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### SAARUS CSR SUPPORT



Saarus Innovation distributed 8 Vending Stall for setting up petty shops, 15 EV Tricycles, 12 Hearing Aids and 25 Education Kits among needy persons with disabilities. This fund was given out of the CSR budget on 30-04-24.

### CAPACITY BUILDING OF TEACHERS AT KCRC, BHUJ



The BPA has several centers for persons with multiple disabilities all over Gujarat. There is a need to ensure that the services at all the centers are uniform and of excellent quality. The BPA arranged a training for the staff of all the outreach centers at Bhuj from 1st to 3rd May 2024. Krupa Velani, Manager, Outreach, conducted the training and shared her knowledge about assessment making of individual education plans and other formats related to the Centers.

### Inauguration of Armaan Day Care Centre. Fatehwadi



The BPA helped Pennies for Education and Health (P E H) to start a Day Care center at FatehWadi, Sarkhej, Ahmedabad. The property was given to PEH by Mrs. Azra Sheikh and her husband Nasir. The twin row houses have enabled 35 children with intellectual and multiple disabilities to get training and be included in society. BPA will provide hand holding and technical support for this purpose. The centre called Armaan which means "Desire" was inaugurated on 2 May 2024

### Inauguration of Vision Center at Bhiloda



BPA Bhiloda Vision Center was inaugurated on 12-05-24 -in the presence of Mr. Rajendra Shah, President, BPA, Samta Vikas Charitable Trust Mr. Jitendra Shah, and Sarpanch Shree Bhiloda, in the presence of many social workers and activists.

Thanks to SEVA Foundation USA for their invaluable support in making the vision Center full time a reality. Thanks to Uday Seva Sanstha Bhiloda for providing the space free of charge to the organization and SVCT for guidance and support.

Together, we are committed to bringing sight and hope to our community.

### Distribution of Orbit Reader



BDO RISE distributed 19 Orbit Braille Machines at a total cost of ₹ 8 lakhs.to young Blind scholars on 17-5-24. The Orbit Reader 20™ is simple to use and allows switching between the distinct functions seamlessly. Its stand-alone capabilities include reading, writing, and file management. Orbit Reader 20 starts as a reader displaying the content of files stored on the SD™ card. It allows a person with visual impairment to access information as well as a sighted person.

### Stride Support



Handover Function of Beauty Parlor kits, tricycles Supported By Stride Climate Investment Ltd. were distributed at village Bapodar, Porbandar on 2 May, 2024. Stride also funded the school building renovations of the local primary school and gifted a Smart TV to the school.

### Ashwini Gardens Unstoppable Campaign



Ashwini Rohini Garden Senior Citizens Mitra Mandal collected 250000/- for funding cataract operations for the needy. The senior citizens are a very committed and have been raising funds for the BPA for almost two decades now. They also collect used clothes and household items and donate them to the Charity Shop of the BPA. The BPA had arranged free eye and hearing check-ups for the residents of the two societies and walkers in the gardens.

### Samsara Training at Maliya



Mrs. Nandini Rawal and Dr. Bharat Joshi attended the inaugural session of the Samsara Group supported Stitching Programme for women with disabilities on 18 April, 2024. Shri Tahirbhai of Samsara group was also present. The women were given sewing machines at the end of the ten day training courtesy the Samsara group which has pledged 1008 sewing machines for the economic empowerment of disabled women.

**Inclusive Employment Seminar**



BPA along with Utthan, Society for the Welfare of the Mentally Retarded (SWMR) arranged a Seminar for motivating Corporate and various Associations of Industries to employ people who are intellectually impaired. This Programme was organized on 10- May, 2024 with the help of Smt. Mudrikaben Doshi, Retired Factory Inspector and Shri Shailesh Patwari, Former President of Gujarat Chambers of Commerce, and Industry. More than 50 participants from Hotels, Corporates, Vatva, Naroda & Odhav industrial associations came and understood how persons with impairments could be employed by them. Mr. Anil Patel, Head of FORD, Sanand, made a wonderful presentation on how FORD Industries gave employed more than 100 persons with disabilities and have received help from this inclusive work force.

**Legacy Donation by BPA Donor**



Shri Rajendra Nagar and his cousin Sachin Nagar handed over a donation of 65 Lakh for Setting up Harshad and Vijay Jha Endowment Fund on 18 May, 2024. Rajendrabhai is a very valued donor who has been associated with BPA for the past two decades. His uncle and aunty, Harshad, and Vijay Jha, passed away in covid and left him and his cousin as executors of their will. Rajendrabhai completed all the formalities and very religiously handed over the donation for education and rehabilitation. With the purpose of promoting education of children with visual impairment, other disabilities and deserving students.

**MOU for Mental Health Signed**



Shri K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya Mandal & BPA signed an MOU for starting Centre for Mental Health at Vatrak. Land will be given for use by KKSSAM, and the Centre will be a joint Project of KKSSAM, BPA & SVCT. Shri P.K. Laheri, President of KKSSAM and Dr. Bhushan Punani, General Secretary of BPA signed the MOU on 1 June,2024.

## Inauguration of Vision Center and Day Care Centre at Naliya



Shri Pradyumna Sinh Jadeja, MLA inaugurated Day Care and Vision Centre Naliya, Kutch, Gujarat on 7 June, 2024 by. Shri Hareshbhai Aiya donated the centre building for its use as Day Care Centre. Recurring and capital expenses have been given by Smt. Vijayaben Navinbhai Chandan and the Seva Foundation, USA.

## Visit of President vision 2020 India



Dr. Rajesh Saini ((President vision 2020 India) and Dr. Phanindra B Nukella (CEO Vision 2020 India) visited BPA and BYP Eye Hospital Vatrak with Dr. Dharmendra Jena and Mr. Soumen Maity on 13 June, 2024

## Vision 2020 The Right to Sight CME



VISION 2020 India and its Gujarat state chapter jointly organized a member meeting cum CME under West Zone on 14 June, Friday, at Blind People's Association Convention Centre, Ahmedabad. The CME Programme was on Legal Compliances for Eye Hospitals and the topics included different legal issues that hospitals faced as also bringing quality in eye care services.

## Donated a Van to BPA



Areez Khambatta Trust donated a Van to BPA For eye collection for corneal grafting on 19 June, 2024

## Bus launch at Jodhpur



The bus donated in the memory of Shri M.M. Bhandari( Gattusa) ,by the Shri Ugamrajji Bhandari family was flagged off on 25 June, 2024 at the worthy hands of Shri O.P. Bhandariji, brother of the donor. The President of BPA Jodhpur, renowned Scientist Dr. O.P.N. Calla as well as members of the community were present.

### Lotus Award for BPA



Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Dr. Dharmendra Jena, Ms. Kinnari Desai, Mr. Arvind Singh, and Mr. Soumen Maity attended the 18th Conference of Vision 2020 India held from 5th to 7th July, 2024 at CMC hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab. Nandini Rawal, Kinnari Desai and Dharmendra Jena presented papers in the Conference. The Lotus Award was conferred upon BPA for Best Community Services at the hands of Mr. Amarinder Singh, MP on 6 July, 2024

### Samsara Eye Bank Inaugurated



The Eye Bank sponsored by Samsara Group was inaugurated at the BPA Porecha Eye Hospital, Bareja on 20 July, 2024 at the worthy hands of Shri Mukesh Oza, Chairperson, Samsara Group in the worthy presence of Shri Devusinh Chauhan, M.P., Kheda District and Shri Babubhai Jamnabhai Patel, MLA, Daskroi, Gujarat. This will be a new feather in BPA's cap. Shri Tahirbhai and his family and Shri Ms. Anjita Mehta, CSR Head, were present from Samsara Group. Smt. Heenaben Mukeshbhai Oza was also present.



Shri Mukeshbhai and Team also visited the Smt. Bellaben and Shri Yogeshbhai Patel Eye Hospital Vatrak where the Samsara Group has donated Rs. 35 lakhs for instruments.

**Mahindra Bolero flagged off**



Samsara Group Team attended the Joint Birthday Celebrations of Staff and visited BPA on 22 July, 2024.



Suzlon Foundation Sponsored Mahindra Bolero was flagged off on 19 July, 2024 under “Zero Cata-ract Program - Kutch.”

**In Memoriam**



Nathubhai, a staff of our ATC Kitchen



Kantibhai Kanjibhai Rathod our Student of Inclusive Education



Gaurav Solanki, Trainee of our workshop mobility devices unit



Leelamma Thomas, Personal assistant

**Kalupur Bank Support**



Dr. Dineshbhai Amin, Chairperson, Kalupur Comm. Cooperative Bank and his Board of Directors donated 100 tricycles to persons with disabilities at Blind People’s Association on 1 July, 2024. So far, Kalupur Bank has assisted more than 400 such persons by providing them with tricycles, artificial limbs, calipers and sewing machines.

### Samsara Sewing Support



02-07-2024 With the financial support of Samsara Group, Blind People's Association distributed free sewing machines to 20 women with disability for self-reliance after 10 days of sewing training in Bawdi, Jodhpur.

### Early Screening Center



Early Screening Center at Deesa Civil hospital was inaugurated on 12 July, 2024 by Shri Praveenbhai Mali MLA Banaskantha. This is a joint Project of BPA and Sense International India sponsored by Australian Aid. This machine will enable newly born babies to be checked for hearing loss.

### Surat Skilling Centre Inauguration



The Skilling Centre at Surat was sponsored by Padmanabh Mafatlal Group and was inaugurated on 05 July, 2024 in the premises of NAB Surat. The Centre will provide training in computer operations and retail as other trades to persons with disabilities. The Centre was inaugurated by Shri Vijaybhai Mevawala, President, Southern Chamber of Commerce. Radheyshyam Singh, President, Operations, Navin Flourine was also present along with officials of BPA and NAB Surat.

### An Assessment Camp



An Assessment Camp for Artificial Limbs was organized at Deesa Khushio Nu Sarnamu-1 on 12 July, 2024 under the Seva Project 2024 supported by Shaileshbhai Shah and friends USA. A total of 22 patients were assessed.



## Inauguration of Malpur Vision Centre



The Malpur Vision center was inaugurated on 26 July, 2024. The place was made available by Mother Care Foundation through the kind office of Shri Rohitbhai Natverlal, Trustee BPA. This project enjoys the financial support of Seva Foundation USA. The centre was inaugurate by Chief Guest, Shri Dhawalsinh Zala, Member of Legislative Assembly in the presence of the Sarpanch, Taluka Panchayat Pramukh and Trustees of BPA, Samta Vikas Charitable Trust, K K Shah Sabarkantha Arogaya Mandal, Mother Care Foundation and other local community leaders and volunteers

## Signing of MoU with Tsukuba University



The Tsukuba University Japan has helped the BPA to start the Japanese Manual Training. The MoU for continuation of the Course was signed on 12 August 2024

JMMT students got their certificates from Japan. Mr. Terasaki Naoshi is the contact person for this Course.

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