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Visit of Sightsavers CEO



Dr. Caroline Harper, CEO of Sightsavers (Global) and Shri R.N. Mohanty CEO, Sightsavers India visited BPA on 13 August, 2024. Mister Jatin Tiwari, Director-Corporate Fund Raising and South Programmes, Sightsavers India accompanied them. In the morning, they visited the eye camp in Tavdipura slum areas and observed the work done through the Mobile Amrit Drishti Van donated by Sightsavers to Porecha Eye Hospital.

Independence Day 2024



Shri R. P. Vyas, charity commissioner of the government of Gujarat hoisted the flag on 15th August India's Independence Day. A Bikers group gave rides on their bikes and thrilled the students.



Employers Orientation

A Meeting with held with companies like FORD, VW, AUDI, and Harsha Engineering for orienting them about the skills of persons with disabilities and convincing them to employ these persons in their workforce. This Meeting held on 22 August 2024 saw a great sea -change in the attitude of employers towards people with disabilities.

CCD Visit to Gujarat

Deputy Chief Commissioner of Ministry of Social Empowerment, New Delhi, Mister Pravin Ambashta visited BPA accompanied by his PA Mister Rajesh Jayal on 24 August, 2024. The Chief Commissioner, Persons with Disabilities Act, Gujarat, Shri V. J. Rajput was also present. The team had a meeting with leaders of disability NGOs. Shri P. K. Laheri, former Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat was also present along with officers of the Social Defense Department, Government of Gujarat.



Inauguration of Day Care Centre in Madhya Pradesh



Sadguru Sankalp Netra Chikitsalaya, Anandpur (Vidisha, M.P.) in technical collaboration with Blind People's Association (India), Ahmedabad inaugurated Sadguru Sankalp Comprehensive Resource & Rehabilitation Centre under CSR initiative of Navin Fluorine Ltd. in delightful presence of Dr. Vishnu Jobanputra, Director & Trustee, Shri Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust, Mistress Nandini Rawal, Executive Director, Dr. Bharat Joshi, Deputy Director, Mistress Krupa Velani, Manager, Blind People's Association (India) and members Sadguru family. The proposed center will provide for prompt assessment, early intervention, rehabilitation, education, skill development, livelihood support, and support for assistive devices and such related services to improve quality of lives of children with disabilities. More than 30 children with severe disabilities have been identified initially and will receive need-based services to make them independent and live a life of dignity. This will be the first venture of Shri Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust into disability rehabilitation with the technical support of BPA thus ushering in disability inclusive eye care. The Centre was inaugurated by all the dignitaries present at the function on 31 July, 2024.



Annual Rasotsav 2024



BPA and its allied Trusts and Centres from all over Gujarat and Rajasthan celebrated Rasotsav - a celebration of talent of people with disabilities - on 14th September (NAB All India Flag Day for the Blind) on 13th September, 2024 at Pt. Deen Dayal Updhaya Hall, Sindhu Bhawan Road at 2 p.m. onwards. BPA thanks Shah Investors Home Ltd for sponsoring this event as every year and enabling our students to highlight their abilities. 306 children with disabilities performed a variety of dances, skits and mimes and showed their talent.



The donors Upendrabhai and Purnimaben were as usual present on this day and inspired the parents with their enthusiasm. Three Corporates who had given support to BPA were felicitated by officials of BPA. These were Missus. Megha Vaid, Director of Concord Biotech; Mister Mukesh Purohit, assistant Vice-President, Aavas Financiers Limited. Lincoln Pharmaceuticals, longtime supporter of BPA, were felicitated on this occasion.

Concord Biotech Limited donation



Missus Megha Vaid, Director and CSR Head of Concord Biotech donated Rs. 10,12,000/- for sponsoring the kits, equipment of four outstanding sportspersons and athletes of BPA. She donated this on Teacher's Day 5 September, 2024 and met and encouraged the sports stars by her words. Concord Biotech Limited has also donated Rs. 14,62,000/- for Recurring cost of vision centers at Matar and Dholka.

Capacity Building of Staff

Miss Nandini Dharwarkar, an expert management trainer, conducted training on goal setting and time management for the teachers and coordinators of the BPA on 17 September, 2024



Inauguration of Detroj Centre



Shri Kanubhai Shah, elder brother of Shri Raju Bhai Shah, President of BPA inaugurated Hiraba Divyang Punarvasan Centre donated by Shah family at Detroj on 10-9-2024. The entire Shah family was present. The Guest of Honour was Shri Saurin Parikh, Managing Director, Pashpati Cotspin, Kadi. A camp for assessment of mental illness was also held. More than 200 patients were diagnosed and provided treatment. The dilapidated ancestral home of the Shah family was totally repaired and reconstructed where necessary by Shri Rajubhai. The Centre will have two rooms 4 daycare facilities for children with multiple disabilities and the top floor will be used as a vocational training unit for adult persons with mental illness.



Nivea India Pvt Ltd CSR SUPPORT

Nivea India Pvt Ltd distributed 30 wheelchairs, 30 self-employment kits, 30 white canes and 25 kits for persons with intellectual impairment at BPA on 23 September, 2024.

Our Stars of Inclusive Chess

Two upcoming stars of inclusive chess, our students, Rahul Sahani and Rahul Vaghela emerged as stars of the Chess Tournament held at Bhilwada, Rajasthan. Their performance, their confidence and their winning spirit were appreciated by each one who came to witness that unique event



Our Trustees Supporter Joins Ford USA



Shri Anil Patel of FORD Motors, Sanand Plant, a great supporter and promoter of inclusive employment of people with disabilities, was felicitated for his promotion to a high post in FORD USA. Congratulations Shri Anil Bhai, great achievement indeed!!

Celebration of Birthday for a Cause



Padmashri Dr. Sudhir Shah, a very renowned Neuro Physician celebrates his birthday on 19th August (Raksha Bandhan) along with his family at BPA by donating 6 tricycles to non-affording people with disabilities.

Exploring Technology



Mister Ranchhod Soni speaking on the subject “Exploring Technology” in a Panel Discussion during National Seminar convened at Vishwa Yuva Kendra, New Delhi. He explained importance of accessibility and technology in the field of education of children with visual impairment. Event was inaugurated by Mister Rajesh Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

A Volunteer Mobilizes a Donation



Thanks to Missus Sonia Trivedi, a volunteer of BPA for the last 1 years who motivated a family friend to donate Rs 5 lakhs for establishing a Corpus Fund under the auspices of the Blind Women Association for promoting comprehensive rehabilitation of women with disabilities.



Checking the Eyesight of Truckers

BPA celebrates Second Road Safety Campaign 2024-25 by checking eyesight of truck drivers at Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Vadodara LPG Terminal under the Sight Savers funded innovative and much needed “Truckers Eye Health Project”

Beauty Pageant of Miss Gujarat Visits BPA



Participants of Miss Universe Gujarat visited and interacted with our students and trainees on 30th July, 2024. They also delivered motivational speeches among our students. They also admire hard work, diligent efforts and struggles of students for availing education to become productive members of society. One of the aspiring contestants even wrote and recited a poem admiring the achievements of our students.

Support under CSR

BPA Supports School for the Blind, Navrangpura



Mister Ranchod Soni, Technology Head of BPA delivering a lecture at School for the Blind, Navrangpura for the participants of Rehabilitation Council of India recognized Continuing Education Program, coordinated by Miss Kalpana Lalwani. Mister Soni along with Miss Kunjal Tirgar, demonstrated the importance of new technology in the field of visual impairment



The Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Gandhidham donated 26 seater Air-Conditioned Bus to our Kutch Comprehensive Rehabilitation Unit, Bhuj under Corporate Social Responsibility for promoting services of rehabilitation and physiotherapy among children. This vehicle was inaugurated by Missus Nandini Rawal, Executive Director, on 8th August in the premises of K C R C, Bhuj

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