The Adult Training Centre for the Blind, a unit of Blind People’s Association has developed an Electronic Tricycle with the support and initiative of young professionals, Mr Yash Ramani and Mr. Manthan Patel of Alter EV Conversion Pvt Ltd. This is a very simple, cost effective and functional model of EV Tricycle. This tricycle has three variants - each with battery capacity that enables user to go for 25 to 100 Kms after charging the battery. Mr Rajesh Shah, Chartered Accountant of Naushir Marfatia & Company has come forward to sponsor distribution of first 5 Evs to needy persons with disabilities. The First Tricycle EV was gifted to Ms Nita, a student of DTP course of Industrial Training Centre of BPA. The EV Handika Tricycle was launched at BPA campus on 20 July, 2022 by the worthy hands of Mr. Sandip Sangle, District Collector, Ahmedabad. Shri Anilbhai Tulshibhai Dhamelia, DDO was also present.

BHAGWATI SPHEROCAST VISION CENTRE IN UNAVA

20 May, 2022: 13th Vision Centre was inaugurated at Unava, Gandhinagar by BPA Porecha Eye Hospital supported by Bhagwati Spherocast. Dr. Bhagwati was present. Space has been provided by Vidhyarthi Ashram, Unava. Shri Naranbhai Patel, Chairman, Pukhraj Hospital; Shri Mangaldas Patel, Chair Person, Kelavni Mandal was also present along with Shri Jashubhai Patel, President and other Trustees of Vidhyarthi Ashram.
Wagh Bakri Tea Company sponsored the installation of Roof Top Solar Power System on the terrace of the building no. 8 of the BPA. The Inauguration was done on 8 June, 2022. The whole Wagh Bakri Management Team including Pankajbhai, Raseshbhai, Krishnaben, Paragbhai, Parasbhai, Priyambhai and their executives was present. The company has also extended support for saving sight and extending support for promotion of sports among persons with disabilities.

INAUGURATION OF NAKHTRANA DAY CARE CENTRE

Day Care Centre, Physiotherapy Center and Services for Persons with Severe Mental Illness at Nakhatrana, Bhuj was inaugurated on 16 June, 2022. The guests present on this occasion were Dr. Mehlubhai Barasara, Deputy Director; Shri Balwantbhai Rajde, President of Kutch Lohana Mahajan; Shri Arvindbhai Rohadia, Director, Samaj Suraksha, Kutch District; Shri Bharatbhai Darji, Mamlatdar, Nakhatrana; Shri Vasantbhai Kodrani, Past President, Akhil Kutch Raghuvanshi Social Group; Shri Jayeshbhai Sachde, President, Lohana Yuva Samiti, Gujarat; Shri Jaysukhbhai Patel, Panchayat President, Nakhatrana Taluka; Shri Devendrabhai Katira, President Nakhatrana Taluka, Lohana Mahajan; Shri Arvindbhai Joshi, President, Kutch Jilla Gram Vikas Samiti; Smt. Sandhyaben Rajeshbhai Palan, Vice President, Nakhatrana Taluka. The Lohana Samaj have given this place for use to BPA.

INAUGURATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS CENTER

12 July, 2022: Smt. Anjuben Shah, sister-in-law of Smt. Ushaben Atulkumar inaugurated Special Needs Center. She has donated Rs. 25 lakhs for the running of the Unit.
**LATE SHRI S.K KHAZANCHI POSTHUMOUS AWARD**

**9 June 2022:** Blind People’s Association honored Late Shri S.K Khazanchi with a posthumous award as a tribute to his exemplary and excellent services for the welfare of people with disabilities. The function was held at Porecha Auditorium of BPA. His Family and friends and trustees of the Paramhansa Yoganand Charitable Trust were present along with some beneficiaries of the PYCT grant.

**26 July, 2022:** Mrs. Khajanchi and team visited BPA-MSM Naaz Centre and donated Rs. 73,500 for Uniform of students.

**DR. MEWADA DONATION**

**16-17 June, 2022:** Dr. Shankerbhai K. Mewada who is the main donor of the Day Care Centre at Palanpur visited it and gave a donation of Rs. 2 Lakhs on his birthday. He donates this sum every year. On this occasion the President of Lions Club of Palanpur Charitable Trust Shri Prakashbhai Agarwal, Managing Trustee Shri Deepakbhai Shah, Treasurer Shri Amrutbhai Patel as well as Treasurer of Lions Club of Palanpur, Pushpaben Purohit, Divyang Center Chairman Shri Kanubhai Dave and Vasubhai Modi and Andhajan Mandal Coordinator Vanrajsinh Chavda, Divyang Center staff friends and a large number of Divyang children were present.

Heartfelt thanks to Mr. Mewada for his kindness towards the Centre.

**75th Birthday Celebration**

**17 May, 2022:** 75th Birthday of Shri. Futarbhai Porwal, Hon. Secretary of BPA was celebrated. Shri Rajendrabhai Shah, President of BPA honoured him with a shawl and a gift. Futarbhai has served the BPA and NAB Gujarat for nearly five decades.
6 June, 2022: Mr. Jaydipbhai Patel from Nikol donated an Automatic Paper Bowl Making Machine worth Rs. 80,000 to BPA-MSM Naaz Centre. This machine was inaugurated by him on 1st August, 2022 by his family, students and staff of the Centre were present.

2 May, 2022: Dr. Bhaskar Bhatt, a noted Homeopath inaugurated a Homeopathy Clinic at Building No.8 of BPA. All Trustees, volunteers and staff of BPA were present on this function. The services of two doctors will be available on daily basis at this Clinic.

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SCHOOL PRAVESHTOSAV 2022

The students were welcomed by the dignitaries on the opening day at various schools of the BPA.
AADHAAR CARD CAMP FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Children with severe disabilities like cerebral palsy and deafblindness face a lot of difficulty in getting an Aadhaar card. Ahmedabad District Collector Mr. Sandeep Sangle realized this difficulty and he arranged an Aadhaar card camp with the guidance of and the coordination of District Social Security Department on 21 July, 2022. Severely disabled children who had problem with eye movements could finally get their Aadhar Card and the parents expressed their gratitude to the Collector for this initiative. The BPA Executives also explained to the Collector about the problems in making Aadhar card for orphan persons with disabilities. He said he would take action in this regard too.

ORBIT WRITERS GIFTED

Shri Mahendrabhai of Lincoln Pharmaceuticals donated 100 Braille Orbit Writers to blind students, on 27 June, 2022-Helen Keller Day. Mahendrabhai and his company have been supporting BPA for the past 3 decades.

AMAZON GIVES TABLETS

A distribution function of 100 Tablets to persons with disabilities supported by Amazon through Youth4Job was held at BPA on 10 June, 2022.

Motorized tri- wheeler ,(Neo-Motion)given to Anjaliben J Valand, our past student of beauty parlour ITI for her mobility and ADL activities., financed by Sri Piyushbhai Shah (friend of BPA President Sri Rajubhai Shah)

CERTIFICATE FOR TANYA TRAINEES

8 June, 2022: Mr. Bhaskar Rao, Director, Government Polytechnic distributed Certificates to Tanya Computer Centre students. This is the first time that such certificates have been issued.
**April 4, 2022:** Online staff training of BPA Porecha Eye Hospital on HIMS data management by Arvind Eye Institute supported by Seva Foundation.

### CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR NGOs

NGOs have to understand the changing laws which apply to them like the Income Tax Act, the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and the various provisions of the Public Charitable Trust Act. In the recent times, these laws have changed significantly and due diligence is needed. NGOs need to understand the new provisions and requirements if they are to exist. The BPA arranged this very important workshop in which the Chief Guests were Mr. Sunil Parekh, Co-Chair, FICCI, Gujarat Dr. Rajendra Khimani, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith Mr. P.K. Lehari, Chairman, Sadvichar Parivar, Mr. Y.M. Shukla, Charity Commissioner presided over the workshop and explained the role of the office of the Charity Commissioner and the compliance required by NGOs.

Mr. Kaushik Patel, CA spoke about the “Management of NGOs in Context of Charity Laws” Mr. Hafeez Dalal, CA & Mr. Dhinal A. Shah, CA explained about "NGO Related New Developments in Income Tax Act & Finance Bill, 2022. Mr. Akhil Paul, Director, Sense India & Mr. Jahir Mansuri, CA discussed the “Understanding Newer Provision of FCRA”. Mr. Noshir Dadrawala, Expert on Trust and Philanthropic Activities & Mr. Vijay Mulani, Company Secretary, Wagh Bakri explained about “New Approaches to CSR”. Mr. Rajendra Shah, President; Mr. Rohit Shah, VoSAP; Dr. Bhushan Punani; Nandini Rawal; Vimal Thawani were present.

### VISION 2020 GUJARAT WORKSHOP

**Workshop on Cataract Backlog Free Gujarat:** Vision 2020-The Right to Sight Gujarat Chapter and National Program for Control of Blindness, Government of Gujarat organized this Workshop at Blind People’s Association on 31 July 2022. 97 participants from 36 eye care organizations participated in this workshop.
**16 May, 2022:** Mental Health Staff Training at BPA-KCRC Bhuj.

**28 May, 2022:** Hope distribution function for grannies

**14 June, 2022:** Meeting of all BPA Trustees, Directors and Head of Departments at new Vocational Training Centre in 3rd Floor of Building No.8.

**4-5 June, 2022:** Meeting of Visually Impaired Physiotherapists from all over India

**19 May, 2022:** Sarthak Educational Trust organized a panel discussion on the event of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD). The Topic of the programme was the Role of accessibility in Inclusion of PwDs. Mr. Bharat Joshi attended as a Panelist in this programme.

**1 June, 2022:** Mr. Tarak Luhar attended CSR Day 2022 function sponsored by ONGC

**13-24 June** - 5th Batch of GSDP Electrical Testing Course organized by CERC-ENVIS Project

**27-30 June 2022:** International Council for the Education of Persons with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) India organized 4-Days Training on "Youth with Visual Impairment Champions Programme"- Leadership Training Programme at BPA campus. This programme coordinated by Mr. Ranchhod Soni, an expert leader of Technology department.

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**TRAINING FOR WOMEN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

Kinnari Desai, Senior Manager, Inclusion coordinated the 15 days training of Women with Visual Impairment in life skills. Young women below the age of 25 were imparted training in cooking, personal grooming, posture, life skills and personality development under the auspices of a grant received from Navin Fluorine Ltd. This training was conducted from 15th-30th June, 2022. People who love to eat are always the best people! Under the Soft Skills Development Training Program, the visually impaired women were taught how to make amazing delicacies which were absolutely healthy. They made faada ni khichdi, oat tikkis, kaathi paneer, salad and obviously the best Indian sweet, sukhdi! Special thanks to Miss Abha Nanavati and the interns from Nirma University who made this possible with their rewarding efforts.
WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

25th Anniversary of Sense India

27-29 June, 2022: Dr. Bhushan Punani and Ms. Nandiniben Rawal were Guests of Honour at the National Conclave of Sense India in releasing the Special Cover to commemorate the Helen Keller Day and to celebrate 25th Anniversary of Sense India.

29 July, 2022: Mittalben and Bhadreshbhai Jadav from BPA have attended 4th Day of DDUGKY SOP Training at Gujarat University.

7 July, 2022: Krupa Velani presented on communication at Divyang Samishe Program - Chief Minister (CM) Program at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Auditorium.

9 May, 2022: Dr. Bhushan Punani and Dr. Manubhai Choudhary to Gandhinagar went for staff recruitment.

12 May, 2022: Mr. Tarak Luhar, Mr. Bharat Joshi and Ms. Vidhi Shah went to NAB Surat and NAB Valsad for Tanya Computer Centre work.

11 May, 2022: Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Mrs. Vimal Thawani, Mr. Mihir Jani visited Thasra for meeting of donors

16 May, 2022: Dr. Bhushan Punani attended a Webinar organized by Income Tax on Section 10 BD

16 May, 2022: Dr. Bhushan Punani attended a virtual meeting of ICEVI

22-28 May, 2022: Mr. Arvindsinh Gohil from BPA-KCRC and Mr. Shailendra from BPA-Porecha Hospital, Bareja attended the Course of Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery for Eye Hospitals at Arvind Hospital, Madurai. Both these staff members will attend the training program at Shroff’s Eye Hospital, New Delhi on 29-30 October 2022 on Operation Theater Management. Shailendra is in-charge of the Cornea Department and operation theater (Cornea and Retina department) and Arvind needs to understand the SOP of operation theater for better management of the KCRC Eye department and operation theater.
### News Bulletin April-July 2022 (July 2022)

**Blind People’s Association (India)**

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#### 23 April, 2022:
Dr. Bhushan Punani attended disability – a Rights Based Approach, National Webinar on the theme Ecosystem Around the field of Special & Inclusive Education, K L Deaf Institute, Bhavnagar (Virtual)

#### 25 April, 2022:


#### 9 May, 2022:
Mrs. Nandini Rawal and Mrs. Vimal Thawani participated in Zoom Meeting of Assessment Study of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for Children with Disabilities in inclusive schools in the context of NEP 2020 in India.

#### 10-21 May, 2022:
B.Ed First Contact Programme for 2021-22 batch coordinated by Mr. Bipin Mehta

#### 23-31 May, 2022:
5th batch of GSDP Electrical Testing Course organized by CERC-ENVIS Project at BPA-ANL Conference Room.

#### 25 May, 2022:
Technology Lab Training

#### 16 May, 2022:
Dr. Bhushan Punani attended ICEVI POs Meeting by virtual mode.

#### 19-21 May, 2022:
Dr. Bhushan Punani presented an online paper on 6th International Conference on equity and inclusion.

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Dr. Bhushan Punani and Mrs. Nandini Rawal sharing employment and self-employment details with guests from CII and Round table of Ahmedabad
20 May, 2022: Mr. Vanraj Chavda and Mrs. Deepa Joshi participated in 3 days National Consultation of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) at Hotel President, Ahmedabad organized by Sense India.

22 May, 2022: Dr. Bhushan Punani addressed OBS Navrangpura group at school for the Blind Navrangpura and gave a speech about association of Mahatma Gandhi with Navrangpura School for the Blind.

17 June, 2022: Sight Savers supported Mass Truckers Awareness Program in progress besides NH -8, Aslali road side by BPA Porecha eye hospital along with nukad natak and demonstration and experience sharing of Traffic officer’s and problem sharing of truckers and solutions from traffic departments.

29 June, 2022: Mr. Milansinh Gohil and Mr. Sudhir Shukla from HDFC Credila visited Vatrak vision center as monitoring visit of project supported by them.

1 June, 2022: 10 Days Sillai Training Program for 20 Women with Disabilities was started at Palitana, Gujarat under CSR Initiative of Samsara Group( RCL Agencies Ltd and Sea Trade Shipping Agencies Ltd).
During the vacation all Teachers of special need centers were engaged in creating teaching learning environment at new centre in 3rd floor of BPA-Building No 8. BPA Trustees visited the Centre and saw the beautiful and very inspiring environment created for the children with multiple disabilities.

UNIT TEST-1 FOR STUDENTS WITH VISUALLY IMPAIRED

BPA-Minnie Cama Secondary /Higher secondary School for the Blind conducted a Unit Test-1 on 2nd August, 2022 at BPA campus. Blind students performed their exam with the help of writers.

Job interviews for people with disability were organized with the support of Tata Motors under placement link skill development program of Youth4jobs Foundation and Blind People's Association Ahmedabad. Tata Motors Ltd recruited 12 people with disability for Anand Plant. It is a commendable work of the Company for promoting Inclusion and Diversity in the workplace.

24 June, 2022: BPA conducted a Meeting for future course of action and planning for various activities for all Heads of Departments of BPA.
EVENTS

Vocational Training Unit products prepared by students with disabilities of BPA displayed by BPA-Magic Fingers at Azilen Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Software company) at Bopal and E-Infochips Pvt. Ltd. at Ognaj. From these exhibitions this unit earned Rs. 30,000. A Special thanks to Mrs. Jyotsnaben, who is handling Magic Fingers and trainees of VTU Centre Shreya and Nandlal.

2 May, 2022: After training of CBID, the participants developed and displayed an exhibition in BPA- Porecha Prayer Hall.

31 July, 2022: Blind students BPA enjoyed Dr. Arpit Deliwala musical show at Pandit Dindayal Hall.

30 July 2022: Dr. Bhushan Punani and Dharmendra Jena attended the Council Meeting of K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya at Sadvichar Trust, Ahmedabad.

16 July, 2022: Mrs. Nandini Rawal and Dr. Dharmendra Jena attended the Governing Board meeting of Vision 2020 - Right to Sight at Retina foundation, Ahmedabad.

26 July, 2022: Mrs. Krupa Velani and Mrs. Deepa Joshi conducted a Training Program with Anganwadi Worker on Early Identification of Children with Disabilities at Gujarati School, Tokarshani Pol, Gayakwad Haveli. 31 Anganwadi workers were present in this training.

27 July, 2022: They also conducted another Anganwadi Workers Training in Vatva on 41 Anganwadi workers were present in this training.

25 July, 2022: Mrs Nandini Rawal, Harmish Modi, Bharat Joshi visited the Samsara and Stride group sponsored silai training at Moti Majethi village Patdi Taluka. Shri Prakash Dodia Taluka Panchayat Pramukh, Sarpanch of village, representatives of both Corporates were present along with 10 disabled women.
Celebration of 75th Independence Day

29 July, 2022: Farewell programme for the retired staff – Mr. Damjibhai Hadia, Mr. Paritoshbhai Dave, Mr. Hasmukhbhai Shrimali, Mr. Jagdishbhai J. Parmar

28-30 July, 2022: Talent Search 2022 A 3-day Music Programme of students with visual impairment conducted at BPA.

Celebration of 75th Independence Day

Janmashtami Celebration
CONGRATS CORNER

BPA General Secretary Dr. Bhushan Punani has been appointed as a Member to the Higher Education Finance Committee of the Gujarat Vidyapith for 3 years starting from 1 April, 2022.

Rehabilitation Council of India has selected Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director of BPA as an Expert Committee Member for the development of Training Program for Special Teachers/Orientation & Mobility Specialists for educating and training of the Blind & Persons with Low Vision.


Mr. Bharat Joshi, Deputy Director Projects of BPA has been appointed as a Member (Psychiatric Social Worker) of Gujarat State Mental Authority for 3 years.

ELP BY PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Mr. Mihir Jani our Project Coordinator of Mental Health Project has been selected for the ELP by Perkins School for the Blind, USA. His form to Perkins was submitted two years back but they could not select due to covid. This year he has been offered this important training. We all are proud of this honour bestowed on him and BPA.

PROUD OF BPA & INDIA

India’s stars - two Para Table Tennis Players Ms. Bhavina Patel has won Gold Medal in Birmingham and Ms. Sonal Patel won Bronze Medal in Commonwealth Games 2022.

SPORTS STARS

Blind Women Football Team of BPA participated in II Women's National Blind Football Tournament at Pune wins gets Runner Up Trophy - congratulations to our emerging blind women’s football team.
Mr. Chirantan Mesariya, Physiotherapy Assistant in BPA and his team stood third in the Chess Championship organised by GCAVC and Deepak Foundation.

Our student Vishnu is the only blind player from Gujarat in Blind Football International Event in Mexico. We are proud of you Vishnu. Thanks Tejalben for helping him to achieve his dream.

Mr. Anshu (Bhavik) who is the special child in BPA-Sumeru Centre participated in National Swimming competition in Punjab. He has been selected for International Championship in Germany.

Ms. Himanshi Rathi got 4.5 points out of 9 points at France world women chess championship and got 14th rank in this tournament.

30 Executives from RPG group Visitted BPA and Vision-in-the-Dark and Technology Museum through IIMA.

15 July, 2022: Hetalben Parmar (Chief Officer, Ahmedabad District Social Defense Department) carried out the Inspection of the ATCB School & Hostel, BPA Lioness Karnavati Hostel, Mental Hygiene Clinic, and Braille Press. She visited our Vision in the dark and museum with interest and was inspired by this project.

1 June, 2022: Dr. Vinay Shah from USA visited BPA Porecha Eye Hospital and supported instruments to Retina Department.
6 June, 2022: Evaluation visit of Bandhan Bank to Dholka, project implemented by BPA Porecha Eye Hospital.

9 June, 2022: Bandhan Bank impact assessment visit to BPA Porecha eye hospital.

21 May, 2022: Mr. Abhinav Vyas and team from HDFC Credila had an inspection visit to BPA Porecha Eye Hospital and was very satisfied with the project outcome.

21 May, 2022: CSR Manager Mr. Varun Sharma and Shivbhadrasinh Jadeja visited BPA-KCRC Bhuj.

24 May 2022: 30 Special D.Ed & B.Ed students and faculties from Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal (RMKM) Ajmer visited BPA.

21 May, 2022: HPCL Officials

26 July, 2022: Gujarati Actress Hiral Patel visited BPA and staged a play drama in 11th standard class.

4 April, 2022: Visitors from Netherlands.


21 May, 2022: Representative of CSOs visited BPA campus, Vimalben interacted with them, all the participants appreciated the work being carried out at BPA.
104 students of primary school level from DEV International School visited BPA. They enjoyed watching our trainees make paper plates, jewellery and gift articles. They were also amazed to see our students with visual impairment doing physiotherapy.

Lineomatic Graphic Industries makes machines for making books and their special production of 500 books distributed to 350 students of Bavla Inclusive School by Mr. Kashelkar and Hemaliben Mehta and their team on 30th June, 2022.

THE AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL IN BPA INDIA

10 August, 2022: H.E. The Ambassador of Israel in India Mr. Naor Gilon, and Consul General of Israel Mr. Kobbi Shoshani visited BPA on the eve of Raksha Bandhan - is the celebration of the love of brother and sister. Our girls with special needs tie Rakhi (Sacred Thread) upon their wrists as a part of celebration of this grand festival. They visited many centres of BPA and were impressed by the activities of BPA.
Training for Nepal Team

Reading for All (R4A) program implementing partners are working in close collaboration with the Center for Education and Human Resource Development (CEHRD), National Center for Educational Development, Curriculum Development Center and the Education Review Office, relevant non-governmental organizations (NGO), and Organization of People’s with Disabilities (OPDs) are working together in Nepal. The team is visiting BPA from 22-27 August, 2022.

The objective of the proposed learning visit is to support 10-12 government officials under the Ministry of Education Science and technology to participate in an exposure visit to India. The learning visit is intended to support MoEST to learn from the best practices within the region that are similar to the Nepalese context. The visit is expected to offer the opportunity for cross-learning in the following areas within disability-inclusive education.