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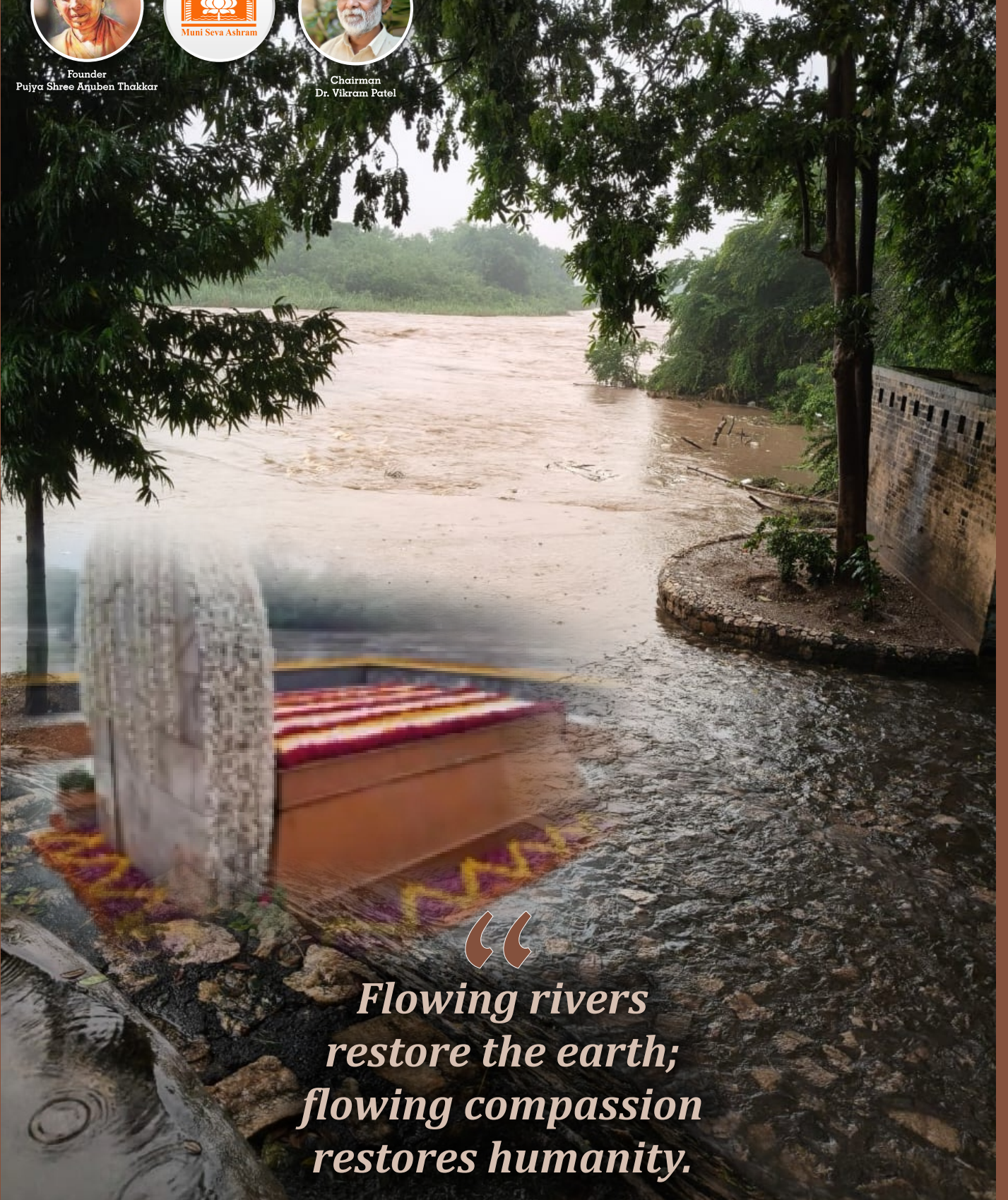
CHRONICLES OF PURPOSE,
PASSION, AND PROGRESS



Founder
Pujya Shree Anuben Thakkar



Chairman
Dr. Vikram Patel



*Flowing rivers
restore the earth;
flowing compassion
restores humanity.*

Pujya Shree Anuben

We bow in deep reverence to Pujya Shree Anuben, whose life of compassion, courage, and selfless service continues to illuminate our path. Her vision turned love into action and service into worship, bringing dignity, care, and hope to countless lives.

Her birth anniversary was observed with heartfelt gratitude and a renewed promise across the Ashram family-in India and abroad-to carry forward her divine legacy with even greater passion, humility, and sincerity.

*Timeless Inspiration
Eternal Light
Endless Love*



Spreading Light: Dipti

Dipti, the daughter of a humble farmer family from Rajpur village in Chhotaudepur, has always been determined and hardworking. Yet, like many rural children, her dream of completing higher studies was cut short by the unfair tuition system. When all seemed lost, destiny led her to Muni Seva Ashram's Vocational Training Centre (VTC) in 2017, where she joined the OT Assistant course. That step marked the beginning of her truly radiant journey.

At VTC, Dipti found not just education but inspiration. With its blend of skill training, life lessons, and the ideals of Pujya Shree Ben, VTC nurtures confidence, courage, and service in young people. Immersed in this atmosphere, she overcame her fears, discovered her voice, and grew into a confident young woman ready to serve.

Her sincerity soon earned her a role as Warden at VTC - not a position of authority for her, but an opportunity to give back. Whether setting up hostels in cities, mobilizing students in remote villages, coordinating with doctors, or even taking on challenging tasks like assisting during the pandemic at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, she carried out every responsibility with dedication and enthusiasm. Her commitment and leadership eventually saw her entrusted with the role of Operations Manager at VTC, which she fulfills with grace and strength.

Dipti also serves as a bridge between અનુસંધાન and VTC. It is a matter of great pride that on the occasion of Pujya Shree Anuben's birth anniversary, the first Gujarati edition of અનુસંધાન is being launched at her hands. The timing is symbolic - as we prepare for Navratri, the festival of Shakti, Dipti stands as a shining example of women's empowerment.

True to her name, Dipti has become light - radiance that inspires, brilliance that uplifts, and a steady flame that carries the fragrance of Ashram's service far and wide. May this *Dipti* of Muni Seva Ashram always continue to spread the light of selfless service in the world.

Holistic Learning at VTC

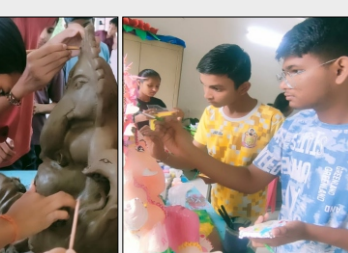
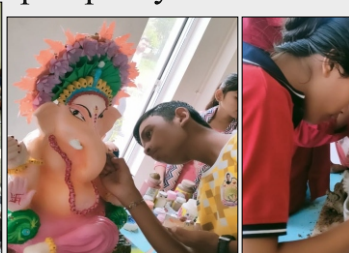
At the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) of Muni Seva Ashram, students receive not only vocational training but also guidance on life skills such as goal setting, decision-making, time management, ethics, communication, and digital literacy. They are also sensitized to important social issues including environmental protection, diversity and inclusion, financial and legal awareness, sexual harassment, and domestic violence.

Recently, students learned about the various forms of domestic violence and expressed their understanding through a thoughtful skit.





Our students celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi by making beautiful clay idols and building a wonderful pandal. For ten days, our campus was filled with prayers, creativity, and positive energy. May Lord Ganesha bless everyone with health, wisdom, and prosperity.



Ashram girls' triumph at district-level School Games – Multiple Firsts in Volleyball & Kabaddi!



Our girls shone at the 69th All India School Games (district level) – Volleyball teams (U-14, U-17, U-19) secured First Place, while Kabaddi teams won First (U-17) and Second (U-14). Congratulations to all!



Vivekanand School Shines at District Level Sports

In the 69th All India School Games organized by the Sports Authority of Gujarat, 37 students from Vivekanand Uchcharat Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Vankuwa Green Campus, excelled at the district level and qualified for the state-level competitions.

The students will represent the school in diverse events including Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Long Jump, Discus Throw, Athletics, and Volleyball. Congratulations to all participants, and best wishes for their upcoming state-level performance.



EMRS students shined at the District Level Athletics, Vadodara, bringing home top positions across multiple events.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their hard work and dedication.

At Muni Seva Ashram, we nurture not only minds but also the spirit of sportsmanship and excellence.

EMRS, Maganpura Campus, Muni Seva Ashram Results of District level Athletics, Vadodara				
Sr No	Name of the Student	Event	Position	Remarks
1	Meera Makwana	600 mt Race	Stood 1st	Qualified for state level games
2	Bhagyashree	800 mt Race	Stood 1st	Qualified for state level games
3	Bhagvati	1500 mt Race	Stood 1st	Qualified for state level games
4	Riya solanki	Fast walking	Stood 1st	Qualified for state level games
5	Mahesh Dhanak	200 mt Race	Stood 1st	Qualified for state level games
6	Kishan Malivad	110 mt hurdles	Stood 1st	Qualified for state level games
7	Priyansh Rathva	200 mt Race	Stood 2nd	
8	Mahesh Dhanak	100 mt Race	Stood 2nd	
9	Kishan Malivad	100 mt Race	Stood 2nd	
10	Santosh Rathva	200 mt Race	Stood 2nd	

District Kho-Kho Tournaments

U14 Girls: 1st place | 5 selected for State
U17 Girls: 1st place | 5 selected (4 Grade 10 not continuing)
U19 Girls: 1st place | 4 selected for State
Congratulations to all players and teachers for this stellar achievement!



Teachers' Day Celebration



Teachers' Day is a time to honour those who shape lives with knowledge, values, and compassion. At Ashram, students celebrated by joyfully stepping into the roles of their teachers - managing classrooms, teaching lessons, and experiencing both the joy and responsibility of guiding others.

The activity was fun-filled yet meaningful, helping students appreciate the patience, effort, and love that go into teaching. It fostered respect, gratitude, and a deeper bond between students and teachers.

With reverence, we salute our teachers for inspiring young minds every day, and our students for celebrating this day with such warmth and creativity.

A humble expression of gratitude from our Vocational Training Centre family:



Muni Seva Ashram 

Sanchalit Vocational Training Centre

September 6, 2025

હૃદયપૂર્વક આભાર અને કૃણસ્વીકાર

પ્રતિ,
ચેરમેન શ્રી વિક્રમ સર અને માનનીય ટ્રસ્ટીમંડળ
મુનિસેવા આશ્રમ

વિષય: આપની સંવેદના, સમગ્રણ અને સહકાર બદલ હૃદયપૂર્વક આભાર અને કૃણસ્વીકાર

જય શ્રી કૃષ્ણ,

સૌ પ્રથમ, વોકેશનલ ટ્રેઇનિંગ સેન્ટર (વીટીસી) ના તમામ કર્મચારીઓ તરફથી મુનિ સેવા આશ્રમના આદરણીય પૂજ્ય શ્રી અનુબેનને શત શત નમન!

છેવાડાના માનવીઓનો શિક્ષણ, સ્વાસ્થ્ય, સામાજિક સંતુલન અને સંસાધન સંવર્ધન દ્વારા ઉદારનું તેમજ સ્વર્ણિમ સ્વપ્ન મુનિ સેવા આશ્રમ રૂપે સાકાર થયું છે. એક નાનકડું બીજ ખીલીને વટવૃક્ષ બન્યું છે અને અમારા જેવા કેટલાયે લોકોને છાંયો આપવાની સાથે સાથે સેવાનો પથ પણ પ્રદર્શિત કરી રહ્યું છે. અમારા માટે આશ્રમ કાયમથી પોતીકો જ હતો. ગયા વર્ષે જ્યારે અમારા પગારમાં સરકારી ધારાધોરણ મુજબ વધારો થયો તેનો અમને સંતોષ હતો અને અમારી મહેનત અને સમર્પણને યોગ્ય સન્માન મળી રહ્યું છે તેવી ભાવના સહુના મનમાં હતી.

પરંતુ આ વર્ષે, આપે અમારા પ્રત્યે જે ઉદારતા અને લાગણી દાખવી છે, તે શબ્દોમાં વર્ણવી શકાય તેમ નથી. માત્ર શ્રેષ્ઠ ઇન્ડિમેન્ટ જ નહીં, પણ તમામ કર્મચારીઓને મિનિમમ વેતનથી પણ ૨૦% વધુ પગાર આપીને આપે અમારા જીવનમાં એક નવી ખુશીનો સંચાર કર્યો છે. આપના આ નિર્ણયથી વીટીસીમાં અનોખા ઉત્સાહનું વાતાવરણ સર્જાયું છે. આજે દરેક કર્મચારીના ઉરમાં આ જીવનમાં, આ મહાન સંસ્થાનો અને મુનિસેવા પરિવારનો હિસ્સો હોવાનો અહલક આનંદ છે. સેવાના મોહ સાથે સુંદર જીવનચાપનની પણ વ્યવસ્થા કરી આપતી આ સંસ્થા અને તેના ટ્રસ્ટીઓ પ્રત્યે હૃદયમાંથી ફાટતાનું ઝરણું વહી રહ્યું છે.

આજે પૂજ્ય શ્રી અનુબેનના જન્મદિવસે, અમે સૌ શપથ લઈએ છીએ કે અમે હંમેશા આશ્રમના પવિત્ર હેતુને અમારા હૃદયમાં રાખીશું અને તન-મનથી એમણે શરૂ કરેલા આ સેવાકાર્યને નિષ્ઠાપૂર્વક આગળ ધપાવતા રહીશું.

અંતે, વીટીસી ના તમામ કર્મચારીઓ વતી, અમે આપ સૌ ટ્રસ્ટીમંડળ અને ચેરમેન શ્રી વિક્રમસરનો હૃદયપૂર્વક ખૂબ ખૂબ આભાર વ્યક્ત કરીએ છીએ. આપનો સહકાર અને સ્નેહ અમારા માટે સદાય પ્રેરણા બની રહેશે.

આભાર સહ,
વીટીસીના તમામ કર્મચારીઓ

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Thank you very much for granting us time to express our gratitude.

Personally, for me, I am not only thanking for the 5 minutes of this meeting time, but I am here to express my gratitude for more than 15 years of association with the Ashram. It is god's grace that led me to the Ashram in 2007, which resulted into physically moving here in 2012.

Ashram has not only given me an opportunity to serve the society, but also allowed me to meet true philanthropists like you all. This has truly enriched my life and continues to enrich it each new day.

Anuben's Ashram is a dream-come-true. Between 2007 and 2012 when I was still in the USA, I started dreaming about training the rural youth through vocational training. And now I am able to do that each day of my life.

With VTC staff, our vision is to make VTC one of the best. VTC's 3 leaders here, share this vision with me. Ashram's board and Vikrambhai has always supported VTC and we know that you all will continue supporting to reach this vision by 2030.

When I learnt about board's generous act of increasing salary of all lower-paid employees, I was truly touched. This action is not a one-time financial support, but it is a seismic shift for MSA. There would be very few caring organizations across Gujarat and I am truly thankful to be a part of it.

I know that you all have been helping and supporting Ashram in myriad different ways. As a small gesture of appreciation, I have decided that I will reimburse VTC's operational shortfall on an annual basis.

On her birthday, we pray that Anuben, a true divinity, continue guiding us on this path of true service.

Hemant Patel

Blood Donation Camp:

We extend our sincere thanks to all the donors and organizers for their support in making the recent blood donation camp at the Brahmakumaris Centre, Vasna Road, Vadodra, a success.



Inspiring the next generation of healthcare leaders:



We welcomed a group of students from Parul University's MPH and MHA programs! It was a pleasure sharing insights into our work, from integrating government schemes for patient care to our community outreach programs.

We hope this visit provided them with valuable, real-world experience in cancer care administration and public health.



Helping Young Patriots – NCC Enrolment at EMRS

The **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** builds discipline, leadership, and service among students. Our EMRS has received approval for **50 Junior Division Army Wing cadets**. On the first day, **25 Class 8 students (15 boys, 10 girls)** enrolled, with the rest to join next year.

Cadets will engage in parade drills, fitness training, weapon handling, and camps that foster confidence, teamwork, and responsibility. They will also earn prestigious **NCC certificates**, opening doors to higher education and career opportunities, especially in the Armed Forces and government services.

Joining NCC is a journey of **discipline, patriotism, and self-growth**.

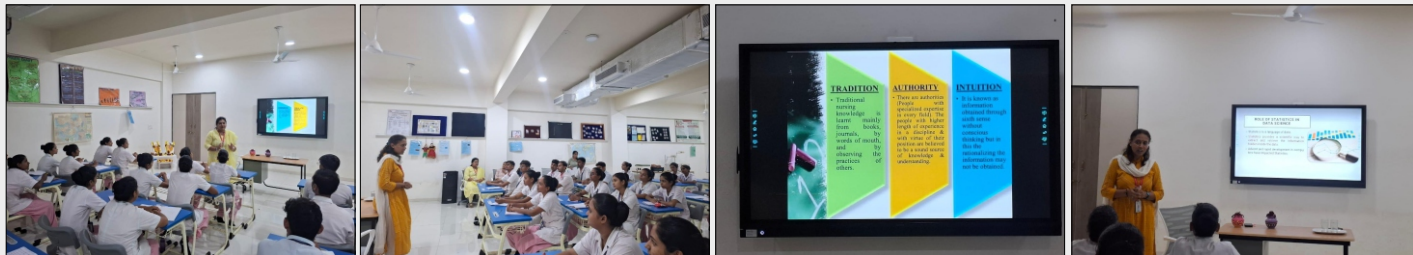


Rainy Day Delights!

The Bhaginis of Bhagini Mandir had a delightful time learning to make nutritious rose milk paired with tasty corn chaat-and relished every bite together!



Our Institute of Nursing, in collaboration with KPGU, organised a workshop on Nursing Research and Biostatistics for 4th-year B.Sc. Nursing students. We thank Mrs. Priyanka (Child Health Nursing) and Mrs. Forum Shah (Mathematics) for their valuable insights.



Debate on Traditional vs. Digital Learning



The Institute of Nursing, organized a debate on “Traditional Learning Methods vs. Digital Learning Methods.”

Students of 3rd Year B.Sc. Nursing (5th Semester) spoke for Digital Learning, while 4th Year B.Sc. Nursing students advocated Traditional Learning. Both teams presented strong, well-researched arguments, making the session insightful and enriching.



Evaluated by Dr. Deepak Kapoor, the debate concluded with Traditional Learning being declared the winning side. The event sharpened students' critical thinking and communication skills while sparking discussions on the future of nursing education.

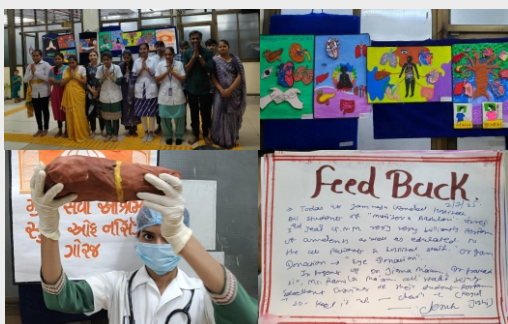


B.Sc. Nursing Students Join Diabetes Care Workshop

Our fourth-semester B.Sc. Nursing students attended a workshop on *Integrated Approach to Diabetes Care and Education* at CVM Nursing College, Anand. The session highlighted holistic diabetes management with a focus on prevention, patient education, and multidisciplinary teamwork.



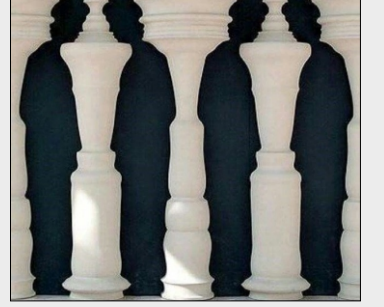
Creating Awareness on Organ Donation



Our 3rd-year GNM students organized a series of awareness programs on organ donation at Jamanabai General Hospital, Vadodara. The initiatives included a rally, pamphlet distribution, poster exhibition, and a skit, all aimed at highlighting the urgent need for organ donation. Through these efforts, the students spread awareness, cleared misconceptions, and inspired society to recognize organ donation as the greatest gift of life.

The warp and weft of any attractive tapestry is the net sum of an interplay between colourful skeins and plaid ones. In the absence of one, the other may attract but cannot hold the attention of the viewer. The same is true of institutions.

Muni Seva Ashram (MSA) has hidden within its pantheon gems who helped consolidate its foundations. Isak Chinwala was fleetingly referred to earlier. He was the epitome of social responsibility. Much before the ashram came into existence, Isak Chinwala had been doing voluntary work in the area. Initially associated with Dr. Gokal Patel, he was amongst the first to commit himself to the ashram. Unassuming and yet a pillar of strength describes him best. One incident comes to mind. The ashram had started a gaushala and the income from the sale of milk

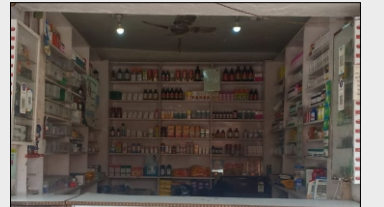


was welcome. Today society is willing to pay premium rates for cow's milk from Gir cows. This was not the case at that time. A number of people found milk from Gir cows expensive and were not willing to buy. On hearing this, Isak Bhai along with his friend Baldi Bhai stepped up and offered to pay more than the rate asked by the ashram saying “ગાય નુ આટલું સારુ દૂધ આટલા ઓછા ભાવે ક્યાં મળે” and the gaushala flourished.

Mahendra Bhai Shah was another of the unsung heroes. He was the principal of the local school and was well connected with the wielders of power. Convinced that the ashram was doing genuinely good work he actively involved himself in furthering the institution. He frequently dined in the humble kitchen of the ashram and reciprocated with greater generosity. Whether it was political or social, all roads were made free from obstruction and red tape.

Just as destiny chose to send Anuben to Goraj, it also chose to send Bihari Kaka there. He was a money lender and also an investor. Underneath the hard facade of his profession was a soft-hearted human being. One day Bihari Kaka and his brother-in-law came to the area to check out a piece of land they were planning to buy. While returning he saw the huts and sheds of the ashram and asked his driver for further information. On hearing that these simple buildings comprised a social service ashram he asked the driver to turn towards it. Anuben welcomed the “Atithi” and offered the simple fare of the kitchen.

Happily accepting the offer, he started enquiring about the ashram. Dr. Vikram Patel, who by that time had joined the ashram, happened to walk in. The conversation veered to the clinic and its organization. Bihari Kaka casually asked where they purchased their medicines. One of the suppliers was Jaishree Medical, who also happened to be known to Bihari Kaka. He asked in passing whether Dr. Vikram could drop in when he next came to Baroda. A few days later Vikram Bhai had to go to buy medicines. Remembering Bihari Kaka's invitation, he dropped in to visit en route to the suppliers. There he was offered a glass of cold water and a cup of hot tea. While sipping tea and making polite conversation, Bihari Kaka casually asked about the monthly expenditure on medicines. It was somewhere around three to four thousand (in the mid-1980s). Without blinking an eyelid came the statement “હવે થી દર મહીને જેટલી દવા નુ બિલ થાય એ મારી પાસે થી લઈ લેજો”



The MSA can never forget these pillars of strength and encouragement. There are others who remain to be thanked which we will take up in coming issues....



On 31st March 2025, Ms. Noopurben Desai, President of Rotary Club of Bombay Pier (RCBP), along with Past President Mr. Suhitbhai Zaveri and friends, visited Muni Seva Ashram. They were accompanied by our Trustee Shri Pradeepbhai Shroff, who has been supporting MSA through Rotary initiatives.

During the visit, MSA highlighted that a large share of Kailash Cancer Hospital and Research

Center's (KCHRC) electricity bill goes toward cooling. To address this, MSA proposed adopting Solar Thermal Air-conditioning. We had successfully run a Scheffler Dish-based system for 15 years, and now plan to install the advanced BIGDISH Concentrator - a system with double efficiency, less space requirement, and a life span of over 25 years.

With CSR support facilitated by RCBP, the project has moved forward. On 3rd September 2025, RCBP transferred an advance of ₹66.3 lakhs to Sunrise CSP India for supply of one BIGDISH unit, expected to be delivered within a month.

This clean-energy system will not only cut down electricity costs but also provide silent, low-maintenance, and eco-friendly cooling for KCHRC, reinforcing MSA's commitment to sustainable healthcare.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to RCBP and all well-wishers for making this step towards a greener, more compassionate future possible.

Support

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 अनुसंधान even better. Please share your thoughts and feedback with us at anusandhan@greenashram.org