

Muni Seva Ashram, Goraj's

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CHRONICLES OF PURPOSE, PASSION, AND PROGRESS

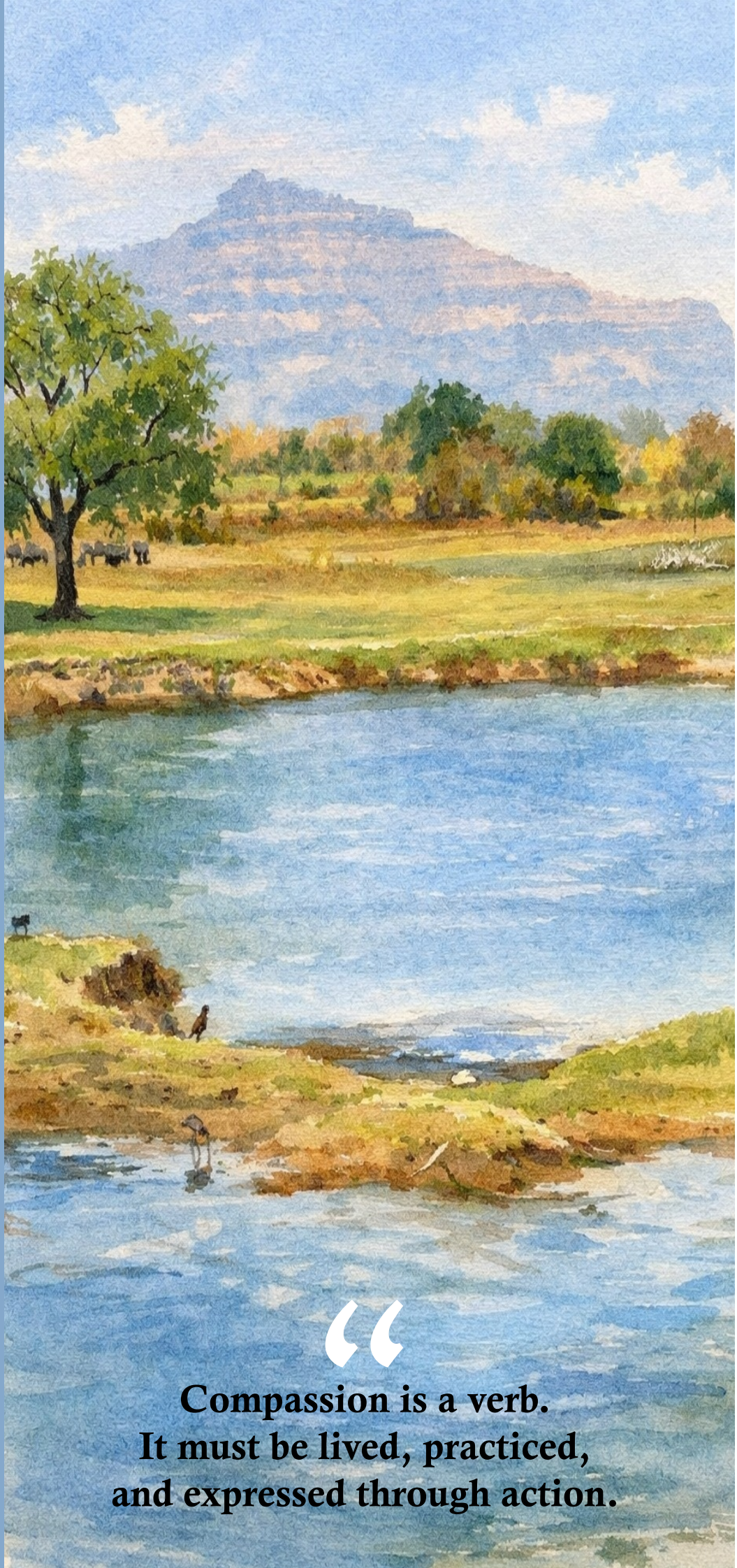


Founder
Pujya Shree Anuben Thakkar



Chairman
Dr. Vikram Patel

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**Compassion is a verb.
It must be lived, practiced,
and expressed through action.**

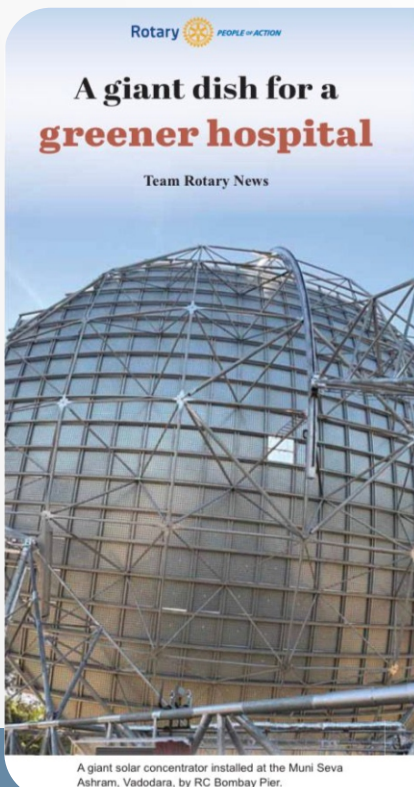
In healthcare, learning is not an option; it is a responsibility:

During the recent training sessions at our Institute of Nursing, we sincerely thank Ms. Mahek Shah for the soft skills training, and Sister Bhumika and Sister Payal for their expert sessions on Biomedical Waste Management and Infection Control in the hospital setting. We appreciate their valuable contribution to our students' learning.



A Simulation Training Program on Basic Nursing Procedures was organized for the first-year nursing students in collaboration with Delta Health Care.

In this article published by Rotary, please note that the single dish is capable of powering 100 TR AC, and not 600 as mentioned. The figure of 600 is an unintended error.



Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION A giant dish for a greener hospital Team Rotary News

In a landmark initiative to promote sustainable healthcare, the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, RID 3141, has supported the installation of a mega-sized solar concentrator at Muni Seva Ashram, which houses the Kailash Cancer Hospital in Goraj village near Vadodara, Gujarat.

This project was made possible in December 2025 through a CSR India Grant of ₹1.6 crore from Apar Industries. Club secretary Murtuza Sitarwala says this installation represents one of the most advanced applications of renewable energy in the healthcare sector in India.

The device consists of a massive solar dish capable of powering a 600-tonne air-conditioning unit at the hospital. Rising to the height of a seven-storey building and spanning 25 metres in diameter, the parabolic solar

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A giant solar concentrator installed at the Muni Seva Ashram, Vadodara, by RC Bombay Pier.



Members of RC Bombay Pier in front of the solar dish.

concentrator is embedded with hundreds of precision mirrors. These mirrors focus sunlight onto a single focal point, generating extremely high temperatures of around 1,070°C using only solar energy.

Water passing through a receiver at this focal point is converted into high-pressure steam. This steam is then used to operate a vapour absorption refrigeration system, enabling large-scale solar-powered air conditioning. The solar dish is also equipped with smart software that continuously tracks the sun's movement, ensuring

maximum efficiency throughout the day.

Originally developed in Australia by the Australia National University and Sunrise CSP, an Australia-based company, the concentrator was now built in India following an initiative by Ashram board member Deepak Gadhiya.

When representatives from Australia visited Dholera, a green-field industrial smart city 100km from Ahmedabad, for a proposed desalination plant, they expressed interest to bring the solar concentrator technology to India. A subsidiary was subsequently

established in India and the first solar dish was installed at the Ashram three years ago, explains Sitarwala. The steam generated from this earlier installation continues to be used for cooking, laundry and other daily operations.

The two environment-friendly facilities will significantly reduce dependence on conventional power sources and help lower carbon emissions, he says.

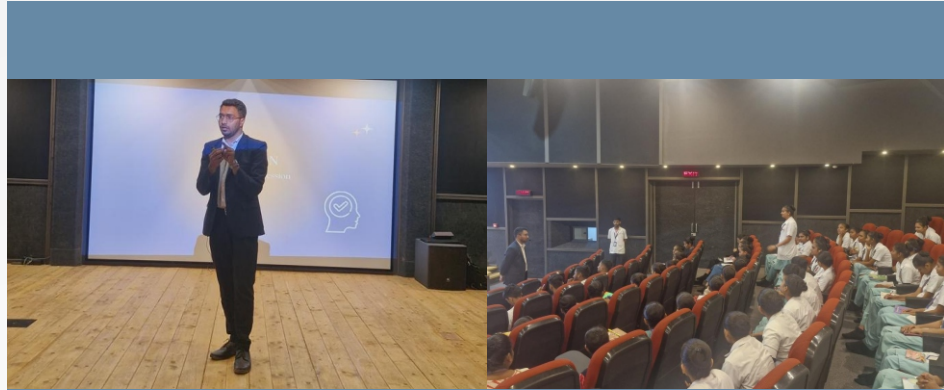
The hospital authorities have promised that the significant cost saved in electricity from the use of the green devices will be passed on to introduce better patient care facilities at the hospital. ■

Our Big Dish initiative was recently featured in Rotary News- March 2026 edition, the official publication of Rotary International, circulated among Rotary clubs across India and neighboring countries.

Mental Health Matters:

An awareness session on suicide prevention and managing suicidal thoughts was conducted for our nursing students. The session included practical therapeutic exercises and coping strategies to help students recognize early warning signs, build emotional resilience, and support individuals in distress with sensitivity and confidence.

We sincerely thank Mr. Nikhil Dahima for leading this meaningful and impactful session.



Congratulations

The B.Sc. Nursing Second Semester results, declared by Shree Govind Guru University, have brought proud moments for our Institute of Nursing at Muni Seva Ashram. Out of 22 students who appeared for the examination, 21 have successfully cleared it.

Heartiest congratulations to all our students for their dedication and hard work. We are especially proud to present the toppers.

Toppers Who Made Us Proud:



Mahi Rana
69.1%



Swara Bhatt
69.1%



Reena Rathva
67.14%



Trusha Rathva
64%

Students Excel in Essay Competition

Recently, Sardar Bhavan Trust, Vadodara organized an essay competition on “*The Compassionate Heart of Sardar Patel.*” Students of Sharada Mandir Bakshipanch School performed exceptionally well.

Vedanshi Parmar won First Prize, Janvi Parmar Second Prize, Khushi Bariya Third Prize, and Urvi Rathwa received a Consolation Prize.

The winners were awarded cash prizes along with trophies and certificates by Shri Anuj Patel (President), Shri Bipinbhai Patel (Trustee), and noted author Shri Durgesh Upadhyay.

Heartfelt congratulations to the students and their guiding teacher on this wonderful achievement.



Pure hearts. Powerful prayers. Shiva's blessings all around!

The students of our EMRS reverently celebrated the sacred festival of Mahashivratri by offering a heartfelt Bhavanjali to Lord Shiva. Their soulful bhajans and devotional expressions created an atmosphere filled with peace, purity, and spiritual fervor.

May Lord Shiva bless them abundantly and guide their young minds on the path of wisdom, inner strength, and righteous living.



Blessing Ceremony - आशीर्वचन 2026

आशीर्वचन 2026 was held for the students of our EMRS and Vivekanand School (Classes X & XII) as they prepare for their Board Examinations.

May Saraswati bless them with wisdom, clarity, calmness, and the inner strength to give their very best. Wishing them every success.





Annual Day & Grade 8 Farewell

Shardamandir Bakshipanch School recently celebrated its Annual Day along with a heartfelt farewell for Grade 8 students. The event was graced by respected guests and well-wishers. Students showcased vibrant performances, and their achievements were honored. District and State-level winners received trophies and cash prizes, making the occasion truly memorable.



Blood Donation Camp

On the occasion of the 101st monthly Punyatithi of Sant Mata Mayadevi, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized with the support of the Blood Bank of Kailash Cancer Hospital. We sincerely thank all the volunteers, staff members, and selfless blood donors who made this initiative possible.



We are pleased to share a blog written by Mr. Raghav Chate, a third-generation member of the founding family of MIT Vishwapravag University (MITVPU), under the MAEER Group.

A few days ago, he visited us to explore our BigDish initiative and stayed at the Ashram for nearly two days. During this time, he immersed himself in our work, engaged with our team, and experienced the spirit of service firsthand. We are happy to present his reflections and insights from the visit.

A Thousand Acres of Purpose: Inside the Green Vision of Muni Seva Ashram, Vadodara, Gujarat

I Went to Learn About a Solar Dish. I Left With So Much More.

My visit to Muni Seva Ashram began with one clear purpose, and ended with lessons that will stay with me for a very long time.

A Small Jhopdi That Became a 1000-Acre Movement

Founded in 1978 by Anuben Thakkar, inspired by her guru Muni Maharaj, the Ashram was born out of a singular calling to serve, educate, and uplift local tribal communities. What started as a small *Jhopdi* has grown into a 1000-acre campus radiating simplicity, selflessness, perseverance, and quiet determination.

It is not just an institution. It is a philosophy made physical.

The Big Dish and What It Represents

The “Big Dish” solar concentrator, the world's largest; is the Ashram's most visible symbol of innovation. It spans 26 metres in diameter, stands as tall as a seven-storey building, and powers the heating, cooling, cooking, and sterilization across the campus. Capable of cooking meals for over 2,000



people daily and running a 100-ton air-conditioning plant entirely on steam from solar energy, the technology is a landmark in India's clean energy story.

But here's the thing, the Big Dish is just the headline. The real story is everything surrounding it.

Dr. Kalam's Words Still Echo Here

During my conversation with Deepak Gadhia, sir, Trustee of the Ashram and the man behind the Big Dish's India-first manufacturing initiative, one quote stood out above everything else. When Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam ji visited, he told the Ashram:

“You are not just building an Ashram here, but a model village system; self-sustainable, using the best technological practices, creating a model which will act as a base to scale across the 6.65 lakh villages of India, solving the basic problems and needs of society.”

That single statement reframed everything I saw that day.

The Big Picture and the Small Details

At the macro level, you see technologies operating at remarkable scale. But as you

begin walking the campus and observing its everyday functioning, you notice the small experiments, the simple processes, the quiet innovations; each one doing significant work in the Ashram's daily system.

What struck me even more was how deeply the students, faculty, and staff are woven into the functioning of these technologies. They don't just use these systems; they test, experiment, and learn through them every single day.

Built With Intention: Passive Architecture as Soul

"Building through Passive Architecture", this phrase echoed throughout my visit, and it was visible everywhere I looked.

Every unit on campus is designed with the climate, the user, and sustainability at its core, not as a checkbox, but as the very reason for its existence. Courtyards inside buildings, insulated rooftops, double walls, all working together to significantly reduce the need for artificial lighting and cooling. Sustainability here is not a buzzword. It is the blueprint.

"Together We Fight, Together We Heal"

The Kailash Cancer Hospital inside the Ashram carries this motto with intention. It is not merely a medical facility, it is a space designed to give patients not just advanced care, but hope. The architecture, the warmth of its staff, the sense of belonging they cultivate, all of it speaks to a deeper understanding of healing.

The Part That Will Stay With Me the Longest

The defining part of the entire visit was how connected and at peace every member was in

that space, in that system of trust and mutual respect, may it be the tribal students making use of the numerous facilities around, or the elderlies getting the best out of their final years, or the mentally challenged women who gave a wholesome sense of how welcoming and supportive should we as humans be in our daily lives. Visiting the facilities of these mentally challenged women, The first thing their caretaker said when we walked in was simple and profound: "*We wanted them to feel like queens,*" with courtyard gardens, swings, and facilities which makes them feel like they are a special part of Mother Earth, giving warmth and comfort to each other. Once you try to look at the world through their lens, every other problem seems too small to really crib about.

What I Came For. What I Left With.

I came to understand the Big Dish. I left carrying sustainability, collaboration, innovation, willpower, determination, respect, and a renewed sense of why we do the work we do.

As a member of the MAEER's MIT Vishwaprayag family, it fills me with pride to know that we are closely associated with Muni Seva Ashram, sharing knowledge, culture, and a shared commitment to growing together for the betterment of our community.

Some places teach you through curriculum. Some teach you through experience. And some like this one, teach you simply by *being*.

Muni Seva Ashram is one of those rare places.



Leadership Reflections:

Mr. Nikunj Shukla, Managing Director of Wasol - a joint venture with Waaree Solar focused on delivering innovative solar thermal solutions - recently visited us and graciously shared his thoughts about our Chairman, Dr. Vikram Patel.

Dr. Vikram Bhai Patel is a distinguished medical professional and an accomplished social entrepreneur whose work reflects both vision and compassion. Alongside leading a full-fledged hospital with advanced and dedicated cancer care services, he remains deeply committed to community welfare — supporting the elderly, empowering physically challenged individuals and promoting innovation in agriculture.

His latest initiative focuses on building a future-ready educational ecosystem designed to provide world-class opportunities to local students. The institution integrates emerging and high-impact disciplines such as drone technology, stem cell research, electric vehicles, paramedical sciences, machinist training, solar assembly, and sports — all delivered through state-of-the-art infrastructure and global standards of learning.

A thoughtful leader with clarity across diverse subjects, he combines strategic foresight with grounded execution. Importantly, he has not only continued the noble service legacy initiated by Late shree Anuben Thakkar, but has also strengthened and expanded it with a sustainable and future-oriented vision at Muni Seva Ashram, Goraj, Vadodara in the state of Gujarat (India).



Despite his remarkable accomplishments, he carries himself with humility and simplicity - truly a saintly presence in plain civilian attire.

His leadership exemplifies a rare blend of medical excellence, social responsibility, innovation, and long-term institutional development, creating meaningful and lasting impact in society.

He has also contributed well into Renewable Energy with Sh. Deepakbhai Gadhiya - will share further details soon..!

Salute Indian Heroes...!!

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**“The fragrance always stays
in the hand that gives the flower.”**

Every act of kindness, however small,
brings light into someone's world.
Together, let us continue to serve with
compassion, humility, and love.

A Call from the Heart Join Hands with Muni Seva Ashram

For more than four and a half decades, Muni Seva Ashram has been quietly serving humanity through compassionate work in healthcare, education, community care, and environmental stewardship. Thousands of lives-children, patients, women, the elderly, and the underprivileged-have found hope, healing, and dignity through these efforts.

With humility and gratitude, we share that our Chairman Dr Vikram Patel will be visiting the United States from 19th April to 17th May 2026 to meet friends, well-wishers, and members of the Indian diaspora who have always stood by the Ashram's humanitarian mission.

During this visit, several community gatherings and special programs have been lovingly organized across different cities by dedicated volunteers. These events will be an opportunity to hear inspiring stories of service, understand the Ashram's ongoing and upcoming initiatives, and explore how together we can strengthen this work of compassion.

In the first six gatherings, humorist Dr. Jagdish Trivedi will also join with his “Hasya Darbar”, bringing joy, laughter, and warmth to the evening.

Sr No	When	Where	Volunteer's Name & Contact
1	24th April 2026, Friday Dinner: 6 to 7 PM, followed by the program till 9 PM	Gujarati Samaj of NY, 173-15 Horace Harding Expy, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365	Dr Yogendra Patel 718 – 877 – 8774 Harshad (Pakaji) Patel 917 – 697 – 8820 Mayur Dalal 917 – 359 – 4818 Manikant Patel 646 - 220-1915
2	25th April 2026, Saturday, 2 to 5 PM , followed by the dinner	Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Vadtaldham Somerset, NJ-USA 1667 Amwell Rd, Somerset, NJ 08873	Dr Ramesh Jhaveri 973 – 600 – 5570 Bharat Patel 908 – 812 – 3420 Dr Yogendra Patel 718 – 877 – 8774 Mayur Dalal 917 – 359 – 4818
3	2nd May 2026, Saturday 5 PM Onwards, followed by the dinner	TUDC Temple, 7379 Squire Ct, West Chester, OH 45069	Nitin Patel 937 – 414 – 0686 Haresh Patel 513 – 257 – 1804 Kirit Patel 765 – 977 – 2500 Kalpesh Patel 513 – 348 – 9052
4	3rd May 2026, Saturday 4 PM Onwards, followed by the dinner	Sterling Chateau Banquet, 38500 Ryan road, Sterling heights, MI 48310	Anil Patel 586 – 491 – 4500 Ashok Thakkar 586 – 945 – 6658 Jayshri Rami 248 – 761 – 9146 Harendrabhai Patel 248 – 470 - 2491
5	8th May 2026, Friday Dinner: 5:30–6:30 PM, followed by the program	Vadtal Dham Temple, 10825, Clodine road, Richmond, TX 77407	Nina Desai 713 – 446 – 7962 Hemant Patel 281 – 352 – 6177 Bina Patel 713 – 516 – 4515 Ramesh Patel 832 – 746 - 6474
6	9th May 2026, Saturday 5 PM onwards, followed by the dinner	BAPS Temple, 12305 Natural Bridge Rd. Bridgeton, MO 63044	Prasand Patel 314 – 495 – 8686 Gaurang Bhavsar 314 – 799 - 7287
7	19th April 2026, Sunday 5 PM onwards, followed by the dinner	Gokuldham, 2397 Satellite Blvd. Byford, GA 30518	Pravin Patel 770 – 655 -0814 Bobby Patel 404 – 786 – 0905 Tejas Patwa 404 – 435 – 9548 Sonal Amin 678 – 266 – 0837 Parimal Patel 678 761 3345

These gatherings are more than events—they are opportunities for hearts to connect around a shared purpose: **serving humanity with compassion and dignity.**

We warmly request you to **share this invitation with friends, family members, and like-minded individuals** who may wish to participate in these gatherings or support this noble mission.

Those who wish to walk alongside us in strengthening these humanitarian efforts through **conscious and compassionate giving** may kindly make their checks payable to:

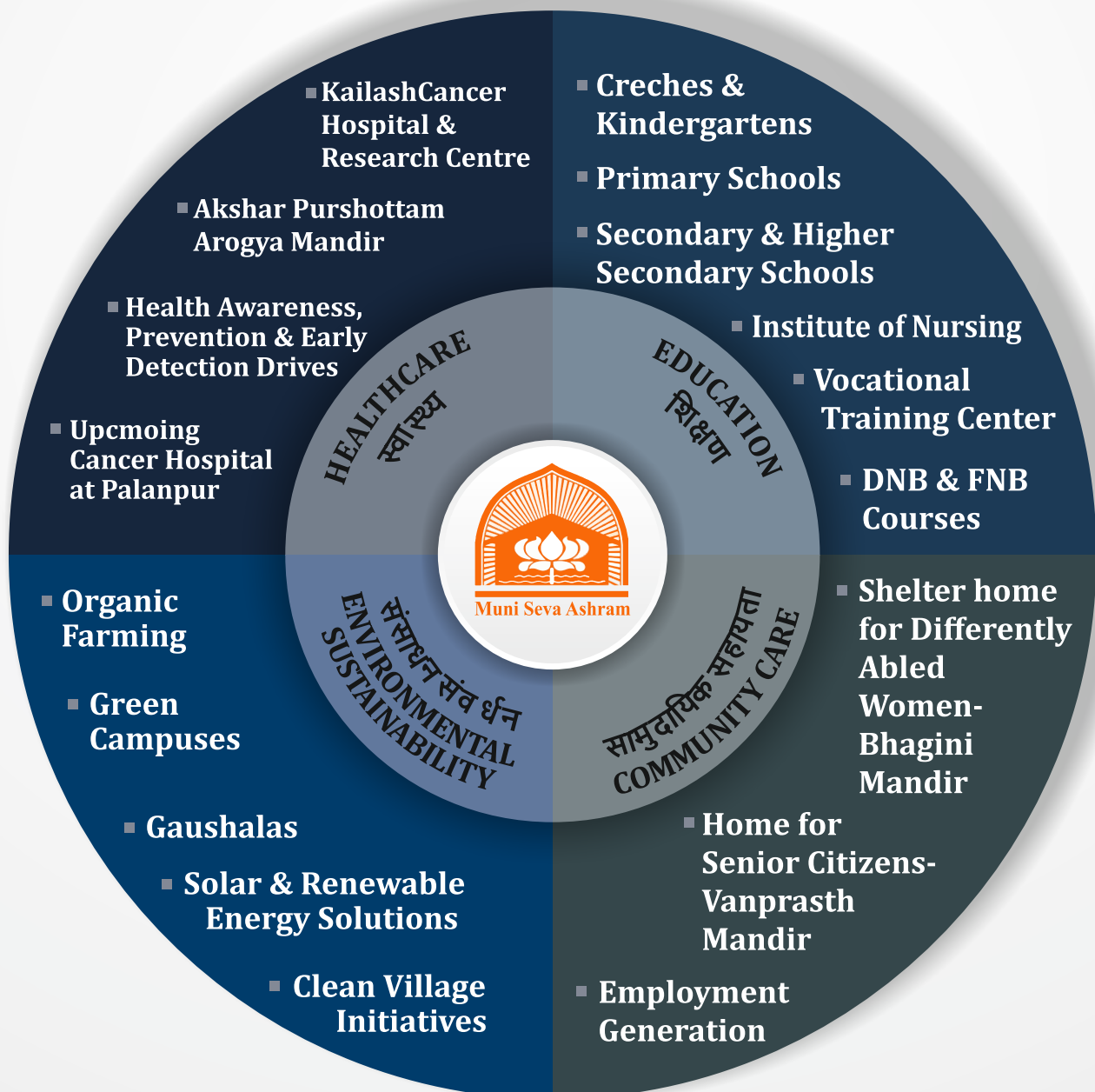
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Your support is not merely a donation—it is **a gesture of faith in humanity, a blessing for those in need, and a step toward a more compassionate world.**

Four Pillars of Service, One Vision of Compassion



Seva in Action, Across Every Life

We are also grateful to our donors, well-wishers and friends in Canada, where the **Muni Seva Ashram Toronto Chapter** is organizing a special musical evening “Geet Gata Chal”, dedicated to supporting the Ashram's humanitarian initiatives.



Muni Seva Ashram Toronto Chapter www.greenashram.org

*presents an unforgettable evening
of Bollywood songs entertainment*



GEET GAATA CHAL

A Musical Masti

Suniel Patel, Mohua & Group

for the benefit of
Muni Seva Ashram, Vadodara, India.



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100% of net proceeds & donations for Muni Seva Ashram

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We extend our heartfelt thanks to all donors for your support in 2025





Recently, on 10–11 March, Shree Hemantbhai from Muni Seva Ashram's Vocational Training Centre conducted informative workshops titled **“Launch Your Career into the Drone Revolution”** at four colleges of CVM University—MBIT, ADIT, BVM, and GCET. Around 500 students participated and were introduced to the growing role of drone technology in sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, surveillance, mapping, and delivery services, along with the skills required to build a career in this rapidly expanding field.

Hemantbhai also highlighted the upcoming collaboration with Charutar Vidya Mandal University (CVMU) to offer training programs, workshops, and hands-on learning in drone technologies. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Hitesh Shah, followed by a live drone flying demonstration that gave students a practical glimpse of this emerging technology.



The festival of Hutashani (H o l i k a D a h a n), symbolizing the triumph of truth, love, and divine compassion over negative forces, was celebrated by lighting the traditional Holi bonfire, followed by a joyful Rangotsav (festival of colors).



With Gratitude and Hope

Every milestone of Muni Seva Ashram has been nurtured by the compassion, faith, and generosity of our donors, well-wishers, and friends across the world. Your support - whether through financial contributions, time, expertise, or heartfelt encouragement - quietly strengthens our mission and sustains the spirit of service that guides all our work.

The expansion of our services, the creation of new facilities, the introduction of meaningful programs, and the compassionate care extended to thousands of beneficiaries each year are all made possible through your unwavering support. Each gesture of goodwill becomes a beacon of hope for someone in need. For this enduring trust, we remain deeply and eternally grateful.

We remain committed to the highest standards of transparency and accountability. Every contribution is acknowledged promptly with an 80G-compliant receipt, ensuring clarity and confidence in our shared journey of service.

For our supporters in the United States, MUNI SEVA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION USA (MSCF) has been established and approved by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). Donations made to MSCF are generally tax-deductible under U.S. tax laws.

We warmly invite you to stay connected with the life and work of the Ashram.

Daily updates and glimpses of our initiatives are shared on our Facebook and Instagram platforms, while newsletters and detailed information about our activities can be found on our website: www.greenashram.org

We welcome photographs, stories, and information related to Muni Seva Ashram from around the world — its initiatives, fundraising efforts, and members of the Ashram family. Your contributions help us share inspiring stories of compassion and service through this newsletter.

Your suggestions and feedback are invaluable to us. Please help us make अनुसंधान even more meaningful by writing to us at: anusandhan@greenashram.org

Thank you for being a part of this journey of compassion and service. Your support continues to kindle hope, restore dignity, and illuminate the lives of countless individuals.

“ We are here to awaken from
the illusion of our separateness. ”