Jain	4400.00	Amrutbhai M Desai	2000.00
Dr. Shilpi Utsav Bha	4400.00	Anand Mehta	2000.00
Mit Mukesh Pandya	4400.00	Ansh Trivedi	2000.00
Chinmay Pandya	4250.00	Anubhav Goenka	2000.00
Inner Wheel Ahmedabad Charitable Trust	4250.00	Anuja Modi	2000.00
Kaniyalal Mafatlal Mehta	4250.00	Arnav Baiju Joshi	2000.00
Ketan K.Acharya	4250.00	Arunaben	2000.00
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Ankur Agrawal	4000.00	Chandrakanta Ratilal Soni	2000.00
Global HR Solutions	4000.00	Chhavi Sanghavi	2000.00
Hemang Hasmukhbhai Parikh	4000.00	Darshil V.Thakkar	2000.00
Nishant Katlana	4000.00	Dev Patel	2000.00
Usha Jay Kur	4000.00	Devang C.Shah	2000.00
Vidyadhar S Randevie	4000.00	Devang G Joshi	2000.00
ST Con	3600.00	Dhara D.Thakkar	2000.00
Kesarba Pradeepsinh Jadeja	3500.00	Dharmesh Trivedi	2000.00
Manishbhai Nimbark	3500.00	Dharmistha Satyapanthi	2000.00
Prahlladbhai R Patel	3200.00	Dipak Saraf	2000.00
Falguni B Rathod	3000.00	Dipen V.Thakkar	2000.00
Kusumben Yashvantray Bhatt	3000.00	Diya Hitesh Makwana	2000.00
Navinchandra V Mehta	3000.00	Dr. Subhash Apte	2000.00
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Siddhi Ravi Mistry	2897.34	Gameti Manoj J	2000.00
Anand Swami	2550.00	Gangaben Shaileshbhai Gandhi	2000.00
Usha Vikra	2520.00	Gautam Shah	2000.00
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WEBINARS/ONLINE CLASSES

WEBINAR ON BRAILLE AND TECHNOLOGY

The first webinar of Virtual Training Centre on Braille and Technology jointly organized by GCERT and BPA (India). Virtual Training Center (a branch of Tanya Computer center BPA) is dedicated to provide online education to persons with blindness and low vision. It includes short-term and long-term courses, workshop and webinars. The center jointly organized the First webinar on Braille and Technology exclusively for teachers with visual impairment working in regular schools of Gujarat on Fifth November 2020. 61 teachers participated in this webinar through zoom. It is often mistaken that Braille is outdated and need not be given weightage in education of persons with visual impairment. In fact, advancement in Braille Technology, invention of refreshable Braille displays and their availability at the affordable price, e-Braille, and many other developments have proved that Braille is still an empowering tool for persons with visual impairment. In this webinar, they were informed about modern Braille devices and their effective use in classroom situations. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director of BPA reiterated the need and importance of Braille in modern context, especially for teachers. Dr. T. S. Joshi, Director, GCERT reminded of the computer training for teachers and its impact and expressed hope that this webinar will also be a great help to the teachers. He also mention about increasing amount of digital content and immense potentials of using this content in classrooms so as to make the teaching learning process more effective, interesting and participatory. Experts from Orbit Company explained design, features and facilities of Orbit Braille 20 and Orbit Braille Writer. They also discussed about 2 applications of Orbit. They demonstrated these devices and applications as well. Another presentation was from a recent Braille product Annie Braille Learner. The purpose of this device is to teach braille including pre-braille, graded lessons of braille learning, digital Braille writing, and use of games to make braille learning interesting, the use of this device as a teacher controlled tool. Himanshu Sompura, secretary of Navchetan Andhajan Mandal Madhapar talked about their contribution in creating accessible e-books and their benefits, virtual Braille and an online test for testing the knowledge of Braille in a non-traditional and interesting way. Yahya Sapatvala, a lecturer of DIET Vadodara explained the use of modern Braille devices in classrooms particularly in primary schools with his own experiences and examples. Teachers' involvement and participation, interesting question-answer session and their positive feedbacks indicated that the webinar was a great success.



A digital "Rasotsav 2020" celebration was organized on 14th September, on All India Flag Day for the Blind. More than 100 children with support of their parents and teachers participated in the program. Children from BPA units, sister agencies and satellite centres at Bavla, Deesa, Sayla, Naaz, Jit Mehta, Palanpur participated in the programme. The programme was sponsored by Shah Investors Home Ltd. Upendrabhai and Purnimaben of Shah Investor's Home Limited have been sponsoring this programme for the past decade.

WEBINARS ATTENDED BY BPA STAFF

Dr. Bhusan Punani:

- 21 May, 2020 : was the lead speaker on National Webinar on the theme of Learning Environment for Inclusive Education.
- 27 June, 2020 : as Key Speaker on National Seminar to celebrate Birth Anniversary of legendary Helen Keller organized by The Regional Composite Centre, Gorakhpur
- 4 July, 2020 : represented and shared his thoughts on inclusion and empowerment "Road Ahead For Disability Empowerment In North India
- 17 July, 2020 : as a chair of panel discussion and "Reflection on way Forward"
- Gujarat Disaster Management Institute (GIDM) Gandhinagar organized a Webinar on "Empowering Persons with Disabilities in Context of COVID-19 Pandemic": "New Normal in Context of COVID-19 for various Disabilities"
- 28 July, 2020 : participated Sense India 43rd Board Meeting
- 8 August, 2020 : attended the Webinar Meeting on Unfolding the National Education Policy 2020 and had a presentation on "Teacher and Teacher Education"
- 11 August , 2020: Presented on "Understanding of New Education Policy with respect to Education of Children with Disabilities in "New Education Policy-impact on The Education of Children with Visual Impairment, Additional Disabilities & Deafblindness - A discussion on the New Education Policy of the Government of India.
- 8 October, 2020 : participated a Webinar on One-day Residential Training Program on "Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management" and presented on "Barriers of Disability Inclusion & Best Practices of

- Inclusion in Gujarat/India" Gujarat .Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), Gandhinagar organized
- 11 October : Handled a session on NPE organized by Manjula Rath
- 29 October : Shelter for Home Review Meeting through Video Conferencing
- 1 November : Education of VI – joint webinar by Daisy, Book-share and ICEVI WA
- 3 November : Review Meeting of IIMA Smile Project through Video Conferencing
- 27 November : Board Meeting of CERC through Video Conferencing
- 25 November : attended inaugural function of Disabilities & Inclusion Community of the Impact Future Projects organized by ASPIRE IMPACT
- 28 November : Monthly meeting of Voice of SAP
- 30 November : The Blind Peoples Association in partnership with Eyeway and Bookshare invite you to a brainstorming session on the topic "Digital Literacy in Gujarat – the Road Ahead".
- 3 December : participated webinar – Celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities and presented on "New Education Policy in Relation to Students with Disabilities in Higher Education". This programme organized by Support Centre for Children and Adolescents at Risk Situation, Department of Special Needs Education, Faculty of Education, The Open University of Srilanka.
- 4 December : Zoom meeting by Sense India: Sense India Side Event at COSP13

- 18 December : Attended Entrepreneurial Panel: Technology as Enabler for PwD Entrepreneurs and presented on "Social Entrepreneurs and Change Makers For Divyangjan". This webinar organized by Amity Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Noida
- 18 December : attended "Entrepreneurial Panel : Technology as Enabler for PwD Entrepreneurs" and presented on "Role of Technology for PwDs Entrepreneurship" The webinar was organized by Sarthak Educational Trust & National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI)
- 8 January, 2021 : Blind People's Association organized a 5- days Regional Training on Deafblindness/MSI. The Webinar was recognized by Rehabilitation council of India and supported by Sense International India. From BPA Dr. Bhushan Punani, Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Mrs. Vimal Thawani, Mr. Bharat Joshi, Mr. Sunil Gaurier, Mrs. Krupa Velani and Ms. Manisha Parikh attended this training. A total of 92 participants participated in this virtual training.

Mrs. Nandini Rawal:

- 28 July, 2020 : participated Sense India 43rd Board Meeting
- 6 August, 2020 : Vatrak Webinar : Nandini Rawal, Bhushan Punani & Dharmendra Jena from BPA & Vatrak Team participated in a Zoom Meeting to discuss the progress of the proposed new Smt. Bellaben and Yogesh Patel Eye Hospital Vatrak.
- 11 August, 2020 : was the Moderator on New Education Policy-impact on The Education of Children with Visual Impairment, Additional Disabilities & Deafblindness - A discussion on the New Education Policy of the Government of India.
- 13 August, 2020 : participated Safeguard Zoom Meeting with Sense International, India.
- 21 August, 2020 : participated in 'Professional Development Buffet for Professionals' (PDBP) Department of Special Education, Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University (SNDT).
- 4 September, 2020 : attended by (VI, CBR and Multiple Disabilities) Sub Committee Meeting of Expert in Disability Specialization Organized by RCI
- 9 September, 2020 : attended Board Meeting of Perkins India, Mumbai
- 16 September, 2020 : presented on "Training on Visual Impairment and its Early Identification on "Early Identification Webinar: Commissionerate for PwDs, Social Justice & Special Assistance Department, Govt of Maharashtra & Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities, Mumbai.
- 16 September, 2020 : Virtual Parents Meeting of BPA-Porbandar Deafblind Project Parents shared achievements of students.
- 30 September, 2020 : attended Red Flag Project:VI Screening tool & Teacher Training Module Validation Call- CBM
- 29 October : Vocational Training in SSA
- 29 October : Participated in Mission for Vision Seminar
- 3 November : Spoke in CHAI Seminar
- 6 November : Spoke in Deepak Foundation Seminar 'Empowering children with disabilities: Role of the CSR' organized by Consortium for Inclusive Education (CiE), Baroda
- 10 November 2020 : participated Webinar on FCRA Act Amendments 2020 organized by Educo India, Mumbai
- 25 November : Participated on Webinar - Emotional wellbeing with Perkins India
- 25 November : attended inaugural function of Disabilities & Inclusion Community of the Impact Future Projects organized by ASPIRE IMPACT

- 30 November : The Blind Peoples Association in partnership with Eyeway and Bookshare invite you to a brainstorming session on the topic "Digital Literacy in Gujarat – the Road Ahead".
- 3 December : joined Webinar with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)
- 4 December : Zoom meeting by Sense India: Sense India Side Event at COSP13
- 10 December : attended in a Vision 2020-CBM Webinar and spoke on Visual Impairment.
- 18 & 19 December : joined Webinar on Inclusive Education organized by Consortium Baroda.
- 19 December : attended 7th National Conference on Disability- Early Intervention and Inclusive Education Panel Digital Outreach and Physical Services for Intervention & Inclusive Education organized by Sarthak Educational Trust & National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI)
- 21 December : Attended ICEVI Principal Officers meeting.

Mrs. Vimal Thawani, and staff of VIMD/Db Unit:

- 30 July, 2020: presented a topic on "Understanding Role of Parents" on National Webinar on Deafblindness – Addressing the Needs of People with Deafblindness and Multiple Disabilities in Response to Covid-19 situation organized by Sense International, India and CRE approved by Rehabilitation Council of India.
- 16 September, 2020: presented on "Strategies and Methods for Early Intervention of Children with Visual Impairment" on Early Identification Webinar: Commissionerate for PwDs, Social Justice & Special Assistance Department, Govt of Maharashtra & Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities, Mumbai.
- 9 October: LINC-Asia Network organized a Webinar on "Managing Children with Disabilities" at Home in Time of Covid-19. LINC-Asia is a network of 06 Strategic Partner Organizations (SPOs) of Liliane Foundation representing 5 countries – Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam.
- 28 October: Perkins Webinar – Vimalben & Mihir attended
- 18 December: was Judge "Teaching Learning Material" (TLM-2020) on "Lesson Plan and Presentation Competition" conducted by Consortium in Education (CiE), Baroda
- 21 October: Mrs. Vimal Thawani and Mr. Bharat Joshi had an Assessment meeting with staff and mentally retarded students of Naari Niketan Bhikshu Group, Naroda, Ahmedabad

Mr. Zakir Sipai:

- 4 November: In-Design training for BPA organized by Homiyar Mobedji

Mrs. Krupa Velani:

- 26 November: took a session on multiple disabilities in spite of her Covid infection in a webinar organized by MVPSS
- 27 November: Psycho social aspects of children with VIAD with RCI CRE conducted by Institute for MR Ujjain
- 5-19 December: Completed 10-hours online course titled "Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)" conducted by Vidya Sagar, Chennai, Tamilnadu

22 Teachers of VIMD

- 4 December: Introduction session on Animal Assisted Therapy. attended this session.

Mr. Arvindsinh Gohil, Manager of BPA-KCRC, Bhuj

- 4 October, 2020: successfully completed and passed score of 170 out of hundred Shyamji Krishnavarma Jeevan Parichay Online Quiz organized by Vishesh Din Quiz Group Team Manthan Group Gyandhara Group.

IEDSS

- 31 July, 2020 : Live Session Of Virtual Classroom Held By Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. Teachers and students of BPA participated
- 21, 22 25 August : Virtual Training Facilities on Technology and Braille - The first Virtual Training Course on Vedic Maths to promote interest and ability in mathematical skills and increase their proficiency in clearing the competitive exams

Mr. Bharat Joshi:

- 26 August, 2020 : BPA-GLPC DDUGKY ZOOM MEETING: Deputy Director, BPA attended

Bhupendra Singh, Soumen Maity & Sonia Jena:

- 28 August, 2020 : attended Vision Center Safety Guidelines Webinar Organized by Sight Savers

Soumen Maity

- 2 September, 2020 : participated the webinar on Primary Eye Care in Pandemic Conditions, Challenges and Opportunities Organized by Vision 2020

Dr. Dharmendra Jena & Bareja Truckers Project Staff

- 30 September, 2020 : participated Sight Savers South & West Partners' Review-Cum-Orientation Meeting (Online) organized by Sight Savers

Mrs. Roshni Pandya, IE Teacher:

- 31 August, 2020 : received a Certificate National Policy on Education 2020-Through Lens of Inclusion Organized by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad.

Ms. Alpa Vyas:

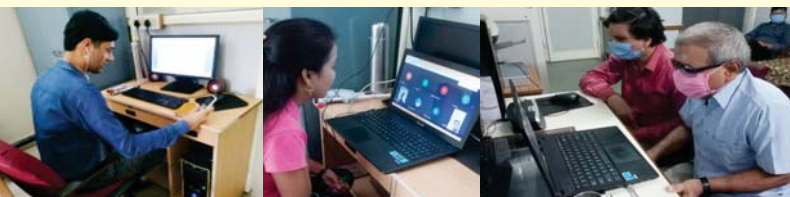
- 16 September, 2020 : received Certificate of Achievement on Consultation on Good Practices Series on Parental Perspective by Manovikas.

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PROGRESS OF PHYSIO AND JMMT DEPARTMENT DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS

- Online one week teaching training programme conducted on laptop and mobile which included visually impaired staff and faculties of Physio & JMMT.
- Conducted the first exam of all 31 students of physiotherapy from 26th October to 4th November-2020.
- Conducted the final exam of the Third Semester in the month of November from 2-6 November, 2020



MUSIC COMPETITION



Prize Declaration Ceremony of State level of Divyang Music Competition of School Students on Occasion of Late Bhadraben's Birthday 23 September, 2020. Mr. Tarak Luhar Coordinated

TEACHING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT HOME DURING LOCK-DOWN PERIOD

The Special Educators of BPA have developed a dedicated Facebook to upload all such video films so that other parents and Special Educators may use the same in the geographical location. <https://www.facebook.com/teachspecialchild>

Mobility Technique during the COVID-19 pandemic or other emergencies <https://youtu.be/gmVd6LErp5M>

In this Covid situation, all teachers and coordinators to teach our children with special needs



BPA celebrated international day of people with disabilities, organizing parents and teachers meeting virtually. 90 parents and teachers participated in the meeting from Surendranagar, Porbandar, Bhuj, Palanpur, Deesa and Ahmedabad. Thanks to Mr. Manishbhai Joshi, SDO officer, Banaskantha; Mr. Bharat Joshi, Mr. R. S. Jadav, Mr. Vanraj Chavda, Ms. Pooja, Ms. Radha for making meeting a great success.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Virtual Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities

Date: 3rd December 2020
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Organized by:

Blind People's Association (India) & Youth 4 Jobs Foundation

In Association with



Blind People's Association (India) and Youth4Jobs Foundation organize a virtual job fair for persons with disabilities on 3rd December 2020.

GREAT LOSS OF BPA IN 2020



Mrs. Nandiniben P. Munshaw
Hon. General Secretary
(26 March, 2020)



Mr. Harishbhai M. Panchal
Director Training
(31 May, 2020)



Shri Dilipbhai Hiralal Shah
Senior Physiotherapist
(5 December, 2020)

LOSS OF MASTERS



Shri. A.K. Mittal
Secretary General, WBU
(22 September)



Shri Prasanna Kumar Pincha
Former Chief Commissioner of PwDs
(27 July, 2020)

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