

Covid Crisis & Response

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BLIND PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION (INDIA)

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Touching People... Changing Lives



"Hunger is worst form of violation of Human Rights", Kofi Annan

The outbreak of COVID-19 brought down the economic activities across the world. The Pandemic and global lockdown represent unprecedented challenges for the skill development ecosystem. The lockdowns have had an immediate impact on the world economy that varies dramatically across sectors and regions. Unfortunately people with disabilities have been the worst hit. They belong to the unorganized sector, are doing petty shop keeping, trading, roadside selling. All this has come to a standstill. The ones that are formally employed have lost jobs as businesses have closed down. BPA has been providing Ration kit support to people with disabilities from day one of lock down. BPA has already provided support to 46000 people with disabilities from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Odisha. The second wave of Covid 19 pandemic was very dangerous, the covid curfew and restrictions have made lives difficult for persons with disabilities. The BPA has been providing these kits with the help of Corporates, donors and well-wishers.



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

Mobility Training for Visually Impaired in Pandemic





About The President

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 30 September, 2020 has appointed him as President of BPA. Rajendrabhai has been President of SWMR a 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. He 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.

From the President

Namaskar!

I am very privileged and honoured to be offered the chance of leading the Blind People's Association (BPA) as President. I have been involved with the field of disability ever since birth of my daughter who was born with intellectual disability. Unfortunately, she passed away due to Covid in 2020. I have now the time and the inclination to work for the field of disability on a larger scale. I have great respect and admiration for the way the BPA has been managed by the Former Presidents like Mr. ArvindLalbai, Mr. Jehangir Cama and Mr. Piyushbhai Desai. I hope to follow in their esteemed foot-steps and lend my personal experience to the management of the BPA. I am very excited by the new projects which are on the anvil – the Smt. Bellaben and Shri Yogeshbhai Eye Hospital at Vatrak, the Jambhai Bhagubhai BPA School of Optometry, the other new projects on the BPA campus.

Rajendra Shah
President, BPA



VISION & MISSION

BPA believes that all people with disabilities have the right to same quality of life as of their non-disabled counterparts

VISION All persons with all types of disabilities will get access to individual need based services as a matter of right, will have good quality of life and will be an indivisible element of their communities and the nation.

MISSION To provide appropriate education, intervention, training and advocacy which will lead to awareness, empowerment and employment of people with disabilities with the help and support of trained staff and caregivers and to take measures for prevention, cure and mitigation of disabling conditions. All these measures will be undertaken with the cooperation of families, communities and other stakeholders.

The Journey...

A group of people with visual impairment got together in 1954 and decided to start a Recreation Club for the Blind. This small club is now a large multi-faceted agency providing a wide gamut of services-from prevention, education, counselling, rehabilitation to employment and self sustaining with outstanding dignity. BPA believes in rights of people with disabilities and involves all stakeholders in programme planning. BPA India works incessantly for ensuring that people with disabilities are included in their communities. Today, BPA India is one of the largest organizations in Asia working with and for all categories of disabilities.

Our everlasting source of inspiration



Padmasree
Late Jagdishbhai Patel (Founder)



Late
Smt. Bhadraben Satia



Late
Shri Karubhai Thakar



Late
Shri Arvind Lalbhai



Late
Shri Jhagir R.J. Cama



Late
Smt. Nandiben Munshaw

MANAGING COMMITTEE

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Shri Rajendra Shantilal Shah

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Dr. Bhushan Punani

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- Mrs. Bhartiben D. Vyas
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- Mr. I. L. Chitkara
- Shri Upendrabhai Trikamal Shah
- Dr. Nitin Sumant Shah
- Shri Manubhai Vitthalbhai Patel
- Dharmendrabhai D. Vyas
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- National Adult Training Center for the Blind
- National Association for the Blind (Gujarat Branch)
- Saddbhawana Rural Development Trust (Blind & Disabled)
- Dr. Jit Metha Balsahala Trust
- Shared Vision Sansthan & BPA Jodhpur
- Samta Vikas Charitable Trust
Mr. Vijay K. Shah
- International Council for Education of
People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI), India
Swabhiman Fund
Shri Kintubhai Shah



SHARING THOUGHTS



What a Year ! In our 4 decades of association with the BPA, we have never witnessed the kind of time that we have seen in the past year. There have been moments of extreme sorrow and grief, days of optimism and cheer, days of waiting for the situation to improve and days which suddenly seemed normal. The highlight of this pandemic has been that the BPA worked incessantly and tirelessly without a break. Our 35 staff members could win over Covid and they are back to regular work.



The dedicated team of BPA staff members rallied around to ensure that services to the suffering did not stop. All educational programmes suddenly halted but what bloomed and grew was the virtual and online trainings. Children got services through the audio and video media at their door steps thanks to technology. Despite the complete lockdown, our School of Physiotherapy could enrol new students in the new batch, teach and conduct exams through virtual means. Our Technology Centre developed an innovative App as a part of Tanya Computer project to teach and evaluate performance through virtual means

The teachers and students proved very creative and made many videos which are highly instructional and which are available on the BPA website and uploaded on You Tube. So far, more than 100,000 people have seen these videos.

The BPA realized that mobile phones were essential for the continuity of education. Navin Fluorine International Ltd and Padmanabh Mafatnal Group came to our rescue for distributing 400 mobile phones. Janjyot Investments, DP World, HDFC Credila, Razorpay, MedusInd, Bandhan Bank, Indian Oil Corporation, Concord Biotech were our major contributors. Our other supporters are listed in the CSR pages of this report.

Our work in the pandemic started with mask making and spiraled up to distribution of dry ration kits for the survival of persons with disabilities who had lost their occupations. We went on to collaborate in running of a Covid Care Service Hospital and distribution of oxygen concentrators. Our donors from USA like Rameshbhai Shah generously helped us. Our distribution of Stop Hunger Kits has crossed the figure of 35,000 with a target of 50,000 such kits

The BPA shared its technical expertise by organizing a series of theme based webinars throughout the year. It was a great time of reaching out to thousands of people from the confines of our own offices. The BPA staff together have participated in more than 45 different webinars throughout the year.

Our Porecha Eye Hospital continued its services in the very infectious times too. Our regular donors like Inductotherm ensured that the free surgeries for patients continued. Our new Smt. Bellaben & Yogeshbhai Patel Eye Hospital work came to a standstill due to the pandemic but we made use of the time to finish all the legal formalities required for the setting up of the hospital. Donors also came in and promised their mite to the hospital. The K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya Mandal and Samta Vikas Charitable Trust (SVCT) worked very hard with us in this. The SVCT also helped to raise funds for the ration kits.



The year also saw some very tragic moments. Our BPA staff members Mr. Dilip Shah, Mr. Ambalal Patel, Mr. Zakir Sipai, Mr. Rahim Khan Pathan passed away during the year. Our devoted volunteer Mr. Khazanchi also could not come out of the corona infection. Mrs. Bellaben Patel and Mr. Vitthalbhai Patel passed away due to different illnesses. These members held a very dear place in our hearts and it will be difficult to come to terms with their passing away.

Bellaben was instrumental in promising Rs. 2 crore for the new hospital at Vatrak. Vitthalbhai was the donor of our Gatorbhai Himmatbhai Orthopaedic Hospital at Bareja and other units. Mr. Khazanchi was our devoted supporter of our old age beneficiaries, for corneal surgeries, our wheelchair project. This trinity of donors have been amongst the donors giving us the maximum donation.



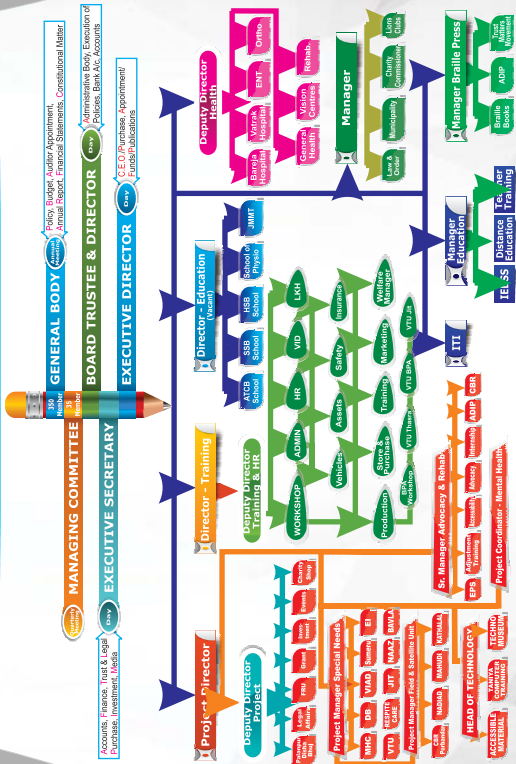
The most satisfying part was that the BPA staff, Trustees, Donors and volunteers all came together to work for the cause. Each person rose above the call of duty and showed sterling qualities. We do hope and pray that the next year brings relief to the suffering and peace to the world.

Nandini Rawal
Executive Director

Dr. Bhushan Punani
General Secretary



BPA ORGANOGRAM



BPA ACTIVITIES & DEPARTMENTS



MOBILE PHONES FOR STUDENTS FOR ONLINE EDUCATION



The pandemic almost made the world stop. All schools and educational institutions remained closed and the Blind People's Association was worried as to how to reach educational services to children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities in their own homes. The digital platform was the only viable option and the parents of all the children were contacted on phone. Children without disabilities were pursuing education through the digital platform and this education was then discussed with each parent over the phone, and then each parent was given a monthly educational plan for each child, and according to this plan, education, training and therapy were given to the children sitting at home in digital mode.



At the same time, the blind students are also sent recorded material through the mobile phones of their parents along with detailed information of each lesson, and their questions were also answered by phone. Some parents who had mobiles could use them for enabling their blind children to study.



But unfortunately, the parents of most of the disabled children were so poor that they did not even have a mobile, using the neighbour's number. As the students and their parents are poor, the BPA decided to approach Corporates to sponsor mobile phones for blind students. As can be seen mobile phones are not a luxury and are part of educational devices for the blind. The BPA approached Navin Fluourine International Ltd. for help under CSR and the company and its Chairman Mr. Vishad Mafatlal very gladly sanctioned a total of 230 mobile phones to be distributed around Ahmedabad, Bharuch, Surat and Bhavnagar.



Smart Mobile Phones were distributed to 84 Students with Visual Impairment in Bhavnagar under CSR support of Padmanabh Mafatlal Group

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 the eve of World Braille Day was also held.

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. Tauchi 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 Collaboration (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.

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!



CSR SUPPORT FOR SMART CLASS



13 January, 2021: Inauguration of Smart class for Inclusive Learning under CSR Activity of Canara Bank at BPA by Ms. A. Manimekhalai, Executive Director of Canara Bank.



24 January 2021: GLMF Cr. Nidhi Karmani, National President, Ladies Circle India inaugurated Smart Class at ITI, BPA in the presence of Shri Rajendra Shah, President BPA & Mr. Ankit Parikh, Asst Chairman, Area XI, Round Table India



18 February, 2021: Mr. Priyesh Shah National President and Mr. Rohan Chairman of Ahmedabad Round Table 40 and team inaugurated Smart class in Bavla Sammilit Vidyalay sponsored by them.



20 February, 2021: Mr. Sudhir Nanavati, leading Lawyer and Philanthropist and Mrs. Rajashree Nanavati inaugurated a Smart Class in BPA School of Physiotherapy sponsored by them.

Two more smart classes provided by Uma Converter Limited & Gujarat Gas Limited.



PYCT SUPPORT

Parmahansa Yogananda Charitable Trust sponsored 5900 Helping Hand Kits and donated 54 Mobile Phones. Thanks to Mr. S. K. Khazanchi and PYCT Team for donating more than 22 lakhs rupees during the year.



CHITKARA CONTRIBUTION



Mr. Inder Chitkara, a Trustee of BPA and a dedicated volunteer for the past two decades donated an 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.

SOCIETAL SUPPORT



17 October: BPA Trustee Sunitaben Thakor distributed 12 Smart Mobile Phones on occasion of her grandson Mr. Eric Thakor's (USA) birthday.



5 December 2020: Employees of Kalapur 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.

DIGITAL RASOTSAV 2020 SPONSORED BY SIHL



A digital "Rasotsav 2020" celebration was organized on 14 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.

POSCO COMPANY SUPPORT FOR SOLAR PLANT AT BPA-NAAZ CAMPUS



25 March, 2021: Posco Company has installed 16 KVs Solar Plant at our Naaz Campus. Mr. Gun Bae Kim, Managing Director; Mr. Eunsoo Cha – GM Mr. Abhinav Pal Singh - Manager – HR Mr. Bharatsinh Gohil - Manager IT inaugurated the Solar Plant. Posco has also sponsored construction of accessible washrooms at BPA-Naaz campus.



VISION SPRING FOUNDATION



Vision Spring Foundation in association with BPA-Porecha Hospital provided 200 Free Quality eye Glasses and 2 Free Masks to every child during the year.

INDUCTOTHERM CSR SUPPORT



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 1st September, 2020.

The Inductotherm CSR Foundation 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 CSR Foundation 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.

SUPPORT 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 12th January – Harshadbhai's birthday is celebrated by holding an eye camp. This year Devangbhai inaugurated the eye camp and announced that the group shall support an Ambulance in the memory of Harsadbhai M.Pathak.



12.01.2021

Birthday celebration of Late Shri Harshadbhai



20.02.2021

Handing over the Cheque of Rs. 8 Lakhs for Ambulance



03.03.2021

Handing over Ambulance to BPA Bareja Hospital

NEW VISION CENTRE IN MAHEMADAVID



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 Mahemdabad Netra Saravar Kendra on 6 June 2020. This centre is supported by Wagh Bakri Tea Group. The centre has been setup under the CSR grant of the Company and has enabled poor patients from the surrounding areas 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.



CONGRATS CORNER



Mrs. Nandini Rawal Prestigious Women Achiever's Award 2021 by the Women's Studies Centre, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore.



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



Mrs. Ushaben Joshi staff of BPA honoured as Outstanding Woman Achiever by Ladies Circle 64 on the occasion of Women's Day



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.



Smt. Pankajben Luhar former Special Educator of NAB Gujarat being honoured for her outstanding performance by Akhil Gujarat Nehrahin Jagruti Manch, Saurashtra Sakhi Mandal, Bhavnagar on the occasion of Women's Day



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.



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.



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



Lifetime Achievement Honour to Dr. Bhushan Punani, Nandini Rawal, Tarak Luhar by the National Association for the Blind, Bhavnagar District Branch



Ms. Shrutilata Singh deafblind Physiotherapist of BPA now working as Advocacy Manager 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.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED THROUGH VIRTUAL MEANS

EDUCATION

MINNIE CAMA SECONDARY & HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL



Started as one of the first foundational initiatives, in 1964, and later supported by the Cama family, today the school offers State Government certified curriculum to 220 differently abled students each year, at Primary, Secondary & Higher Secondary levels. In addition, the students also get the opportunity to excel in several other fields such as, singing, dancing, drama, fashion shows, essay writing and sports. The school is equipped with 35

computers which also prepares students as Technology literate at basic and intermediate levels, and which also offers special coaching courses to interested students who wish to pursue careers in Computer Technology, Banking and several other related government and private sector. The school boasts of 100% results in state board examinations. All syllabus material for all grades is available in Braille and Audio.

LIONS METROPOLITAN SHAKRIBEN MANGALDAS MUSIC SCHOOL

One of the oldest and among the first initiatives for persons with visual impairment started by Our Founder Late Shri Jagdish K. Patel, in 1961, it was initiated by teaching 'the parambhik' (elementary) and 'the Madhyama' (intermediate) levels of Indian Classical Music. As the enrollment increased, and more interested aspirants steadily continued to opt for this course, it was officialized eventually into a full fledged Music School for Indian Classical Music, with affiliation from 'Gandharva Mahavidhyalaya' in Miraj, Maharashtra, offering all the way upto 'Shiksha Visharad' (Masters in Indian Classical Music). Students at this school are taught by some of the finest teachers of Indian Classical Music. Today the school boasts of its graduates having become accomplished employed singers, musicians, music teachers, radio & TV Artists, and in related jobs, and also rendering their own classes in Indian Classical Music.



NANDINI RAMESH GANDHI SCHOOL OF PHYSIOTHERAPY



Started in 1983, it became the first such two year course in India, certified by the Gujarat State Education Board, eventually expanded to a three year Professional Diploma, recognized and Certified by Ahmedabad University. The trained physiotherapists are able to get jobs in hospitals or start their own Physiotherapy Clinic. The BPA School provides Physiotherapy sessions on a daily basis to all people needing these services in its Clinic on the main campus.



JAPANESE MEDICAL MANUAL THERAPY SCHOOL



In 2013, new specialized two year professional course called "Japanese Medical Manual Therapy (JIMMT)" was brought to India with the help of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to train persons with visual impairment as Indian Master Trainers in this therapy. This course is recognized by Sukuba University, Japan and Teacher Trainers have been trained by noted Japanese Therapy Expert, Late Dr. Sasada BPA has trained 5 Master Trainers and 60 students as Therapists. This year we have admitted 13 new students for the course. This two-year course has helped students to get jobs in Hotels, Spas and Rehab Centres as Therapists. The are also doing private practice and are gainfully employed.



INCLUSIVE SCHOOLING

ALL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED THROUGH VIRTUAL MEANS

SAMMILIT PATHSHALAS at NAAZ & BAVLA

These two Sammilit Pathshalas gives primary education to non-disabled children and children with disabilities and children who are abandoned, orphans and underprivileged. The Naaz centre provides residential services to Children with Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities. Presently there are 41 students receiving services of which 23 are girls. Most of the female residents are orphans. Students are provided training in life skills, functional literacy and vocational trades. The goal of the centre is for all children to have a smile on their faces and be very happy as part of Naaz family. People from far and near communities visit the centre and organize many activities for children and celebrate festivals with them.

Both schools have around 400 children out of which around 100 children have disabilities.

Both schools are recognised by the Department of Primary Education, Government of Gujarat.

The School at Bavla is funded by Reena Bhagwati of Bhagwati Spherocast and at Naaz by Medusind Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.



DISTANCE EDUCATION

In collaboration with IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi) and BAOU (Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad), and approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India, we at, BPA facilitate four different Courses, as well as Study Centers, for educating Special Teachers (Rehabilitation Professionals) in the field of visual impairment, hearing impairment, intellectual and multiple disabilities. Since 2009, more than 500 persons have graduated as Special Teachers and have also passed the Foundation Course, Special Bachelors in Education, Post-Graduate and Advanced Diploma.





VOCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

SOMABHAI LALLUBHAI MULTI-CATEGORY WORKSHOP

A part of Adult Training Center, it provides practical training to People with Disabilities in the trades of Cutting and Tailoring, Calipers, Offset Printing and Binding, General Mechanic, Motor Rewinding, Carpentry, Plumbing and Electrical fields. The building also houses the designing & manufacturing of all Ortho-Prosthetic Devices equipments and Assistive Aids, as well as Canes for Persons with Visual Impairment and tricycles for those with Locomotor Disabilities.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE

Cama Computer Centre : Among the most opted of Courses and high in demand, the enrolled students become Data Entry Operators, Computer Operators, Desktop Publishing Professionals, HTML Coders, Computer Programmers, and Computer Software Operators (including Corel, TALLY Accounting, MS Office, Adobe and More), who are given placement in private, public and government sectors, with gainful employment.



Arti Mrugesh Doctor Beauty, Hair & Skin Care Centre :

Specially for Women with Disabilities, this Course enables students to learn beauty treatment & make up, hair and skin care, with job prospects in beauty parlors media and related studios. In addition, all students are given a start-up Beauty Kit at the end of the course which enables them to be self-employed and take independent orders.



Shirin Cyrus Dalal Telephone Operator-cum-Receptionist :

This course renders training to the persons with visual impairment in telephone operating-cum-receptionist.



Offset Printing :

Started initially for in-house printing needs, today it renders training in modern Offset Printing followed by on the job training to in-house/residential as well as non-residential persons with hearing and speech mental retardation and locomotor disabilities. Over the decades, its students have got jobs in private, public & government printing presses/publishing companies.



Cutting and Tailoring :

Initially started for women with disabilities for their self-sustenance as a home based micro business, today it attracts men as well. After completion of training, students get first hand training by industry experts. Trainees have got jobs in large scale ready-made garments and other clothing factories.



Dahiben Stenography English Trade : This course, renders training to persons with visual impairment in English language Stenography.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

The Vocational Training Centre has 25 trainees who receive skill training in various trades such as block printing, tie and dye, decorative paper bags making, jewellery making, paper plate, paper bowl, decorative diya, wall hanging, other artistic and festival materials.

Vocational Training Centre staff and trainees participated in various exhibitions, including Ahmedabad Shopping Festival, Exhibition at Corporate Offices and Residential Complexes. Many also do work independently i.e. Nandlal Gautam does block printing on bed sheet and dupattas, Alay Patel makes all kinds of paper bags, and Rishi Kankuwala does good decoration on paper bags and envelopes.

All trainees at this centre enjoy their hard work. All parents are happy with the training of their children.



ALL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED THROUGH VIRTUAL MEANS

KASHIBHAI - LALITABEN - JAGDISHBHAI - BHADRABEN EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER



Early Intervention Centre was started in a bungalow donated by our founder, the late Shri Jagdish Patel, for taking care and providing early intervention services to new born infants and toddlers upto age of six years old, who are born with multiple disabilities. The number of students receiving services in the year 2019- 2020 was 50. We have full time Special Educators, and Physiotherapists in addition to Visiting Faculties who provide Occupational Therapy, Massage Therapy and Speech Therapy. Moreover, Vision Development Training, support services are available for local students in inclusive schools as well as Outreach Services for those who are in villages or in remote places where they cannot access such Special Centers. Counseling to parents, services to Anganwadi are also available.

CHANDRIKABEN KINARIWALA UNIT FOR PERSONS WITH DEAFBLINDEDNESS

The centre successfully completed 21 years and has been providing a wide range of services to Persons with Deafblindness with financial support from Sense International India. Till now we have been able to reach around 649 Persons with Deafblindness in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Maharashtra through centre based, Community based and home based approach. We have been able to create local parents' network and young adults with Deafblindness are part of Adult Network. Training of parents, siblings, professionals and other stakeholders was organized during the year. The success of this centre is evident in students having graduated from functional academics to mainstream curriculum to professional training including Physiotherapy, Japanese Massage course and ITI courses.



CHANDRIKABEN KINARIWALA MENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC



Services are provided to persons with intellectual disabilities, autism and cerebral palsy, between the ages of six to twenty five years old, by expert professionals. In addition to teaching daily school curriculum, they are also taught Daily Living Skills, Socializing and Communication Skills. Today several students, now as adults, have become responsible and independent individuals.

R. M. PARIKH DAY CARE CENTER

This day care center works for students with visual impairment with additional disabilities, intellectual disability, autism, and cerebral palsy. We provide services such as early intervention, special education, vocational training, physiotherapy, parents counseling occupational therapy as well as massage therapy.

In our Vocational Training Unit we have 11 adults who make different products such as paper bags, envelops, paper dishes, paper bowls, jewelry, key chains, ear rings, door hangings, and seasonal articles such as Ganesha Idols for Ganesh Chaturthi and Jewelry for Navratri.

During the year we served 35 students including support services at home.



PAN - Gujarat Day Care Centers

Centre for Children with
Deafblindness
PORBANDAR



Prayas Day Care Centre
JODHPUR
Rajasthan

Sneh Day Care Centre for
Children with Special Needs
PIPLAG, NADIAD



Shri V. S. Gandhi Charitable Trust
KAPADWANJ

Shri V. S. Gandhi Center at
KATHLAL



Vocational Training Center
THASRA

Khushio-nu-Sarnamu
DEESA



Ranna Day Care Centre
SANAND
Technical Support by BPA



Dr. S. K. Mewada
Lions Divyang Education
& Training Centre
Technical Support by BPA

Assistive Devices

Assistive Devices : A total of 780 assistive devices were distributed at a cost of Rs. 41,97,427 during 2020-21. This was possible due to support of dedicated donors of the BPA. The table is below.

SUPPORT SERVICES Details of Assistive Devices 2020 - 2021

Sr No.	Type Of Aid Given	No	Cost	From Fund Or Donor	From B/F	Total	Difference
1	Angel	1	8505	8505	0	8505	0
2	B.E.P/S	6	42000	42000	0	42000	0
3	Callipers	30	45100	30300	14800	45100	0
4	Crutches	13	8450	8275	1225	9500	1050
5	Digital Hearing Aid	15	177000	171000	10500	181500	4500
6	Folding Wheel Chair	32	227700	226200	1500	227700	0
7	Folding Wheel Chair Mini	8	54400	51400	3000	54400	0
8	Folding Walker & Stick	30	10825	10825	0	10825	0
9	Four Ped Stick	1	275	275	0	275	0
10	Ground Mobility Device	1	3360	2360	1000	3360	0
11	M.R.Educational Kit	4	6300	5900	400	6300	0
12	Modified C.P.Chair	4	23600	18600	6000	24600	1000
13	Mono Hearing Aid	52	46200	30400	15800	46200	0
14	Surgical Shoes	2	5700	3550	2150	5700	0
15	Prosthesis	30	299000	284500	14500	299000	0
16	Smart Cane	41	65740	65740	0	65740	0
17	Smart Phone	295	1493772	1493772	0	1493772	0
18	Spectacles	3	1500	1500	0	1500	0
19	Stereo Hearing Aid	6	5200	1950	2201	4151	-1049
20	Tricycle	246	1672800	1672800	2500	1675300	2500
	Total	780	4197427	4129852	75576	4205428	8001



OTHER SERVICES

People with Disabilities are supported in their education, movement, technology skills and independence through the following units:

- H. N. Makim **Braille Press** (under NAB-GSB)
- C. N. **Braille Circulating Library**,
- A. N. Kinariwala **Talking Book Library**
- Shantaben Mehta **Digital Library**

The above provide material in Braille to 370 persons, audio and in soft format to 800 persons with blindness.

BPA has the following assessment services on its campus.

- Sense International India **Audiometry Services**
- Jashodagauri Thakorelal Shah **Low vision Services**
- Psychological & Psychiatric Services, Speech Therapy
- Counseling
- Mobility and Adjustment Training
- Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy

Need based services are also provided to people who are newly disabled

AUDIO NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE AT BPA

The Technology Centre of BPA under the stewardship of Mr. Ranchhod Soni prepares special audio magazines.

- Nirmal Anand News : Gujarati quarterly Audio Magazine
- Latest Facts In General Knowledge (Gujarati Version) published by Liberty (For above 2 Magazines contact Mr. Ranchhod Soni)
- Baal Srushti : Monthly Gujarati Audio Magazine issued by the Government of Gujarat, recorded at BPA. (For this Magazine contact Mrs. Sudha Joshi)

EMPLOYMENT / SELF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

S.N.	VI			HI			CP/ MR / MI			OH			GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
	4	1	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	7	17	24
TOTAL	4	1	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	7	17	24

SELF-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

SR. NO.	ITEM	VI			HI			CP			OH			MI			MR			GRAND TOTAL
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
1	PCO Booth	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3	22	0	0	0	1	0	1	31
2	Hand Cart	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	8	4	12	0	0	0	1	1	2	17
3	Weighing Machine	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
4	Sewing Machine	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	8	25	33	0	1	1	3	1	4	42
5	Beauty Parlor Kit	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
6	Carpentry Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Electronics Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Tea Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	Micro Finance Loan	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
GRAND TOTAL		14	3	17	2	4	6	1	0	1	39	36	75	0	1	1	5	2	7	107

BPA JODHPUR CENTRE

BPA Jodhpur Centre has been working for the past decade for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in and around Jodhpur. Community Based Rehabilitation Project was implemented in Bhopalgarh and Mandore Blocks. The project resulted in the starting of the Prayas Day Care Centre with the help of Gruh Finance in 2019 (now Bandhan Bank). Dr. O.P.N. Calla, Mr. Madhosingh Bhandari and Mr. Shivkumar Soni are the active Trustees of the Centre.



BPA - USHA SILAI SCHOOL

For the empowerment of women with disabilities, it is essential to involve them in income generation activities. Their financial independence makes them more confident and self-reliant. This self-reliance is the only true form of empowerment. BPA is aimed at empowering women with disabilities in rural areas financially, and providing them with a regular income. In collaboration with Usha International Ltd, the USHA Classical and Satellite School Program has been running in Gujarat for the last 8 years. Under this program 725 women with disabilities have been engaged in Tailoring and Cutting teaching and income generation through stitching work. These women with disabilities act as a master trainer to train other women and girls in their village. These women also stitch designer dresses for Usha International Ltd after receiving training under Usha International's Fashion Label Project.



During the year 2020-2021, more 20 women with disabilities from South Gujarat joined this movement as master trainers, and 20 women with disabilities from Central Gujarat joined as Satellite school learners. The 10 women with disabilities from Tribal Dang district and 10 women with disabilities from Valsad District were given a training for 9 days, and provided Sillai machine to start own business and for giving a training to other women and girls in their respective village.



These trained women with disabilities stitched masks in the pandemic time, and earned their livelihood and provided a big support to their family, and community.

BPA has been specially featured in the NDTV show for its outstanding work in promoting, empowering women with disabilities under USHA Sillai School Program. The coverage link is as given below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isiwh:xV7-BE>



Y4J

Blind People's Association has been a partner with Youth4Jobs Foundation, Hyderabad for skill development and placement support to the persons with disabilities in Gujarat. BPA has provided infrastructure supports to Y4J Foundation for placement linked skill development program for persons with disabilities.

The last year was very challenging for skill development and placement of persons with disabilities as Corona Virus Pandemic and lock down declared by the Government of India. The lock down has affected a lot of the employees with disabilities who were in jobs. The special entrepreneurship program was introduced to support such employees with disabilities, for their livelihood.

The physical training was completely impossible to organize, as a measure, virtual training program was organized for persons with disabilities. The training details are as given below.

Sr No.	Types of Disabilities	Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
1	Physical Impairment	125	31	156
2	Hearing Impairment	94	15	109
3	Mental Illness	01	00	01
	Total	220	46	266

The Covid 19 Pandemic was a big challenge as well as a learning to us. The people with disabilities were losing the jobs initially, and there was less opening in the job market. Unlocking phase had brought some hope, and encouragement as the previous employers had started approaching to recruit persons with disabilities. During the year, 72 persons with disabilities had been supported for the placement, and 48 persons with disabilities were supported for self-employment. The placement ratio against the trained candidates is 45%. The placement details are as given below.

Placement Details:

Sr No.	Types of Disabilities	Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
1	Physical Impairment	13	01	14
2	Hearing Impairment	50	08	58
	Total	63	09	72

CBR PROJECT IN KAPADWANJ

Blind People's Association is a technical partner of Shri V.S.Gandhi Charitable Trust, Kapadwanj. V.S. Gandhi Charitable Trust has been implementing a Comprehensive Community Based Inclusive Development Project in the block of Kapadwanj, Kheda district Gujarat. The project has made very significant development that helped people/children with disabilities to access and avail entitlements, accessing mainstream services, and increased the participation of people with disabilities and their family members in socio-economic, and cultural activities at community level. Facilitating services for persons with disabilities in Covid 19 was challenging, the CBID field staff worked very hard and intensively to provide relief and rehabilitation services to the people with disabilities. The CBR Field Staff had provided Dry Ration kits to 321 families of persons with disabilities of Kapadwanj Block. In addition to this, regular services for rehabilitation has been continued. The following table shows the various services were provided to the people with disabilities in the year 2020-2021.

Placement Details:

Disability/ Sex	VI		HI		PI		LV		MR		MI		CP		MD		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Activities																	
Disability Certificate	5	1	0	0	34	22	0	0	7	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	83
Disability Identity Card	17	6	14	8	39	34	5	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
Assistive Devices	0	0	0	0	6	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Access to Pension Scheme	8	0	0	2	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Niramaya Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	06	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	14
Self-Employment supports	4	1	0	0	18	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total	34	8	14	10	106	91	7	2	17	17	1	0	5	2	0	0	314



TANYA COMPUTER CENTER (TCC)

Blind People's Association (India) runs Tanya Computer Center (TCC) at four locations in Gujarat. These centers provide computer literacy and trainings to people with visual impairment and low vision. Covid 19 pandemic was a big challenge to these centres to provide computer trainings to the blind and low vision trainees as it was not possible for Trainees to attend classes physically at the Center.

The team of Tanya Computer Centers developed a mechanism to provide computer trainings in lock down situations. Virtual training programs for the candidates were started though it was really difficult to provide this training to the blind and low vision people who were completely new to computers and technology. The TCC team worked very hard and developed a methodology for effective computer training. Under TCC training program, a total of 172 blind and low vision persons have been trained. As this was virtual training as mentioned earlier, the candidates did not need to take leave from their job, college, school etc. The candidates found it very convenient to attend the training program. This was a completely new learning for the TCC Team.

When the Govt. of Gujarat allowed us to open our training institutes, the TCC was reopened, and provided trainings to blind and low vision persons at the TCC Centers. The Center wise Details of TCC are as given below.



ADVOCACY AND ADJUSTMENT TRAINING



Due to Covid situation, we couldn't organize any residential adjustment training to people who recently acquired disability. However, in exceptional cases, we have provided need based Mobility and computer training to Mr. Piyush Doshi-a government employee, Mr. Pallav Bhatt-a travel agent and Ms. Kavita Thakor-a housewife who wanted immediate support after losing sight.

Even in this pandemic, we have been receiving requests for the residential adjustment training. 12 people with visual impairment are enrolled for the training but still awaiting our response. Once, the situation gets normal and hostels are open, we will call them for the training.

On the other hand, department had conducted series of online programs addressing Mental Health issues of female students with visual impairment, Health and Hygiene issues of women with visual impairment, Diet in pandemic situation etc to keep motivating the clients.

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF PORECHA EYE AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, BAREJA A UNIT OF BLIND PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION (INDIA)

BPA HOSPITAL COMPLEX - BAREJA

The Bareja General Hospital Trust donated a piece of land measuring nearly 5 acres to the organization for the purpose of setting up an eye hospital. This was the turning point in BPA's commitment to sight saving. It approached a local donor Mr. Nalin Porecha who donated the initial amount for setting up of a hospital in the memory of his parents. The hospital which is renamed as the "Porecha Eye Hospital" is now a full-fledged 50 bedded eye hospital – the only one of its kind on the Ahmedabad-Baroda Highway at Kheda. The campus is now a hospital complex consisting of the following.

- Porecha Eye Hospital
- Porecha ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat) Hospital
- Gatorbhai Himmatlal Patel (Bidaj) Orthopaedic Hospital
- Shardaben Vitthalbhai Patel Women's Health Centre
- Santokben Baldevbhai Patel Mental Health Centre
- Chandrikaben Sumant Shah General OPD
- Sheth Jamnabhai Bhagubhai BPA School of Optometry

RETINA UNIT



The Porecha Eye Hospital provides comprehensive retina services at Bareja including clinical and surgical. The super specialty retina unit at Bareja is well equipped with OCT, Argon Laser, Fundus camera, Yag Laser, slit lamp Auto refractometer, Non-contact tonometer etc. Porecha eye hospital Bareja has fully equipped international level tertiary care facilities for retinal services.



We treat patients from all parts of Gujarat and also nearby areas of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Our set up is providing treatment for diabetic lasers, retinal intravitreal injections to treat retinal haemorrhages, vitrectomy machine to treat complex retinal detachments and perform double and triple procedures in conjunction with corneal and cataract surgeries.

We cover all the patients with Diabetic Retinopathy, Hypertensive Retinopathy, Age Related Macular Degenerations, ROP, Glaucoma, Optic Neuropathies of various kinds, Retinal Detachments, Tractional Detachments, RD due to ROP, uveitis and hereditary retinal diseases.

We perform medical procedures in the form of lasers angiography and various type of intra-ocular injections at no cost or minimal costs. With all high-end advanced technologies, we have performed complex retinal surgeries like retinal detachment surgery, macular hole surgeries, vitreous haemorrhage surgeries, vitrectomy for endophthalmitis, paediatric trauma and retinal procedures, traumatic retinal detachment with removal of intra-ocular foreign bodies, combined corneal and retinal procedures, combined cataract and retinal procedures. Dr. Ruchi Maheta (Retinal Specialist) is providing her service as retina surgeon at Porecha Eye Hospital, Bareja.

GLAUCOMA UNIT

The Glaucoma Unit is providing diagnostic and therapeutic services in various diseases of Glaucoma. Diagnosing and treatment of primary closed and open angle glaucoma, secondary open and closed angle glaucoma.

We are well equipped with Humphrey Perimetry, OCT, 3 mirror gonio lens, SLT with Yag for diagnosing and treating Glaucoma. Dr. Deep Joshi provides the department both clinical and surgical services.



PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY UNIT

The pediatric ophthalmologist unit has been started for providing comprehensive pediatric eye care services to the children in need. The department provides services of cataract, post-operative vision rehabilitation, pediatric refraction, amblyopia management, pediatric and adult squint surgeries, nasolacrimal duct probing and others as per requirement. Dr. Anupama Vyas is providing her services in the pediatric ophthalmology unit as pediatric eye specialist for both clinical and surgical services.



CORNEA UNIT

The Cornea Unit is providing various services like penetrating Keratoplasty-Optical, Therapeutic, Lamellar Keratoplasty-DSEK, DMEK, DALK, SLK, C3R (Corneal Collagen Crosslinking-Riboflavin) for Keratoconus, Open Globe Injury Repair in blunt trauma, fire cracker injury, Amniotic Membrane Transplantation technique in severe dry eyes, Chemical injury to eye. Ocular surface reconstruction in Symblepharon, Ankyloblepharon.

SLET Technique (Simple Limbal Epithelial Transplantation) in chemical injury to eye.

The hospital is having Human Organ Transplantation Act (HOTA) permission to undertake Keratoplasty surgery. Our cornea unit is well equipped with Anterior Topography by TMS Tomey (Japan) for diagnosing abnormality in size and shape of cornea, C3R machine for



treating keratoconus and bacterial corneal ulcer, compound microscope by Labomed for diagnosing the infection in non-healing corneal ulcer. Dr. Sumit Chatterjee is providing his service at the hospital as Cornea Consultant and providing both clinical and surgical services.

CATARACT

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness and of visual impairment which is responsible for 48% of world blindness. The cataract unit of Porecha Hospital routinely performs state-of-the-art phacoemulsification surgery with foldable IOLs surgery. The hospital performs more than 10000 cataract surgery every year with SICS and Phacoemulsification method. We have Alcon Phaco, Johnson's and Johnson's Phaco, Stellaris PC, Advance microscope and all advance equipments and instruments to perform cataract surgery. Dr. Atish Patel provides his services as senior consultant and senior surgeon in the Cataract Department.



VITHALBHAI GATORBHAI ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

Every day a large number of patients visiting for eye problem to Porecha Eye Hospital are mostly from the aged community. As life expectancy is increasing in India because of better health facilities and better life style management in general community in India, orthopedic problems are more common among aged men than in aged women. Keeping in view the orthopedic problem of old age people coming to the hospital, Orthopedic unit started and not only the old age community has taken benefit of the center but also the PWDs who require corrective surgeries. Dr. Gaurang Bhabor is providing his service in the unit as Orthopedic Specialist. The Shardaben Vitthalbhai Patel Swasthya Kendra gives free treatment to



SHETH JAMNABHAI BHAGUBHAI BPA SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY

Trustees of Sheth Jamnabhai Bhagubhai Religious Trust No.2 have confirmed donation of Rs. 2 Crores to Blind People's Association (India), for meeting capital expenditure and for establishing the Sheth Jamnabhai Bhagubhai BPA School of Optometry at our Porecha Eye Hospital at Bareja. BPA India has got approval of Government of Gujarat for this B.Sc. Optometry Course affiliated with Gujarat University for 30 students which was started from September 2018. This year is the third year of School of Optometry.

**Sheth Jamnabhai Bhagubhai
BPA School of Optometry**



ENT

The Porecha ENT department at Bareja General Hospital, performs endoscopic endonasal DCR, tympanoplasty surgery, mastoidectomy, tonsillectomy and functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS). Routinely we are doing procedures like wax and fungus removal from ears, foreign body removal from nose and ears, diagnostic nasal endoscopy and laryngeal telescopic also. Dr. Mitul Thakker provides his services at the ENT Department as ENT Specialist.



AUDIOMETRY UNIT

The Lotus Charitable Trust sponsored Audiometry Unit is run under the Porecha ENT Department.



The audiology unit helps people with hearing loss by measuring hearing acuity for variations in sound intensity and pitch and for tonal purity, involving thresholds and differing frequencies.

CHANDRIKABEN SUMANT SHAH GENERAL OPD

Dr. Nitin Shah has donated this service in the memory of his parents. People who are aged and who come for eye surgery have a host of other problems like blood pressure, diabetes and other disease. The general OPD was started keeping in view the need to provide services to the poor and needy patients in nearby areas and the patients referred from the eye department for fitness before surgery. Dr. Alok Gajjar is providing his services as MD medicine and medical officer in the general OPD department.



PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT

The Unit handles patients with disabilities, and works to mitigate physical disabilities, dependency and functional deterioration. The physiotherapy unit of the hospital diagnoses the problem, then plans and provides treatment that aim to restore function or minimize dysfunction after disease or injury. This is achieved through a combination of manual therapy, movement training and the use of physical and electro physical agents.



BPA SATELLITE HOSPITAL AT BHUJ

BPA Modular Operation Theatre Eye Surgical Unit at Bhuj Woldr Mundra was inaugurated on 6 June, 2018. This Unit is a branch of the Porecha Eye Hospital and follows the same operating and other protocols. The Unit is providing services of cataract, glaucoma and other minor surgeries and conducts outreach eye care programmes in the far flung areas of Kutch.



VISION CENTRES APPROACH

BPA- Bareilly is running 10 vision centers in different part of the state in order to provide comprehensive eye care services to the rural, urban slum and tribal masses. The objective of the vision center is to bring basic eye care services to the community by which only patients who need surgical intervention or advanced eye care need will be referred to the base hospital for further intervention. 90% patients with minor eye problems can be treated at the vision centres which are run by BPA Porecha Eye Hospital. These Centres are well equipped with all diagnostic equipment and trained staff. Thorough understanding of the community structure, their cultural and social beliefs, level of awareness about eye care is another important aspect for the success of any vision center in a specified community.



VASANTIBEN PATEL UNITS



Shri Vasantiben Patel is a Donor who has donated for the following units :

- **Vasantiben Baldevbhai Patel Anna Kshetra** : This Anna Kshetra Building houses the kitchen, store and the Mangalbai R. Patel & Shardaben M. Patel Bhojan Shala
- **Santokben Baldevbhai Patel Mental Health Centre** : Provides assessment and diagnosis of psychiatry disorders, patients are given medicines, therapy and help for resettling them in income-generation activities.

Eye Surgeries

S.N.	Month	Cataract Surgeries			Other eye surgeries			Total Surgeries		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	April 2020	Due to Lockdown no surgeries done								
2	May 2020	28	22	50	2	2	4	30	24	54
3	June 2020	116	126	242	100	79	179	216	205	421
4	July 2020	173	191	364	159	167	326	332	358	690
5	August 2020	116	117	233	109	66	175	225	183	408
6	September 2020	204	241	445	119	89	208	323	330	653
7	October 2020	228	225	453	143	68	211	471	393	864
8	November 2020	230	212	442	64	53	117	294	285	579
9	December 2020	495	412	907	96	90	186	591	502	1093
10	January 2021	512	496	1008	92	90	182	604	586	1190
11	February 2021	584	546	1130	98	63	161	682	707	1389
12	March 2021	582	541	1123	91	64	155	673	605	1278
Total		3268	3129	6397	1073	831	1904	4441	4158	8599

SURGICAL ACHIEVEMENT TILL 31st MARCH 2021

S.N.	Month	Male Patients	Female Patients	Total
1	2003-2004	47	84	131
2	2003-2004	442	658	1100
3	2004-2005	417	556	973
4	2005-2006	652	830	1482
5	2006-2007	1159	1120	2279
6	2007-2008	856	911	1767
7	2008-2009	1580	1608	3188
8	2009-2010	2280	2691	4971
9	2010-2011	2878	3579	6457
10	2011-2012	3697	3711	7408
11	2012-2013	3479	4357	7836
12	2013-2014	3604	3633	7237
13	2014-2015	3569	3711	7280
14	2015-2016	4184	4682	8866
15	2016-2017	5006	4793	9799
16	2017-2018	5070	4884	9954
17	2018 - 2019	4074	4690	8764
18	2019-2020	5070	4690	9760
19	2020-2021	4441	4158	8599
Total		33002	34870	67872

MOTIYA MUKT (CATARACT FREE) SABARKANTHA

The union of BPA and Samta Vikas Charitable Trust has resulted in the commendable Cataract Free Sabarkantha - Aravali Project. This project has not only enabled patients to get perfect eye sight but has also given them lessons in hygiene, cleanliness and eye health.

Motiya Mukh (Cataract Free) Sabarkantha-Aravali Projects, is a resounding and laudable success with the support from Samta Vikas Charitable Trust, through its four vision centers, not only enables thousands of patients each year, to get perfect eye sight, but also medicines, spectacles and guidelines for hygiene, cleanliness and etiquette.

These vision centres enable patients to be tested, given medicines and spectacles. An amount of approximately Rs. 40 lacs has been spent on saving sight in Sabarkantha-Aravali. BPA thanks the USA team consisting of Shri Arvind Thekdi, Shri Rasikbhai M. Shah and Shri Rameshbhai P. Shah for their herculean support to this work. Mega Camps were held in the area and around 3000 surgeries were conducted during the year.

Outreach services: Porecha Eye Hospital believes that the poorest of the poor should get services specially if they are unable to visit the hospital for checkup. The hospital has a large outreach team which meets the community and organizes screening camps at prominent locations. People from nearby villages are easily able to come to the camp and get their health checkup along with eye checkup. The Camp organizer of the hospital along with the team work in the community in association with service organization for the fool proof conduct the outreach programmes. The outreach department shares the results of camp, patients screened, number of surgeries performed, patients discharged etc. with the Government and the donors who support camps in the community. Opticians also attend the screening camp as part of the medical team. A set of frames and required indent of power glasses are taken to the camp venue. Patients are given medicines and a pair of spectacles free up coast. People needing surgery are taken to the Porecha Hospital in the hospital bus for surgery. These outreach camps have helped our work in Sabarkantha and Ahmedabad become very strong.



SAVE SIGHT AHMEDABAD



The Aarez Khambhatta Benevolent Trust donates Rs. 20 lacs every year for conducting sight restoration surgeries in the periphery and slums and local areas of Ahmedabad. 20,000 Cataract surgeries have been conducted under this project. The outreach camp team visits the different slums and poorer areas and contacts the local NGO, Youth Club or any such service organization. Pamphlets are distributed in the community about the next camp to be held. Patients line up in a community shelter/panchayat/school compound and eye checkup takes place. Patients needing surgery are taken to the hospital by vehicles and the others are given medicines and advice for managing their conditions.





TRUCKER'S PROJECT FUNDED BY SIGHT SAVERS:

This project named as RAHI Truckers Project provides services through Static vision center at Aslali and camps in different truckers locations and parking. The vision center runs from Monday to Friday and outreach programmes are conducted on Saturday and Sunday. The major objective of the project is to provide better sight to the truckers in a bid to reduce accidents. The Sight Savers has also provided the vision center with multi media for awareness on good practices for drivers.



NEW SATELLITE EYE HOSPITAL AT VATRAK "SMT. BELLABEN & SHRI YOGESHBHAI PATEL EYE HOSPITAL"

The K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya Mandal at Vatrak, District Sabarkantha has offered the Blind People's Association land free of cost for use for setting up the eye hospital. This land is on the Modasa-Bayad Highway, very close to the Trust hospital at Vatrak. This project is part of a triangular partnership between the Blind People's Association, K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya Mandal and Samta Vikas Charitable Trust. Blind People's Association applied to our BPA Bareja Eye Hospital donors in the US and our dedicated donor Bellaben and Yogeshbhai Patel have agreed to donate Rs. 2 Crores for naming of this hospital. We have received funds for the Operation theatre and Phaco machine of Rs. 35 lakhs from Dineshbhai Shah from the USA. Shri Rameshbhai Shah from USA has already sent \$ 19000 for the hospital.

The Architect has already drawn up plans. This eye hospital will serve lakhs of poor and needy people from Sabarkantha, Aravalli and neighbouring state Rajasthan to get premier eye care at no cost. This will be the first such hospital in this area. The local community will help in mobilization of patients and other resources for the successful implementation of the project.

The Shilanyas/ground breaking/Bhoomi Poojan ceremony of the hospital was conducted on the auspicious day of 02-02-2020.



INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS INTO COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION MODEL

This is first of its kind project to serve people with such severe mental illnesses at doorsteps. We work in 9 blocks of Gujarat, Kathlal, Balasinhor, Thasra, Idar, Deesa, Vadhwani, Chotila, Anjar and Dholka. From identification, medical consultation, medicines and counseling services are provided. Till now we have been able to serve 7546 people with mental illness. 137 People have recovered and do not need any medical intervention.

In the year 2019-20, we have provided medicines worth more than Rs. 12 lakhs, 109 people are back in mainstream work. We are very happy to present that 38 people were provided support for self employment, like sewing machine, petti shop, and other equipments.

We have started vocational training unit at Thasra for recovered patients for vocational training. 32 patients come regularly and are involved in tailoring work, Decorative Diya making, wall hangings and paper plates and paper bowl making. This helps them to regain confidence in themselves also family members also develop faith in them and their attitude gets positive.

The project team conducted various community awareness programs like street plays, rally, so that social stigma gets minimized and people with mental illness are not labeled as "MAD" and scary but are treated with human touch.

The project also serves to wandering patients in all project areas. Many of the patients who were locked up for many years also were treated and now living life with dignity.

Details of cases covered under Mental Health Project during 2020- 2021									
Sr. No.	Block Name	Number of Surveyed Cases					Covered Cases Total	Rehabilitated Cases Total	
		Schizophrenia	Mania	Depression	Epilepsy	MR			
1	Kathlal	181	12	223	161	218	795	413	125
2	Balasinor	169	89	196	206	128	788	409	139
3	Thasra	236	23	216	313	217	1005	441	113
4	Anjar	24	40	148	88	222	522	209	31
5	Deesa	193	152	402	372	512	1631	673	291
6	Idar	38	123	121	163	90	535	234	58
7	Chotila	201	26	239	152	240	858	232	48
8	Vadhwani	235	22	241	158	587	1243	161	66
	Total	1277	487	1786	1613	2214	7377	2772	871



We work to change the quality of people's lives



KUTCH COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION CENTER

[One Window Service Center for DIVYANGJANS]

Kutch Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center locally known as KCRC came up as blessing for the people of Kutch. The project started with helping people meet their immediate needs with focus on persons with disabilities who were most affected by the 2001 massive earthquake. The Centre was established with support of many foreign funding agencies and Government of Gujarat provided free and revenue free land which is very rare of its kind. The centre is running full-fledged with its centre based activities and has spread all over Kutch and reaching to unreached villages of all blocks of Kutch with all innovative models of prevention and rehabilitation projects.

Day Care Centre for children with multiple disabilities

Total of 52 Students in the age group of 5 to 25 years accommodated in this day care center.

Performance of Eye Department During Covid time

Total number of persons diagnosed- 4744	Cataract surgery: SICS-588	Phaco-372
Patients checked in the campus- 4656	Patients checked in camp site- 1297	
Total income from eye department - 2435481		



Tricycle & Wheelchair Production Unit

Total Tricycle Sale : 280
Total Wheelchair Sale : 183



Physiotherapy Unit

Patients Treated : 76

HELPING HAND KITS

BPA-KCRC has distributed more than 3100 Ration Kits to poor Persons with Disabilities in this Covid19 Pandemic Situation. The Mission for Vision has provided 2006 Ration Kits, MICT (D.P.World) Mundra has provided 716 Ration Kits.



Care Givers Training/ Bed Side Assistant Course

BEDSIDE ASSISTANT CARE GIVER COURSE Supported By: MICT (D.P.World) Mundra

Aim of the course is to train people to become bedside assistant and be able to provide comprehensive bedside care at home as well as part of a healthcare team. 2 Batches have been started with 30 Trainees each. After completion of the course the trainees shall be qualified for jobs as bedside assistants within the home and Hospitals.



Skill Development Training Center

10 Women with Disability making a Mask, PPE Kits, Purse, Bag and other items.

The BPA Management Team visited the KCRC on 5 & 6 February and conducted meetings with donors, government officials, parents, persons with disabilities and other stakeholders. There were follow up visits on 3 & 4 March, 2021 also.

BPA BANASKANTHA BULLETIN

BPA PALANPUR UNIT: Dr. S.K. Mevada Lions Divyang Education & Training Center is run by the Lions Club of Palanpur Charitable Trust and provides Day Care services to 30 children with Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities with new campus donated by Meheta Parivar.

BPA DEESA UNIT: Nagarpalika Deesa Constructed building for providing services to children with disabilities in Deesa town and gave name of that building as "Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Divyang Bhavan - Khushiyo nu Surnamu" This centre provides services and therapy to 62 children with multiple disabilities.



Distributed 550 dry ration kits to persons with disabilities and families to help them to survive. 250 grocery kits were distributed to PwDs of Danta and Palanpur.



Online Parents Training programme on Deaf blindness was organized by BPA and Sense India from 8-10 January, 2021 in which 9 parents and 4 teachers attended.



Online Navratri competition was organized on 7th September, 2021.



"Kinder Play Area" was inaugurated at Lions Divyang Education at Dr. S.K. Mewada Lions Divyang Education and Training Centre, Palanpur



Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated along with Thakkar Bapa Library.



The Tanya Computer Training Centre helped 46 students with visual impairment to learn computer skills through the online and later offline platforms.

■ 54 children with disabilities in Deesa and Palanpur were given online education using videos, photos and other teaching material.

■ Services for persons with mental illness continued seamlessly and a total 1541 persons were covered and given medicines, rehabilitation and other need based services.

■ 316 Niramaya applications were submitted by the centre for Banaskantha as well as Patan.

■ Home visits were paid by special educators to children with disabilities to help them to cope with Covid crisis and learn new skills .

■ One day entrepreneurship programme for PwDs with the help of Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) was organized on 13 March, 2021 in which 41 PwDs were participated

■ 20 silai schools are operational in Banaskantha district and they are earning their living.

■ One day training programme was organized on 27 January, 2021 at the centre in Deesa in which Mrs. Krupa Velani and Mr. Bharat Joshi from BPA gave important information about rights and responsibilities. 10 Parents meetings were held virtually during the year

■ The BPA Management Team visited the Banaskantha centre on 17th March and conducted meetings with donors, government officials, parents, persons with disabilities and other stakeholders.

CSR PARTNERS

The Government of India has enacted the CSR Law under which all Corporate & whose net profit is more than 5 crores have to donate 2% for CSR Projects. This year the BPA saw a rise in the contribution of Corporate donations. It was very heartening to witness the enthusiasm and generosity of Corporate Giants. Corporate contribution for various projects is given below:

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	Janjyot Investments Private Limited	10000000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Naming of Building No-8 4th Floor
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	Inductochem CSR Foundation	3000000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Performing 1200 Cataract Surgeries
	Mundra International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.	2596370	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Care Givers/Bed Side Asst. Training Solar Technician Training Program Ration Kit for needy persons with disability
	HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited	2500400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Performing 684 Cataract Surgeries For 20 Keratoplasty Surgeries
	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	2401000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Smart Classrooms 35 KVA Rooftop Solar Power Unit
	Navin Fluorine International Limited	2177500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Distribution of Smart Mobile Phones to PwD at Ahmedabad, Surat, Bharuch and Bhavnagar
	Vishad Padmanabh Mafatlal Public Charitable Trust No.1 Mafatlal Impex Private Limited		
	Concord Biotech Limited	2156000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Setting up of 2 Vision Centers in Matar & Dhoka
	Medusind Solutions India Private Limited	2076000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Sponsoring the education of children with disabilities at Naaz Sammit Center
	Madison Resource Foundation	1641076	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanya Computer Centre for Persons with Visual Impairment

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Mr. Prakash Mankodi	71	M	Vice-President	Social-Worker	4/4
Dr. Bhushan Punari	65	M	General Secretary	Management Professional	4/4
Mr. F. J. Porwal	75	M	Secretary	Social Worker	4/4
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Mrs. Sunita Thakor	85	F	Treasurer	Social-Worker	4/4
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Mrs. Nandini Rawal	62	F	Executive Director	Employee	4/4
Mrs. Vimal Thawani	65	F	Project Director	Employee	4/4



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Staff Salary Disclosure		₹ per month
Remuneration of the highest paid staff member		1,00,000
Remuneration of the lowest paid staff member:		12,000
THE PAY		
SLAB	FEMALE	MALE
5001-10000	38	61
10001-25000	20	19
25001-50000	4	12
50001-100000	3	2
Greater than 100000	1	0
Total	66	96
DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF AS PER GROSS SALARY		
SLAB OF GROSS SALARY IN SCALE (₹)		
	FEMALE	MALE
5001-10000	13	12
10001-25000	19	35
25001-50000	14	25
50001-100000	24	22
Greater than 100000	3	0
Total	73	95
Grand Total (Scale + Fix)	127	191

Board Details

- No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid since the inception of the organization, to any board member/trustee.
- None of the board members are related to each other.
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Date	Item	No. of participants
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REHABILITATION CENTRE (KCRC)**



A Centre in response to the killer earthquake of 2001. Services of relief & rehabilitation provided to earthquake disabled persons. Revenue free land donated by Government of Gujarat.

Contact Persons :

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**MSM-NAAZ SAMMILIT PATH SHALA &
RESIDENTIAL CENTRE**



Property donated by Mr. Dharmendra and Bharti Vyas, Trustees, MSM Trust. Lush green campus for residential & respite care for severely disabled children and for residential training programmes for professionals conducted by the BPA.

Contact Person

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NAAZ Village Tekra, Nr. Meldi Mata Temple,
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Dist Ahmedabad-382425.
(O) : 9429541338

**SHRI R.M. PARIKH RESOURCE CENTRE
(SUMERU CENTRE) PALDI**



Property donated by Snehevenaben Shah for pre-vocational services for persons with severe and multiple disabilities

Contact Person

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**KASHIBHAI LALITABEN
BHADRABEN & JAGDISHBHAI PATEL
"SAMARPAN SANKUL"**



Early Intervention Centre for Multidisabled Infants. Donated by BPA founders Jagdishbhai, Bhadraben & Family for early intervention services to disabled children in the age group 0-6 years.

Contact Person

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**SAVINVA CENTRE FOR
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION - BAVLA**



Property donated by Mr. Jitendra Ajmera for running an inclusive school where 300 disabled and non disabled children study together.

Contact Person

Mr. Darshan Patel (In-charge Principal)
Nr. Maruti Mamra-Pauva Factory
At. Rajoda-Bavla, Dist. Ahmedabad.
Tel : 9016168688

**KHUSHIYO NU SARNA MU
DEESA**



BPA Day Care Centre for Children with Disabilities in Deesa under the auspices of Deesa Nagarpalika.

Contact Person

Mr. Vanraj Chavda, Coordinator
Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Divyan Bhavan,
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Dist. : Banaskantha-385535
Tel. : 02744-222526
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JYOTSNABEN DHIRUBHAI NAIK PHYSIOTHERAPY SANKUL



Property donated by Jyotsnaben Dhirubhai Naik for giving free Physiotherapy services

Contact Person

Dr. B. K. Panchal & Mr. Dilip Shah
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Plot No. 155, B/h. Usmanpura Municipal Market, Usmanpura Village, Ahmedabad-380013.
Tel : +91-79-27544805

DR. JIT MEHTA BALSHALA TRUST



Donated by family members of Late Dr. Jit Mehta to perpetuate his memory. Provides services to persons with mental retardation in the age group of 15-25 years.

Contact Person

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PRAYAS DAY CARE CENTRE JODHPUR, RAJASHTHAN



Supported by Bandhan Bank & Shared Vision Foundation

Contact Person

Mr. O.P.N. Calla, Managing Trustee
Shared Vision Sansthan

13-B, First Polo, Behind Ship House, Paota Jodhpur (Raj.)
Tel : 9723120925

SAROJINI SADAN RAHUL



Willed and Donated by: Late Ms. G.C. Sarojini an employee of IIM Ahmedabad. This house has been named as "SAROJINI SADAN".

Contact Person
Mr. Arindam Ray
Rahul Flat, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380015.
Tel: 9427265957

NEW HOME SRUJAN APARTMENT



Mr. Saurabh Rindani and his wife have donated their three bedroom flat in Vastrapur to BPA. Mr. Rindani is a scientist in Physical Research laboratory and he and his wife wish that their property is put to good use!!

Contact Person
Mr. Bipin Mehta

7, Srujan Apartment, Lad Society Road, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-15.
Tel: 7574877209

BLIND PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION NADIAD BRANCH



House of Jagdishbhai Patel founder of BPA, now a fullfledged rehabilitation centre.

Contact Person

Mr. Chandrakant K. Solanki
Mr. Bhaskar Patel

Jagdish Bhuvan, Kakarkhad Chora, Nadiad-387001
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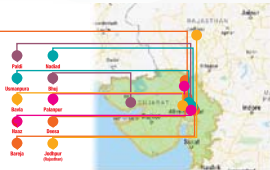
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Website: www.bpaindia.org

After Office Hours
Boys' Hostel : 26304070 | Studio:
26303513 | Gate: 26300575

HEAD QUARTER

- BPA-Lioness Karnavati Hostel
- Early Intervention Centre
- Shilalekh Shop
- Sarojini Sadan
- Srujan Apartment



PRODUCTS MADE BY OUR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Available at Jyotsna Jhaveri Magic Fingers Show Room at BPA main campus

Handicrafts

CONTACT FOR ORDER: Mrs. Vimal Thawani, Project Director Contact No. : 079-26304070



Furniture

Contact for Order : Mr. Arindam Ray, Deputy Director-Training Contact : 079-26302840



Assistive Devices

CONTACT FOR ORDER : Mr. Futarmal Porwal, Secretary Contact No. : 079-26308174





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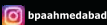
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Various Donation Options of Blind People's Association (India)

1. Assistive Devices:	Amount ₹
Hearing Aids/Digital Hearing Aid	1600-15000
Tricycle For Physically Challenged	9700
Educational Kits For Mentally Retarded/Blind	1575
Crutches	750
Calipers	9000-15000
Wheelchair (Fix)	7600
Wheelchair (Folding)	7900
Artificial Limbs	9000-15000
C.P. Chairs	5800
Radio & Pendrive for Blind Students	1000
Sponsor a Child with Multiple Disabilities (Per Month)	2000
Low Vision Magnifier	10500
Smart Cane	3500
Braille Books	1500
2. Meals for Blind Students:	Amount ₹
Meals For Boys & Girls Hostels With Sweet	15000
Meals For Boys & Girls Hostels Without Sweet	9500
One Time Meal With Sweets For Boys' Hostel	9000
One Time Simple Meal Without Sweets Meal For Boys' Hostel	6000
One Time Meal With Sweets For Girls' Hostel	6000
One Time Simple Meal Without Sweets Meal For Girls' Hostel	3500
3. Eye Hospital at Bareilly	Amount ₹
Cataract Operations With IOL	3100
Medical Camp	11000
Corneal Grafting	20000
4. Medicines (Monthly Cost):	Amount ₹
For Critical Illness	20000
For Trainees	3000
5. Self Employment for Persons with Disability	Amount ₹
Ice Box	1050
Handcart (Lari)	5500
Telephone Booth	17500
Beauty Parlor Kit	6000
Sewing Machine	8500
Weighing Machine	1050

Donation Cheque should be drawn in favour of "Blind People's Association (India)"
If you require more details please feel free to call on 079-2630 4571 or 26303346
write to us : bpafru@gmail.com

: **Contact Persons :**

Mr. Harmish Modi | Mr. Bharat Joshi | Mr. Dinesh Bahl

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**ACCOUNTABILITY****Financial Report**

BLIND PEOPLES ASSOCIATION (INDIA)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS
Balance Sheet as at 31 March, 2021

Funds & Liabilities	Amount ₹	Property & Assets	Amount ₹
Trust & Corpus Fund	428,177,791	Immovable Properties	142,596,193
Earmarked Funds	271,465,596	Movable Properties	113,829,366
Depreciation Fund	119,363,203	Investments	371,887,369
Loans (Without Interest)	101,712,818	Loans (Without Interest)	2,311,574
Other Liabilities	7,748,738	Current Assets	12,623,522
		Cash & Bank Balances	284,260,917
		Cumulative Excess of Income Over Expenditure	959,205
Total	928,468,146	Total	928,468,146

Income & Expenditure Accounts For The Year Ended on 31 March, 2021

Expenditure	Amount ₹	Income	Amount ₹
Expenditure in Respect of Properties	2,881,982	Interest	13,346,911
Establishment Expenses	27,228,365	Income from Sale of Investment	6,280,789
Audit Fees	163,400	Donation	26,348,258
Legal & Professional Fees	91,604	Grant	26,523,746
Other Expenditure	1,894,250	Project Related	45,627,955
Depreciation	7,791,423	Rent & Service Charge	1,966,213
Expenditure Relating to the Object of the Trust	63,335,773	Other Income	554,133
Transfer to Various Fund	17,500,000	Excess of Expenditure Over Income	238,792
Total	120,886,797	Total	120,886,797

RECEIPT & PAYMENTS HIGHLIGHTS**Receipt & Payments Account for the Year 2020-2021**

Payments	Amount ₹	Receipt	Amount ₹
Opening Balance Bank and Cash	54,837,289	Assets (Increase)	30,419,942
Liabilities (Increase)	260,810,823	Liabilities (Decrease)	6,534,621
Assets (Decrease)	60,862,390	Spent from Earmarked funds	21,616,675
Other Receipt of Revenue	115,223,682	Spent from Specific, Earmark, Assets and Awards Funds	54,846,351
		Other Payments of Revenue Nature	94,055,678
		Closing Balance Bank and Cash	284,260,917
Total	491,734,184	Total	491,734,184

WEBINARS / VIRTUAL MEETINGS





Our Newest Project

Smt. Bellaben & Yogeshbhai Patel Eye Hospital is a joint project of K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya Mandal, Vatrak and Blind People's Association (India). Samata Vikas Charitable Trust is also a Partner in progress. The hospital building has been designed by Mr. Jwalant Mahadevwala. The ground breaking ceremony took place on 02.02.2020. The building will be starting soon and we look forward to more supporters for this cause. This will be the largest eye hospital in Aravalli and Sabarkantha Districts.



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