



**GUJARAT  
CHANGEMAKERS  
MEET**  
समस्या से समाधान की ओर



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## GUJARAT CHANGEMAKERS MEET (GCM)

**GUJARAT CHANGEMAKERS MEET (GCM)** IS A UNIQUE PLATFORM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS, NGOS, INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRIES (CSR WINGS), SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS, CONTENT CREATORS, FOUNDATIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS ALIKE ON A SINGLE PLATFORM WHO ARE DRIVEN BY A SINGLE MOTTO OF DRIVING A POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE SOCIETY. ORGANIZED BY SAMANWAY PRATISHTHAN, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN VADODARA IN ASSOCIATION WITH INDIA FOUNDATION, A THINK TANK BASED IN DELHI WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT THE POLICY LEVEL. ESTABLISHED WITH A MISSION OF **समस्या से समाधान की ओर**, GCM WILL FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, LEVERAGING NETWORKS AND COLLECTIVE STRENGTHS, ADDRESSING CONCERNS AND CREATING A COMMUNITY OF CHANGEMAKERS. AT GUJARAT CHANGEMAKERS MEET (GCM), IDEA CREATORS MEET RESOURCE PROVIDERS AND NETWORKERS ON ONE PLATFORM. AT GUJARAT CHANGEMAKERS MEET (GCM), IDEA CREATORS MEET RESOURCE PROVIDERS AND NETWORKERS ON ONE PLATFORM. IT'S WHERE THOSE WITH INNOVATIVE IDEAS CONNECT WITH THOSE WHO HAVE THE RESOURCES AND CONNECTIONS TO MAKE THOSE IDEAS HAPPEN.

## GCM MODEL



### CHANGEMAKER PRESENTATIONS

THE CHANGEMAKERS WILL  
BE ALLOTTED 10 MINS EACH  
TO PRESENT HIS/HER WORK IN  
FRONT OF STAKEHOLDERS



### CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

CAPACITY BUILDING  
WORKSHOPS/PANEL  
DISCUSSIONS TRYING TO  
DEVELOP MODELS OF  
ENGAGEMENT OF  
CHANGEMAKERS WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS



### CULTURAL PROGRAM

INTRODUCING THE  
CHANGEMAKERS TO  
CULTURAL HERITAGE OF  
GUJARAT



### INSPIRING CHANGEMAKERS SESSION

6 INSPIRING  
CHANGEMAKERS CREATING  
WONDERS WITH THEIR WORK  
(SHOWCASING THEIR GRIT  
AND DETERMINATION)



### INTERACTIONS

THE TWO-DAY MEET WILL  
OFFER A LOT OF ROOM OF  
GREAT DISCUSSIONS AND  
NETWORKING

# CHANGEMAKER

**AN IDEA HAS NO BAR AND**

**A CHANGEMAKER HAS NO LIMITS**

- CHANGEMAKERS ARE PEOPLE 'WHO INTEND TO BRING A CHANGE' A CHANGEMAKER CAN BE YOU, ME, ANYONE OF US OR SIMPLY EVERY ONE OF US. WHAT DIFFERENTIATES A CHANGEMAKER FROM THE REST IS THE VISION TO SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND BRING A CHANGE AT THEIR LEVEL. BEING THE DRIVERS OF POSITIVE CHANGE, THEY WORK TOWARDS “निराकरण (SOLUTIONS)” RATHER THAN JUST DISCUSSING “कारण”.



UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL  
OF CHANGEMAKERS BY  
CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM  
WHERE INTERLINKAGES ARE  
AT THE HEART OF SOCIAL  
INITIATIVES AND WORK FOR

**VIKSIT BHARAT 2047.**

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TO FILL IN THE GAPS OF NEEDS  
AND WANTS FOR SOCIAL  
IMPACTS BY PLUGGING IN ALL  
THE STAKEHOLDERS I.E.  
CIVILIAN CHANGEMAKERS,  
INDUSTRIES AND THEIR CSR  
WINGS, AND THE GOVERNMENT  
TOGETHER.

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# MISSION



# INDIVIDUAL CHANGEMAKERS



**MRS. CHANDRIKA SIKOTARIYA**

## CHAMPION FOR WOMEN'S WELLBEING

Mrs. Chandrika Sikotariya is from Veraval City and currently lives in a joint family of fourteen people. She has been the Chairman of the Nagar Palika Standing Committee in Veraval for the past nine months. Additionally, she is a ward councilor, whereby she not only assists her ward people but has also built a robust network of female workers. Passionate about women empowerment, has been organizing seminars and awareness programs on self-defense, menstrual hygiene, food and nutrition, cybercrime, and karate for girls and women. She has facilitated over 2200 free blood group tests for children with the support of Aditya Birla Hospital. Currently, she is helping fifty girls aged ten to sixteen receive special physical training for self-defense and ensures the food and health needs of children at various Anganwadi centers are met. Mrs. Sikotariya is also helping older, uneducated women learn to sign their names, moving away from using thumb impressions. As the current ward councilor, she oversees and supports the Anganwadi centers in her area.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

VERAVAL, GUJARAT

## KALABHI INSTITUTE OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS (KICS)

Mr. Pratik Kalawala has created an Academy for Creative Learning and Expressions, "Kalabhi Institute of Creative Solutions (KICS)", focused on unlocking the creative potential of individuals from 9<sup>th</sup> grade kids to adult working professionals. The course consists of 45 modules, designed to help participants explore and enhance their creativity. KICS is an innovative educational initiative offering creative training, mentorship and opportunities to unlock the deep-seated creative potential in the minds without any limiting pressure of any particular modes of expression like music, dance, drawing or sculpting. Its objectives include fostering the creation and expression of original ideas, providing practical hands-on exposure through creative exercises and projects and applying creativity in both personal and professional contexts. The program is designed to create a level-playing field for individuals from various backgrounds, including students, professionals and those seeking personal development.

**EDUCATION - VADODARA, GUJARAT**



**• MR. PRATIK KALAWALA •**

## RUTUJA CHARITABLE TRUST

RUTUJA, founded by Dr. Nehal Shah, is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing women's health and education. Initially an awareness website on her research on Premenstrual Syndrome in 2010, it evolved into the RUTUJA Charitable Trust, offering free programs in health, education, vocational training, skill development and mental well-being. RUTUJA conducts workshops, seminars, and campaigns like the Red Dot Challenge for menstrual hygiene and the Orange Campaign against violence. The organization also provides regular sessions through their 4 online clubs like menopause club, period club, book lovers club & mental health club.. During COVID-19, RUTUJA held 65 mental health and meditation sessions. They host awareness events, talk-shows, webinars, and guest speaker sessions & collaborating with entities like the Indian Red Cross and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA), Heartfulness etc. RUTUJA's mission is to empower women by promoting holistic health and well-being, providing necessary resources and support. Visit [www.rutuja.org](http://www.rutuja.org) for more information.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH - SURAT**



**• DR. NEHAL SHAH •**



• MS. ADITI RINDANI •

## A WOMAN WHO SHOWCASES THE TRUE PICTURE

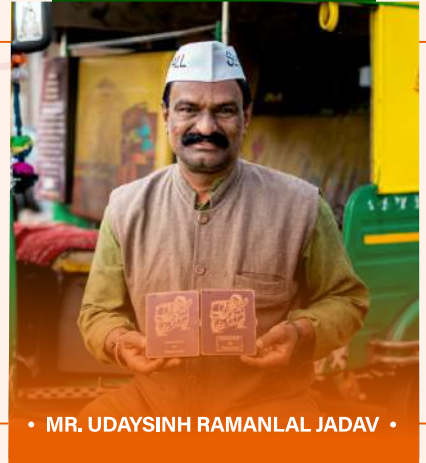
Ms. Aditi Rindani holds a Master's in Development Communication with over thirteen years of experience in media and communications across radio, print, television and theatre. She was an RJ at Radio Mirchi Vadodara for nearly five years and is currently the Head of Operations at Tatvam Productions, focusing on films, photography and music. A Global Shaper alumna of the World Economic Forum, she was invited by the US Government for a Professional Fellowship Program. She also spoke at the I, Scientist Conference 2019 in Berlin on media and gender sensitization in India. The first from Gujarat to pursue a PGD in Gender Equality Studies at the University of Iceland, Aditi excels in media and development sectors. She has created a podcast on gender and seeks funding for it, preferring to work individually while collaborating with NGOs and Corporates focused on similar topics.

## MEDIA AND DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION

AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT

## AHMEDABAD NO RICKSHAWALO

Mr. Udaysinh Jadav started "Ahmedabad No Rickshawalo" on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010, on Dussehra, with the concept of a "Gift Economy". His auto has a colorful ambiance with a ceiling adorned with Kalamkari murals and walls displaying Gandhian principles. There's a dustbin, a library filled with magazines and books and an MP3 speaker playing songs. Additionally, two boxes offer water bottles and homemade Gujarati snacks from his wife. He gifts badges & smileys to all passengers and gives toys, comic books and chocolates to children. Upon reaching the destination, he hands you an envelope and looks away, not asking for anything. You can pay whatever you want, with the meter reading zero. The principle of the Gift Economy entails paying forward for someone in need, where the rider before you covers your travel costs, and you pay it forward for the next. During COVID-19, he prioritized safety with sanitizer, masks, and aid distribution, strictly following government guidelines. His passion enriches every journey, inspiring deeper thoughts, broader smiles, and stronger connections.



• MR. UDAYSINH RAMANLAL JADAV •

## SERVICE-DRIVEN SOCIAL WELFARE - AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



• MR. NIMESH RATHOD •

## CII-MODEL CAREER CENTER

Mr. Nimesh Rathod is dedicated to his role at the CII Model Career Center in Vadodara, where he utilizes various events to network and provide crucial access to those in need. The center offers free soft skills training, interview preparation, and job placement services tailored to individual skills. Collaborating closely with industries, Nimesh ensures a seamless match between candidates and workforce needs. With 13 years of experience in education, skill development, and employment for underprivileged youth, he has witnessed firsthand how access to education and training can break the cycle of poverty. Mr. Nimesh remains steadfast in his commitment to empowering more young people, enabling them to realize their full potential. Additionally, the center offers psychometric tests to students for career selection as needed.

## EDUCATION, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & EMPLOYMENT

VADODARA, GUJARAT

## NADI VAIDYA

Ms. Pooja Mehta practices Ayurveda and has treated approximately 500,000 individuals to date, specializing in cancer and coma cases. She has mentored around 15 interns and is currently training over 35 more, aiming to preserve and pass on traditional knowledge to future generations with the vision of educating a minimum of 500 students in Ayurveda. Ms. Pooja Mehta holds a Bachelor's degree in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery from Gujarat Ayurved University and has practiced for approximately 15 years at Terapanth Sarvajani Ayurvedic Aushdhalaya. Her expertise has successfully treated numerous patients worldwide. Recognized as Gujarat's top Nadi Vaidya by Women Vedic Seminars & Conventions in 2024, Ms. Mehta offers free basic healthcare facilities and operates from 7:30 AM to 10 AM, Tuesday to Friday. She emphasizes the significance of dietary habits and lifestyle choices in her presentations and engages with the community through her Instagram page.

## HEALTHCARE - AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



DR. POOJA MEHTA SHAH





• MR. SIDDHARTH BHALEGHARE •

## GUJARAT'S KICKBOXING LEADER

Mr. Siddharth Bhaleghare is an incredible individual with remarkable achievements in kickboxing and fitness training. As the CEO and Founder of Siddharth's Fitness Club in Vadodara, he has distinguished himself not only as a skilled athlete but also as a mentor and leader in the fitness community. His dedication to training both national and international players highlights his expertise and passion for the sport. Being the youngest State President of the Kickboxing Association of Gujarat attests to his leadership abilities and vision for the sport's growth in the region. His impressive performance at the World Kickboxing Championship, where he proudly represented India and secured the 5<sup>th</sup> rank, further underscores his talent and dedication. Mr. Siddharth Bhaleghare is making significant contributions to the world of kickboxing and fitness, both locally and globally. Under his guidance many players received medals on international platforms and brought glory to the nation.

## SPORTS & EDUCATION - VADODARA, GUJARAT

## AN ADVOCATE FOR LEGAL AWARENESS

Ms. Mamta Ahuja, a dedicated lawyer since 2013 and a present Councillor in Gandhidham, has been actively working to educate young girls and parents about the POCSO Act and other women-related laws at the ground level. Believing that educating in the right direction is the best solution, her mission is to create widespread awareness of these laws among children and women, ensuring they understand their rights and protections. Ms. Mamta has conducted two solo rescue operations, successfully saving individuals from domestic abuse. She collaborates with GCCL to empower women in entrepreneurship and skill development, helping them achieve financial independence and sustainability. Her tireless efforts focus on legal education, advocacy, and direct intervention, significantly impacting the lives of those she supports.



• MS. MAMTA AHUJA •

## THE LEGAL SECTOR - GANDHIDHAM, KUTCH



• MR. SANAT SHAH •

## PLASTICS PROJECT & RECYCLING CONSULTANT

Mr. Sanat Shah is a consultant in Plastic Waste Management with over 40 years of experience. He has trained with top global companies to master the latest technology and manpower management in this field. His work spans Africa, the Middle East, and other regions, including six years in Nigeria recycling plastic waste into polythene bags. He has expertise in creating paver blocks, roof shades, bricks and other products from roadside and municipal wastes. He is a guide for So Clean, in plastic waste management and conservation and the Indian Plastic Institute in addressing issues and raising awareness. He has delivered lectures at universities like M.S.U. and Parul University, senior citizen groups, and Rotary Club. He holds a Guinness World Record for creating the largest T-shirt from waste plastic bottles, measuring 317 by 228 feet. A life member of the IPI Vadodara Chapter and local NGOs like SOCLEEN, Mr. Shah has been recognized for his contributions to the recycling industry.

## PLASTICS RECYCLING & WASTE MANAGEMENT VADODARA, GUJARAT

## GUIDING LIGHT GROUP

Mr. Nikunj Trivedi, a 34 year old dynamic individual is currently working at Rubamin Pvt Ltd., Halol, Gujarat, as a Senior Engineer in the Civil Projects Division. After his job hours, he spends his time giving back to the society. From 7 p.m. onwards, he and his team teach 150 underprivileged students from standard 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in the Tulsiwadi area of Karelbaug, Vadodara. They are not operating under a registered NGO, but they aim to contribute to society through this initiative. Their group is called Guiding Light. They also pay the school and tuition fees for bright students who show ability and passion. Mr. Trivedi envisions helping more & more children in the future through giving education and financial help.

## EDUCATION - VADODARA, GUJARAT



• MR. NIKUNJ TRIVEDI •



• MS. MEGHNA SONI •

## FOUNDER, BESKILLABLE & CREATIVE GREY

Ms. Meghna Soni, founder of Beskillable, brings over 20 years of diverse expertise spanning from creative leadership in top advertising agencies to managerial roles in international trade and automobile sectors. Her journey includes founding a successful training and development company, specializing in image consulting, soft skills training and clinical psychology. With international certifications in Image Management and Soft Skills, she is also a certified POSH enabler and REBT therapist. Her impact extends through training over 25,000 students nationwide, collaborating with government initiatives like the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat and Disha. Recognized with awards such as Radio Mirchi's Women Influencer and Global Excellence Award for international consultations, she is dedicated to empowering individuals through personality development, corporate readiness programs, and image makeovers. Her mission resonates in her words: "Life is measured by the positive impact we leave on society."

## EDUCATION - VADODARA, GUJARAT

## FREELANCER, NIMISHASKILLFACTORY

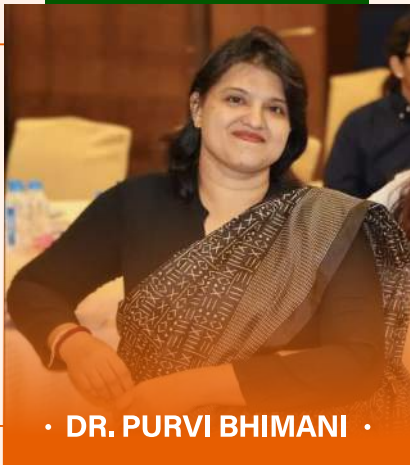
Ms. Nimisha is a talented and dynamic professional who values confidence, dedication and optimism. Inspired by the motto "Where there is a will, there is a way," she became a soft skills educator to enhance her oratory skills. With effective communication and interpersonal skills, combined with knowledge in interior designing, Ms. Nimisha brings innovation and creativity to multiple fields. Her teaching methods promote lifelong learning, believing there is no age limit to gaining knowledge. Concerned about young talent moving abroad for opportunities and neglecting their own culture, she observes a lack of mindful thinking and support for small businesses. As a freelancer at **Nimishaskillfactory**, her website, she writes to create an impact. Her goal is to refine the education system of our country, making it more practical to transform the youth of today and contribute to reversing the brain drain.

## SKILL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

VADODARA, GUJARAT



• MS. NIMISHA PAREKH •



• DR. PURVI BHIMANI •

## PSYCHOLOGIST

Dr. Purvi Bhimani, head of Amam Counseling Center, specializes in managing emotional, educational, and professional stress, focusing on suicide prevention. She operates a mobile counseling center in a TATA Safari to reach and assist those at risk. Leading a team of 12 trainers and 6 doctors, she addresses issues like heartbreak, job insecurity, and academic pressure. Since 2006, Dr. Bhimani has been counseling and working with the Vadodara Police on suicide prevention since 2017-18, successfully saving over 100 lives. Her 360-degree approach includes counseling, training for teachers, corporates, and government, various therapies, internships, workshops, awareness events, rescue solutions, online counseling, short films, home remedies, mental health check-up camps, emotional intelligence drives, and plant development for mental health as per green psychology. Her efforts are self-funded and supported by police and local networks. Passionate about her cause, she highlights its importance through her work. For more details, visit [www.amamconsultancy.in](http://www.amamconsultancy.in)

## MENTAL HEALTH

VADODARA, GUJARAT

## SUCCESS FOUNDERS

Ms. Mayuri Jadav Shah is the Founder of Success Founders, a distinguished IT company and the Co-Founder of Strat E-Learning Group. Her journey as an IT Consultant and Branding expert began in 2012, and she has been dedicated to driving innovation ever since. Earlier this year, Ms. Mayuri ventured into the realm of influencer and content creation, now leading a vibrant community of over 100,000 followers across Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Hipi, Moj and Josh. To bridge the digital gap for women, she educates them through social media, online sessions, webinars and workshops, empowering them with essential digital skills like digital marketing, e-commerce and financial literacy. Her mission is to promote digital entrepreneurship and provide mentorship, online communities and necessary resources, enabling women to thrive and compete effectively in today's digital landscape.

## IT AND BRANDING - VADODARA, GUJARAT



MS. MAYURI JADAV SHAH





• MR. NITIN TAILOR •

### SERVE HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

As a CEO & Founder of Serve Happiness Foundation, Mr. Nitin oversees strategy and management for the company. Nitin has a proven record in academia, technology startups and social sector in Europe and INDIA. Once the charm of the big city faded, the call to return to his roots overwhelmed him. Determined to be a more positive influence in society, Tailor left his cushy job in Bangalore, and took the first train to Bharuch. To pay tribute to his motherland he led an NGO to address health and educational needs of the poor in Bharuch's rural areas, using the latest technology. Mr. Nitin has traveled the whole nation and decided to take youth on inspirational journeys to inspire them by connecting with role models who are working at the grassroots in rural India and bringing positive change in society. In line with this same he started organizing the Narmada Prerna Yatra, Sabarmati Prerna Yatra, Tapi Prerna Yatra and Jaipur Prerna Yatra. So far more than 200 rural and urban youth and individuals from diversified fields from more than 18 states of India have participated in these yatras. He has also inspired hundreds of youth, rural women and communities to set up sustainable self-reliant social projects in rural India.

**LIVELIHOOD, SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP,  
YOUTH WEVELOPMENT & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**  
BHARUCH, GUJARAT

# INDIVIDUAL (TO BE)

### GRAMSETU FOUNDATION

The Gramsetu Foundation is dedicated to promoting rural tourism, empowering communities and reducing migration to cities, beginning with volunteering initiatives at the Gandhi Ashram. Rural tourism is vital as it helps sustain local economies, preserves cultural heritage and provides authentic experiences for visitors. By fostering rural tourism, the foundation supports community development and environmental conservation. Currently, Mr. Bhatt is working as a program coordinator at a college, demonstrating his passion for social work and his commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in need. With years of experience in the social sector and related organizations, he brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to his work on the ground.

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



• MR. MEET BHATT •

### ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY

As a student, she is determined to achieve her goals. Inspired by her grandfather, who served in the Indian Army, she has developed patience and the ability to work with specially-abled children, guided by her teachers. Passionate about contributing to society's betterment, her enthusiasm and positive attitude make her a promising future changemaker. She believes education and awareness are crucial, advocating for the 3 'R' process, global collaboration on clean water initiatives, plastic pollution coalitions, and green energy revolutions. Engaging with new people helps her understand social problems from diverse perspectives and gain knowledge across various sectors of society.

**SOCIAL WORKER**  
VADODARA, GUJARAT



• MS. SHRUTI SURENDRA NISHAD •

# NGOs

## BURKE FOUNDATION

The Burke Foundation, established by George Burke in 2018, is committed to transformative social impact in the Narmada region through holistic initiatives in education, healthcare and community development. Initially focusing on severe malnutrition, the foundation has successfully lifted 87% of 117 children out of malnourishment across 19 villages. They continue to distribute nutritious meals and promote menstrual hygiene with reusable sanitary pads. Their efforts extend to combating domestic violence, providing legal support and promoting self-reliance among underprivileged communities. Moving forward, the foundation aims to enhance sustainable livelihoods and economic empowerment through collaboration with local authorities and NGOs. By promoting behavioral change and community awareness, the Burke Foundation aims to build a more equitable and resilient future for all in Narmada.



## HEALTH & CAPACITY BUILDING

RAJPIPLA, NARMADA



## K.J. INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (KJIT)

Jayka Jan Sahayak Trust operates the KJIT Campus in Savli, Vadodara, Gujarat. This educational institute offers programs such as B.E., Diploma, BCA, B.A.M.S. (Ayurveda), and vocational skill development courses. The campus includes hostels and a sixty-bed Ayurveda hospital providing free patient care. Additionally, they run the Gyan Shakti Residential School of Excellence in partnership with the Government of Gujarat. With over 2,100 students and more than 275 employees, KJIT focuses on making jobless youth employable through free skill development courses. Their NGO conducts need assessments, creates academic modules, and provides practical training. Youth are then certified through NSDC exams. Popular courses include CNC and VMC operator training. KJIT addresses youth unemployment and moral values, offering free transport, food and study materials. They actively engage with villages to promote education and employment, bridging the industry-academia gap and fostering a skilled workforce.

## EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE - SAVLI DISTRICT, VADODARA

## SVADES

The Society for Village Development in Petrochemicals Area (SVADES), established in 1995, is a unique collective effort uniting industry and rural communities for socio-economic development in Vadodara Taluka, Gujarat. Registered under the Societies Act, 1860, SVADES initially focused on 16 Panchayats, comprising 40 villages and a population of around 200,000. Funded by member industries, community contributions, and governmental grants, SVADES expanded in 2015 to assist other industries in fulfilling their CSR across Vadodara District. SVADES is backed by prominent industries such as Indian Petrochemicals Co. Ltd., Gujarat State Fertilizers Co. Ltd. and Deepak Nitrite Ltd. CSR and other partners include Aditya Medisales Limited, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited and Sun Pharmaceutical Limited, among others. The initiatives of SVADES are designed to improve the quality of life in villages through community and industry participation. These initiatives include eco-restoration, sanitation, village infrastructure development, school support, women empowerment and youth capacity building. By reducing women's drudgery, enhancing environmental conditions and providing vocational training, SVADES exemplifies the impact of collective action in the corporate sector for rural development.

## RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ECO-RESTORATION & SANITATION, HEALTH ENHANCEMENT, SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT





## SECURE NATURE SOCIETY

Secure Nature Society, a non-governmental and non-profit organization based in Mandvi, Kutch, is dedicated to environmental conservation. Since its inception in 2015 as facebook page then officially registered as ngo in 2021 registered under F-3505/Kachchh, it has focused on spreading awareness, conducting research, and collecting data. The society educates the public about wildlife and marine life conservation, emphasizing water conservation as a prime focus. Recognized as Unsung Heroes at Yuganatar, Secure Nature Society embodies the motto "If you secure Nature, Nature will secure you." Led by founders Mr. Dhamik Bhatt and other 8 board of trustees members, the society has grown to include over 130 + dedicated members. They organize frequent campaigns to raise awareness and undertake regular clean-up drives in Kutch, tackling plastic waste to protect the local ecosystem, educating and promoting environment conservation with students of various schools around the town and conducting research and collaborate with respective organisations and experts.

## ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION - KUTCH, GUJARAT

## CAREER SKILLS EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION

CSERF is a non-political, non-profit, non-governmental foundation committed to advancing career research and development activities for youth. Founded by Mr. Mr. Nimish Gopal, Founder & Trustee and Mr. Tushar Karlekar, President Execution, focusing on sustainable education and skill development, the organization addresses the challenge of students feeling pressured into unsuitable careers. To assist young people in making informed career choices aligned with their interests, CSERF offers comprehensive guidance and counseling services. With a network spanning India, CSERF operates 40 centers with 4,000 counselors. They have provided counseling to 15,000 underprivileged school children and 18,000 government school students. While one part of the organization is commercially oriented, CSERF maintains a separate division dedicated to supporting socially underprivileged individuals.



## EDUCATION - AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



## JAN HITARTH CHARITABLE TRUST

With over 17 years of experience in both industry and the social sector and a deep commitment to women's empowerment, Ms. Jignasha Goswami established Jan Hitarth Charitable Trust. Her organization diligently works to create employment opportunities and raise awareness about government schemes. They offer free classes in tailoring, beauty parlor skills, and Mehndi art, alongside conducting financial awareness programs for housewives and supporting Mahila Gruh Udhog initiatives. Despite their recent establishment, they have been effective on a smaller scale. Their initiatives involve currently training 85 girls in free classes, establishing 32 Sva-Sahay Groups (SSG) for females during the COVID-19 pandemic, and conducting AIDS awareness programs for 25 truck drivers. Notably, they contribute 20% of their salaries to sustain their initiatives, driven by their commitment to societal betterment, as recognized through recommendations for physical verification of their efforts.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, UPLIFTMENT & CHILD DEVELOPMENT BHARUCH, GUJARAT

## WINGS TO FLY

WINGS TO FLY is a not-for-profit organization registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act of 1950 (BOM XXIX of 1950), represented by its Authorized Representative, Mrs. Arpita Vyas. The main aim of the organization is to empower women and work for child welfare. Its major activities include women empowerment, skill development, livelihood enhancement, entrepreneurship, child education, child welfare, STEM education, healthcare, and linking beneficiaries with government schemes. The organization operates in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Halol, Kheda, Kutch (Gujarat), Indore, and Kerala. Over its 10-year journey, WINGS TO FLY has impacted over 1.5 lakh families, 25,000 women, and 5,000 children. The organization has established Child Development Centers, Science Futuristic Labs, STEM Labs, and skill development livelihood centers to further its mission.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, LIVELIHOOD, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CHILD EDUCATION, CHILD WELFARE, STEM EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, GOVERNMENT SCHEME LINKAGES. AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT







## NOBLE HANDS FOUNDATION

Ms. Vishva Barot, Noble Hands Foundation, led by Vishva Mahendrabhai Barot, is a registered voluntary organization under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, and the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (NITI Aayog ID GJ/2020/0271337). Founded by dedicated social work professionals, the foundation focuses on societal upliftment through initiatives like the Adopt a Tree Campaign, karate classes for girls, youth self-development training, competitive exam coaching, One Step towards Humanity, One step towards child development and gender sensitization programs. They conducted Karate and Self-Defense Classes for nearly 70 girls at PRIMARY KANYA SHALA - Gamdi, Anand, Gujarat, from December 5, 2019 to February 24, 2020. Their Gender Sensitization Programme educates children on critical topics such as sexuality, good touch and bad touch, gender versus sex, the POCSO Act 2012, and Childline No. 1098. The Adopt a Tree Campaign has successfully planted 10,000 trees in Anand District, with volunteer efforts expanding to eight other districts in Gujarat. One Step towards child development In this project, the NHF team works on every Saturday at Khado area Borsad Chokdi, Anand for the growth and development of children.

## SOCIAL WELFARE THROUGH PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION ANAND, GUJARAT

## AMPUTEE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (AAI)

The Amputee Association of India (AAI) is dedicated to empowering individuals with limb loss through education, support, and advocacy. As a national, registered non-profit organization, AAI represents amputees, limb difference individuals, and their families, offering free treatment and rehabilitation services. Led by Mr. Kunal Fadnis, who himself uses an artificial limb due to a train accident in 2000, AAI has served over 20,000 patients to date. Their efforts are supported by CSR funding, aiming to provide normal prostheses at no cost, typically priced between 2 to 2.5 lakh rupees. Despite challenges in sourcing high-quality prostheses like carbon fiber and titanium from abroad, particularly Germany, AAI maintains a 100% success rate in delivering these prostheses. Under the leadership of Dr. Veerendra Shandliya, President, AAI encourages amputees to engage in sports and lead fulfilling lives despite their challenges.



## AWARENESS ABOUT AMPUTATION AND PROSTHESIS AND UPLIFTMENT OF AMPUTEES - VADODARA, GUJARAT



## VNM FOUNDATION

VNM Foundation is the dedicated foundation of the VNM TV network in Vadodara, envisions a world where every individual thrives regardless of background. They focus on health, education, sports, environmental wellness, women empowerment, art, culture, and inclusion, aiming for lasting impacts and positive social change within the Vadodara district. Their mission centers on equality, justice, and compassion, empowering communities across generations. Recognizing the need for community-focused psychology initiatives, the foundation employs grassroots efforts. With a team of community psychologists, they educate adolescents in municipal schools about mental health and management strategies through their project 'पहल-बेहतर कल की ओर'. This initiative aims to equate mental health with physical health early in children's lives, empowering them to understand its importance and develop emotional management skills. By addressing stigma from a young age, the VNM Foundation fosters an environment where mental well-being is valued, creating a supportive foundation for future generations.

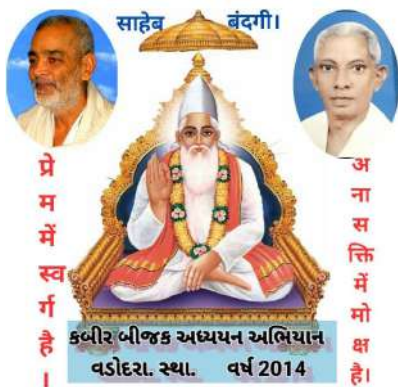
## COMMUNITY WELFARE - VADODARA, GUJARAT

## JAN SURAKSHA FOUNDATION

Jan Suraksha Foundation, established in 2010 at Mehsana by Jashubhai Govabhai Chaudhari, focuses on spreading awareness and providing support for underprivileged children, disabled girls and initiatives like organ and blood donation. They believe that when it comes to social service, the efforts should always transcend religious, caste, and creed boundaries. Over the past five years, the organization has dedicated itself selflessly to various welfare activities, including **Beti Bachao Abhiyaan**, blood and organ donation drives, distributing clothes and books to the needy, and promoting cleanliness through road drives. Despite operating on a small scale, Jan Suraksha Foundation is gradually expanding its impact. They rely on donations from individuals and corporate entities to fund these noble initiatives. Recent activities include distributing shawls, clothes, fans, grains, notebooks, educational fee assistance, solar cookers, and pairs of chappals to beneficiaries, reflecting their commitment to uplifting the disadvantaged segments of society.

## SERVICE - MEHSANA, GUJARAT





## KABIR BIJAK ADHYAYAN ABHIYAN TRUST

Maganbhai Solanki runs an NGO that has been registered for six months, primarily focusing on uplifting socially backward communities and slum areas in Vadodara. The organization follows the philosophical ideas and beliefs of Kabir. It works extensively to create awareness among these communities about the harmful effects of addiction on youth, the importance of educating children, and overcoming religious superstitions through Kabir's ideology of living a meaningful life. Maganbhai expresses a strong desire to collaborate and extend their impact on a larger scale for the betterment of society.

## SOCIAL SERVICE VADODARA, GUJARAT

## DR. PRAGNESH RAVAL

Dr. Pragnesh Raval, brings 12 years of experience in e-governance, agriculture, and rural development. Specializing in sustainable agriculture and rural employment projects, he forms progressive farmer groups, transforming them into agri-businesses by providing capacity building, tech-based farming, input supply, market linkage, and credit linkage. As a consultant for the Gujarat and National Governments, he focuses on leveraging technology to generate rural employment. He has significantly contributed to establishing around 30,000 Common Service Centers nationwide, connecting citizens with government schemes. Over the past two years, he has mentored the creation of 40 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) through the Indian Agriculture Union Federation, encompassing 10-15 villages each, enhancing farmers' financial capabilities through direct sales. While primarily focused on Gujarat, he also operates in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Additionally, he runs the Luck Foundation, which works to restore groundwater levels in 400-450 villages, bridging NGOs and government schemes to facilitate community capacity building and skill development programs.

## AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY ( INDIAN AGRICULTURE UNION FEDERATION & LUCK FOUNDATION)- VADODARA, GUJARAT



## BARODA FOOTBALL ACADEMY (BFA)

BFA CAPS is a registered public trust in Vadodara championing youth empowerment in Gujarat through professional sports coaching and training, aiming to build a "New & Fit India." Led by Mr. Sandeep Desai, an experienced sports coach who has represented Gujarat in national football games, BFA CAPS operates in Vadodara, Chota Udepur, Surat, Anand, Nadiad, Ankleshwar, and Panchmahal districts. They manage 22 private sports complexes and two corporation sports complexes, serving nearly 10,000 students and employing 125 staff members. Beyond regular coaching, Mr. Desai provides free coaching to tribal children with potential in sports. BFA CAPS collaborates with corporate CSR initiatives to fund youth empowerment programs. Their goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle, aiming to reach over two lakh students at the grassroots level by 2027. Currently, they work in urban, rural, and tribal areas, engaging 25,000+ youngsters through various schools. A recent MOU with Vadodara Municipal Schools will add 40,000+ students to their programs.

## SPORTS & FITNESS VADODARA, GUJARAT

## BHUMI FOUNDATION

Ms. Mona Patel is the Founder and President of Bhumi Foundation, a transformative organization focused on enhancing community well-being through educational and empowerment initiatives. With a foundational Bachelor of Commerce degree from M.S. University, Vadodara, Ms. Mona pursued specialized training in child development and early childhood education complemented by an International Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership from ITT Kolkata. Certified as a Business and Soft Skills Trainer, Ms. Mona's expertise extends to founding Mona Child Play School and consulting for schools. Bhumi Foundation operates across health, education, environment, women's empowerment, and skill development sectors, organizing health camps, promoting menstrual hygiene, and conducting solar energy workshops to foster sustainability. Mona's leadership ensures Bhumi Foundation's initiatives empower communities, elevate educational standards, and cultivate a culture of learning. Her commitment and diverse skills profoundly impact the communities served by Bhumi Foundation, driving positive change and holistic development.

## EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SKILL DEVELOPMENT VADODARA, GUJARAT





## PRAYAS WELFARE FOUNDATION

Mr. Paras Patel, a Deputy Engineer in the Roads and Buildings department in Patan, leads the Prayas Welfare Foundation, established in 2016 with a focus on Soldier's Welfare, Environment, and Social Welfare. In 2019, the foundation initiated the idea of honoring the families of Martyred Soldiers from Gujarat who sacrificed for the Nation. Voluntarily Supported by the Rotaract Club of Patan, Rotary Club of Patan, Yuva Foundation Patan, and other patriotic entities, We organize "Shaurya Sandhya" events every two years on significant dates like 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 'Shaheed Diwas'. Team Shaurya Sandhya visits Martyr's Home, meet his Family, invite them personally to come Patan, creates documentaries about martyr's lives, and ensures proper hospitality and transportation for the families. The Foundation Provide Monetary assistance to Every Family. They are Honoured By Well-known Army Officials, Social Workers and Govt. officers. Numerous individuals, schools, social, and religious organizations have joined this national cause, assisting around 47 martyr families and initiating social programs for Army, Navy, BSF, CRPF and other forces' martyrs.

## SOLDIERS' WELFARE - PATAN, GUJARAT

## RESCUE AND REHABILITATION OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUNDATION

Dr. Bhavesh Solanki, founder of Rescue and Rehabilitation of Stray Animals Foundation (RRSAINDIA) in Anand, Gujarat, has dedicated his life to animal welfare. From rescuing animals on his motorcycle to establishing a comprehensive animal hospital and shelter, RRSAINDIA now accommodates over 100 animals at any given time. The facility includes medical amenities like an OT, x-ray, USG, blood reports, supported by two ambulances for on-site treatment, with 14 full-time staff, RRSAINDIA conducts medical camps, vaccination drives and awareness campaigns, impacting over 56,000 animals through rescues, 1,100+ sterilizations, and 18,000+ vaccinations. They have also taken action against animal cruelty 64 times and engaged 500+ volunteers. Their mission is to set up veterinary hospitals and shelters in every corner of Gujarat. Bhavesh's sacrifice, giving up his well paid full time job and involving in Animal Welfare full time reflects his deep commitment to ensuring animals receive quality care and compassion. RRSAINDIA stands as a beacon of hope for animal welfare, striving for a future where all creatures are treated with dignity and love.

## ANIMAL WELFARE - ANAND, GUJARAT



## PATHSHALA (SAKSHAMNEEV CHARITABLE FOUNDATION)

Pathshala, founded in 2018 and managed by the Sakshamneev Charitable Foundation, is dedicated to shaping a better future for children by providing an environment conducive to their learning and development. Sakshamneev, a Vadodara-based non-profit, supports underprivileged communities through various initiatives. Pathshala's mission is to offer free education to children from less privileged backgrounds, empowering over 150 children to succeed in life. The foundation, established by Aarti Vaishnav, Founder and CEO of Exxat, reflects her belief in education as a powerful tool for uplifting individuals and communities. Her vision for Pathshala is to bridge the socio-economic gap by providing children with the tools and guidance they need to thrive. Registered in 2022, Sakshamneev Charitable Foundation aims to expand its impact, uplifting and empowering individuals to realize their full potential and contribute to a fair, positive, and progressive society.

## EDUCATION

## VADODARA, GUJARAT

# THE BEGINNING OF A REVOLUTION...



# SOCIAL STARTUPS



• MR. JENIL GANDHI •

## AVINYA

Mr. Jenil is a young recent graduate who has identified a critical issue of environmental degradation in the fashion industry, particularly concerning traditional leather's environmental impact. He and his team have developed plant-based vegan leather from wheat and rice straw, which is agricultural waste. This new material is not only cruelty-free but also reduces fashion waste, air pollution, carbon emissions, water usage, and stubble burning in India. His startup's unique product is sustainable, biodegradable, and stylish. With a ready prototype and the necessary certifications, the production development process is ongoing. Jenil gained valuable experience at his college's incubation center and 100X.VC. His entrepreneurial spirit and innovative solutions earned him a spot in the Jagriti G20 Startup20 Yatra, showing his commitment to sustainable fashion.

## GREEN TECHNOLOGY & SUSTAINABLE FASHION AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT

## UPTRIBE

Mr. Divyanshu Purohit, Founder of Uptribe, is deeply committed to tackling the pressing issue of post-consumer textile waste in Ahmedabad, known as the "Manchester of the East" for its vibrant textile industry. Witnessing firsthand the challenges posed by textile waste, Ahmedabad alone generates over 5000 metric tonnes of waste daily, with 9% being textile/fabric waste. Uptribe addresses this by upcycling textile waste into unique and stylish creations, aiming to mitigate fashion's environmental impact through responsible consumption. They empower local artisans, preserve traditional art forms, and combat textile waste, driven by a passion for the circular economy and social impact. Uptribe strives to make a meaningful difference beyond fashion, fostering sustainable practices and community empowerment in Ahmedabad and beyond.

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY, RURAL WORK MOBILIZATION AND POST-CONSUMER TEXTILE WASTE - AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



MR. DIVYANSHU PUROHIT

## NEERAIN PVT. LTD.

In India, where water scarcity is a pressing issue, NeeRain, founded by Amit Doshi in 2018, offers a revolutionary rainwater harvesting solution. Their patented filters attach to rooftops, automatically collecting, purifying, and storing rainwater in borewells without needing electricity or complex infrastructure. Priced at Rs. 2950, NeeRain is 80% cheaper than traditional methods, addressing UN Sustainable Development Goals. By March 2024, with over 10,291 installations, NeeRain saved 150+ crore liters of water across multiple continents. Recognized globally, NeeRain received numerous awards, including the CII Excellence in Water Management Award and the Economic Times Water Leadership Award. Featured in prominent media, NeeRain empowers individuals and organizations to harness rainwater, making water conservation a people's movement.

## RAINWATER HARVESTING AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT



• MR. AMIT DOSHI •



**MR. SAMEER SARVAIYA**

## DICECUBE

Dicecube is a pioneering startup dedicated to play-based education, creating engaging books, board games, card games, interactive products, and activity boxes for children. Their innovative approach aims to make learning exciting and creative, focusing on both academic subjects and moral values. Collaborating with institutions like Children's University Gandhinagar and BAPS Swaminarayan Organization, Dicecube offers a holistic educational experience. Currently, Dicecube is expanding into digital games for personalized learning and instant assessments. They work closely with schools in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, with plans for further growth. Their goal is to minimize boredom and stress in education by providing fun and interactive learning tools. Dicecube empowers children to explore academics through enjoyable activities, fostering a dynamic learning environment.

## INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT

## PROBONO INDIA

Dr. Kalpeshkumar Gupta, originally from Bihar but raised in Surat and now residing in Vadodara, holds a diverse academic background with degrees in B.Com, LLB, LL.M, and a Ph.D. in Law. Initially practicing as an Advocate, Chartered Accountant, and consultant, he transitioned into academia post-2010, with stints at various private and government universities, including IIMA, GNLU. Dr. Gupta is the Founder of ProBono India, a pioneering initiative providing legal startup advice nationwide, promoting legal awareness, and conducting extensive research on legal aid launched in 2016. Over the past four years, he has led a course on legal aid with participation from over 6,000 individuals across India, spanning ages 17 to 60+. He actively supports the Right to Information Act through workshops, seminars, and managing a dedicated Facebook page for over a decade. Dr. Gupta has organized multiple first of its kind events, competitions on socio-legal issues, authored a handbook on legal aid, and served as a judge for legal aid awareness events. He has been felicitated by Shri Jagadeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India for his ProBono India initiative.

## LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & AWARENESS - VADODARA, GUJARAT



**DR. KALPESHKUMAR L GUPTA**



**MR. VEDANT MAKWANA**

## REVA PRODUCTS

Mr. Vedant Makwana is currently pursuing a Master's in Social Work from M.S.U. after completing his BSW. Previously associated with organizations like the United Way Baroda and Faith Foundation in Vadodara, he recently founded "Reva Products," registered under MSME. Operating as an individual startup, the organization focuses on planning to support Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Vadodara. His primary role involves closely observing SHG activities, identifying challenges, and providing tailored solutions. He connects them with experts and trainers to enhance their capabilities, particularly in understanding market dynamics, sales strategies, and product design. Vedant also emphasizes eco-friendly practices, integrating sustainability into operations that currently include natural fertilizers, soaps, and tote bags. His vision for Reva Products is to empower unorganized women's SHGs through knowledge and support, fostering their economic independence and growth. He is excited to embark on this new journey as a social entrepreneur, transforming his ideas into impactful social startups.

## ECO-FRIENDLY MANUFACTURING, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT - VADODARA, GUJARAT

## CERBOTECH

CerboTech pioneers educational technologies by integrating neuroscience to enhance cognitive skills and academic performance. Using Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) technology, CerboTech offers personalized learning experiences by analyzing brainwave patterns. These tailored modules optimize educational outcomes and provide targeted support. Focusing on the 8-25 age group, CerboTech's innovative solutions include interactive modules and real-time feedback mechanisms, enhancing both cognitive development and mental health. Their early-stage revenue model has impacted over 900 kids. By converting intangible mental health values into tangible parameters, CerboTech provides a 12-minute test to map cognitive levels. Users then engage with the app for two months, using exercises designed to improve mental health. CerboTech is at the forefront of transforming education, empowering learners to thrive in a competitive world through personalized and effective educational support.

## MENTAL HEALTH USING BRAIN COMPUTER INTERFACE TECHNOLOGY ANAND, GUJARAT



**MS. SWETA PRAJAPATI**





• MR. AARSH SONI •

## **SORTED**

SORTED, founded by Mr. Aarsh Soni, is a legaltech startup currently incubated at the GNLU Legal Incubation Council. Dedicated to democratizing access to justice, Sorted integrates technology with Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms such as Online Dispute Resolution and Generative AI. They also formalize existing informal ADR and community mediation processes, offering efficient legal consultancy services. Sorted aims to make legal services more accessible and effective through innovative technological solutions. While still in its early stages, Aarsh Soni's startup shows promise in transforming the legal landscape with its forward-thinking approach to dispute resolution.

## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, LEGALTECH, ACCESS TO JUSTICE - VADODARA, GUJARAT**

## **ANUBHA GROUP**

AnuBha Innovations is transforming personal hygiene with its high-quality reusable products, including period pads, white discharge pads, postpartum pads, urine leakage pads, and padded panties. Operated by a 90% women staff, their automated manufacturing ensures premium quality and innovative designs. Addressing the environmental and health issues caused by single-use sanitary pads, AnuBha Innovations offers reusable pads that last 2 to 3 years and are fully recyclable. These pads are hygienic, breathable, and dioxin-free, ensuring they are rash-free, infection-free, and safe from cancer risks. The company is also entering the male hygiene market with padded panties for incontinence and solutions for bedridden patients. AnuBha Innovations seeks connections with CSR projects promoting green menstruation and sustainable product distribution and is seeking project opportunities with government or CSR partnerships with SHGs to scale their "Make a Pad for Society" program. Your support can help them enhance business sustainability and make a significant social impact.

## **MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE - SURAT, GUJARAT**



MS. ANURADHA AGREY AND  
MR. BHARAT JARIWALA

# **INSPIRING CHANGEMAKERS**



• DR. SUNIL SHROFF •

## **MOHAN FOUNDATION**

MOHAN (Multi Organ Harvesting Aid Network) Foundation, led by Dr. Sunil Shroff, Founder & Managing Trustee, is one of India's oldest NGOs dedicated to promoting organ donation. Established in 1997 in Chennai, it has been a pioneer in advocating for this challenging cause during a time when it was highly taboo. MOHAN Foundation's mission is to ensure that every Indian suffering from end-stage organ failure receives a life-saving organ transplant. The Foundation collaborates with state governments to create public-private partnerships that have significantly increased organ donation rates. Tamil Nadu, with a donation rate of 1.8 per million, serves as a model for the country, where the national rate stands at 0.80 per million.

MOHAN Foundation employs a unique 360-degree approach that includes public education programs to promote awareness, training transplant coordinators to counsel bereaved families, networking with hospitals, and liaising with government bodies to pass favorable legislations. Significant achievements include creating a scalable Indian model for organ donation, launching a diploma course in grief counseling and transplant coordination, and introducing mobile apps for donor optimization and organ donation counseling. The Foundation staff, along with Dr. Shroff, has authored books on 'Legal Aspects of Organ Donation,' 'Religion and Organ Donation,' 'You are the Clay, You are the Potter,' and 'Funding for Dialysis and Transplants: A Comprehensive Compendium.' Awarded the 'Best NGO' by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, MOHAN Foundation has sensitized over 250 million people and facilitated more than 70% of India's deceased donations, saving and enhancing 14,600 lives. All services rendered by the Foundation are free, guided by the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. The Foundation survives on community philanthropy, ensuring no monetary exchange for organ donations.

## **ORGAN DONATION - CHENNAI, INDIA**





• MS. TRIVENI ACHARYA •

## RESCUE FOUNDATION, MUMBAI

Since 1996, the Rescue Foundation, co-founded by Mrs. Triveni and Mr. Balkrishna Acharya, has been at the forefront of combating human trafficking. The organization was inspired by Ms. Triveni's encounter with a trafficked girl in Kamathipura, leading to its establishment in 2000. Mr. Balkrishna's unwavering support significantly contributed to countless rescues until his untimely death in 2005. Despite this tragic loss, Ms. Triveni displayed remarkable resilience in continuing their mission. The Rescue Foundation has since saved over 7,000 girls and cared for 11,157 lives. They have reunited 10,778 families, providing comprehensive care plans tailored to each individual in their protective homes. These homes offer medical assistance, educational opportunities and skill development classes. Under Ms. Triveni's leadership, the Foundation expanded its rehabilitation operations, inaugurating homes in Boisar, Pune and Delhi, each supporting 100 survivors. They implemented rehabilitation programs to enable socio-economic empowerment, offering education, healthcare, psychosocial counseling, and various vocational training. The Foundation also established working relationships with government and police officials to facilitate rescue operations and employed legal teams to ensure justice for survivors. Collaborations with organizations like the Ministry of Women & Child Development, International Justice Mission, and Maiti Nepal further enhance their impact. Balkrishna's legacy continues to drive their commitment toward a future free from trafficking, ensuring his spirit lives on in their ongoing efforts.

## ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING MUMBAI

## SEVA SARVOPARI NGO

Mr. Kalpesh Ahuja, the founder of Seva Sarvopari NGO based in Adipur Town, Kachchh District, is dedicated to improving food and promoting literacy among citizens in the town and surrounding regions. His firm commitment to community service led him to establish Seva Sarvopari NGO. The NGO focuses on initiatives such as 'CHOTU PADHEGA,' providing educational classes tailored for slum dwellers to enhance academic opportunities and empowerment. The 'NISWARTH Library' supports competitive exam preparation, serving as a valuable resource for aspiring individuals. 'SWABHIMAAN STALL' operates affordable lunch stalls across Gandhidham, ensuring nutritious meals are accessible to all, regardless of financial constraints. Additionally, 'SHRAVAN TIFFIN SEVA' addresses the nutritional needs of elderly individuals by delivering daily meals to 150 households, ensuring that no senior goes hungry.

## SOCIAL SERVICE - ADIPUR, KACHCHH



• MR. KALPESH AHUJA •



• MR. ANKIT JAIN •

## EF POLYMER PRIVATE LIMITED

EF Polymer, founded by Mr. Ankit Jain and his team near Ambapura village, Rajasthan, has emerged as a beacon of hope for farmers grappling with water scarcity. Their flagship product, Fasal Amrit, a natural soil conditioner, not only enhances crop growth but also reduces water requirements significantly. By effectively storing and slowly releasing water, Fasal Amrit ensures crops remain hydrated for extended periods, even in areas with limited rainfall. In regions like Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, and Ambapura village, where farming is often challenged by insufficient rainfall, EF Polymer provides a much-needed solution. Lack of water is a significant cause of crop damage in these areas. EF Polymer can absorb more than 50 times the water to its Weight, providing hydration for up to 45 days and Save 30-40 Percentage of Water, making it particularly beneficial for farmers in northern Gujarat and other areas with similar rainfall issues. Shri Parmarth Panchdevi, Farmer, Vadodara adds, "After using EF Polymer - Fasal Amrit, there is less need to provide water intermittently. Crop development has been especially good. It has been found to be better in fields where Fasal Amrit has not been used." This success has transcended borders, with exports to multiple countries including the US, UK, Japan, and Australia. Recognized with the G20 award and certified organic by global bodies like Ecocert and Ojas, EF Polymer continues to lead in sustainable farming solutions. Ankit Jain and his team have not only addressed water scarcity but have also transformed agriculture worldwide, one harvest at a time.

## AGRICULTURE - UDAIPUR

## MR. JITENDRA SINGH GURJAR

Mr. Jitendra Singh Gurjar is a security guard at SVNIT, Surat who has penned over 8,500 letters to the families of martyrs. He honors soldiers from World War I, World War II, the Indo-Pak wars, the Indo-China war and the Kargil War along with the Martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the Nation. Mr. Gurjar has collected data on over 200,000 martyred soldiers and amassed 13,000+ photos and 10,000+ contact numbers of their families. His journey began during the 1999 Kargil War, driven by a desire to ensure that the sacrifices of soldiers are remembered. He continues this selfless service with a heartfelt commitment, bringing solace to the families who feel recognized and remembered. Despite his modest salary, his devotion has transformed his home into a repository of military history, preserving the legacy of India's brave soldiers. He believes that while a soldier who fights for us is remembered for a day or two, who remembers them afterward, who cares? With this thought in mind, he performs this service with selfless devotion, and the families feel so happy that somebody remembers their sacrifice. His dedication serves as an inspiration to many, showcasing the profound impact of remembering and honoring those who gave their lives for the nation.

## WRITES LETTERS TO THE MARTYRS' FAMILIES - SURAT



MR. JITENDRA SINGH GURJAR



**MS. KAJAL NAGJIBHAI**

### **MS. KAJAL NAGJIBHAI AMBALIYA**

Ms. Kajal Nagjibhai Ambaliya, currently posted as Taluka Development Officer at Tharad Block of Banaskantha, has been addressing citizen grievances, empowering employees and elected representatives, promoting women's financial independence, creating awareness about FPOs among farmers, and enhancing public service delivery. She has undertaken significant projects such as free plot allotments for the poor, large-scale plantation initiatives, ensuring clean villages, and providing quality mid-day meals. Notably, she secured water supply for Vadiya village and supported women in Agarbatti making for financial independence. Her future projects include collaboration with private doctors for health check-ups for malnourished children, adolescent girls, and lactating and pregnant women in Tharad Block to improve health indicators. Additionally, she plans to collaborate with UNICEF for workshops to sensitize stakeholders to transform Tharad Block from an aspiring to an inspiring block. Large-scale plantation and rainwater harvesting projects under the NREGA scheme are also in the pipeline to promote nature conservation.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL HOUSING - BANASKANTHA (THARAD TALUKA)**

# INDUSTRIES



**Deepak  
Foundation**

### **DEEPAK FOUNDATION**

Deepak Foundation, established in 1982 under the Bombay Public Trust Act (E.3122-BARODA), has grown into a prominent non-profit organization across Gujarat, with branches in Maharashtra, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand. Registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for CSR activities (No. CSR00000353), the Foundation aims to empower underprivileged communities through healthcare, education, skills training and livelihood opportunities. Focused on women's empowerment and social inclusion, it envisions a society free from distress and exploitation. The core activities of Deepak Foundation include maternal and child healthcare, sustainable livelihoods, skill development and literacy enhancement. They also support children with special needs and engage in disaster relief, research and CSR consultancy. Deepak Foundation exemplifies holistic community development, addressing public health, education, disaster response and disability support, thus fostering sustainable development and enhancing the well-being of vulnerable populations across regions. Their comprehensive approach ensures lasting impact and empowerment for all they serve.

### **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTHCARE, SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS, SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT VADODARA, GUJARAT**

### **ARVIND FOUNDATION**

Arvind Foundation, a Section 8 Company, embodies Arvind Limited's proactive CSR rooted in community service. Arvind Foundation leads in educational, social, and cultural advancements in Ahmedabad and beyond. Focused on empowering tribal women, enhancing education, improving healthcare and rehabilitating slum communities, collaborations with SHARDA Trust and NLRDF extend these efforts. Under Rural Advancement, the Arvind Rural Transformation Initiative (ARTI) integrates education, environment and economic empowerment, including digital literacy for 6,500 students, scholarships for 319, and support for 1,000 rural livelihoods. Notably, the Tribal Homestay Project near the Statue of Unity has 47 units, with 12 more planned. Project Gyanda aids rural and urban education, while more than 100,000 trees were planted involving students and the community in environmental initiatives. The Inner Well-being Program's Heartfulness meditation sessions benefited 9,000+ participants in Rajasthan and Gujarat, reflecting Arvind Foundation's holistic approach to community development. Arvind Foundation is committed to holistic community development, aligning with its vision for comprehensive social, economic, educational, environmental, health and cultural advancement.

### **RURAL ADVANCEMENT, EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT, DIGITAL LITERACY, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANCEMENT & INNER WELL-BEING - AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT**

**Arvind  
FOUNDATION**

## AARAV SOLUTIONS

Aarav Solutions is actively engaged in voluntary CSR work across education, organic farming, and health sectors. They emphasize desi cow-based agriculture, promoting sustainable farming practices. In health, they focus on Ayurveda and Panchgavya-based diagnosis, treatment, and public awareness. Aarav Solutions is also working to create an ancient Gurukul-based education system. At Madhav Vidhyapith in Kakadkui block of Netrang, they have guided and mentored 300 students, promoted cow-based farming, and conducted Ayurvedic lectures at AMA. Their efforts have impacted over 500 individuals by encouraging lifestyle changes, mentoring more than 300 children, and providing awareness sessions to approximately 200 students. Their initiatives, led by Mr. Himanshu Acharya, aim to eliminate chemical fertilizer and pesticides through cow-based farming, educate students, and promote lifestyle changes through Ayurveda awareness sessions.



## ORGANIC FARMING, EDUCATION & AYURVEDA AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT

# CONTENT CREATORS



• MS. ANONA AGARWAL •

## LEVEL UP WITH ANONA

Ms. Anona Agarwal's podcast, "Level Up with Anona," is a transformative journey through inspiring conversations aimed at achieving greatness. With a rich tapestry of interviews, Anona explores diverse stories and engaging discussions spanning sports, Bollywood, health, technology and more. From interviewing Mrs. Rivaba Jadeja, an influential Indian politician and wife of Mr. Ravindra Jadeja, to conversing with Maa Anand Sheela, the renowned spokesperson of the Rajneesh (Osho) movement, and delving into the life of Prince Manvinder Singh Gohil, the first openly gay prince featured on global platforms like Oprah and the Kardashians, each episode is a treasure trove of wisdom, knowledge and insights. Her podcast not only educates but also empowers listeners with practical advice and inspiring narratives, fostering personal growth and a deeper understanding of the world. "Level Up with Anona" is a beacon for those seeking to broaden their horizons and embark on a path towards a more enriched and fulfilling life.

## PODCAST (STORYTELLING) - VADODARA, GUJARAT

## RJ KSHITIJ ( "VATT THI GUJARATI" )

While Gujaratis are known to travel, settle around the world and adapt to all cultures, we are inherently proud of our roots. But for any culture to flourish and thrive, we must preserve and spread one of its main components: its language. RJ Kshitij, a renowned figure in music and radio since 2007, launched the "Vatt thi Gujarati" movement to make the "Gujarati" language aspirational by promoting its music and art, especially among the youth. Started in 2014, the movement soon extended offline with musical concerts featuring contemporary Gujarati music. To further the cause, scholarships for top Gujarati language scorers in 10th-grade board exams were introduced. Currently, 5 schools in Vadodara award "Vatt thi Gujarati" scholarships every year. RJ Kshitij also delivers impactful speeches, including a TEDx talk, advocating for regional languages. "Vatt thi Gujarati" continues to grow with the support of many dedicated individuals, who have come forward to join the cause.

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## THE TALES OF GUJARAT

Vaati Gujarati, founded by Bharatdan Gadhvi and his friend Jayrajsinh Vala, is an online platform dedicated to sharing the untold tales of Gujarat and its people. Their motto, "જાણીતી વાતોની અજાણી વાત," encapsulates their mission. Through their YouTube channel, they bring viewers inspiring stories, new insights and the hidden depths of familiar topics. Whether it's individuals, businesses, places, folk tales or events, Vaati Gujarati uncovers stories straight from the local community in their own language. Launched on January 1, 2022, their goal is to highlight the exceptional people of Gujarat and share their struggles and triumphs. Discover and enjoy something new with Vaati Gujarati, where the untold stories of Gujarat come to life.

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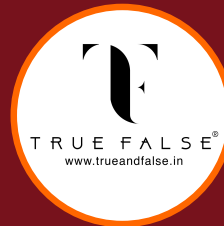
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