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QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT BLIND PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION (INDIA)

BPA PAST PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY



Shri Piyushbhai Desai served as the President of the Blind People's Association (BPA) from 2014 to 2020, leaving behind a legacy of transformative growth and unwavering dedication.

He was first and foremost a wonderful human being who loved people with disabilities. He loved music, was very gregarious and simple at heart. He had no airs and was very humble.

His deep commitment to the organization began during its formative years when he provided BPA's very first major financial contribution of ₹1.5 lakhs. Over the decades, his leadership and philanthropy structurally shaped BPA's reach. He championed critical humanitarian efforts, heavily supporting the relief and rehabilitation initiatives following the devastating Kutch Earthquake. Driven by a lifelong mission to eliminate preventable blindness, he established a dedicated endowment to promote "Save Sight" initiatives and founded the Vision Centre at Dholka. His forward-thinking leadership also drove sustainability across BPA campuses by sponsoring the installation of its solar power systems. On the international stage, his tenure was highlighted by a milestone global convergence as BPA proudly hosted the first Asian Conference on ICEVI & DBI, cementing the organization's footprint as a global leader in inclusive education and deafblindness advocacy.

DHANERA CENTRE INAUGURATION



BPA established the 37th Day Care Centre at Dhanera with the CSR support of Ratnamani Foundation and Shri Dhanera Aarogya Samiti. The Dhanera Centre was inaugurated by Shri Pravin bhai Mali, Minister of Transport and Forests and Mavjibhai Desai, MLA. The top brass of Ratnamani, Shri Prakashbhai Sanghvi; Shri Jayantibhai Sanghvi of Ratnamani Foundation were present. Shri Shaileshbhai Morakhia, Trustee of R. S. Hospital, has very kindly given the space for the Day Care Centre.

INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL PREMIER LEAGUE



The Football Tournament was held at BPA-MSM campus at Naaz from 23 July to 26 July 2026. The “Keep Rising” Sports Arena specially developed for the blind by Arindam Ray and team was funded by Dipam Patel who donated Rs. 50 lakhs for this purpose. The Tournament which featured 8 teams from all over India was sponsored by Ratnamani Tubes and Metals Ltd. Ahmedabad had the highest rain of the season on these days, but this did not diminish the enthusiasm and dedication of the blind footballers-men and women. Both the Gujarat men and women teams won the League and emerged Champions.

CHOTILA CENTRE INAUGURATION

The Chotila Day Care Centre sponsored by the National Adult Training Centre with the collaboration of Aashrwad Viklang Trust was inaugurated by Param Pujya Bhaishree Nalinbhai, spiritual head of Rajsaubhag Ashram on 13 August 2026. Mahant Shri Jagdish Bapu, Shri Pinakin Meghan were also present. The building for the Centre has been donated to use by Shri Kiritsinhji Rehvar. More than 35 children with multiple disabilities and their parents were present and happy to see that they will be served.



DETROJ INAUGURATION



Leelawatiben Chinubai Shah Detroj Vision Center supported by Seva Foundation USA was inaugurated by Shri Kanubhai Shantilal Shah. This property has been donated by the family of Hiraba and Chakubhai Shah on 18 September 2026. The two storied new building has been built through a donation of Shri Rajendra Shah. BPA is running a Day Care Centre for persons with multiple disabilities in another building in the same campus. This is yet one more comprehensive Vision cum Rehabilitation Centre run by the BPA & Porecha Eye Hospital

MALPUR VISION CENTRE



The vision center has been relocated into a property purchased by Sri Rohit Shah Secretary BPA and donated by him to BPA for setting up of a vision center. This center, supported by Seva Foundation, USA, was inaugurated on 24th September by former MLA Mrs. Bhikhiben. Chairman of the Dairy, Market Yard were all present on this occasion.



RASOTSAV 2026

Rasotsav 2026 was a great success! Heartily congratulations and sincere appreciation to all our teachers, students, trainees, parents, choreographers, and volunteers who made this special event possible. The Programme was sponsored by regular donors Shah Investor's Home Limited out of thier CSR Funds. The donors Shri Upendrabhai and Smt. Purnimaben were present throughout to encourage the 500 children from BPA schools, special units from all over Gujarat. The Programme was inaugurated by Shri Anupamsingh Gahlaut, Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad City.

2-minute silence was also observed for Shri Piyushbhai Desai, former president of BPA who passed away.

All the stanzas of the Vande Mataram were presented by the students through dance, sign language and live singing. Garba penned by our Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi was presented by girls with disability as a tribute to him.

Mrs. Vimal Thawani, Project Director of BPA, was specially felicitated for her upcoming 70 birthday on 19 September. She has been a silent nad dedicated pillar of BPA for the past 44 years.



SWABHIMAN DAY



12 September 2026 was Swabhiman Day at the BPA campus. The morning witnessed almost 300 persons with disabilities who got as-sistive devices, self-employment and other support costing almost Rs. 30 lakh. The evening had a swinging DJ party in which the blind and disabled students, trainees and their parents danced and let their hair down. The volunteers of Swabhiman helped the kids to dance, enjoy and have a ball.



INDUCTOTHERM-COMPANY WITH A HEART



Inductotherm Limited has sponsored a bus under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme to facilitate transportation of patients to Porecha Eye Hospital, Bareja. The bus was dedicated on 18 April 2026 by Shri Naishadh Parikh, CEO, Inductotherm.

Inductotherm Limited has extended generous support towards cataract surgeries and corneal transplants at Porecha Eye Hospital, helping restore sight and improve the quality of life of people in need.

The company has also supported the establishment and operation of recording studios at the Central Jails in Ahmedabad and Vadodara for the production of audiobooks for the benefit of blind students. This is a pioneering initiative and, for the first time in the country, inmates of Central Jails are contributing to the creation of educational audiobooks for blind students.

Through these initiatives, Inductotherm Limited has demonstrated a meaningful commitment to healthcare, education, inclusion, and creating opportunities for persons with disabilities.

VEHICLE DONATION

A Vehicle was donated by Vithaldas S Shah Charitable trust on 27 August , 2026 to the BPA Porecha Eye Hospital for the travel of patients.



BOLERO GIFTED

DP World Mundra CEO Mr. Alok Mishra, HR Director Ms. Ashita Jain and PR AGM Shivbhadrasinh Jadeja handed over a Mahindra Bolero Neo Sponsored by DP World Mundra under “Zero cataract Program in Kachchh” to Mr. Arvindsinh Gohil Manager BPA KCRC Bhuj on 15th May 2026.



BULLET TRAIN TO GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

BPA signed an MoU with National High-Speed Rail Corporation limited for conducting 2500 cataract surgeries on the Bullet train route from Ahmedabad to Surat. Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal Chief Project Manager signed the MoU and gave this gift to the rural poor of Gujarat today on 25 May 2026.

ARVIND MAFATLAL GRANT



Scholarships were distributed with the support of Arvind Mafatlal foundation to 34 girls with visual impairment pursuing higher education at Benares Hindu University (BHU) on 10 June 2026. BPA is running women's training and empowerment projects in and around Varanasi with the financial support of the Padmanabh Mafatlal Group and the Arvind Mafatlal Foundation.

A new centre given to BPA for cutting and tailoring training at Varanasi by Divyang Jan Sashaktikaran Vibhag Varanasi in Sewa Puri block

INAUGURATION OF U-DOT

The U-Dot was inaugurated by Dr. T. S. Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Children's University in the presence of Shri Rohit Chaudhary, District Education Officer; Shri Sunil Rathod, Deputy Director, Department of Social Defense on 4 August, 2026 at the BPA.

The purpose of the event is to mark the first deployment of uDot at BPA and formally introduce uDot as an independent STEM learning platform for blind students. uDot has built interactive audio-tactile learning experiences for blind and visually impaired children using a refreshable tactile display. Through this, children can explore concepts independently using touch and audio, making learning more engaging, intuitive, and enjoyable. They have developed tactile interfaces for teaching arithmetic to students with visual impairment. The developers are Pruthvi and Lalika from IIT Guwahati.



GURU PURNIMA AT SAYLA

The Rajsaubhag Ashram at Sayla celebrated Guru Purnima in a unique way. The celebrations began by distribution of assistive devices followed by opening of samadhis, followed by an introspection programme. Bhushan Punani and Nandini Rawal were invited to speak on this occasion and share their journeys.



INAUGURATION OF WAGHBAKRI CENTRE

The afternoon saw the inauguration of the Wagh Bakri sponsored Day Care Centre followed by the Executive Committee Meeting of the Aashirwad Viklang Trust. Mr. Ajay Ciciliya, Head, CSR of Wagh Bakri was present throughout the day along with BPA officials Vimal Thawani and Bharat Joshi.



VISION 2020 CONFERENCE 2026



The National Conference of Vision 2020 was hosted by Sankara Netralaya Bangalore ON 10-11 July, 2026. BPA had hosted the same Conference in 2025 at Ahmedabad. The Conference at Bangalore had the top Ophthalmic professionals and Trustees of Eye Hospitals together discussing strategies for growth and sustainability. The BPA team consisted of Punani, Nandini, Dharmendra, Soumen, Arvind and Shailendra. The BPA team shared their experience through presentations.

TRI-TRUST MEET



The Bellaben and Yogeshbhai Eye hospital at Vatrak has come about due to the collaboration of three large trusts, namely the Samta Vikas Charitable Trust (SVCT), the K.K. Shah Sabarkantha Arogya Mandal (KKSSAM) and the BPA. The three Trusts have agreed to collaborate and have a quarterly review meeting to assess progress. The Review Meeting was held on 14 July, 2026 at Vatrak in which representatives of all Trusts were present.

AWARD FOR BPA SECRETARY



Shri Rohit Shah, Secretary, BPA was bestowed Khadayata Ratna by the Khadayata community on 9 May, 2026. We very much appreciate his outstanding support and guidance to BPA. Heartiest congratulations to Shri Rohit Bhai Shah on this great honour

STATE AWARDS

Heartiest congratulations to Khodaji Thakor and Chetna Galchar on receiving the Sardar Patel Award of the Government of Gujarat, and to Sapna Shah on receiving the Jaideepsinh Award. Ms. Tejal Lakhia, who has coordinated these events and motivated these heroes was present with them.



GOLD PLAQUE FOR DKJ

Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Jena, Deputy Director, BPA was conferred the President's Gold Plaque Award during the Silver Jubilee Celebration of ACOIN 2026 – Kolkata, held in conjunction with the 25th International Assembly of Community Ophthalmologists and 16th Annual Conference of the Association of Community Ophthalmologists of India (ACOIN) in the presence of his excellency Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Former President of India, as the Chief Guest on 25 September, 2026.

JT AWARDED

Shri Jayantibhai Panchal, a dedicated worker of the BPA was presented with the prestigious 'Samras Vidyasetu Award' by the Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel on 22 July, 2026 in the presence of a galaxy of Ministers, and the Mayor of Ahmedabad city

EYE DONATION AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



Mr. Mehdiratta our Volunteer, Amrut Ashal, Low Vision Expert and Rohit, a blind footballer, participated in Airforce Association Meet on 15 May 2026 near Gandhinagar where they explained and got promises for eye donation and BPAMYBOOK Project.

The JITO Ahmedabad Chapter conducted an Eye Donation Awareness Campaign at Pandit Dindayal Upadhaya Hall.

ACCOLADES FOR DR. PUNANI



Dr. Punani has been appointed Professor of Educational Practice under Department of Special Education by the Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University in an honorary capacity. It is a great honour and pride to be bestowed with such a title. Professor is a respected title given for your qualification, knowledge and experience. We congratulate Dr. Punani and wish him many more accolades



AVADH HONOURED



Mr. Avadhabhai Trivedi, despite his hearing impairment has received an honorary doctorate award for his invaluable contribution in graphic design.

AWARD FOR SUDHA JOSHI



Mrs. Sudhaben Joshi, former Principal of BPA School was conferred Award of Best Teacher by Manthan Charitable Trust on 9 September 2026.

SWABHIMAN DISTRIBUTION



The BPA President, Shri Rajendrabhai Shah; General Secretary, Dr. Bhushan Punani; Executive Director, Mrs. Nandini Rawal; and Project Director, Mrs. Vimal Thawani, visited the Sagbara Day Care Centre on 30th June'2026 and interacted with field staff, children with severe disabilities, and their parents.

On this occasion, Shri Vishnu Rajput, IAS, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Gujarat, distributed assistive devices worth ₹6 lakh to 145 persons with disabilities across Sagbara and Dediapada. Located in remote tribal areas, these communities have significant unmet needs. The Commissioner also met persons with disabilities, parents, and siblings, and patiently heard their concerns regarding UDID cards, disability certification. The visit provided an important opportunity to understand challenges at the grassroots and strengthen support for persons with disabilities in these underserved areas.

USA TRAINING COMPLETED

Congratulations Krupa & Mihir for successfully completing Advanced Leadership Program CONDUCTED BY THE PERKINS School for the Blind, USA.



ARTIFICIAL LIMBS AT VANKANER

A Mega Artificial Limbs Camp sponsored by Inductotherm was organized at Vankaner on 13 July 2026 at the Gayatri Mandir Campus. A total of 52 persons who had lost their lower limbs were given their limbs. The BPA skilled nad trained staff made minor adjustment where needed and also gave gait training to the beneficiaries. It was such a touching sight to see these persons smiling while walking!!



A TALE OF LOVE



Mr Naishadh Parekh, a trusted donor of BPA and the head of Inductotherm, paid homage to the memory of his late wife, Smt. Smitaben by donating 12 sewing machines and 2 beauty Parlour kits to needy women with disability on 18 April 2026.. He believes empowering women with disabilities and making them economically independent is the best way of celebrating the birthday of his wife. The whole credit of motivating Naishadhbhai to support BPA goes to Late Smitaben who brought him to BPA for this purpose.

Capacity Building Workshop

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PROJECT NAVJEEVAN

Project Navjeevan – Farmson, Artificial Limb distribution at Vadodara



THORDI MENTORING

Tarakbhai, Sumit and Kunjal participated in the Inauguration of the Computer Lab in Thordi School for the Blind sponsored by Pipavav port on 6 May 2026. BPA has helped to conceptualize the Project and trained the Thordi staff. The BPA team has visited the Thordi school and has drawn up a school development plan which will be funded by Pipavav Port.



GOOD SAMARITANS

Ashwini - Rohini Senior Citizen Mitra Mandal organized a charity camp for the benefit of BPA ON 4 April, 2026. Physiotherapy trainees and students of Japanese Manual therapy gave massage and exercise therapy to the Garden walkers, the ITI students did mehndi; the Porecha Eye Hospital conducted eye checkup and shared information on eye donation. The garden walkers raised around Rs. 3 lakhs for eye care for BPA. This group has been collaborating with the BPA for the past two decades. The world is a better place due to the support of such good Samaritans.



LAPTOP DONATION



Thanks to S&P Global team led by Mr. Ankur Shah for donating 85 refurbished laptops to youth with visual impairment from all over Gujarat on 1 September 2026. This is the 3rd time that this esteemed company has donated such laptops

Mr. Jay Shah, son of our home minister, Mr. Amit Shah celebrated birthday of his daughter at BPA on 11th April 2026. He then invited all BPA students to witness the cricket match on 17th April 2026 and to sit in a special VIP pavilion to experience the thrill of the cricket IPL match. He also arranged transportation and snacks but most importantly the students loved to sit in a stadium and shout and cheer!!



NINETY NOT OUT!!!

A special Birthday party was organized on 1st June 2026 to celebrate the 90th birthday of Sunitaben Thakor, treasurer of the BPA, President of Jit Mehta Trust. Her daughter Sonali was present. BPA executives from the various units all over Gujarat and Rajasthan joined online and wishes Sunitaben the best of health and happiness. Sunitaben has been associated with BPA and its allied Trust for over three decades and has touched hearts by her loving and caring nature.



SCIENCE FAIR AT ATCB SCHOOL



The K.N. Desai Primary School of the BPA organized a big Science Fair on 7th April. What made the Fair so unique was that the students with visual impairment had made products and projects based on scientific laws and principles. The Deputy Director of Department of Social Defence, Government of Gujarat was amazed by the display and praised the students for their innovativeness.

ANNUAL PARENTS MEETING



The annual parents' meeting of the parents of BPA Special Needs Center was held on 13th April 2026 in which 120 parents were present. The graduation ceremony of 10 students was held. These students completed their early intervention programme and moved on to higher grades, vocational training and other areas of study. The BPA Managers presented the achievements of every student and department, and the parents also shared their thoughts, aspirations and suggestions. Similar Parents Meetings were held at Lakshya Sadvichar Centre, Naroda; Jit Mehta, Usmanpura; Armaan, Sarkhej; Naaz Centre and all other places.

BPA TRAININGS

NATIONAL TRUST SCHEMES

A seminar was held at BPA on Niramaya and Guardianship OF THE National Trust, Government of India on 18th April 2026.

Mihir Jani, an expert on this subject, provided information to the parents on the scheme, methods of accessing the same and also encouraged parents to share problems faced by them. The discussions were very intense, informative and practical. 75 parents and 10 teachers were present in this program.



TRAINING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

A training programme for Special Educators working in the various Day Care centres run by the BPA was held at Bellaben & Yogeshbhai Eye Hospital at Vatrak from 11-13 May 2026. Teachers were taught about the detailed assessment of children with multiple and severe disabilities and how to make Individual Education Plans for them.



EYE DONATION TRAINING



Porecha Eye Hospital, Bareja, hosted an orientation programme on 17 April 2026 for more than 70 volunteers of mission eye donation to promote eye donation across Gujarat.

The programme brought together BPA staff members, trustees of Samta Vikas Charitable Trust, and other supporters. Participants were sensitized to the importance of eye donation and received practical information about the cornea, the procedure for contacting the eye bank following the death of a loved one, cornea retrieval and storage, and common myths and misconceptions surrounding corneal donation.

The orientation also focused on effective ways of motivating families to consider donating the corneas of their loved ones after death, thereby helping restore sight and giving the gift of vision to those awaiting corneal transplants.

MASSAGE CERTIFICATES

The students who passed the three-month scientific massage were given certificates by Dr. Punani on 20th April 2026. He congratulated everyone, asked them to share their experiences and at the end a group photo was also taken. Congratulations to all the students who passed.



DISABILITY SENSITIZATION AT UDGAM

Mrs. Vimal Thawani and her team conducted an awareness and sensitization programme at Udgam School on 28 April 2026. Students were so motivated that they collected Rs.56500 and donated 6 CP chairs and two wheelchairs to beneficiaries.

DEAFBLINDNESS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Dharti, Parul our educators and Pinky, a girl with deaf blindness visited Eklavya School on 20 August, 2026 and conducted two sessions on Braille and Sign Language. Eklavya management expressed their gratitude to these three women for the wonderful work.

Krupa, Chaitali and Sunil of BPA visited Aims College of Physiotherapy on 29 June 2026, Lapkaman and conducted a Sensitization program on deaf-blindness for the students.



DEAFBLIND LEND VOICES



Maheshwari, a girl with deafblindness and Chaitali, Special Educator participated in Press Conference ON 22 August 2026 at Delhi organized by Sense International India.

WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



A training workshop was conducted on 8 August 2026 to teach visually impaired students and executives on how to use artificial intelligence to compensate the sight loss and to become more productive and compete in the job arena.

SUMMER CAMP



The Technology Centre for the Blind organized a ten-day Summer Camp for fifteen visually impaired students with the objective of introducing them to technology, STEM education, braille literacy tools, and experiential learning in an enjoyable environment. The camp was designed to encourage creativity, confidence, independent learning, and curiosity through interactive activities.

OUR SPORTS HEROES



Congratulations to Chetna Patariya for representing Gujarat and Blind People's Association India, in the IBSA Asian Women's Blind Football Championship 2026 at Osaka-Japan.



ALI AWARDED



Congratulations to Ali Raza, a boy on the autism spectrum. He participated in the National Autism Athletic championship at Patna on 3rd April 2026 and got two medals, one in Javelin throw and second in-Softball throw.

INCLUSIVE CHESS



Inclusive chess at Gujarat state level on 23 August 2026 in which junior players of BPA participated chess players and performed well in the tournament. Dhruv Bhuva, Rahul Vaghela and Manav Patel scored well.

MORE CHESS



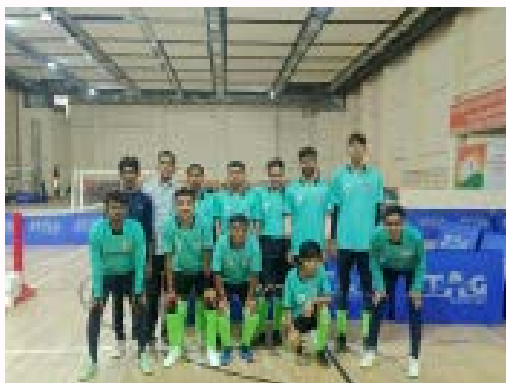
Karnavati Chess Academy organized an inter-school chess competition at Andhajan Mandal in three categories, KG to 4th standard, 5th to 7th standard, and 8th to 12th standard. A total of 140 chess players came from all over Gujarat. Among them were 6 visually impaired players. Those who secured 1st to 7th position in each category were encouraged with attractive trophies and medals. In the C category, visually impaired chess player Bhuva Dhruv secured 5th position.

West Zone Chess Championship



BPA has organized West Zone Chess Championship Tournament in association with Gujarat sponsored by Corncord Biotech Limited. 101 Grand Master from different state of western zone participated in the event. The 17 qualified Grand Master will participate in the National Chess Premier League. Mr. Darpan Inani ranked 1st in the tournament.

FOOTBALL CHAMPS



Gujarat Partially Sighted Blind Football Team won their 1st Match scoring 3 Goals to nil against Haryana at Gwalior in the 2nd IBFF National Partially Sighted Blind Football Championship 2026 on 31st August 2026. The Scorers were Abhi Nayi and Dinesh.

FLAUTIST HONOURED

Our JMMT master Nikul was honoured by Collector of Godhara in the Saptak Godhara program 'DIVYA DRASHTI' on 16th May, 2026 for playing the flute very melodiously.



STUDENT HONOURED



Under the gracious blessings and auspicious hands of Respected Dr. Chinmay Pandya, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, and Special Guest Respected Yogendragiriji, meritorious students with visual impairment were honored during the "Bharatiya Sanskriti Gyan Pariksha" felicitation ceremony in May 2026.

On this proud occasion, Kumar Roshan, a student of Class 9, a student of Minnie Cama Secondary and Higher Secondary School for the Blind secured First Rank in the Merit List, bringing immense pride and honor to his institution, family, and society. His Teacher Shri Lalitkumar F. Mehta was also honored by the BSGP.

CHESS CHAMPIONS



Shri Dhanpatrai Sachdeva Memorial Open Fed Rated International Classical Chess Tournament was held at Marina Banquet, New Delhi from 17/5/26 to 21/5/26. A total of 367 chess players from India and abroad participated in the tournament. BPA sent a group of 5 visually impaired Chess players. In the special category, Bhuva Dhruv came in second place with 5 points out of a total of 9 and received a trophy and a prize of Rs. 7000/- and in third place, Pattani Aniket came in third place with 5 points out of a total of 9. points and received a trophy and a prize of Rs. 5000/- .Achieving such a performance by blind chess players playing against normal chess players gives them great confidence and social acceptance.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR BPA YOUNG LEADERS



A Leadership Training Programme was held at J.B. School of Optometry at Bareja from 16 to 18 July 2026. 50 young leaders from across BPA programmes all over Gujarat and Rajasthan were invited to participate. The strength of any organization lies in the commitment, competence, and teamwork of its staff. As BPA continues to grow and expand its services, it is important to invest in people and strengthen the organizational culture. The Themes addressed were:

- Team Building and Collaboration
- Interpersonal Relations and Effective Communication
- Leadership Development and Personal Effectiveness
- Understanding Individual Strengths and Working Styles
- Conflict Resolution and Problem-Solving
- Motivation, Accountability, and Organizational Values

REFRESHER TRAINING FOR PHYSIOS

A Refresher training was organized for 19 Physiotherapists who are working with children with special needs at the various day care centers of the BPA, on 22-23 May. Mr. Sunil Gaurier and Mr. Archit Shah handled the training and gave practical insights into positioning, feeding, dealing with tantrums and other related behavior.



PARENTS TRAINING

Parents whose children attend the various Day Care Centers of the BPA were invited for a special day long training at the BPA on 30 May 2026. The parents were given special training in managing toilet, grooming, feeding and personal hygiene of their children. During the day they also played games under blind fold and also did many activities after which they realized the problems of their children.



ECOMMERCE PORTAL LAUNCHED BY AASTHA CHARITABLE TRUST



Aastha Charitable Trust launched the eCommerce portal. Promotion was done through GTPL, Doordarshan, Navjeevan, Gujarat TV, E tv Bharat, channel. The Portal was launched at the BPA on 4th June 2026.

NIVEA DISTRIBUTION



NIVEA continues to be an important partner of BPA in promoting self-employment and independence among persons with disabilities. On 3 June 2026, BPA provided self-employment support to 50 persons with disabilities from different parts of Gujarat and pocket hearing aids to 10 elderly persons from underserved communities in Ahmedabad. This support worth 5,30,000/- will help them lead their lives with greater confidence, dignity and self-reliance



VISIT RATNAMANI

Mr. Ranchhod Soni and Mr. Bhadresh Jadav represented the Blind People's Association at the distribution function of hearing aids organized by Ratnamani Metals and Tubes Ltd. at their campus on 5th June 2026.

SIBLING TRAINING



A training session was organized for siblings of children from the Special Needs Center on 9 June 2026. The training went well and we received a lot of positive feedback from the children. Siblings undergo a lot of stress and feel insecure because of their disabled sibling. The training was to sensitize the siblings about the needs of their disabled sibling but also to appreciate them for their love and support.

STATE LEVEL MEET

A State Level Meet of heads of NGOs working for persons with disabilities was held on 9 June 2026 at the Blind School at Gandhinagar. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the reduced grant by the government and representation in this regard by NGOs.



SBPS TRUSTEE VISIT BELLABEN & YOGESHBHAI EYE HOSPITAL



The trustees of Shree Baavan Patidar Samajghar (SBPS) Trust, Lunavada, visited BPA - BYP Eye Hospital, Vatrak, and held discussions regarding the effective management of the Lunavada Vision Center. They expressed great satisfaction with the hospital's management practices and were highly impressed by the SOPs being followed at the hospital. The SBPS has given space to the BPA Porecha Eye Hospital for running the Vision Centre at Lunavada.

BHARAT JOSHI BIRTHDAY

Bharat Joshi, Deputy Director celebrated his birthday on 12 June. All the Special Need Children, staff of Projects, Indigo joined online and physically to wish Bharat the very best.



KUTCH VISIT

The BPA team paid a visit to Bhimasar near Gandhidham for starting a Day Care. The Ratnamani Foundation has identified the place for the centre and will also provide funds under CSR for starting a Centre there on 15 June 2026..

SHILANYAS AT NALIYA

The BPA team participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of the new extension building to the Day Care Centre at Naliya. The donor has given funds for the land and also for construction.



MEETING WITH PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS



The team had a meeting on 16 June 2026 with parents of children who attend the Day Care Centre at Bhuj. This meeting was followed by a meeting with the loyal and dedicated volunteers who give their time, money and support to the BPA Kutch Unit.

SII WEST REGIONAL MEETING

West regional network meeting of Abhiprerna, Prayaas, Udaan and Bandhan OF Sense International India was inaugurated by Shri Sunil Rathod, Deputy Director, Social Defense Dept., Government of Gujarat on 28 July 2026. Ms. Nandini Rawal, Trustee, Sense India, Ms. Vimal Thawani, Project Director, BPA, Dr. Uttam kumar, CEO, were present. BPA Deputy Directors-Dr. Bharat Joshi interacted with parents and teachers and siblings on Role of Parents in NE and Kinnari Desai shared experiences on self-employment for persons with deafblindness.



STUDENTS ENJOY TREKKING

Blind students under the leadership of our teacher sonal went to Manali trekking base from 9th to 15th May 2026. They enjoyed the cold crisp air and walking in the foothills before beginning the actual track they were lucky to meet Sunny Deol, Bollywood star, who very kindly posed for a photograph with them.

INCLUSION AT DPS

BPA students in a musical event on 7 July 2026 at DPS school Gandhinagar along with their non-disabled counterparts. DPS made all the arrangements to ensure that all children enjoy the inclusion.



Mr. Bosco (CSR Head DP World) and Mr. Shivbhadrasinh Jadeja (CSR Head DP World - Mundra) visited KCRC Bhuj ON 22 June, 2026. He was very happy to see all the activities of KCRC.



BPA KCRC head Mr. Arvind Singh visited the newly appointed Collector of Kutch, Shri Anil Ranavasiya sir and informed him about the activities of the BPA KCRC and invited him to visit.

TRAINING FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES



Kinnari Desai, Deputy Director, conducted 2 day training for Disabled Women at VRC Baroda. She was invited by the Government of Gujarat to train the women in modern approaches to rehabilitation, the Disability Act 2016 and the need for women to assert themselves.

STRATEGIC PLANNING



Dr. Dharmendra Jena, Head of BPA Eye Hospitals was invited by Vision 2020 to represent the West Zone on the VISION 2020 India Board on 9 July 2026 at the Strategic Planning Exercise in Bengaluru, contributing to the vision for the next decade.

BEYOND THE CANVAS & VISIT LATUR



Mrs. Nandini Rawal was invited by St. Xavier's College to speak about her work with people with disabilities in a programme organized on 10 September 2026. Women from the field of arts, literature, entrepreneurship and social work were invited to share their experiences. She also visited the School for the Blind at Udgir near Latur in Maharashtra to assess the students and develop a strategic plan for the development of the school.

KPMG VOLUNTEERS

18 volunteers from KPMG company visited BPA. They worked with trainees in the vocational training Unit. They visited the 'Vision in the Dark' and realized what problems blind people have to face in their day to day. They also learned basic sign language. They gave very positive feedback regarding the work of the BPA.



PWC VOLUNTEERS

It was a wonderful two-day visit by the PwC volunteers to BPA Deesa and Palanpur Centres on 20 & 21 September 2026. They conducted various engaging and meaningful activities with children with special needs.

Earlier Mrs. Vimal Thawani and Mrs. Deepa Joshi participated in PWC partner NGO meet on 3 September 2026 at GIFT City.



INDIGOREACH SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LGBTQAI+

The Blind People's Association (BPA), in partnership with InterGlobe Foundation and IndiGo Airlines, inaugurated the BPA IndiGoReach Skill Development Centre on 24 April 2026 at its Ahmedabad campus. The Centre aims to empower 300 persons with disabilities and members of the LGBTQAI+ community over three years through vocational training, digital literacy, communication skills, and employment support.

The inauguration was graced by Ms. Rohini Bhatia, Chairperson, Inter-Globe Foundation and Advisor to the CSR Committee, IndiGo, along with the leadership teams of both organisations. The programme included interactions with trainees, distribution of assistive devices, and presentation of employment offer letters.

This initiative marks a significant step towards inclusive skill development, economic empowerment, and sustainable employment, helping individuals achieve greater independence and dignity.

RSSEVA 2026

Under the RSSEVA Project 2026, Shailesh Shah, a USA-based friend and well-wisher of Blind People's Association (India), supported 220 Persons with Disabilities through livelihood and mobility initiatives.

The support included the distribution of 20 sewing machines, 20 handcarts, and 60 tricycles, along with assessments for 100 artificial limbs at Bharuch, Tharad, and Jamkandora. The sewing machine and handcart distribution programme was held on 5 May 2026 at BPA's Main Campus, Ahmedabad, while the tricycles were distributed at Wankaner, Gujarat.

Through the generous support of Shailesh Shah and friends in the USA, the RSSEVA Project continues to promote independence, livelihood opportunities, mobility, and an improved quality of life for Persons with Disabilities.

Sillai Se Pehchan – Phase II

Under Samsara Group's "Sillai Se Pehchan – Phase II", women with disabilities, mothers of children with disabilities, and widows in rural and remote areas are being empowered through skill development and income-generation opportunities.

Following the successful training and support of 1,008 women with disabilities in Phase I, Phase II aims to empower another 1,008 women in remote locations through training programmes, promoting financial independence, self-reliance, and sustainable livelihoods.

Project Navjeevan – Phase II

Project Navjeevan – Phase II, spearheaded by the K.K. Vithani Foundation in partnership with Blind People's Association (BPA), Ahmedabad, and supported by Farmson Pharmaceuticals and Fulcrum – Capitalising CSR, aims to restore mobility and dignity among 100 individuals from underserved rural and tribal communities of Chhota Udepur, Dahod, and Vadodara district. Building on Phase I, which benefited 100 individuals, Phase II will provide advanced modular artificial limbs with Energy Motion Feet to promote mobility, independence, and an improved quality of life.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The BPA students, staff and Trustees took out a Tiranga Rally from BPA to Vastrapur on 15 August Independence Day. The Lions Club of Vastrapur hosted the event. PSI and staff from the Dariyapur and Krishnanagar police stations visited the BPA during the celebration of the 80th Independence Day on August 15th, 2026, and the 'Vision-in-the-Dark' museum. Additionally, PSI Chauhan made a donation of ₹15,000 to the BPA on the occasion of his daughter's birthday. Other BPA Centres also celebrated Independence Day

ITC CHARITY WORK



Staff of ITC Hotel visited BPA on 18 August 2026 and contributed gifts and snacks to the blind students.

BHUJ KCRC NEWS

A program was held at the Andhjan Mandal KCRC, where various assistive devices were presented to approximately 103 differently abled individuals from Kutch, with the support of the Shri Kutch District Rural Development Committee and donors. The event was attended by Kutch-Morbi MP Vinodbhai Chavda, Kutch District BJP President Devjibhai Varchand, former Kutch MP Pushpadanbhai Gadhvi, Bhuj City BJP President Mitbhai Thakkar, as well as Arvindbhai Joshi and Rajubhai Palan, among others.

WAGHBAKRI CELEBRATES RAKSHABANDHAN



Mrs. Vidisha Desai, Executive Director, Wagh Bakri Tea celebrated womanhood and Raksha Bandhan with the women staff and trainees of the BPA on 18 August 2026.



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