

# Muni Seva Ashram Newsletter August 2018



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## GOBARDHAN

### Environmental Sustainability

Muni Seva Ashram has been portrayed as a model for the implementation of Gobardhan Scheme (Galvanised Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan Scheme), with a budget of nearly 17,000 crore rupees, in the rural areas of the nation. The scheme aims to

- Make villages open defecation free
- Generate energy out of human & animal waste and
- Produce slurry to be used as fertilizers by farmers for their land

The case of Muni Seva Ashram, with its biogas plants and the biogas compression and bottling plant, was understood and presented to the team.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

### Muni Seva Ashram

The Muni Seva Ashram family celebrated the Independence Day on 15th August with patriotism and enthusiasm.

Beginning the day with 'Prabhaat Feri', the Vocational Training Centre students went around the whole campus at 6 a.m. singing patriotic songs creating an air of patriotism in the hearts of every person in the campus.

The students of the Sharda Mandir Primary School, Vivekanand Higher Secondary School, and Eklavya Model Residential School performed the flag hoisting ceremony in their school campuses.

At 9 a.m., a flag hoisting ceremony followed by a cultural programme was organized in the Ashram campus. All the members of the Ashram family present at the campus gathered in the lawns. It was amazing to see everyone from the tiny tots to the school children to the youth and employees to the elderly gathered together to pay their respect to the sacrifice of thousands of lives for the freedom we enjoy today, for the independence of India 71 years back.

The program, anchored by a student of Eklavya Model Residential School, started with the hoisting of the Indian National Flag by a student of the Vivekanand Higher Secondary School, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. With beautiful poetry, a student of the Vivekanand School made every single person in the audience realize their role as citizens of our country, as torchbearers of freedom and happiness for which thousands of lives were sacrificed. With the pride of seeing the hoisted National Flag and heartfelt gratitude towards all those who contributed in setting India free, we ended the flag hoisting program to begin the cultural program. With beautiful music by students of Eklavya Model Residential School, the audience was captured by the heart touching performances of the following members of the Ashram family:

- Bal Mandir (day-care) children - dance (freestyle)
- Bhagini Mandir (Home for mentally challenged women) members - folk dance depicting Lord Krishna's victory over the Snake King Kaliya
- Sharda Mandir School students - Raas (Gujarati folk dance)
- Vocational Training Centre students - Garba (Gujarati folk dance)
- Eklavya Model Residential School - dance (freestyle)
- Vivekanand School - dance (freestyle)
- School of Nursing - patriotic song singing
- Vanprastha Mandir (Retirement Home) - patriotic song on flute





### ICEBREAKER

#### Vocational Training Centre

An icebreaker event was organized for the junior and senior VTC students on 21st August. Various group activities were organized to help the students interact with each other and the groups kept changing so that the students interacted with as many different students as possible. The event ended with all the students doing the local folk dance 'Timli' in groups and enjoying it thoroughly.



### FESTIVE SEASON

#### Vanprastha Mandir (Retirement Home)

The elderly of Muni Seva Ashram celebrated the Hindu month of 'Shravan' in August. Special poojas were performed on Mondays and Saturdays along with 'Bhajan Sandhya'.

The beautiful performances by the children and the youth of the Ashram to celebrate the Independence Day created a nostalgic air of festivity for the elders. The enthusiastic performances by the young bridged the generation gap, by bringing the memories of the struggle for independence, of the elderly, to life.

## VISITORS

### Sharda Mandir Primary School

The school is one of the favorite places of elderly for celebrating special occasions.

The elderly members of Dabhoi Senior Citizen Club visited the children on 2nd August and treated the children with a feast.

Rajendra Zaveri, a well-wisher of the Ashram celebrated his 63rd birthday with the children of Sharda Mandir Primary School with a special treat of biscuits and samosas for the children. He also planted Christmas trees in the school.

## ARTISTS!

### Parivar Mandir (Orphanage)

A drawing competition was organised for the kids of Parivar Mandir on the theme of 'Independence Day'. All the children made beautiful drawings and were encouraged to continue their creative spirit.

## STRENGTH OF LOVE

### Bhagini Mandir (Home for Mentally challenged Women)

The lovely women of Bhagini Mandir have a beautiful touching dance performance at the Independence Day celebration which left a lasting impact on the hearts of the audience. Their performance made a lot of people realize the strength of nurturing love and care, the strength to transform lives.

## LET'S COMPETE

### Sharda Mandir Primary School

A competition of singing Patriotic Songs was organized on 11th August, among the four houses, to celebrate the month of the Independence Day. Though Maharana Pratap won the competition, the children had a lot of fun participating.

A quiz competition was organized in the school on 18th August wherein Jasmin Rathva won the first prize.

## ANOTHER FIRST!

### Kailash Cancer Hospital & Research Centre

On 14th August, the doctors of Kailash Cancer Hospital performed the first Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) successfully. It is a highly concentrated heated chemotherapy treatment, used to treat cancers that have spread to the lining of the abdominal cavity such as those of the appendix, colon, stomach and ovaries, that is delivered directly to the abdomen during the surgery. Kailash Cancer Hospital and Research Centre invested in the equipment which was delivered recently and this successful surgery was the first surgery done with the equipment at a very subsidised cost for the patient. It is the first surgery of its kind in Vadodara and second in Gujarat.



## HANDMADE RAKHIS

### Vivekanand Vidhyalaya and Eklavya Model Residential School

For Rakshabandhan on 26th August, the students of Vivekanand Vidhyalaya and Eklavya Model Residential School made some very beautiful rakhis.



## MORAL OF THE STORY

### Sharda Mandir Primary School

SamVitti Foundation organized a session with the middle-school girls of Sharda Mandir School on 21st August. The session began with a song ' ઘોડા ગાડીમાં બેસો મારા માડી' to introduce the young author and the story of 'સુકેશુ અને રાજા શ્રી-મિત્ર' from 'અભિવ્યક્તિ' (A compilation of short stories and poems written by young school students).

From the story, the students could relate to emotions of care and affection towards their loved ones. They understood that giving respect to elders, having patience and empathising with others are valuable characteristics of life.

The story narrated by Preeti Macwan, with a lot of eagerness and enthusiasm to young girls of Baxipunch Sharda Mandir Ashram Shala (Goraj), was both intellectually and imaginatively an enriching experience.



## CONVOCATION

### Vocational Training Centre

The Vocational Training Centre celebrated its convocation for the HC01 batch on 19th August. The students were facilitated by Mr Hemant Patel (CEO, VTC), Karishma Gadhia (Operational Manager, VTC) and Dr, Jyoti Patel (well-wisher). The students gave dance performances, sang songs, and shared jokes to celebrate the event. A new batch was admitted on the same day and thus many new students and their parents also attended the event. The following students stood first in their batch and were given prizes:

- Sandhya Kolcha - MPHWP (Multi-Purpose Health Worker) 18
- Jaya Rathwa - MPHWP 19
- Yogesh Tadvani - MPHWP 20
- Dilip Bariya - MPHWP 21
- Kavita Vasava - OTA (Operation Theatre Assistant) 1

