

Muni Seva Ashram, Goraj's

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Every worm that burrows, every insect that pollinates, every creature that roams-each plays its sacred part in nature's grand design, tending to the Earth with silent devotion.

The rivers flow, the winds dance, the forests breathe-each element woven into the symphony of life, giving more than it takes, sustaining the balance of existence.

Yet we, the ones who call ourselves the wisest, stand as the only discord, consuming without replenishing, harming the very world that cradles us.

Is intelligence not a gift-to protect, to restore, to cherish? Let us learn from the quiet wisdom of nature before it is too late. For we, too, are meant to nurture, not just to own.

“Go often,” said a wise soul,

“to the place that heals you, and the place that inspires you.”

Muni Seva Ashram is where both these places beautifully become one -a sacred space where hearts are mended, souls are stirred, and life quietly transforms.

Cradled in the emerald serenity of Waghodia's tribal belt, this Ashram is more than an institution - **it is a living prayer of love, compassion, and purpose**, whispered into the wind each day.

Here,

- **The ailing are embraced with hope**, in one of India's most advanced, integrated cancer hospitals — where modern medicine meets the gentle touch of humanity.
- **Young minds bloom**, as education opens doors once thought forever closed.
- **The elderly and differently-abled women find dignity and belonging**, wrapped in care, laughter, and shared humanity.
- **The Earth is honoured**, with every act of sustainable living — be it organic farming, Gaumandir, solar power, or nurturing the green that gives us breath.

Every corner of this Ashram carries a quiet resolve -to serve without expectation, to heal without pause, and to love without condition.

Here, service is not a duty - it is devotion.

To share this spirit with you, we bring you **अनुसंधान** - our monthly newsletter, handcrafted with love and sincerity, to keep you close to every heartbeat of our beloved Ashram.

And if even a part of this message speaks to your soul -we invite you, with open arms and open hearts, to visit us this summer.

Come with your family.

Come to pause. To reflect. To breathe. Come to feel what happens when purpose and peace hold hands.

Come home- to where goodness lives.

With warmth, always,

Team अनुसंधान





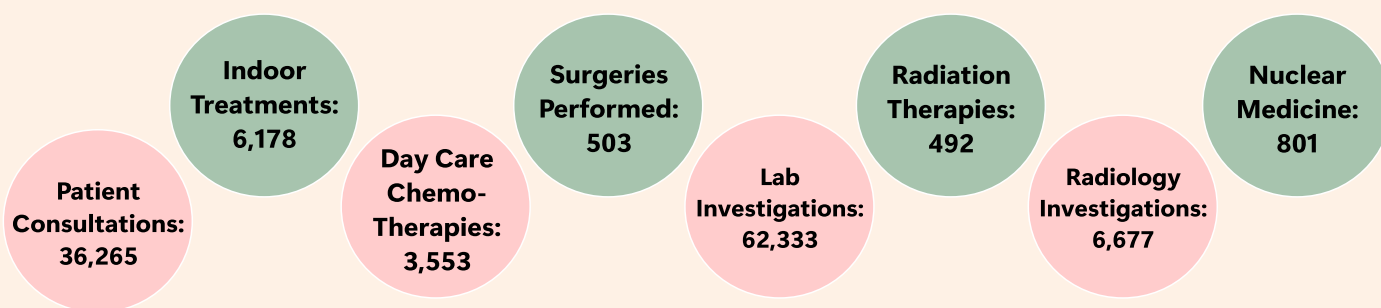
Muni Seva Ashram remains a hub of academic and practical learning in compassionate care and community service. This month, students from Pioneer Nursing College visited key places like Kailash Cancer Hospital, Bhagini Mandir, and Vanprasth Mandir, gaining valuable insights into holistic cancer care and social welfare.



We recently organized a health screening and blood donation camp at Narmada Bhavan, Vadodra, specifically for the officials of the City Crime Branch.



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A Day to Remember: A Joyful Outing for Our Bhaginis

Some days leave behind more than just memories—they leave joy in the heart and smiles that linger long after the day is done.

Our Bhaginis recently experienced such a day, thanks to the heartfelt collaboration between SowakaLife, AddLife Foundation, and The Monastery. Their kind invitation brought our Bhaginis to Ahmedabad for a truly special outing, crafted with love and care.

The thoughtfully designed program aimed to:

- * Spark creative expression through art, music & dance
- * Nurture social interaction and team spirit
- * Create an inclusive, therapeutic, and joyful experience beyond the Ashram walls

The day began with a warm and gracious welcome, followed by a delicious lunch at Swati. From there, our Bhaginis headed to The Monastery, where colours, music, and laughter filled the air. The joy on their faces during the art and music sessions was simply indescribable—something no video can truly capture.

It was a day of fun, expression, connection—and above all, a beautiful reminder that kindness and collaboration can create magic.

Such moments remind us of the beauty we can create when hearts and hands come together.





Applied Behavior Technology (ABT) uses structured activities to build skills and reduce challenges. In a recent session, our Bhaginis explored **tactile play**—feeling textures, finger painting, and enhancing sensory integration. These activities foster **self-awareness, communication, and emotional growth** for individuals with disabilities.

Gratitude to NGO MANN for these enriching sessions!

Tearing, Creating, and Expressing: A Heartfelt ABT Session



Tearing paper is more than just a simple activity-it strengthens fine motor skills, enhances coordination, and provides a delightful sensory experience. During a recent ABT session, our Bhaginis transformed torn paper into beautiful fish, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. Their joy in seeing the final masterpiece was truly heartwarming. We are grateful to NGO MANN for bringing such meaningful and enriching experiences into their lives!



Exercise is a celebration of what our bodies can do



Block by Block, Dreams take Shape



Sweat, laughter, and sisterhood

Hands of Inclusion: Celebrating Autism Awareness



On April 2nd, our Bhaginis at Bhagini Mandir marked World Autism Awareness Day with a heartfelt tribute. Embracing the color blue, they created a vibrant handprint artwork symbolizing love, unity, and inclusion. As part of the *Light It Up Blue* campaign, this initiative reflects our commitment to fostering awareness and embracing neurodiversity with open arms.

From Plants to Plate: Our Bhaginis' Journey of Discovery



Our Bhaginis enjoyed a day of exploration and connection with nature at Vankuva green campus. They witnessed how food takes root-from nurturing soil to the hardworking hands of farmers. Strolling through lush fields in Vasant's gentle breeze, they saw firsthand the care that goes into every grain and vegetable. Sharing a meal amidst nature's embrace, they returned to Bhagini Mandir with hearts full and a deeper appreciation for the earth and those who sustain it.



Skills, Smiles, and Shared Dreams



A Journey Beyond Boundaries: Cameroon Meets Muni Seva Ashram

In the serene landscape of Muni Seva Ashram, a unique and beautiful bond has formed—one that transcends borders, cultures, and languages. This heartwarming journey began when Hella Bocarra, a Swiss NGO founded by Swiss industrialist Urs Endress and German solar scientist Juergen Kleinwaechter, joined hands with MSA Renewtech Foundation.

Under this collaboration, MSA Renewtech took on a special mission—to train a group of technicians and engineers from Cameroon, selected and sent by the Hella Bocarra Foundation. And so, on 30th January 2025, a five-member delegation from the Republic of Cameroon arrived at Muni Seva Ashram, eager to learn and grow. Among them were four skilled technicians and one bright female engineer specializing in renewable energy.



A New Home, A New Family

From the very beginning, the team was welcomed with open arms. They were housed and trained at the MSA-run Vocational Training Centre, seamlessly integrating with the tribal students of the centre. For nearly three months now, they have embraced the daily rhythm of the ashram—attending morning prayers, participating in assemblies, and immersing themselves in the vibrant life of Muni Seva Ashram.

Their training journey has been both rigorous and enriching. Starting with an introduction to the Ashram's diverse activities, they have undergone hands-on training in various technical fields—welding, fitting, CNC machining, electrical work, and air conditioning. But their most exciting challenge lies ahead: building the Stirling Engine Sun Pulse 500, a remarkable renewable energy model developed by MSA Renewtech, inspired by German technology.



This training is deeply significant. Two Indian engineers were previously sent to Germany to learn and bring back the knowledge needed to build these engines. With two prototypes

already made at MSA Renewtech, the Cameroonian team is now learning the intricate process of manufacturing and assembling them. Soon, when one of these prototypes makes its way to Cameroon, these trainees will be fully equipped to install, operate, and maintain it—bringing sustainable energy solutions to their homeland.





More Than Just Training—A Cultural Exchange

But this journey is about more than just technology—it's about human connection. As they explore renewable energy, they are also experiencing the heart of India. From learning about solar cookers and biogas to celebrating Holi—the festival of colors—they have embraced Indian traditions with joy and curiosity.

One of the most touching moments came when, under the guidance of Girish Sir, the VTC welding faculty, the team crafted a special Baigan Bharta grill as a gift for the chef at Goverdhan Vanprasth Mandir. To celebrate, the entire community came together for a delicious, traditional meal of Baigan Bharta, Bajri Rotla, and Khichdi—a feast of friendship and shared happiness.



A Story of Unity and Hope

This is more than a training program—it is a testament to the power of collaboration, learning, and love beyond borders. What began as an agreement on paper has turned into a beautiful exchange of knowledge, culture, and camaraderie.

As the Cameroon team continues its journey at Muni Seva Ashram, they are not just learning—they are building friendships, experiencing traditions, and becoming part of a larger family. And when they return home, they will carry not just technical skills, but the warmth of an experience that will stay with them forever.

Because in the end, this is what true progress looks like—when people from different corners of the world come together to build a brighter, more sustainable future.



We proudly celebrated the 6th Convocation (Phase-2) at our Vocational Training Centre. Honored by the presence of Shree Kalpeshkumar Sharma (IAS), Urs Endress, Dr. Juergen Kleinwaechter, Dr. Vikram Patel, and our esteemed trustees, the event marked a new beginning for our students. With heartfelt wishes, we send them off to a future filled with promise and success!



Celebrating Excellence in Nursing!

Muni Seva Ashram's Institute of Nursing shines with an outstanding 98% success rate in the Final Year GNM results announced by the Gujarat Nursing Council!

Top Performers



Ms Vandana Pithaya
1st Rank - 79.33%



Ms Sonali Desai
2nd Rank - 76%



Ms Rinal Rathwa
3rd Rank - 75%

A huge congratulations to all our students and heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated faculty for their unwavering support!



We are proud to announce that we **have** achieved an outstanding **98% success rate** in the final-year GNM exams conducted by the **Gujarat Nursing Council**. Out of 48 students, **47 have successfully cleared the exam**.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers for their invaluable guidance. Wishing our students a bright and compassionate career ahead—may they continue to uphold MSA's legacy of high-quality, compassionate service!

Combating TB: Our Nursing Students Lead the Way



Second-year ANM students participated in a TB awareness rally at Waghodia district, inspiring the community to take action against this global health threat.



To mark World Health Day, students from our Institute of Nursing conducted impactful health awareness activities.

First-year ANM students led a rally in Goraj Village with banners promoting health education. Fourth-year BSc Nursing students presented health charts and a skit at Jamanabai General Hospital, Vadodara. Third-year GNM students showcased posters and performed a skit on personal hygiene at Bhagini Mandir.

These efforts reflect the students' dedication to community health and well-being.

Riya Bariya wins 1st place in Glacier Preservation drawing competition!

We are proud to share that **Riya Bariya (Grade 6, Sharada Mandir Bakshipanch Ashram School)** secured **1st place** in a district-wide drawing competition on "Glacier Preservation," organized for World Water Day by **GUJCOST, Vadodara Science Center, and Water Management Forum**. Congratulations to Riya and her teachers!



Art for the Planet



“
The Earth
doesn't ask
for
much-just
love, respect,
and
the promise
that we'll
leave her
better than
we found her.





Muni Seva Ashram, home to 172 tree species and over three lakh trees, is a sanctuary of natural harmony.

Drs. Niek A.H. Slooter, a passionate Waldorf education advocate, shares his heartfelt perspective on its rich biodiversity in this special *Anusandhan* contribution.

Join us in nurturing nature and sustaining this legacy for generations to come.

The Lush Green Soul of Muni Seva Ashram: Niek's Perspective

As I set foot on the serene grounds of Muni Seva Ashram, I was immediately embraced by an overwhelming sense of tranquillity. The vast expanse of 350 acres is not just a space for people—it is a thriving sanctuary for trees, plants, and countless creatures that call this place home. Here, nature and humanity coexist in perfect harmony, a testament to the Ashram's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

A Botanical Wonderland

Everywhere you look, trees stand tall like silent sages, whispering stories of resilience through their rustling leaves. The variety of flora is

astounding, offering an ever-changing canvas as the seasons shift. Take a closer look at any tree, and you'll notice the subtle differences in how they grow and evolve throughout the year.

Some shed their leaves completely in winter, while others burst into bloom, ensuring that nature's cycle of sustenance continues unhindered.

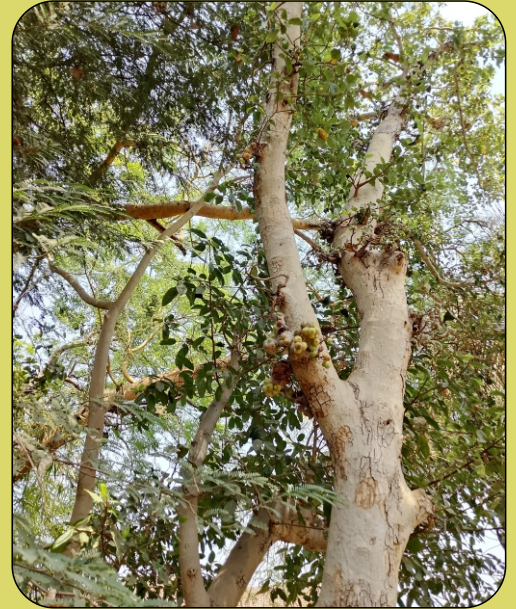
The Gift of Seasons

Muni Seva Ashram, located just below the Tropic of Cancer, enjoys a subtropical to tropical climate. The rhythm of nature is divided into three main seasons—Winter (November to February), Summer (April to May), and the Monsoon (June to September)—with transitional months in between. This dynamic interplay of weather conditions allows for a constantly changing yet balanced ecosystem, where trees bloom, shed, and regenerate, providing year-round nourishment for the wildlife that depends on them.

The Symphony of Interdependence

Some plants are not just solitary beings but intricate partners in nature's web. Tree orchids, fig species, and climbing plants entwine with their taller counterparts, reaching skyward for sunlight. Mosses, algae, and lichens blanket many tree trunks, forming miniature worlds of their own. Even though lichens are not technically plants, they play an essential role in air purification and soil enrichment, reminding us that every organism, no matter how small, has a purpose in the grand scheme of nature.

The Ficus family, including the sacred Peepal and sprawling Banyan, thrives alongside various Acacia species like Baval and Babool, each contributing uniquely to the biodiversity of the Ashram. Different species cater to different needs—some providing shade, others offering nourishment, and some even possessing medicinal properties that have been used for centuries in Ayurveda.



A Haven for Wildlife

Beyond their towering beauty, trees at the Ashram serve as lifelines for birds, insects, and other creatures. Their leaves, twigs, flowers, and fruits provide food and nesting materials, while their canopies offer shelter from the harsh sun. Interestingly, not all leaves are universally edible—some may be toxic to one species but completely nourishing to another, highlighting nature's intricate balance.

In addition to their ecological benefits, trees play a crucial role in temperature regulation. The more greenery we nurture, the cooler our surroundings remain, reducing the need for artificial cooling and conserving energy. By planting more trees, we directly contribute to a sustainable future, saving electricity while fostering an environment that thrives on natural equilibrium.



The Healing Power of Nature

Muni Seva Ashram is home to numerous medicinal trees and plants, each carrying centuries-old wisdom within its roots, leaves, and bark. Take the Amla (Indian Gooseberry) tree, for instance—renowned for its Vitamin C-rich fruit, it has been a cornerstone of Ayurvedic medicine for generations. Crushed Amla leaves can even be used to treat headaches or soothe insect bites.

Similarly, the Bitter Melon (Karela), a staple in many households, is not just a vegetable but a natural remedy. It is known to help regulate blood sugar levels, making it invaluable for those managing diabetes. These natural healers, thriving within the Ashram's grounds, remind us that nature's pharmacy is always open—if only we take the time to learn from it.

Green Campus: Sustaining the Future

A shining example of the Ashram's commitment to sustainability is the Green Campus at Vankuva. Spanning 120 acres, this self-sufficient farm integrates sustainable timber plantations, fruit orchards, and farmland that provides food for students, residents, and even fodder for the cows. The practice of intercropping and crop rotation ensures that the soil remains fertile, supporting a healthy ecosystem that benefits both plants and animals.

A Call to Nurture Nature

Walking through Muni Seva Ashram, I couldn't help but feel a deep sense of gratitude for this living, breathing paradise. But with this gratitude comes responsibility. Preserving and expanding this green haven is a collective duty. By saving the trees we have, planting new ones, and maintaining a healthy groundwater level, we ensure that future generations inherit a world where nature continues to flourish.

Muni Seva Ashram is more than just a place—it is a living testament to the power of harmony between humanity and nature. Whether you are a visitor, a volunteer, or someone seeking a deeper connection with the environment, this Ashram welcomes you with open arms. Step in, look around, and let the trees tell you their stories. Because here, every leaf, every branch, and every root hold a lesson in love, resilience, and coexistence.





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Be the Light of Hope Support a Cause That Touches Your Heart!

At Muni Seva Ashram, we consider it our privilege to serve those in need with compassion, dignity, and care.

Whether it's placing a book in the hands of a curious child, serving a warm meal to a growing soul, or offering a safe shelter to someone seeking comfort - every act of giving creates ripples of hope.

If you feel inspired to contribute, we invite you to consider supporting a cause close to your heart.

Field	Cause	Duration / Unit	Amount in INR	Amount in US\$	Amount in CAN\$
Education	Donate 5 Books to the School Library	For life	2 500	30	45
	Donate 5 Books to Nursing Collage	For life	5 000	60	85
	Class of Milk for Primary School Students	One time meal	3 000	35	50
	Meal for Primary School Students	One time meal	12 500	150	210
	Snacks for Primary School Students	One time meal	6 000	75	100
	Meal for Secondary & Higher Secondary School Students	One time meal	15 000	180	250
	Meal for VTC Students	One time meal	25 000	300	425
	Sponsor a Child's Education in Primary School	One year	25 000	300	425
	Sponsor a Child's Education in Secondary School	One year	35 000	415	600
	Sponsor a Child's Education in Higher Secondary School	One year	45 000	530	750
	Sponsor a Child's Education in Secondary School (English Medium)	One year	1 00 000	1 200	1 700
	Sponsor Child Education in Higher Secondary School 11th & 12th Science (English)	One year	1 25 000	1 500	2 100
	Sponsor a VTC Student	One year	35 000	415	600
	Milk for Crèche Children	One time meal	5 000	60	90
	Snacks for Crèche Children	One time meal	9 000	110	150
Community Care	Lunch for Crèche Children	One time meal	25 000	300	425
	Meal for Bhaginis of Bhagini Mandir	One time meal	9 500	115	160
	Meal for Mathura & Vrundavan Senior Citizen Home	One time meal	8 000	100	135
	Meal for Govardhan Senior Citizen Home	One time meal	5 000	60	90
	Sponsor a Bhagini from Bhagini Mandir	One year	50 000	600	850
	Life Time Sponsorship for one Bhagini at the Bhagini Mandir	For Life	10 00 000	12 000	17 000
	Donate a Gir Cow	1 Cow Purchase	80 000	950	1 350
	Feed a Cow for a Day	1 Day for 1 Cow	200	2.50	3.50
Sustainability					

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Capital Requirements for Dormitory Rooms & Class Rooms				
Field	Initiative	Amount in INR	Amount in US\$	Amount in CAN\$
Education	VTC Hostel Room	10 00 000	12 000	17 000
	EMRS Hostel Room	10 00 000	12 000	17 000
	VTC Class room	5 00 000	6 000	8 500
	EMRS Class room	5 00 000	6 000	8 500
Healthcare	KCHRC General Ward Room	10 00 000	12 000	17 000

Your support goes beyond this list too.

Healthcare Advancements

Support in upgrading medical technology, introducing new treatment methods, conducting vaccination drives, and running early detection and preventive care programs.

Education & Sports Infrastructure

Help us nurture all-round development through improved learning spaces, indoor sports facilities, and holistic education initiatives.

If you wish to know more or would like to contribute to a specific cause, please feel free to reach out to us.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to connect and understand your intent.

Every Rupee You Donate Directly Supports the Ashram

100% of your donation is used towards our mission. All outreach activities are carried out by committed volunteers, and our administrative costs are kept exceptionally low - less than 2%, including essentials like printing, mailing, audits, and software.

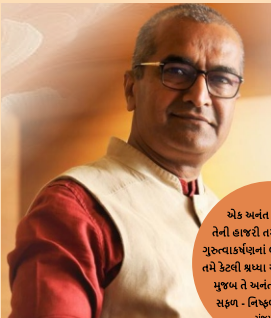
Each step we take is made possible by the blessings of those we serve and the goodwill of those who support - thank you for being a part of this purpose.

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With the celebrated motivational speaker

Shree Sanjay Rawal

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We have reached these milestones through your benevolent support. Your contributions, both financial and otherwise, keep us moving forward. Our expansions, construction projects, introduction of newer facilities, and beneficiary support programs are made possible by the corporate and personal support we receive. For this, we are eternally grateful.

We believe in complete transparency. Every contribution is immediately followed up with an 80G compliant receipt. Daily updates of Muni Seva Ashram are documented on our Facebook and Instagram handles, and newsletters are published on our website: www.greenashram.org For information on how to donate or offer assistance, please visit our website: www.greenashram.org

Thank you once again for your unwavering support!

We welcome your suggestions to make અનુસંધાન even better. Please share your thoughts and feedback with us at anusandhan@greenashram.org



Joy is not something we chase-it is the beautiful reward of bringing joy to others. **No wealth can buy it, no self-interest can create it.** But when we show **compassion, care, and love**, when we ease another's pain, our hearts fill with a deep, irreplaceable joy. Happiness isn't found in seeking it for ourselves, but in **opening our hearts to others- like a flower blossoming in the warmth of kindness.**