



**BRAHMA SAMAJ SEVA TRUST**

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## From the desk of President - Shree Brahma Samaj Seva Trust



It is a good time to pay tribute to the valiant pioneers & all those who are associated with Brahma Samaj Seva Trust from its very inception. With all the hard work & their vision to improve the standards of livelihood of the downtrodden and socio economically deprived section of the society for a sustainable growth we had to put in to bring trust what it is today.

In the Financial year 2015-2016, Brahma Samaj Seva Trust has crossed the one year of adulthood by completing 19 years of successful work in the field of Holistic Social Development. Our journey has been full of learning, with plenty of both, successes and challenges. Almost out of nowhere, a violent agitation had engulfed Gujarat this year. Lakhs of people from the Patidar community marched to rallies held by Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS). This sudden turmoil has opened up dormant questions of caste in the state and beyond which had major affect in Patan – North Gujarat. In spite of this ups and down we carried out all the activities successfully.

We have carried out various development programs with new initiatives as well as some continued long sustained projects in the areas of awareness activities in Health, Education, Environment, Capacity Building, Communication etc.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our Stake holders – Funders, Government partners, academic partners, Corporate CSR partners & Volunteers – who have all contributed in a significant manner. We take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your belief in our work and for your continued support.

Finally, I would like to thank the true 'heroes' of Brahma Samaj Seva Trust – our staff who toil hard in demanding environment to take us closer to our vision to provide a quality life to the downtrodden and socio economically deprived section of the society for a sustainable growth.

### BSST's CREDENTIALS

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|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| • <b>Bombay Public Trust Act - 1950</b>    | <b>F / 1673 / Mahesana</b>           | <b>Dtd. 21/05/1997</b> |
| • <b>Societies Registration Act - 1860</b> | <b>GUJ / 1686 / Mahesana</b>         | <b>Dtd. 21/05/1997</b> |
| • <b>Under Section 80 G (5) of IT Act</b>  | <b>Registered</b>                    | <b>-----</b>           |
| • <b>FCRA - 1976</b>                       | <b>No. 042060045</b>                 | <b>Dtd. 30/09/2010</b> |
| • <b>U/s 35AC of IT Act - 1961</b>         | <b>Notification No. S.O. 1370(E)</b> | <b>Dtd. 14/06/2011</b> |
| • <b>Registration with National Trust</b>  | <b>No. 131117171670041</b>           | <b>Dtd. 29/11/2012</b> |
| • <b>Under Section 52 of PwD Act, 1995</b> | <b>No. 683/08</b>                    | <b>Dtd. 26/08/2013</b> |
| • <b>PAN under IT</b>                      | <b>AAHTS9343R</b>                    | <b>-----</b>           |

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# BSST in NEWS

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, 17 ઓગસ્ટ, 2016

## સામાજિક ભાગીદારી વધારવા 2650 આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોનું સશક્તિકરણ

બહુવચનમાં મહિલા સશક્તિકરણના આગવું બ્રહ્મ સમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા મહેસાણા અને પાટણ જિલ્લાની 2650 આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને ભૂખર નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા તાલીમ આપવામાં આવેલી છે. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**ગોધામિત્ર** ૨૩-૪-૨૦૧૬, શનિવાર

## જિલ્લા કક્ષાનો એડવોકેશી વર્કશોપ યોજાયો

આજ રોજ તાર ૨૩/૦૪/૧૬ ના રોજ નવા શહેર અંબેડકર - પાટણ મુખ્ય જિલ્લા ટોનેકો કંટ્રોલ સેવા આયોજન વિભાગ દ્વારા કલ્યાણ પંચાયતના સદસ્યશ્રીઓ, તાલુકા આંકિલરશ્રીઓ, કુદરતી ના નિવિરોધી નિવિરોધન વિભાગના સી ભરતભાઈ વીપરી, જાપિતા જલમકાશ્વારી વિજ વિધ્યાલયના ટી.ટી. જલમકાશ્વાર સેવાના સભ્ય, પંચાયત - મુખ્યશ્રીઓ, તાલુકા ડેપુટી ડીપીઓ સુલભાની સુષમ જિલ્લા કક્ષાનો એડવોકેશી વર્કશોપ રાખવામાં આવેલ. ડી.એસ.કે.મહાવારા, પુખા (બનુ, પાન-૨૬૫૦૨)

**(પાન-૨૬૫૦૨) વિલ્લા કક્ષાનો**

જિલ્લા આયોજન એજિન્સીઓ-પાટણ દ્વારા ટોનેકો કંટ્રોલ સેવા આયોજન વિભાગની કુદરતી ના નિવિરોધી વર્કશોપ યોજવામાં આવી. તાલુકા આયોજન કક્ષાએ વિલ્લામાં ૫૦૦ આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી છે. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, ૧૮ ઓગસ્ટ, ૨૦૧૬

## બ્રાહ્મણવાડાની શાળામાં ૧૫મી ઓગષ્ટે ગણવેશનું વિતરણ કરાયું

ગણવાડા, તાર ૧૮ ઓગસ્ટના રોજ ગણવેશનું વિતરણ કરવામાં આવેલું છે. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા ગણવેશનું વિતરણ કરવામાં આવેલું છે. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા ગણવેશનું વિતરણ કરવામાં આવેલું છે.

**ગુજરાત સમાજ**

## બાળક માટે માતાનું દૂધ અમૃત સમાન

આજ રોજ તાર ૧૮/૦૮/૨૦૧૬ ના રોજ નવા શહેર અંબેડકર - પાટણ મુખ્ય જિલ્લા ટોનેકો કંટ્રોલ સેવા આયોજન વિભાગ દ્વારા કલ્યાણ પંચાયતના સદસ્યશ્રીઓ, તાલુકા આંકિલરશ્રીઓ, કુદરતી ના નિવિરોધી નિવિરોધન વિભાગના સી ભરતભાઈ વીપરી, જાપિતા જલમકાશ્વારી વિજ વિધ્યાલયના ટી.ટી. જલમકાશ્વાર સેવાના સભ્ય, પંચાયત - મુખ્યશ્રીઓ, તાલુકા ડેપુટી ડીપીઓ સુલભાની સુષમ જિલ્લા કક્ષાનો એડવોકેશી વર્કશોપ રાખવામાં આવેલ. ડી.એસ.કે.મહાવારા, પુખા (બનુ, પાન-૨૬૫૦૨)

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, ૨૦ ઓગસ્ટ, 2016

## પાટણ અને મહેસાણા જિલ્લાના આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોની શિબિર

પાટણ / પાટણ અને મહેસાણા જિલ્લાના તમામ આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોની કેપેસિટી બિલ્ડિંગ કોમ્યુનિકેશન કોમ્યુનિટી પાર્ટીશીપેશનની ત્રિ-દિવસીય તાલીમ ભેરવરાજ ખાતે રચાવવામાં આવી હતી. જેમાં 2650 જેટલી આંગણવાડી કાર્યકર બહેનોને બ્રહ્મ સમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, શનિવાર, 20 ઓગસ્ટ, 2016

## પાટણ અને મહેસાણા જિલ્લાના આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોની શિબિર

પાટણ / પાટણ અને મહેસાણા જિલ્લાના તમામ આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોની કેપેસિટી બિલ્ડિંગ કોમ્યુનિકેશન કોમ્યુનિટી પાર્ટીશીપેશનની ત્રિ-દિવસીય તાલીમ ભેરવરાજ ખાતે રચાવવામાં આવી હતી. જેમાં 2650 જેટલી આંગણવાડી કાર્યકર બહેનોને બ્રહ્મ સમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, 31 માર્ચ 2016

## હિલાઓને નાણાકીય બેંકીંગ વિહારી અંગે સમજ અપાઈ

મોરબી જિલ્લાના મહેસાણા તાલુકાના આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને નાણાકીય બેંકીંગ વિહારી અંગે સમજ અપાઈ. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, 10 ઓગસ્ટ, 2016

## વિજિલન્સ એન્ડ મોનીટરિંગ કમીટીમાં બ્રહ્મસમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટની નિમણૂક

વિજિલન્સ એન્ડ મોનીટરિંગ કમીટીમાં બ્રહ્મસમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટની નિમણૂક. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય આવાજ** તાર ૧૦/૦૪/૨૦૧૬, રવિવાર

## મીઠીદારીયાલ ગામની પ્રા.શાળામાં ધો.૮ના વિદ્યાર્થીઓનો વિદાય સમારંભ યોજાયો

મીઠીદારીયાલ ગામની પ્રા.શાળામાં ધો.૮ના વિદ્યાર્થીઓનો વિદાય સમારંભ યોજાયો. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, 10 ઓગસ્ટ, 2016

## પાટણ બ્રહ્મસમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા મહિલા સશક્તિકરણ શિબિર

પાટણ બ્રહ્મસમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા મહિલા સશક્તિકરણ શિબિર. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

**દિવ્ય ભાસ્કર** મહેસાણા, બુધવાર, 10 ઓગસ્ટ, 2016

## પાટણ બ્રહ્મસમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા મહિલા સશક્તિકરણ શિબિર

પાટણ બ્રહ્મસમાજ સેવા ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા મહિલા સશક્તિકરણ શિબિર. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રમુખ નરેશ સમાજિક આગેવાનો દ્વારા આંગણવાડી કાર્યકરોને તાલીમ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

## INTRODUCTION

BSST is a Patan based non profit organisation addressing eight major areas of society – Health, Education, Livelihood, Training & Capacity Building, Micro Finance, Disability, Agriculture & Environment and other welfare activities. BSST was established in the year 1997 by a group of renowned professionals like Industrialist, Educationists, Businessmen, Engineers, Social workers who believed that to provide quality life to the oppressed as well as for the development of the society they have to go beyond the walls of the society and work with the community at the grassroots to help them realize their fundamental rights.

As per the fourth Annual Employment and Unemployment Survey report for 2013-14 released by the Labour Bureau under Union ministry of labour and employment the maximum unemployment was found in Gujarat. Around 2.45 lakh unemployed youths have registered in employment exchanges across Gujarat as on March 2015. Only

64,629 unemployed youth registered at the exchanges were given jobs in the two years in Gujarat despite the explosion of youth population in the state.

While the government is putting a bold face in spite of harsh criticism, it has been pointed out that skills of the youth have to be retooled to fit into the demands of the industries. With the awareness of present condition BSST is working towards providing various skill development initiatives for the youth, women helping them to lead their life with respect in the society. BSST is focusing on employment through skill development with the help of NSDC, DDU – GKY & other large skill development initiatives by catering to the needs of poor rural youth

## VISION

To provide a quality life to the downtrodden and socio economically deprived section of the society for a sustainable growth. It works to establish a society of Justice, Peace and Love, which contributes to human happiness, by way of cooperation, collaboration, participation & partnership.

## MISSION

The organization plan to venture into all possible ways and means to bring an integrated development in the lives of poor and the marginalized especially the woman, children and youth, thereby building rural infrastructure, strengthening them and bring social change". It has been derived from the experiences of the founders of the organization and its team members.

## OBJECTIVES

- Put Sincere efforts to provide a quality life to the downtrodden and socio economically deprived section of the society in rural / urban / remote areas of the India for a sustainable growth.
- To venture into all possible ways and means to bring an integrated development in the lives of poor and the marginalized
- To provide Capacity Building Training / Vocational Training to youth for getting gainful employment
- To work in the overall upliftment of Destitute / Widows / Homeless / Deserted Women as well as Women Victims of Domestic Violence, Natural Disaster and Human Trafficking
- To spread awareness to control HIV and provide HIV / AIDS affected people all possible services
- To sensitise community members towards persons with disabilities / Mentally Challenged and provide them all the possible help in order to bring them in mainstream

## CAPACITY BUILDING

Capacity Building Training Programme enables people, communities and organizations to strengthen their capabilities. It will help the participants in performing better in their respective activities and for some of them it will be a process of learning new skills or adding more aspects to the set of skills they have acquired for an increased income.

During the last year BSST has taken up a lot of capacity building and skill development programs that will help the community members as well as people from various private and government institutions.

BSST carried out the CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM for Aanganwadi Workers, Block Coordinators, CDPO, Mukhya Sevika with the support of the Women and Child Development Department.

The success of this program depends on the effectiveness of frontline workers in empowering community for improved child care practices through counseling, home visits as well as effective inter-sectorial service delivery. Training of functionaries at all levels has been effectively built into the program.

## AHVV Training

The Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVV) mainly targets the integrated development of the society and aimed to promote the handicrafts by creating the artisans who have the capability to manage things professionally.

BSST provided training for Patch work to 50 artisans of Sidhpur district at Patan which upgraded artisan skill through appropriate designs technology intervention. BSST is successfully fulfilling the main thrust of project, need based approach for integrated development of potential handicrafts clusters with participation of the craft persons at all stages of implementation of the scheme with the ultimate objective of their empowerment and hence sustainability.



## MAITRI APPAREL TRAINING CENTRE

Brahma SamajSewa Trust 's Maitri Apparel Training center has been providing Basic Stitching and Embroidery training to 200 trainees at Patan this year. After the completion of three months course skill assessment of the trainees is also done through National skill development approved organization. Certificates were also provided after the assessment. BSST has also signed MoU with garment manufacturing units to make available placement to the trainees. BSST has transformed lives by providing gainful employment to youth, women & disadvantaged sections of the society.



## AANGANWADI WORKERS - CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Aanganwadi workers are working as the frontline workers for the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) functional under the Women and Child Development department. The daily functioning of Anganwadi includes the involvement of AWWs with Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls, Parents, Medical Officers of Primary Health Centre, Asha Worker, Female Health Worker, Nagar Palika/ Panchayat Officer, Primary School Teachers etc.

BSST organized three days residential training program on ICDS orientation & capacity building for 625 Aanganwadi workers at Mahesana. Training was provided in 25 batches with each batch of having 25 Aanganwadi Workers. The training covered the various topics which included Communication, Skill development, Communication in ICDS at different places & people, Communication regarding nutrition, Communication with women & Adolescent Girls for availing various schemes, communication with PHC/MO/ANM regarding availing health benefits, Communication with mothers for providing primary education to children, Communication with PO/CDPO/ Supervisor for Administrative implementation, Communication with Mother/ Teacher/ Doctors for effective operations of SABLA Scheme, field visit etc.



## CDPO- CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

At block level, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) is in the in-charge of an ICDS Project. Three days residential training program was organized by BSST wherein 64 CDPO's from Patan, Mahesana, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Dahod, Bhavnagar, Gandhinagar & Ahmedabad participated. Some of the very basic topics that will make the ICDS program more effect were included in the training. The topics covered were introduction, purpose, aim, history & elements of ICDS Scheme, Information regarding Women & Child Development Department & Mission BalamSukham. Besides, the participants were explained about the role of CDPO in ICDS Scheme, different stages of child development, effects of Malnutrition in India & Gujarat, Evaluation of the ICDS Scheme implemented by Aanganwadi, Administrative information applicable for Aanganwadi & CDPO and many more were covered in the 3 days program. The participants went with more clarity about their role and the ICDS program that is being implemented by the department since many years now.



## BLOCK COORDINATOR - CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

The Block Coordinator (BCO) provides management and implementation support for all project activities in the block, under the guidance of the District Coordinator and in close coordination with the CDPO - ICDS. BCO provide inputs and support to the development of district level project action plans as well as ICDS District Annual Plans, organize and facilitate relevant trainings for capacity building of ICDS Supervisors and AWWs in coordination with the District Team. BCO has to prepare monthly progress/monitoring reports in the prescribed formats and submit the same to the District Coordinator. BCO facilitates engagement with community based organizations such as women's groups, youth groups etc. for partnership and support for project implementation. BSST provided 4 day residential capacity building training to 232 Block Coordinator of Patan, Mahesana, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Dahod, Bhavnagar, Gandhinagar & Ahmedabad which empowered them to act upon their task effectively. The training content for the BCO's included details on various programs like ICDS, Mission BalamSukham, IGSMY, Malnutrition, EECE, New guidelines for nutrition according to WHO, VHND, Mamta Card, Vaccination, VCNC, VHNC etc.





## MUKHYA SEVIKA - CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Mukhya Sevika supervises every 40 to 65 Anganwadi workers. They provide on-the-job training to AWWs. In addition to performing the responsibilities with the Anganwadi workers, they have other duties such as keeping track of who are benefiting from the program from low economic status — specifically those who belong to the malnourished category; guide the Anganwadi workers in assessing the age and weight of children and how to plot their weights; demonstrate effective methods, for example, in providing health and nutrition education to mothers; and maintain statistics of Anganwadis and the workers to determine what can be improved. The Mukhya Sevika then reports to the Child development Projects Officer. BSST provided training to 287

Mukhya Sevika of Patan, Mahesana, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Dahod, Bhavnagar, Gandhinagar & Ahmedabad with the objective to help them in their work area and increase their efficiency level.



## GRAM SANJIVANI SAMITI TRAINING

The Health Commissioner had issued a government resolution/ order for constitution of Gram Sanjeevani Samities (GSS) or Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committees (VHSNCs) in 2006. Further, as a part of this GSS formation a state-level consortium was identified comprising of Research Institutes, Government Health Departments and Organizations having vast experience working at the grass root level to strengthen the Community Action for Health (CAH) process.

This project has been implemented by various organizations on pilot basis during the year 2010 – 2014 which included developing training material and capacity building of these GSS members followed by mentoring them over a period of one year.

During the year 2015 – 16, BSST has been granted the project of making GSS in one of the blocks of Patan district wherein we have trained 55 GSS members till now. The project was implemented in close coordination with the Medical Officer in short listing the GSS members for the training program as well as finalizing the training content.

It was essential to develop a structured capacity building plan as well as mentoring to activate and strengthen these committees and hence BSST team worked rigorously on the same. Moreover efforts have been made to strengthen them post training through regular participation in Gram Sabha where the GSS members were present.

Now we are also working on formation of an Advisory Group within the community members as well PHC team members who can regularly monitor the GSS members' activities.



## NABARD - MEDP TRAINING

A separate, specific and focused skill building programme 'Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP)' has been formulated which involves organizing short duration, location specific programmes on skill upgradation / development for sustainable livelihoods / venturing micro-enterprises by matured SHG members. It is a supplemental effort to upgrade/ develop skill and preliminary business acumen of SHG members in order to enable them to cope up with the issues in relation to run a successful enterprise for income generation/ livelihood.

BSST provided MEDP training with the support of NABARD this year. Workshop for Artificial Jewellery making was held for SHG members of Vadali at Patan District and Chanasma, and Adiya in Harij District for 10 days in which 30 trainees were provided training. Sticking & Sewing workshop were held for SHG members of Samarpur, Bhanavas and Nanakothasana at Satlasana District for 10 days in which 30 trainees were provided training. Guidance was also provided to trainees after the completion of program. A detailed half yearly report was provided twice during the year of training so as to access and monitor the progress of trainees.



## FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM

70% people in our country is dependent on Agriculture. Agriculture has a big part in the development of our country on the Growing of population in country and Agriculture dependent in dustiest it is very much essential to increase the Agriculture of products. In our Gujarat state the farmers are told to use the scientific methods of farming instead of old methods farming.

BSST provided training to 500 farmers of Patan district in which the farmers were given proper and correct information about latest Agriculture Technology so that the Agriculture production can be increased and the profit also may be more. The small and marginal farmers through better access to the knowledge, skills and services in Agriculture and other allied activities so as to increase the Agriculture production and thereby elevate their decision making abilities and Socio economic status.



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOOD

### MAHILA ARTHIK VIKAS NIGAM

Sex workers are often stigmatized, marginalized and criminalized by the societies in which they live, and in various ways. In addition, the stigma that sex workers face can make it hard for them to access healthcare, legal, and social services. They may either be afraid to seek out these services for fear of discrimination, or prevented from accessing them.

BSST with the support of Women & Child Development Department has provided professional training to 294 Female sex workers for their rehabilitation and regeneration. Stitching, Cutting and dress making trainings were given to them with which they could earn their livelihood without any dependency. Not only the training after the completion of course exams was also conducted & it was made sure that they are well trained.



## Tailoring and Cutting Training

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## WIDOW / VIDHVA TRAINING

BSST is working on providing training to the women of Patan, Bhuj & Banaskantha between 18 to 40 years who have lost their husbands with support of Women & Child Development Department under Vidhva Sahay & Talim Yojana. This training aims at empowering & improving economic living condition of widows. 700 women were provided training on the various skill development projects like Stitching & Embroidery, Soap, phenyl, Shampoo making and many more which help them to earn their livelihood.



## DISHA MAHILA ROJGAR UNIT

BSST organized fairs with its own corpus fund to provide regular marketing facilities for promotion of the products and to support the artist of Disha Mahila Rojgar Unit at Patan. This fair had about 350 participants. The common theme throughout this event was the local community coming together as artists and attendees to share and connect with no pressure to buy or sell. And in fact, it turned out to be one of the most successful events for many of the artists. The local craft fair is a great place to showcase your work, however, organizing such event can provide a unique environment for interested attendees to engage and connect with the artist resulting in more sales. Since these are usually small community events most attendees are there because they know someone and they want to support their local community of artists. Thus BSST provided a platform to the artisans to showcase and sell their products.



## AWARENESS CAMPS THROUGH DIC - PATAN

BSST conducted awareness camps through DIC - Patan for 250 participants at Patan & Becharaji. The District Industries Centers have undertaken various programs for investment promotion at the grassroots level such as organizing seminars, workshops, extending support for trade fairs and exhibitions organized by various Industries associations. All the services and support required by MSME units under the single roof of the District Industries Centre. Entrepreneurs face many difficulties when they start new industries. They have to deal with many government agencies and get many clearances. The main objective of this program is to create awareness on entrepreneurship. During the camp, the unemployed youth were made aware of the prospects and features of the program. They were acquainted about the benefits of the program.



## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### GSACS Targeted Intervention (TI) Project

(Core group – Mahesana and Migrants – Ahmedabad)

Gujarat State AIDS Prevention and Control Society (GSACS) is a state level agency for implementation of programs of NACO. NACO is an agency that works under Ministry of Health & Welfare, Government of India. GSACS envisions a State where every person living with HIV has access to quality care and is treated with dignity. Effective prevention, care and support for HIV/AIDS is possible in an environment where human rights are respected and where those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS live a life without stigma and discrimination. GSACS has taken measures to ensure that people living with HIV have equal access to quality health services by fostering close collaboration with NGOs, positive people's networks and communities. The most effective means of controlling the spread of HIV in India is through the implementation of Targeted Interventions (TIs) amongst the persons most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, such as female sex workers (FSW), men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender (TG) and injecting drug users (IDU). In addition, the bridge populations of truckers and migrants also require focused interventions.

BSST has been implementing the TI project with special focus on core group (FSW) and migrants who are among the high risk group to carry HIV/AIDS in Mahesana and Ahmedabad since last few years. In order to standardize the approach to scaling up coverage among those core groups and bridge populations and maintain a high level of quality, it is important to provide detailed information on various operational issues in TIs.

BSST carried out various activities which benefited 5000 people in Ahmedabad & 700 people in Mahesana. Major activities included World AIDS Day celebration which offered the key opportunity to increase the awareness among people, most possible access to the treatment as well as discussing the preventive measures. Apart from World's Aids Day celebration campaigns were also held for inter personal behavior change communication (BCC), Promotion/ distributions of condoms, Provision of services for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Linkages to Integrated Counseling and Testing Services (ICTC), Advocacy for Enabling Environment.



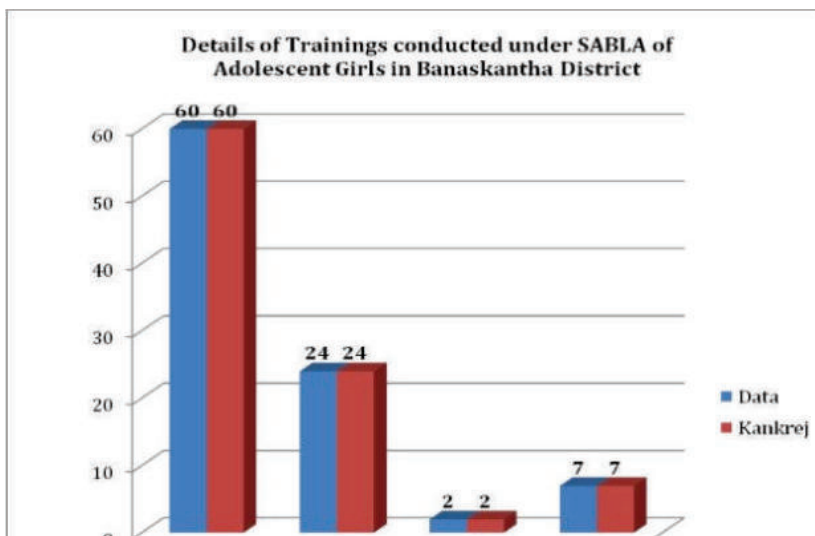
### SANITATION

Sanitation underpins the success of health, education and livelihoods, forming the first essential step in overcoming poverty. India is 32 years behind schedule in attaining its sanitation goals and it could get much worse. With every year of delay, we are losing more children to illness, neglecting more girls and wasting more productive lives. Inadequate sanitation is more than just inconvenient – it also claims lives, dignity and productivity. Poor sanitation means dying children, uneducated girls, vulnerable women and unhealthy living conditions. It is not just a symptom of poverty; it is a key contributing factor.

BSST builds low cost toilets at urban and semi urban areas of various cities in Gujarat with grants received from various Municipal Corporation and Municipality offices ensuring they are hygienic, functional and that there is a clean water supply to service them. The rural population has a low literacy rate and so there is less awareness of the importance of safe hygiene practices. We organised hygiene education sessions in the school and taught the importance of handwashing, safe drinking water and the use of toilets and avoidance of open defecation.

## ADOLESCENT TRAINING UNDER SABLA WITH UNICEF

BSST implemented the SABLA training program on Nutritional Health, Entitlements and Decision Making Skills for the Adolescent Girls (AGs) across 120 villages in Kankrej and Danta taluka of Banaskantha districts with the UNICEF team and ANaRDe team. On finalizing the strategy for implementation of the training program ANaRDe Foundation was working on the formation of the Kishori Samoohs whereas the UNICEF team supported BSST team in finalizing the schedule, content and the main trainers for the training program. A specialized and experienced trainer from the field of Nutrition, Health and Life Skill Development was finalized for imparting training to the Master Trainers. A rigorous 3 days training of Master Trainers was organized that helped them to understand the concept of Importance of Nutrition among AGs, Decision Making Skills and various Government Entitlements. The training program and its content were designed in a simple manner with more exercises and illustrations for them to understand the concept easier and quicker. Moreover, the content was developed also considering that the trainers can answer to the queries raised by the AGs or any other participants at the village level training program. There was more usage of Pictorial Presentations, etc in the ToT.



After the successful completion of the ToT for the Master Trainers, the villages shortlisted by ANaRDe Foundation were divided among the group of two trainers. The pairing of trainers was conducted in such a manner that each one has grasp on one topic of the training. The schedule of the training program at the village level was spread across three months of time period to be conducted on every weekend (Saturday & Sunday). The participants of the training program were provided with a Training module which included the topics to be covered along with the details of the sessions to be conducted. Below are the details of the trainings conducted in two blocks of Banaskantha district under SABLA Program for the Adolescent Girls of the villages.

Total 2586 adolescent girls were trained under SABLA of Banaskantha District out of which 1320 were from Danta and 1266 were from Kankrej. At the end of the training program they were able to think positive about their life and were ready to discuss about the small decisions that they wish to take. The training helped them to know how and where to approach to avail the benefits of the schemes. They have shown their readiness to train and bring awareness among more number of adolescent girls

After three weeks of the completion of the program a quick post training assessment was conducted by our team members by visiting the villages Solsanda, Pataliya, Ganchhera, Nagal, Bhavangadh and Vasi in Danta Taluka and Kuvarva, Isarva, Zalmor, Changa, Raner & Khimana in Kankrej Taluka to meet the training participants as well as the other peer members who were briefed by the AGs about the learning's in the training program. The villages selected were based on the population and the geographical location and the involvement of the AWW's so as to cover maximum areas of both the blocks.



## CSR PROJECTS

### JOHN ENERGY LIMITED - AHMEDABAD

John Energy Limited is a leading Indian Company engaged in providing broad spectrum of services to E & P Companies in the onshore segment of Oil and Gas Industry. John Energy has been always thoughtful about its Social Responsibilities. John Energy Ltd is associated with BSST to fulfill their commitments towards their Corporate Social Responsibility. John Energy Ltd. has instigated many programs in order to enrich people in and around their workplaces. For Livelihood enhancement projects distribution of Advertising Tricycles & Scooters was done to handicapped persons identified by BSST. Advertising Tricycles & Scooters were distributed to 600 beneficiaries under Divyang Empowerment Program. These equipments provide solutions to overcome physical challenges by making lives easy empowering them to become self employed & use these equipments for earning livelihood by using tricycle rickshaws for advertising, loading, ice-cream cart etc. Divyang Empowerment Program under JEL's CSR Program was conducted in Patan covering beneficiaries from Mahesana, Patan & Banaskantha.



### BASELINE SURVEY FOR MSIL

Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) Plant in Gujarat state carried out a baseline survey of the nearby villages located in the vicinity of MSIL Plant at Becharji taluka in Mehsana district to know the needs of the local communities in order to implement sustainable Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) intervention. The whole approach of conducting Baseline Survey was to bring views of the people as to what are the issues that they face; what is their understanding of development; which are the areas that need to be worked upon, and so on. A detailed village profile was prepared related to present status of the village under various categories viz. Livelihood / Education / Child Development / Women Empowerment / Health / Infrastructure / Natural Resources / Income Status / Agriculture / Other Amenities including the problems facing by the communities in general. The villages and their community members that are connected within 30 Kilometres of periphery of MSIL Plant were selected for the baseline survey in which a detailed Profile of each surveyed village was prepared with key information that will further help MSIL to decide in implementation of various CSR Programs. The selected villages are Bechraji, Hansalpur, Sitapur, Viththalapur, Ukardi, Udharojpura, and Ughroj. A detailed household door to door survey was carried out by the team of investigators in five out of seven villages. Vithalapur and Bechraji being big towns, it was decided to collect the information from Panchayat and other government offices.

Some basic information like Population, Education and Sanitation status of the villages surveyed is represented here through graphs for an understanding of the current status of the area. The villages surveyed have poor health infrastructure as there is no health facility available within the village for any health complications and hence they need to travel to the nearest town which is Bechraji or Vithalapur. A detailed baseline survey report is available separately for reference with the organization.

## TEMPLE REFURBISHMENT

Maruti Suzuki, India's largest passenger car maker set up a plant at Hansalpur in Gujarat, the small village is slated to become the next major manufacturing hub in the state. And, locals have much to cheer about. With various other CSR projects recently, at the request of the devotees of Hansalpur village, MSIL provided the project of refurbishing shivji temple to BSST in order to satisfy the religious sentiments of local community. Now the local villagers come here for satsang, taking pleasure in bhajan and kirtan of the names of the Lord.



## EDUCATIONAL TOUR SUPPORTED BY MSIL

MSIL has been supporting various initiatives small as well as large scale in the development sector through their CSR fund allocation. Besides, they also try and reach out to the communities through the organization associated with them.

During one of the interaction and discussion meetings it came up that the Primary School of Hansalpur village has put up their requisition of financial assistance to organize an educational tour for their school children that will enhance and enrich their learning's.

Considering the need of the school, it was mutually agreed that BSST will work towards collecting 25% of the fund required for the tour from the community and MSIL supported with the rest of the portion.

After mutual agreement a successful educational trip was conducted for 80 children of Hansalpur Primary School with all the necessary arrangements of transportation and food.





## OTHER PROJECTS

### CHECK DAM

A check dam is a small dam which can be either temporary and permanent built across a minor channel. Check Dams are generally used in concentrated – flow areas such as vegetated ditches and swales and they can either be permanent or temporary. Check Dams can be constructed from a variety of material with much adverse effects. The major advantages of constructing Check Dams are that they are relatively less expensive and easily constructed as well as effective at reducing erosion and sediment transport off site.

BSST has done the construction work of Check Dam in Ankleshwar district that are benefited the farmers of the area and improved the production crops throughout the year.

### LIFT IRRIGATION

Lift irrigation is a method of irrigation in which water instead of being transported by natural flow requires external energy through animal, fuel based or electric power using pumps or other mechanical means. Treadle pumps, although an ancient method of lifting water for small heads have recently been modernized and used in a big way. The source is mainly groundwater, river streams, contour canals, ponds and lakes.

Lift irrigation schemes must accomplish two main tasks:

- ∑ To carry water by means of pumps from the water source to the main delivery chamber, this is situated at the top most point in the command area.
- ∑ They must distribute this water to the field of the beneficiary farmers by means of a suitable and proper distribution system.

Lift Irrigation is advantageous for the farmers and farming as

1. Lift irrigation made irrigation possible at higher level
2. Land acquisition problem in L.I.S. is less
3. Water losses are low
4. Less usage of man power

The lift irrigation scheme are instrumental in stabilizing agriculture production particularly in the years of droughts and increase food production as water is available whenever it is required and thereby increase in income level.

BSST has been instrumental in working towards the benefits of the community people including farmers group as well as concerned for the conservation of environment.

During the year BSST has done Lift Irrigation at Vogh and Vanka villages of Kanod Taluka. The major advantages of lift irrigation are the minimal land acquisition problem and low water losses.



## PARTICIPATORY IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

The Participatory Reform Management is a reform program for the benefit of larger group of farmers collectively through sharing of water for irrigation.

It becomes the responsibility of the farmers group / association that is formed collectively to manage the distribution of water among the farmers whether they are big or small. The PIM affects the production of seasonal crops as those who are not able to afford to get water for their crops during all the seasons have to pay much less compared to previous charges as it is a shared water source. The PIM project has been initiated and implemented in Patan district of Gujarat which is an arid region and normally receives much less rain compared to other districts of Gujarat.



## SURAKSHA SETU SOCIETY

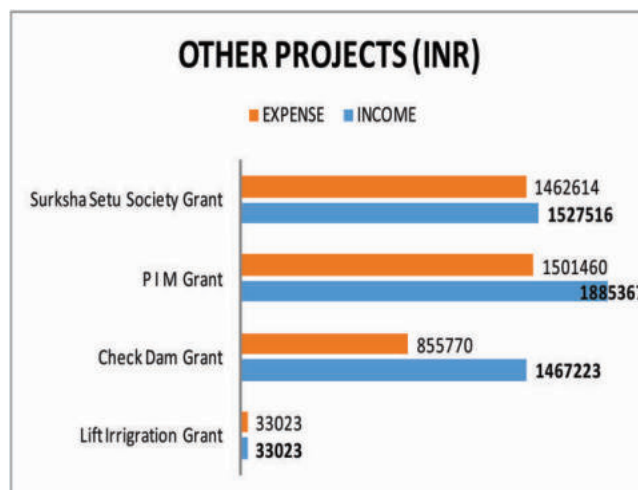
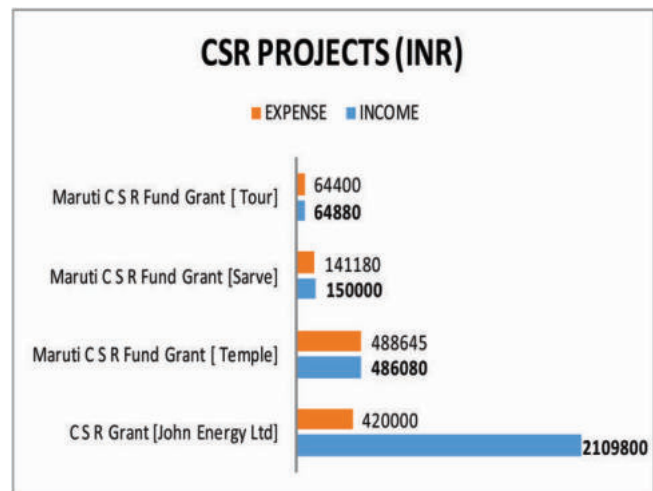
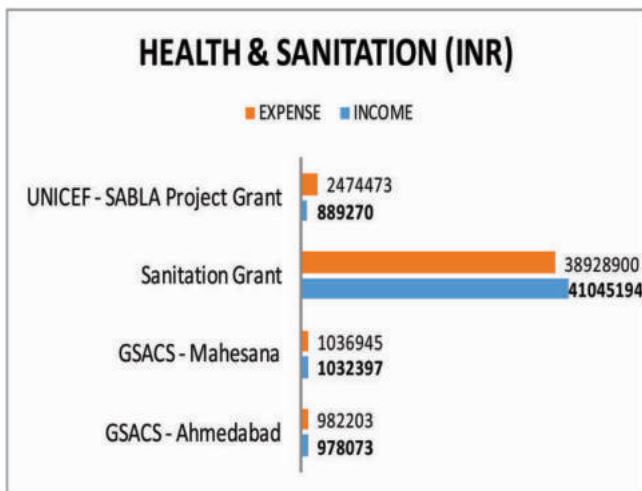
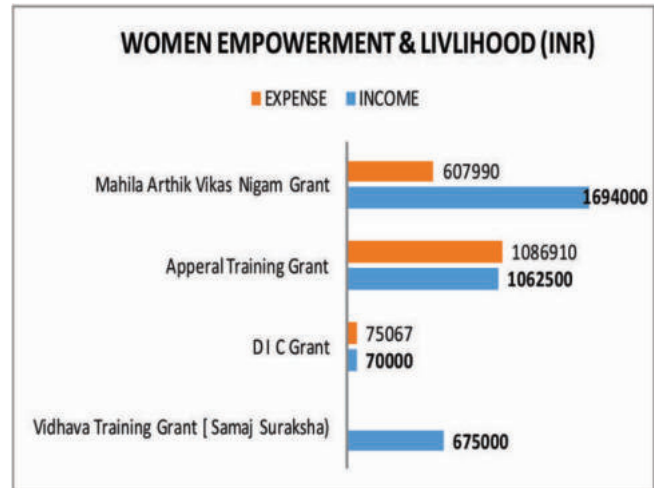
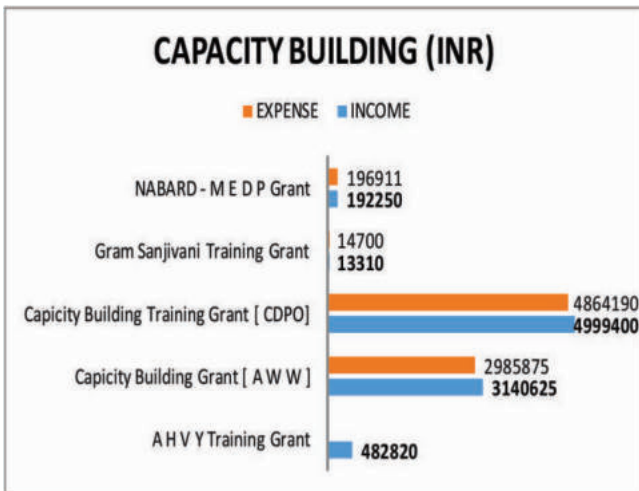
Suraksha Setu Society is an outreach programme of the State's Home department that aims to provide a friendly face to the state's police force. Suraksha Setu Society is formed to assist, support, undertake and supplement activities relating to law and order, peace, safety and security in the traffic, home security, disputes vacant house information / issues, dowry, women safety, elderly people's security, burglary, forgery, coercion, pressure-tactic, domestic violence, theft, hawker problem, vendors problem, noise pollution, cattle grazing, caste issue, terrorism, eve-teasing, ragging, police family problem etc.

BSST is providing placements to Suraksha Setu Society at Patan district for providing computer, technical and administrative support to Suraksha Setu Team. These youths are well trained before the placement about the working environment of police station and are well guided with the objective of setting up Suraksha Setu Society



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST



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