Annual Report 2017-18

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VISION-IN-THE-DARK®
A journey into the world of blindness

Poem written after experience in Vision-in-the Dark

A Game of Guessing

Destiny has always been unfair,
Some end up lucky, while some in despair.
They touch, feel & read by pressing,
Life for them is a game of guessing.

We better agree that our lucks must be bright,
We have been gifted with the vision of sight.
We know how the sun sets and rises,
What the world looks like, what all it comprises.

Impaired but ambitious,
Disabled but precious.
Each one of them has a different spark.
Remember, no blind is afraid of dark.

Writers, teachers, photographers,
They have potential we don't see,
And sometimes it just occurs to me,
Are they blind? Or are we?

We must show gratitude towards this blessing,
Our life could've also been a game of guessing.

- Balshree Adityaa Wagh

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Greetings! What a wonderful year we have had!

We were privileged and honoured to host the visit of Mrs. Akie Abe, First Lady of Japan to our campus on 14th September, 2017. I was totally impressed by her simplicity, humility and her love for humanity.

Our aspirations were transformed into reality when the “Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RoPwD) Act” was passed in December, 2016. BPA went one step further when the team under the leadership of Dr. Punani helped in the formulation of the new Gujarat State Policy on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities based on the RoPwD. Gujarat State will soon be adopting this policy and the rules which will help in the implementation of the Act.

BPA was host to almost 400 persons who attended the West Asia ICEVI conference in collaboration with Sense International India. The Sense India Jagdish K. Patel Award was conferred posthumously on Shri Arunbhai Doshi, who has been instrumental in setting up the Ashirwad Trust for Disabled at Sayla.

It was with great pride that I attended the convocation ceremony organized by Ahmedabad University at our campus for awarding the Diploma in Physiotherapy to our students of the BPA School of Physiotherapy who successfully completed their 3-year course.

I had informed you last year in my message that the Deesa Nagarpalika had agreed to build a centre for children with multiple disabilities and hand it over to BPA for running. I am delighted to inform you that Shri Pravin Mali, President of the Nagarpalika kept his promise and the beautiful “Khushiyo nu Sarnamu” Centre was inaugurated on 21st March, 2018.

As usual our BPA team was inundated with awards with the top award being the AMA Nagarikta Puraskar 2017 being conferred on Dr. Punani, Executive Secretary of BPA on 16th February, 2017.

I invite you all to pay a visit to our campus and see how your support has helped us to improve the lives of people with disabilities. I thank the Governments of India and Gujarat, the Corporates who have helped us under CSR, donors, well wishers, volunteers, staff members, trustees and all the people who support our cause.

With best wishes,

Piyush O. Desai
BPA believes that all people with disabilities have the right to the same quality of life as their non-disabled counterparts.

VISION:
All persons from all types of disabilities will get access to individual need based services as a matter of right, will have good quality of life and will be an indivisible element of their communities and the nation.

MISSION:
To provide appropriate education, intervention, training and advocacy which will lead to awareness, empowerment and employment of people with disabilities with the help and support of trained staff and caregivers and to take measures for prevention, cure and mitigation of disabling conditions. All these measures will be undertaken with the cooperation of families, communities and other stakeholders.

The Journey....
A group of people with visual impairment got together in 1954 and decided to start a Recreation Club for the Blind. This small club is now a large multi-faceted agency providing a wide gamut of services—from prevention to education, counselling, rehabilitation and employment. BPA believes in the rights of people with disabilities and involves all stakeholders in programme planning. BPA works incessantly for ensuring that people with disabilities are included in their communities.

Today, BPA is one of the largest organizations in Asia working with and for all categories of disabilities.

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H.E. Mrs. Akie Abe visited the BPA on 14th September, 2017. She was accompanied by the wives of the Indian and Japanese Ambassadors namely; Mrs. Vidy Chinoy and Mrs. Patricia Hiramatsu respectively. She was greeted by the Trustees and Executives of the BPA on her arrival and a band of blind students saluted her with their music. She ignored protocol and shook hands with all the students. She appreciated the beautiful Rangoli inside the porch and hugged the two mentally retarded students who handed her bouquets.

She visited Hair & Skin Care Center, got some henna art done on her palm and spoke with the help of a sign language interpreter to the girls with hearing impairment of the centre and was happy to see the paralympic wheelchair table tennis players who have world ranking and then visited the computer training centre.

After that she visited the Paediatric Physiotherapy Centre and sat on the floor with Dipika, the blind physiotherapist who was giving therapy to Dharmik who was supine on the floor.

She saw the Japanese Medical Manual therapy which has come about due to the collaboration of JICA, School for the Visually Impaired (SNESVI), Tokyo and Tsukuba University, Japan and chatted with the 4 BPA Master Trainers who were trained in Japan. She got some JMMT done on her neck and also interacted with patients.

She visited the Vocational Training Unit for persons with multiple disabilities and charmed everyone with her humility and love for children and donned an apron and gloves and started painting a diya for Diwali. She also tried her hand at making paper bags, jewelry and other products. Finally she visited the Magic Fingers Showroom where she bought a few products and then met the blind students in the prayer hall. The students sang a welcome song and asked her about her hobbies, the national dress and festival of Japan and she answered the questions very warmly. BPA gifted her a painting and some special products developed for her and she also gave two gifts to the students. She became the queen of hearts due to her humanity, love for children and her easy going nature. Mrs. Akie Abe has written in BPA visitors Book in Japanese Language - translation in English is “Each one of us on this earth was born with a specific mission in life. I wish you success in your mission and a very bright future ahead”.

Visit of Ryoji Noda

Mr. Ryoji Noda, Consul General, Consulate of Japan in Mumbai accompanied with his wife and Mr. Mukesh Patel of Indo Japan Friendship Association visited the BPA on 24 January, 2018. Mr. Noda informed the BPA Trustees and staff that he had been specially requested to visit BPA by Mrs. Akie Abe, first lady of Japan who had visited BPA in September, 2017. Mr. Noda promised a grant of Rs. 50 lakhs to the BPA.
ICEVI WEST ASIA & SENSE INTERNATIONAL INDIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The West Asia Region of the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) and the Sense International India, both, leading organizations in the field of visual impairment and deafblindness held a National Conference at Ahmedabad Management Association hosted by the Blind People's Association and Sense India from 8-10 December, 2017. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri Kamlesh Kumar Pande, the Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disability, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

Sense International India (SII) was founded 20 years ago for promoting services for deafblind people. SII brings together and supports professionals (such as educators, administrators, researchers, medical specialists etc), families, the deafblind people and administrators to raise awareness about deafblindness. This joint conference seeks to celebrate 20 years of sense and also 20 years of implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act.

The objectives of the Conference was to equip educators, professionals, parents and people with visual impairment about advancements in the field related to technology, communication, learning strategies and related matters.

Around 410 delegates participated from the West Asian Region. The leaders from international organizations like the ICEVI; Perkins International, USA; Sight Savers International; CBM; Vision 2020 India and others from countries like USA, South Africa, UK, Australia and countries of West Asia participated. This conference has given BPA the stamp of a great conference organizer and increased its respect and visibility in India.

Lord Low of Dalston (Colin Low), Former President of ICEVI set the tone for the Conference by his Keynote Address in the inaugural function. All the officials of ICEVI and of Sense International India remained present throughout the Conference. There were 6 plenary sessions and 16 concurrent sessions and 64 paper presentations. These Papers were presented on the topics of Inclusive Education, Inclusive Employment and Advocacy for Inclusion.

SENSE INDIA: JAGDISH K. PATEL AWARD: Sense International India conferred a posthumous Award on Shri Arunbhai Doshi for his outstanding contribution for improving the quality of education and rehabilitative services for persons who are deafblind in the evening of 8th December at Blind People's Association premises. The Late Jagdishbhai Patel was a visionary who started numerous Institutions in Gujarat helped the entire state to develop resources. Mr. Patel was blind and in later age became deaf. In spite of his multiple disability, his dynamism and intelligence remained undiminished. In his memory, the Sense India: Jagdish K. Patel Award has been set up. This Award function was held along with an entertainment programme. The family of Shri Arunbhai were present to receive this Award at the hands of Respected Parampoojya Bhaishree Nalinbhai Kothari, spiritual leader of Rajsaubhag Ashram, Sayla.

VALEDICTORY PROGRAMME: Mr. Kamal Dayani, Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment graced the Valedictory Function as Chief Guest. Dr. Frances Gentle, President of International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) and Mr. Richard Hawkes, Former C.E.O. Sense International who was instrumental in setting up Sense India which works for Deafblind people from the UK spoke about the ICEVI and origin of Sense India and the achievements over 20 years.
YOUTH WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT CHAMPIONS LEADERSHIP TRAINING: “Youth with Visual Impairment Champions Leadership Training Programme” was organized by ICEVI West Asia on 6th and 7th December 2017 coordinated by Mr. Ranchhod Soni at BPA campus. Around 27 participants attended this programme.

ICEVI PRINCIPAL OFFICERS MEETING: ICEVI Principal Officers Meeting was held at Hotel Novotel, Ahmedabad on 7 December, 2017. The Principal Officers of the ICEVI Ms. Frances Gentle, President; Ms. Praveena Sukhraj, 1st Vice-President, Ms. Rima Canawati, 2nd Vice-President; Ms. Nandini Rawal, Treasurer; Mr. Colin Low, Immediate Past President and Dr. M.N.G Mani, CEO were present in this meeting.

WORKSHOP ON EARLY INTERVENTION FOR TEACHERS IN INDIA: Workshop on Early Intervention for Teachers in India was conducted by Dr. Frances Gentle, President, ICEVI at BPA, Ahmedabad on 11 December, 2017. She discussed about the properties of the sight and the function of vision in concept development, mobility and understanding of the environment. She also gave practical examples about teaching mobility to young children and how to teach Braille to pre-school blind children. 35 teachers from BPA and from all over the country participated in this very useful, informative and engrossing workshop. The BPA thanks Dr. Frances for taking the trouble and spending the whole day with the teachers.

MAZDA RETINA SURGICAL UNIT AT BPA-BAREJA HOSPITAL

The Mazda Retina Surgical Unit sponsored by Mazda Limited at a total cost of Rs. 35 lakhs was inaugurated at the BPA-Navalbhai & Hiraba Eye Hospital, Bareja by the Chairman of Mazda Limited Mr. Mohib Khericha on Tuesday, 13th June, 2017. The BPA hospital has departments of cataract, glaucoma and other problems but did not have a retina surgical unit as the cost of the unit is very large.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Managing Trustees of the BPA namely; Mr. Piyush Desai, President; Mr. Manubhai G. Patel, Vice President; Smt. Nandini Munshaw, Gen. Secretary, Mrs. Sunita Thakor, Treasurer. Mrs. Usha Atulkumar, President of BPA Associated Trust - Adult Training Centre for the Blind was present. She was instrumental in speaking to Mrs. Sheela Mody, Director, Mazda Limited about this donation. The Mazda company top management was also present on the occasion namely; Mr. Mohib Khericha, Chairman; Mr. Percy Awari, Director; Mr. Cyrus Bhagwagar, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Mr. Nishith Kayasth, Company Secretary; Mr. Noshirvan Randeria, Purchase Manager; Mr. Prashant Desai Projects Incharge; Mr. Pradeep Panchal, Project Head and Ms. Dipti Patel, Chartered Accountant.
The ultra modern laminar modular operation theatre funded by Yogeshbhai Patel and Bellaben Patel of USA, was inaugurated by their relatives Shri Prafulbhai Patel, Shri Ashishbhai Patel and Shri Kshitiibhai Patel on 8th September, 2017 at the BPA Bareja hospital complex. This new cataract surgical unit will help BPA to reach out to more persons whose eye sight is failing. In 2016, Yogeshbhai and Bellaben had funded the Bhojanshala in the name of Yogeshbhai's parents. This new operation theatre has been named as Yogesh Patel and Bella Patel Eye Operating Unit.

KANGAROO KIDS SPONSORED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Kangaroo Kids Educate Ltd (KKET) selected Blind People’s Association as CSR partner for imparting vocational training to persons with intellectual and multiple disabilities. The inauguration of the Centre was done on Helen Keller’s birth anniversary on 27th June, 2017. The students of 9th grade from Billabong High International School and Kangaroo Kids Educate Ltd from Baroda visited BPA, and participated in vocational activities with people with intellectual and multiple disabilities.

The Lions Club Trust of Palanpur and Blind People’s Association signed a MoU to facilitate the rehabilitation, education services to improve quality of lives of children with disabilities. It was decided to start an education and training centre for children with intellectual and multiple disabilities. The entire cost of running the centre will be met by the Lions Club Trust of Palanpur with the help of local donors. Blind People’s Association will provide the technical support. Mr. Vanraj Chavda, Project Coordinator of the Sammilit Vikas Jankari project deserves credit for forging this alliance. Lion Dipak Shah of the Lions Club Trust of Palanpur is to be congratulated for breathing life into this project and transforming it into reality. The centre has started in the basement of the K. N. Shah Lions Community Centre and has facilities for assessment, intervention, physiotherapy and day care for 30 children with multiple disabilities. Dr. Shankarbhai K. Mewada donated funds for naming of the Centre which was inaugurated on 9th July, 2017 by Shri Dilip Rana, Collector, Banaskantha district.

CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES, NADIAD

This centre was inaugurated under the auspices of BPA Nadiad with financial support from V.S. Gandhi Charitable Trust on 4th January 2018 at Chanchalba Balmindir, Nadiad. The centre was inaugurated by Shri Pankajbhai Desai, MLA and Sheth Shri Devangbhai Patel and Shri Mahendrabhai Patel were the Guests of Honour. Dr. Harish Kundalia of V.S.Gandhi Trust was present on this occasion alongwith officials from BPA Ahmedabad and BPA Nadiad. The Piplag Kelvani Mandal also has collaborated in the event.
Adarsh Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., a parent company of Adarsh Charitable Foundation opened a new premise at SG Highway on 22 June, 2017 and the Company invited BPA Bareja hospital team to do an eye check up camp for the 250 company employees. This Foundation has sanctioned funds for starting an inclusive education project in Mahudi. They also funded a health camp on 25th April, 2017 and cataract surgeries in the same area. All the above projects were initiated by Mr. Biju Mathew. The Inclusive Education project in Mahudi was inaugurated on 19th September, 2017 at the Smt. S.S. Rathod School, Mahudi, by Shri Ishwarbhai Chavda, Former Minister, Road & Transport Department, Government of Gujarat, Shri Amarsinh S. Rathod, Secretary, Shree Sarva Sewa Mandal, Mahudi and Mr. Biju Mathew, Vice President and CSR Head, Adarsh Charitable Foundation. 50 kids with disabilities will be integrated into regular schools. The Inclusive education project resource centre was inaugurated by Mr. Ishwarisinh Chavda, Chairman of the Sovanba Chavda School and other local dignitaries.

DEESA DAY CARE CENTRE

“Khushiyo nu Sarnamu” (Abode of Happiness) for persons with multiple disabilities built by the Deesa Nagar Palika out of its own budget was inaugurated on 21st March, 2018 exactly 16 months after Mr. Mali promised to make such a centre. BPA team honored Mr. Pravin Mali, President of Deesa Nagarplika for his initiative in constructing a Day Care Centre for Children with Disabilities in Deesa under the auspices of Deesa Nagar Palika and handing over the same to BPA for managing. Mr. Genabhai Patel, a farmer with a disability and recipient of Padma Shri Award for the year 2017 inaugurated this Day Care Center. BPA thanks Mr. Praveen Mali for this bold initiative. Mr. Nimit Sheth, a donor and well wisher of BPA who is a native of Deesa came with his family and friends to the inauguration. Nimitbhai has donated Rs. 10 lakhs in the memory of his aunt Prabhaben for running the centre.

WHEELCHAIR CLINIC IN AHMEDabad

“Motivation India” and Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad joined hands to set up Gujarat’s first WHO compliant wheelchair clinic in Ahmedabad. The MoU was signed in the presence of Mrs. Amanda Wilkinson, CEO of Motivation UK; Dr. Bhushan Punani, Executive Secretary, Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director, BPA and Mr. Biju Mathew, Regional Director- South Asia, Motivation India on 20th March 18 at BPA premises. The wheelchair clinic will provide customized and appropriate wheelchairs and tricycles in line with guidelines prescribed by World Health Organisation (WHO). These guidelines ensure that people don’t just get any wheelchair; they get the right wheelchair, in the right way - essential for health and mobility.
GRUH FINANCE VISION CENTRE

Gruh Finance Limited funded the Vision Centre under CSR at Bavla. This centre was inaugurated on 6th September, 2017 at the NAB Savinay Sammilit Vidyalay, Bavla by Ms. Meena Bhatt and Mr. Kaushal Mulani of Gruh Finance Limited. The Centre will check patients with eye problems on every Tuesday and then take the patients needing surgery to the BPA Bareja hospital. All the services of surgery, travel, food, medicines and related costs will be provided totally free of charge to the patients and accompanying persons. The function was also attended by Mr. Ghanshyam Patel, a noted Educationist of Bavla and Mr. Rajubhai Patel, the Head of Bavla Nagar Panchayat. Gruh Finance also supports the recurring costs of the Sammilit Pathshala as part of its CSR initiative.

SEVA FOUNDATION VISION CENTRE

Dr. Pina Soni, Program officer, DBCS, Ahmedabad and Col. Dr. Madan Deshpande, Chief Medical Director and Trustee, HV Desai Eye hospital inaugurated the vision centre at BPA campus on 27 March 2018. This vision centre has been sponsored by Poona Blind Men's Association's (PBMA) H.V. Desai Eye Hospital, Pune under Scale Project Seva Foundation, USA and supported by Standard Chartered Bank. The project was gifted a slit lamp, chair unit, auto Refractometer, trial set, vision drum, ophthalmoscope, retinoscope etc. Dr. Rajesh Kapse, CEO of PBMA was also present.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS AT BPA EYE HOSPITAL

The BPA Navalbhai & Hiraba Eye Hospital, Bareja is now well known in training eye surgeons in Phaco eye surgeries. During the current year, Dr. Fayeza Saad Alshehri Ophthalmologist from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia completed his Phaco Workshop Fellowship in August 10, 2017 and Dr. Muhannad Saedee Al-Ghurany from Hilla from Iraq completed his fellowship in March 2018.

VOLUNTEER STUDENTS FROM GERMANY

Every year VIA e. V. - Verein für internationalen und interkulturellen Austausch, Germany sends 2 volunteers to BPA for an entire year. These students work with the different projects and by the end of the year are an indivisible part of the BPA family. In 2017-18 Ms. Aynur Karanfil and Ms. Esther Gassert worked with our students with multiple disabilities in the vocational training unit.
EVENTS

RASOTSAV-FLAG DAY

The Annual Day - Rasotsav 2017 in celebration of All India Flag Day for the Blind was held at Pandit Deen Dayal Auditorium, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad on 15 September, 2017. As every year, the function consisting of hall rent, costumes, travels, snacks was totally sponsored by Shri Upendrabhai Shah & Smt. Purnimaben Shah of Shah Investors Home Limited. Their family members were also present and showed their delight at the event being held in a large and new auditorium.

The highlight of the evening was a Mime Show by the deafblind students who very humorously showed the advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones. The Savinay Sammilit Vidyalaya, Bavla enacted a play on de-addiction. The other songs and dances of the different departments of the BPA showed that the children with disabilities were no less able than the other children. Almost 180 Children from ATC and SSB School; ATCB Workshop; Special Needs Centre; Lioness Karnavati Hostel; BPA-ITI; BPA MSM Naaz; Ashirvad Trust Sayla; BPA Sumeru; BPA Early Intervention; Dr. Jit Mehta Balshala; Savinay Pathshala, Mental Illness Project, Deesa Vikas Day Care, participated in the event.

Shri Raseshbhai Desai of Wagh Bakri had promised Rs. 5000 each for 5 deafblind achievers. This distribution was done by Mr. Piyush Desai, his brother and Chairman of Wagh Bakri Tea.

BANASKANTHA RELIEF WORK

Gujarat and Rajasthan saw unprecedented rain in July-August, 2017. All records were broken and rain has lashed nonstop for the entire period. The people of Banaskantha, a district in Gujarat have been victims of nature’s fury …… it is sad that hundreds of people went to a watery grave even without realizing what lay ahead. The waters from Rajasthan which saw more than 64 inches of rain in 48 hours all came down to Banaskantha. The villages of Deodar, Tharad, Dhanera Talukas were totally water logged. People huddled without any essential supplies in schools and government offices.

Blind People’s Association has a Sammilit Vikas Jankari project in the entire Banaskantha districts where we survey people with disabilities and help them to be empowered by making them aware of their rights and entitlements. The project has more than 2500 identified persons with disabilities. But as a social organization, we cannot ignore people in distress, without hope and who are at strange cross roads in life. BPA’s sister organization Saddbhavna Rural Development Trust (SRD) collected household necessities like bedding, utensils, storage items, clothes, medicines, bandages, assistive devices like wheelchairs, tripod sticks, walkers etc and sent them immediately to the suffering. Donors like Shree Raj Saubhag Satsang Mandal - Sayla, Shri Jaysukh Mehta, Wagh Bakri Tea Company, Dr. Harikrishna Dahyabhai - Swami General Charitable Trust, Mr. Nimishbhai, Ramana Safety and Systems Pvt. Ltd., Nippon Dekor, Parshvanath Charitable Trust - Shri Rajesh Shah - Chartered Accountant (Wagh Bakri), Mr. Sanjay Rawal, Smt. Sunitaben Thakor, Ahmedabad Sarvar Mandal, Smt. Pushpaben Vinubhai Shah, Mr. Dinesh Patel - Wagh Bakri, Smt. Nandiniben Munshaw. Mr. Khazanchi of Paramahansa Yogananda Charitable Trust and other donors gave Rs. 13 lakhs and this money was used for distributing assistive devices like wheelchairs, tricycles and similar to almost 350 Divyang persons at Thara village. This programme was held on 29th August, 2017 and Parampoojya Bhaishree, spiritual head of Rajshobhag Ashram graced the occasion alongwith Vikrambhai Shah, President of Ashirwad Trust alongwith donors and well wishers. Trustees of Harikrishna Dahyabhai Swami General Public Trust - Mr. Dilip Prajapati and others also attended the function.
Ahmedabad University organized an event at the Blind People’s Association on 30th December, 2017 in which 18 students from the BPA School of Physiotherapy and the Navrangpura Blind School Physiotherapy Course who had successfully completed the 3 year course were given Diplomas in Physiotherapy. Ahmedabad University is the only University offering this course to blind students. Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Commissioner (Health) who was the Chief Guest at the event conferred the Diploma to the students in the presence of Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University, Shri Piyush Desai, President, BPA; Mr. Pankaj Thakar, Director, Department of Social Defense; Mr. B M Shah, Registrar, Ahmedabad University; Prof A M Kalro, Ex- Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University and Mr. Milan Dalal, Secretary, Navrangpura School for the Blind and the Deaf.

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DONORS MEET

The BPA organized a meeting for its donors, well wishers, supporters and friends on 10th February, 2018. Around 150 committed supporters of the BPA were present on this occasion. Blind students performed dances and other items and enthralled the audience by their abilities. The donors were given details about the origin of BPA and its progress in the past two decades. The function was a thanksgiving for the supporters.

STATE LEVEL ORIENTATION OF SDOs, PROBATIONARY OFFICERS & HEADS OF NGOs

A state level orientation of SDOs, Probationary Officers and Heads of NGOs on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act was organized by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment at BPA on 4 July, 2017. All the participants were oriented with the new Act and also different rehabilitation methods and strategies. Shri Atmaram Parmar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment (including Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Welfare of Socially and Economically Backward Class), Women and Child Welfare, Secretary Shri Kamal Dayani and the Director of Social Defense, Mr. Pankaj Thakar remained present on the occasion.

BPA DREAMS GET TALLER

Building No.8 on the BPA will add two more floors thanks to a generous donation promised by Shri Hiroobhai Patel of USA. The two new floors will be dedicated to skilling, vocational training and comprehensive rehabilitation projects for people with disabilities. We thank Hiroobhai for committing Rs. 1.68 crores for this project.
Dr. Rajiv Gupta, Secretary of Employment & Training was so sensitized by the BPA that he instructed that all the Principals of the 200 odd ITI s in Gujarat should be brought to BPA for orientation and training on disability. This training was conducted on 9 & 10 September, 2017 at the BPA in which Mr. D. K. Parekh, IAS, Director, Employment & Training and MD, Gujarat Skill Development Mission, Government of Gujarat remained present. Mrs. Jyotsna Chauhan, Deputy Secretary in the Department who is a Grievance Redressal Officer under RoPwd Act was too present. The session consisted of simulation of disability, information on the RoPwD Act and a visit to Vision in the Dark.

**TRAINING OF ITI PRINCIPALS**

BPA is partner organization to implement USHA Silai School Project in Gujarat. BPA has trained more than 100 women with disabilities in Gujarat through this initiative. Ms. Rajiyaben, and Ms. Rekhaben from Dholka village who are Silai School Teachers under BPA-USHA Silai School Program participated in the Lakme Fashion Week on 1&2 February, 2018. Mr. Jyotish Choudhary, Project Coordinator of this project accompanied these girls for this show. They stitched designer kurtas and did ramp walk with fashion designer Mr. Soham Dave. The first collections under the Usha Silai brand will give a new meaning to the current trends in the fashion space and develop garments for the urban market.

**LAKME FASHION WEEK**

A Job fair was organized by Ford Motors India Ltd. and the Department of Employment & Training at the BPA campus on 19 September, 2017. A total of 320 persons with disabilities were registered and 850 interviews were conducted by 25 industrial units from Sanand GIDC and other places. Ford Company believes in equal opportunities in employment and they had motivated their vendors to attend the Mela for recruiting Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Mr. D.K. Parekh, Director, Department of Employment & Training inaugurated the Mela and Mr. H.S. Patel, Department of Industrial Safety & Hazards (DISH) was also present. Mr. Vijay Vargi, Assistant Director, Employment was present throughout the day. 221 persons with disabilities were short listed for jobs. Ford Motors India Ltd. gave food packets to all the interviewees and Companies present. Mr. Anil Patel, Mr. Anjanda and the entire team from Ford Motors deserves congratulations for this humanitarian endeavour.

**FORD MOTORS JOB FAIR**

The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world...... and when that hand is empowered to create delicacies to make a living then the pleasure is doubled. Mothers whose children with multiple disabilities come to the BPA Day Care Centres have been encouraged to start an income generation programme. They have started a catering unit called “Matruthal” which prepares snacks and food and supplies it on a commercial basis. This programme has enabled mothers to earn a living and has increased their self esteem. Earlier they used to bring their children and wait outside doing nothing. Now they have a purpose in their lives, they are organized and help each other in their joys and sorrows. The BPA programmes are richer due to their tasty and energizing snacks!

**MATRUTHAL**

This first ever Tambola game for the visually impaired was organized by the Ahmedabad Ladies Circle-64 and the Blind People’s Association on 4th February, 2018 at BPA. The main attraction of this Housie was that tickets were prepared in Braille for the use of visually impaired people who played Housie in Braille with sighted people. Around 150 children and teens with disabilities - primarily visual and hearing impairment played with other 250 children. Alfaz Shaikh, XII standard student of BPA who participated in this game said that he never thought that such a game can be played by the blind.
AWARDS

FELICITATION BY GCCI: Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) Business Women Wing presented “Garima Award 2016-17” to Mrs. Nandini P. Munshaw, Past Chairperson of Business Women Wing (BWW) and General Secretary of Blind People’s Association for her glorious leadership to Business Women Wing.

NAGARIKTA PURASKAR-2017: Dr. Bhushan Punani, Executive Secretary of Blind People’s Association was conferred Anubhai Chimanlal - Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) Nagarikta Puraskar 2017 on 16th February, 2018 at AMA premises. The Award was handed over to Dr. Punani by the worthy hands of Mrs. Rita Teaotia, Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, New Delhi. This award was conferred on him for creating a constructive and inclusive role for people with disabilities.

FIELD WORK MENTORSHIP NGO AWARD: Department of Social Work (DSW) Sardar Patel University conferred “Field Work Mentorship NGO Award” to BPA on 6th March, 2018 in the field of development at their Annual Day 2018 “Festivutsav” at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand. Mr. Bharat Joshi, Manager of BPA and an alumni of S.P.U. accepted the Award on behalf of BPA.

SARThAK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Dr. Bhushan Punani, Executive Secretary was conferred Sarthak Lifetime Achievement Award in New Delhi on 9th November, 2017.

AWARD FOR FLOOD RELIEF WORK: Mr. Vanraj Chavda, Project Coordinator, Sammilit Vikas Jankari (SVJ) Project was conferred certificate & Memento for Saddbhavna Rural Development Trust and BPA flood relief work in Banaskantha District by Shri Shankarbhai Choudhary, Hon’ble Health Minister, Government of Gujarat on 15th August, 2017.

JAN JAGRAN AWARD: Mr. Ranchhod Soni, Incharge of Computer Technology for the Blind was conferred Jan Jagran Award and cash Prize of Rs. 50,000 in a function held at VishwaKosh Hall, Usmanpura on 15th August, 2017 on Independence Day.

EPIC SERVICE AWARD-2018: Leo Club of Pune organised “EPIC” (ENCOURAGING POTENTIAL IN COMMUNITY) in which Sudhaben Joshi and students with visual impairment participated. Sudhaben was conferred the EPIC Service Award-2018 by the Lions and Leo Club of Pune.


LATE JAGDISH K. PATEL AWARD: was conferred on Ms. Kinnari Desai and Mr. Himanshu Sompura, both young turks who have revolutionized the field of development of persons with blindness on 23rd September, 2017 by NAB Gujarat State Branch.
"LATE KARSHAN MEGHJI VEKARIA" MEMORIAL AWARD: Mr. Bipin Mehta, Manager, Distance Education was conferred the "Late Karsan Meghji Vekaria" Memorial Award by Shri Navchetan Andhjan Mandal, Madhapar, Bhuj for his outstanding services in the field of rehabilitation of differently abled persons on 31st December, 2017.

LATE SHRI B. J. Modi FOUNDATION AWARD: Shri J.S. Zala, dedicated volunteer of BPA was conferred Late Shri B. J. Modi Foundation Award for the year 2017 on 9th December, 2017 at NASEOH, Mumbai.

NATIONAL AWARD: Ms. Sonal Patel has been conferred the National Award for the Most Outstanding Divyang Sport Person on 2nd December, 2017. She recently won Gold Medal in Jordan along with Bhavina Patel - First Gold for our Team in Para Table Tennis.

BEST CARE TAKER AWARD: Mrs. Kapila S. Makwana who is the staff of BPA-MSM Naaz Centre was conferred the Best Care Taker Award on 9th March, 2018 by the Society for the Welfare of Mentally Retarded (SWMR), Ahmedabad.

LATE MUKUNDBHAI GANDHI STREE SHAKTI AWARD: Mrs. Pankajbala Luhar, Itinerant Teacher of NAB Gujarat Branch has been conferred this award for facing tremendous challenges in life to reach her goals on 23rd September, 2017 by NAB Gujarat State Branch.

MEDAL WINNING SPREE: BPA Team won 7 Medals including 1 gold in Para Table Tennis Open National Championship organized by Para Table Tennis Promotion Association under the aegis of Table Tennis Federation of India, New Delhi at Indore from 22-25 March, 2018.

CASH AWARDS: Ms. Bharati Sundhiya received Rs. 50,000/- and Ms. Puriben Thakor received Rs. 55,000/- from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani for winning medals in sports at National Level.

SPECIAL AWARD: Ms. Bhavina Patel, Para-Table Tennis Player of BPA received a special award on 59th Republic Day Celebration on 26th January, 2018 at Mehsana by the worthy hands of Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat Shri Om Prakash Kohli, Hon’ble Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani.

GOLD HAUL: Mr. Jagdish Parmar student won gold in long jump in Para National Athletic Championship-2018 which was held at Panchkula, Haryana from 22-29 March 2018.
**APPOINTMENT**

**Dr. Bhushan Punani**
- Member, Central Advisory Board on Disability under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Member on the Advisory Board of Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) Centre, Gandhinagar.
- Member on Cross Disabilities Committee by Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, GCSE, GoG

**Mrs. Nandini Rawal**
- Member of Expert Resource Committee of Deepak Foundation, Vadodara
- Member on Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee of Vijaya Bank and Consumer Education and Research Centre

**Ms. Kinnari Desai**
- Nominated as a Member on the Divisional Railway User’s Consultative Committee-Ahmedabad from 1st October, 2017 to 30th September, 2019.

**Mr. Vanraj Chavda**
- Member from NGO on Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Banaskantha on the Executive Committee.

**Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Jena**
- Ethics Committee Member of Sanjivani Super Specialty Hospital, Ahmedabad

**Mr. Bipin Mehta**
- Member of Admission Committee for selecting disabled candidates under Primary Teachers Certificate Course in June’17 by Primary Edu. Dept.

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**SUPPORT**

**SUPPORT FOR SPORTS FROM WAGH BAKRI**

- **Sonal** and **Bhavina**, our Wheelchair Table Tennis Heroes were selected to play in the 2017-ITTF PTT Asian Championship held in Beijing, China on 24-30 August, 2017. They were invited by the China Disabled Persons Federation. Ms. Tejal Lakhia accompanied them as their instructor/coach. Bhavina won the bronze medal and made BPA and India proud.

- **Mr. Ramesh Choudhary** also from BPA-ITI was selected by the Disabled Sporting Society of Agra which is affiliated with the International Cricket Council for Physically Challenged and he played in the 3 match International Cricket Series as a Member of the Indian team held at Dhaka from 24-26 August, 2017.

- **Asha-Lata**, an Institution for Education, Development and Rehabilitation for Divyang Children organized National Open Fide Rating Chess Tournament for the visually impaired in Jharkhand from 24-28 May, 2017. **Mr. Chirantan C. Mesariya** who is a visually impaired staff member of BPA Sumeru Centre participated in this Tournament and he scored 6 points out of 9 and secured 12th rank. BPA congratulates Chirantan for this achievement.

All the costs above were borne by the sponsoring agencies and remainder of the expenses by the BPA Wagh Bakri sports fund. BPA wishes all the above heroes the very best and hopes for more victories in the future.

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**C. S. SAMARIYA CHARITY SHOP**

A novel venture started by BPA for collection of old items in good condition for distribution to poor and needy. Discarded items are collected for redistribution.

**GIVE US YOUR DISCARDS WE’LL USE THEM TO LIGHT UP LIVES**
Swabhiman Group has been distributing assistive devices and financial aid twice a year for the past 10 years. The beneficiaries are from remote rural areas and this support will make a tremendous difference to their lives. This distribution cost has been raised by Mr. Kintu Shah who is a volunteer and leader of this group. On 19 August, 2017, they gifted 15 digital hearing aids to young children with hearing impairment. Other support like sewing machines, 12 telephone booths, 17 weighing machines, iceboxes, embroidery kit, 7 electronic kit, 6 provision kit, 7 beauty parlor kit, 7 tea stall kits, 1 C.P. chair, 1 mini folding wheelchair, 2 telescopes, 1 sports wheelchair, 1 standing table, 1 M.R. kit and scholarship for 35 MR students during this period. They arranged an inclusive DJ party for disabled and non-disabled children with music, song and dance on the same day.

Shri Harshadbhai B. Vakil, himself 96 years old has donated Rs. 19,19,500 for distributing 100 Sewing Machines, 95 tricycles, 5 Wheelchairs to poor and needy Persons with Disabilities directly. He has also donated additional 5 lacs for conducting cataract surgeries. He has given this donation in memory of his father Late Bhagubhai Govindbhai Vakil, one the most leading lawyers of pre-independence era in Gujarat. Mr. Raj Vakil and his wife Mrs. Anuradha Vakil, a renowned Fashion Designer distributed the same on 16th December, 2017 at BPA campus. BPA thanks Shri Harshadbhai Bhagubhai Vakil and his family. All the machines and tricycles were distributed during the year.

National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) provided assistive devices to person with disabilities by the worthy hands of Mr. P K Jha, Zonal General Manager from their support of Rs. 20 lakhs. The highlight of this program was 50 children with hearing impairment were gifted Digital Multi-channel Programable Behind the Ear Hearing Aids. Thanks to NSIC for this kind gesture. The second distribution of assistive devices under the same grant was organized on 26th March, 2018 at BPA. A total of 35 beneficiaries were given assistive devices like Tricycles and Wheelchairs on that day. 50 Tricycles were distributed in Wankaner.
DP World and BPA have entered into an agreement for saving sight and providing employment to people with disabilities in Kutch with the help of the BPA Bareja Eye Hospital and the BPA Kachchh Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centre (KCRC) Bhuj. The company has promised to support 100 cataract surgeries under the “Prevention of Blindness” support program by a grant of Rs. 2,50,000 for this purpose. DP World has also promised a grant of Rs. 50,19,784 for setting up an ultra modern state of the art operation theatre for eye surgeries at the BPA-KCRC Unit at Bhuj. In addition, DP World has promised 4,34,000 for promoting self employment for 100 persons with disabilities. The total grant of Rs. 57,03,784 has been promised by DP World (Mundra International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.) under the CSR Budget. The new operation theatre will be set up and inaugurated in the next financial year. The BPA Bareja Eye hospital will run the eye hospital at Bhuj as its satellite unit and will provide the services of paramedical and clinical staff. Phaco surgeries in the best conditions will be possible after the operation theatre is complete. BPA thanks DP World for this generosity.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) donated 30 Self Employment Kits (Beauty Parlour Kits) to poor and needy women with disabilities under CSR Activity. The distribution function was held on 12th March, 2018 at the BPA. On this occasion Shri Praveenkumar Agarwal- General Manager and Mr. Chandan Sahu, CSR Manager remained present and distributed the kits to beneficiaries. Thanks to SIDBI for this kind gesture.

Support by Paramahansa Yogananda Charitable Trust

Mr. and Mrs. Khazanchi, both pillars of strength of the Paramahans Yoganand Charitable Trust have continued their dedicated services for the differently abled. Their group has contributed towards the following during the year.

- 8 Sales Kiosks for the income generation of persons with disabilities each costing Rs. 14,000. Donated by YOGODA SATSANGHA DHYAN KENDRA AHMEDABAD.
- Paramhans Yoganand Charitable Trust donated Rs. 135000 for uniforms for almost 300 Naaz-Bavla inclusive school students.
- S.K. Khazanchi and friends have donated Rs. 321000 for 30 Tricycles & 10 Wheel Chairs. They have also
- Committed to support 45 customized Imported Wheelchairs of Motivation India for the differently abled.

Mahila Samiti Officers of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) donated Rs. 40,500/- towards distribution of Aids and Appliances to Persons with Disabilities on 23 February, 2018. This amount was utilized for distributing Digital Hearing Aid, C.P. Chair, Calipers and Smart Cane for 9 persons with disabilities. Thanks to the team for this kind gesture.
3 Schools - Shri K.N. Desai Adult Training School for the Blind, Minnie Cama Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools for the Blind, Rajesh Mehta Technical School for the Blind provide education upto Higher Secondary level to 220 students with blindness and low vision. There are 2 technical trades provided by the Technical school for students not interested in pursuing higher education. All students are provided free stay and food in the hostels on the campus.

All students are also given training in mobility and daily living skills to make them independent.

Lions Metropolitan Shakriben Mangaldas Music School for the Blind

Training in music up to Shiksha Visharad recognized by Akhil Bhartiya Gandharva Mahavidyala, Miraj.

Nandini Ramesh Gandhi School of Physiotherapy

32 Students admitted from all over India for a three year diploma course recognized by Ahmedabad University and 40 students are admitted for the three months Massage Course recognized under Kaushalya Vardhak Kendra.

Students are successfully employed as physiotherapists in hospitals and clinics on completion of this course. Many students also opt for starting their own physiotherapy practice.

The schools have an outpatient clinic where patients can walk in and get physiotherapy services free of charge by qualified physiotherapists on machines like diathermy, muscle stimulator, traction, infra red lamp, interferential machines etc.

Japanese Medical Manual Therapy

With help from NAB Centre for Blind Women and Disability Studies, New Delhi, a new vocational training course for the visually impaired called Japanese Medical Manual Therapy (JMMT) was brought to India with help of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to train Indian master trainers in this therapy. This two years course has helped students to get jobs in Hotels as Masseurs and also as therapists. 20 students are trained every year in the two year course during 2016-17.
'Sammilit Shalas' enable kids with and without disability to study together in an accessible and inclusive environment.

The Blind People’s Association has always believed in setting up unique programmes which can be replicated. It has started model inclusive schools where non-disabled and children with disabilities study together in an accessible and inclusive environment. Around 400 children are covered in these schools.

The BPA & NAB (GSB) have set up these 2 inclusive schools called “Sammilit Pathshala” in the following places at

- BPA-MSM Sammilit Pathshala at Naaz
- NAB (GSB) Savinay Sammilit Pathshala at Bavla - Supported by Gruh Finance Ltd. in 2017-18.

All schools are recognised by the Department of Primary Education, Government of Gujarat.

The same syllabus is followed with curricular adaptations for children with disabilities. There are special accommodations made like children being allowed to give oral exams in place of written, more time during exams, seating changes etc.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Blind People’s Association runs various courses approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India, Government of India in the distance mode.

The various courses are;
- B.Ed Special Education for Visually Impaired (VI); Hearing Impaired (HI); Mentally Retarded (MR)
- Post Graduation in Professional Diploma Course on VI/HI/MR

The courses are run under the auspices of the following Universities
- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU)
- Diploma in Primary Education under NIOS

The BPA runs special study centres where students come for 2 contact programmes of 2-weeks course. The rest of the studies are conducted under distance mode. Exams are conducted and certificates issued by respective universities.
BPA’s vocational training programmes are designed in such a way that they lead to employment on completion of training. The courses are modern and contemporary and recognized by the Government. Persons with blindness, locomotor disability, cerebral palsy, hearing impairment, mental retardation and mental illness are given admission here.

Imparts training in simulated industrial settings in light engineering, commercial design, stationery, tailoring, composing, printing and book-binding to 155 people with disabilities. They are given stipend and on the job training in simulated industrial settings in the Somabhai Lallubhai Multicategory Workshop. BPA makes furniture - household and office, does modern printing on offset machine for the Government and Private Customers.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE:
This ITI is run on the same pattern as that for non-disabled persons. One year training is provided in the following courses:

- Data Preparation & Computer Software (D.P.C.S.) Computer Programming at Cama Computer Centre
- Desk Top Publishing Trade (D.T.P)
- Dahiben Stenography English Trade
- Offset Printing Trade
- Shirin Cyrus Dalal Telephone Operator-cum-Receptionist
- Cutting & Tailoring
- Arti Mrugesh Doctor Hair & Skin Care Cetnre

KAUSHALYA VARDHAN KENDRA:
Runs 3 months skill training in the trades below:
Scientific Massage 40  Computer Fundamental 60
The Government conducts the examination and issues the certificates to the successful candidates.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
FOR PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES:
Training is given to 50 persons with multiple disabilities in the making of diyas, candles, paper bags and plates, tie and dye, duppattas and gift articles.
SPECIAL NEED INTERVENTION CENTRES

BPA’s special need programmes provide services to children and adults who have mental retardation, blindness with additional disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy, deafblindness or other severe multiple disabilities. The services are provided on a life cycle approach.

a. Kashibhai Lalitaben Jagdish Bhadra Early Intervention Services

This centre gives early intervention services to 60 severely disabled children in the age group of 0-6 years. This centre has been started in the Bungalow donated by BPA Founders Jagdishbhai & Bhadraben. These children are assessed medically and functionally and individual education plans are made for the development of each child. This project is partly funded by National Trust.

b. Chandrikaben Kinariwala Mental Hygiene Clinic

Partly funded by the Government of Gujarat, this unit offers day care facilities to persons with mental retardation and autism in the age group 10-25 years.

c. Chandrikaben Kinariwala Unit for Persons with Deafblindness

Funding received from Sense International since inception. Persons with deafblindness are helped in areas of communication, self care, academics and independent living. Home based as well as centre based services are provided.

d. R.M. Parikh Vocational Training for Persons with Multiple Disabilities

This apartment was donated by Mrs. Sneh Veenaben Shah and houses 40 persons with multiple disabilities who are taught prevocational skills and vocational training in food items, plate making, jewellery and paper products.

e. BPA MSM Inclusive School & Residential Centre

This 22.5 acre campus has an inclusive school where 200 children who are non disabled and 35 children with disabilities study together. The residential facilities are available to 35 children with multiple disabilities who are abandoned or orphans.

f. Ratanlal Lallubhai Centre for Persons with Multiple Disabilities

This unit is partly funded by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and gives day care services to 40 persons with severe and multiple disabilities.

g. Jyotsnaben Dhirubhai Naik Centre

This centre offers free physiotherapy services to poor persons. Two blind physiotherapists trained by the BPA provide the services here. Children of Dr. Jit Mehta Balshala Trust also get treatment here.

BPA and Youth4Jobs Foundation joins hands to provide employment linked Skill Development to People with Disabilities in Gujarat. To support Skilled India Mission of Govt. of India, Blind People’s Association has joined hands with Youth 4 Jobs foundation, a Hyderabad based organization to provide employment linked skill development to people with disabilities in Gujarat. It provides two months intensive training to people with disabilities in retail, hospitality and BPO processing and ITEs. The training, lodging and boarding is free for two months. The job placement support is also provided to people with disabilities at the end of the training. The following table shows training and placement details happened during the financial year 2017-2018.

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Till end of the year 2017 -2018, 275 people with disabilities have been trained from this training center, and 145 people with disabilities have been supported for job placement. Our proud employers are;
COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION SERVICES

BPA has adopted the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) strategy to reach out to persons with disabilities in remote and rural areas who are not able to access services due to ignorance, poverty, disability and inaccessibility of services and environment.

The BPA believes that CBR is a strategy within general community development for rehabilitation, equalization of opportunities, and social inclusion of all people with disabilities. CBR is carried out through the combined efforts of people with disabilities, their families, communities and the generic services of health, social welfare and employment. BPA has adopted the WHO CBR Guidelines and the CBR Matrix which is a multi-sectoral approach and has 5 major components: health, education, livelihood, social and empowerment. Right now, BPA is implementing an Inclusive Livelihood CBR project in Ahmedabad, Surendranagar and Kutch Districts with financial assistance from CBM. A total of 1500 people are being provided livelihoods every year.

Blind People's Association is a technical partner of Shri V.S. Gandhi Charitable Trust, Kapadwanj and both been implementing a Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation Project in Kapadwanj Block since 2014. The CBR Project covers 1747 (1029 male with disabilities and 718 female with disabilities) persons with disabilities. BPA has been providing technical, monitoring, and management support to Shri V.S. Gandhi Charitable Trust.

The BPA runs training programmes for CBR in the following categories. This is open for all.
- CBR Orientation Training (5 days)
- CBR Orientation Training (10 days)
- CBR Training for Manager (15 days)
- CBR field staff (30 days)

The Inclusive Livelihood programme funded by CBM is implemented by National Adult Training Centre for the Blind (NATCB) Trust in Dholka, Surendranagar, Kutch, Morbi in Gujarat and Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

SUPPORT SERVICES

BPA's support services complement educational and rehabilitation services provided to people with disabilities. These are aimed to make material, information and the environment accessible to such persons.

People with Disabilities are supported in their education, movement, technology skills and independence through the following units:

- H. N. Makim Braille Press (under NAB-GSB)
- C. N. Braille Circulating Library
- A. N. Kinariwala Talking Book Library
- Shantaben Mehta Digital Library

The above provide material in Braille to 370 persons, audio and in soft format to 800 persons with blindness.

Priti Jagmohan National Rehabilitation Engineering Institute provides assistive devices like wheelchairs, calipers, crutches, tricycles, Braille slates, mobility cane etc. A total of 916 assistive devices were distributed at a cost of Rs. 47,08,745 during 2017-18. This was possible due to support of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and dedicated donors of the BPA. National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) gave 50 digital hearing aids and 64 radio with pen drives, 50 smart canes. Paramahans Yoganand Charitable Trust donated 30 tricycles and 10 wheelchairs. Bhaarat Welfare Trust (UK) donated 93 different assistive devices. BPA has the following assessment services on its campus.

- Sense International India Audiology Services
- Jashodagauri Thakorelal Shah Low vision Services
- Psychological & Psychiatric Services, Speech Therapy
- Counseling
- Mobility and Adjustment Training
- Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy

Need based services are also provided to people who are newly disabled.

AUDIO NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE AT BPA

The Technology Centre of BPA under the stewardship of Mr. Ranchhod Soni prepares special audio magazines.

- Nirmal Anand News: Gujarati quarterly Audio Magazine
- Latest Facts In General Knowledge (Gujarati Version) published by Liberty (For above 2 Magazines contact Mr. Ranchhod Soni)
- Baal Srushti: Monthly Gujarati Audio Magazine issued by the Government of Gujarat, recorded at BPA. (For this Magazine contact Mrs. Sudha Joshi)

Bonding Relationship with GiveIndia

GiveIndia is an online donation platform that allows you to support a cause of your choice from about 200 NGOs that have been scrutinized for transparency & credibility.

We are grateful to GiveIndia for giving space on their web portal for online fund raising since 2001. We are getting good response from GiveIndia's Donors through whom we are able to provide aid and appliances, livelihood, education and food to persons with disabilities. We have put 7 different donation options on GiveIndia's web portal. For more information please click on http://www.giveindia.org/m-31-blind-peoples-assocation-india.aspx
PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS & DISABILITIES

NAVALBHAI AND HIRABA EYE HOSPITAL BAREJA- SPREADING LIGHT

The land was given by the Trustees of Bareja General Hospital mainly Manubhai Patel, Bhalabhai Patel and other Trustees to the BPA. Mr. Nalin Porecha donated the initial amount for setting up of a hospital in the memory of his parents. The hospital was inaugurated on 19th January 2003 which is named as the “Navalbhai & Hiraba Eye Hospital” is now a full-fledged 50 bedded eye hospital - the only one of its kind on the Ahmedabad-Baroda Highway at Kheda.

The hospital complex started growing and added the following units:

- Gatorbhai Himmatlal Patel (Bidaj) Orthopaedic Hospital
- Navalbhai & Hiraba ENT Hospital
- Santokben Baldevbhai Patel Mental Health Centre
- Chandrikaben and Dr. Sumant Shah Diagnostic Centre
- Shardaben Vithalbhai Patel Mahila Swasthya Kendra
- Dr. Nitin Shah Sarvarog Nidan Kendra & Pathology Laboratory
- Kum. Vasantiben Baldevbhai Patel Annakshetra
- Mangaldas R. Patel & Shardaben M. Patel Bhojanalay
- Lotus Trust Laundry Unit

The Bareja Eye Hospital has all the modern equipments and has the following facilities:

- Super Specialty Eye
- Cataract Surgery
- Retinal Surgery
- Retinal Injection
- Retinal Laser
- Barrage Laser
- FFA
- Foreign Body
- A & B Scan
- Glaucoma Surgery
- Perimetry
- Pediatric Eye Surgery (Squint, Cataract)
- Corneal Surgery
- Pterygium
- Chalazion
- Entropion
- PCO
- Yag P I
- Yag Laser
- Cyst Removal
- I & D

The Hospital has also started its satellite unit in the BPA KCRC Bhuj Unit. 550 eye surgeries are performed free of charge in this unit per year.

Motiyans Mukt Sabarkantha: The union of BPA and Samta Vikas Charitable Trust has resulted in the commendable cataract free Sabarkantha Aravali project. This project has not only enabled patients to get perfect eye sight but has also given them lessons in hygiene, cleanliness and etiquette.

The project also runs vision centres in Modasa, Varsoda, Vatrak & Kalol where patients are checked up, given medicines and spectacles. An amount of approximately 32 lakhs has been spent on saving sight in Sabarkantha Aravali. BPA thanks to the USA team consisting of Shri Arvind Thekdi, Shri Rasikbhai M. Shah, Shri Rasikbhai P. Shah and Shri Rameshbhai P. Shah to be part of this work. 11 mega camps were held in the four vision centres and 2434 surgeries were conducted during the year.

Save Sight Ahmedabad: Areez Khambhatta Benevolent Trust donates Rs. 20 lakhs every year for conducting sight restoration surgeries in periphery and slums and local areas of Ahmedabad. 10900 Cataract Surgeries done during this year at Bareja Hospital.

BPA-Bareja Navalbhai & Hiraba Eye Hospital Vision Centres

- BPA Campus
- Vatrak
- Kalol
- Bavla
- Bhiloda
- Modasa
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Kutch Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centre (KCRC)
An Initiative of Blind People's Association India

Kutch Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centre locally known as KCRC is an initiative of Blind People's Association (India) and Spandan. After the massive 6.9 Richter scale earthquake that hit Kutch on 26th January 2001, Gujarat shook like leaves and fell like a pack of cards and thousands lay dead and injured under heaps and rubbles. Blind People's Association immediately rushed with relief and rehabilitation services and till date is serving the people of Kutch identified with various needs.

The centre is running full-fledged with its centre based activities and has spread all over Kutch and reaching to un-reached villages of all blocks of Kutch with all innovative models of prevention and rehabilitation projects.

The centre at present is working for comprehensive rehabilitation of the Divyangjans, challenged needy persons through CBR approach in 153 identified remote unserved villages of Kutch and providing technical support to the local villagers.

• 16 Inclusive village development committees and 27 SHG's are regular in their activities and savings and playing active role in the village development activities. Strengthening, capacity building programs and exposure visits are conducted at regular intervals for sustainability of the groups.

• General health care facilities with focus on eye care and prevention of blindness. 61 rural eye camps have been conducted during the year and 7764 persons have been catered to with eye care services. 473 persons have been covered under Small Incision for Cataract Surgery and 83 under Phaco Emulsification. A new state of art Eye surgical unit has been established to cater quality eye care services.

• 199 Divyangs have been supported with various self-employment kits like petty shops, sewing machines, beautician kit, dairy development kit, hand cart, mason kit and agricultural kit. Skill development programs to the rural women is a continuous process so that they have better standard of living through home based livelihood programs.

• 1405 persons have been provided Physiotherapy services at KCRC and its satellite centres at Lions Club of Bhuj, Sukhpar Earthquake Relief Trust.

• The rural villagers are supported with Solar Lanterns with focus on economising and also to promote renewable energy.

• Cleanliness Drives are conducted at regular intervals and collection of plastic bags has been given focus to make villages plastic free.

• More than 213 Tricycles and 101 wheel chairs are manufactured at KCRC and supplied to the nearby districts of Saurashtra region. Artificial limbs, calipers and all other support services are also available at the centre.

BPA USHA SILAI SCHOOL

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# Employment & Self Employment Cell

BPA thanks the following employers for their support:
- Ford Motors
- Chief Minister Housing Project, Kathwada
- Consumer Education and Research Centre
- City Centre, Asarwa
- Kamalam
- Aegis Pvt Ltd. Call Center
- Reliance Fresh
- Metro Cash & Care
- Hotel Platinum
- BRTS
- Shell PETROL Pump
- Emerald Honda
- Bharat PETROL Pump (BPP)
- Vaibhav International Pvt Ltd.
- Hotel Crowne Plaza
- D-Mart
- Prayosha Ethnic Wear
- Sola Civil Hospital
- Reliance
- Aira Euro Automation Pvt. Ltd.
- Bank of India
- City Centre
- S. D. Diamond Jewellery
- Pranathi Housing Project

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## Assessment / Therapy at BPA

### Daily Facilities
- **(10.30 a.m. - 05.30 p.m.)**
  - **Physiotherapy**
  - **Employment Counselling**
  - **Orthotic-Prosthetic**
  - **Low Vision Assessment**
  - **Psychotherapy**
  - **Counsellor**
  - **O&M Instructor**

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BPA runs a Mental Health Project in community based model, supported by Department of Health, Government of Gujarat. Coverage of 3260 persons with severe mental disorders in their homes.

- 7219 cases with Mental Illnesses were identified by conducting survey in various blocks.
- Out of 729, 3260 cases were provided with psychiatric services and medicines.
- Out of 3260, 855 cases were successfully rehabilitated.
- 238 medical camps were conducted.
- 99 awareness programs were conducted.
- 7 Individuals were given medium of employment.
- Health Department and Civil Hospital of 4 Districts- Nadiad, Banaskantha, Surendranagar and Patan acknowledged work done under MHP and offered DMHP (District Mental Health Program) in their respective districts.

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BPA is implementing Sammalit Vikas Jankari project in Banaskantha District since 2014 supported by European Union and German Leprosy & TB Relief Association India. Overall objective of the project is to increase access to information about Government disability services & duties to uphold rights of persons with disabilities. The project has trained thousands of PwDs as well as many stakeholders on disabilities issues in four years of activities. The stakeholders include: Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, Mainstream Teachers, Principals etc. The project has formed Disabled People’s Organizations in each operational blocks of the district. A Disabled People’s Federation is also formed and registered under society act and now they are working for other PwDs.
The Government of India has enacted the CSR Law under which all Corporate & whose net profit is more than 5 crores have to donate 2% for CSR Projects. This year the BPA saw a rise in the contribution of Corporate donations. It was heartening to witness the enthusiasm and generosity of Corporate Giants. Corporate contribution for various projects is given below:

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- Cipla Limited
- Smile Foundation
- Nu-Vu Con Air Pvt. Ltd.
- Kamlesh M Sheth
- Gujarat Gas Limited
- Kashyup Patel
- Raj Shah Pall Corporation
- Sanjay Agrawal
- Nimish Sangharjka
- Raj Shah

#### Rs. 3,000,000 to 1,000,000

- Union Bank Social Foundation
- Indian American Education Foundation
- Alkesh Patel
- Vijaykumar K. Shashitala
- Ahmedabad Round Table Foundation
- Manilal V Patel
- The Poona Blind Men’s Association
- SBI ATM Donors
- Shree Pars vanthwani Corporation
- Pradip N. Khandwalla
- Pravin Rasiklal Patel
- La Gajjar Machineries Pvt. Ltd.
- Kapilaben J B Shah Sisu Mahila Kalyan Kandra
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- Educational Foundation
- Bhagwatt Engineering Pvt. Ltd.
- Shree Vithaldas S. Shah Charitable Trust
- Jatin Gajjar
- 100 Crore Club
- Dr. Neha S. Gidwani
- Gooduse Enterprises
- Gujarat Sarvar Mandal
- Navbharat Publication
- Navarjan Publication
- Omprakash O. Pahuja
- Prafulchandra Dalichand Bhavsar
- Sayaji Sethness Ltd.
- Tapan Kamalkant Vahia
- Vasantbhai Baldevbhai Patel
- Usha Patel
- Pankaj Ugarand Shah
- Ramesh Shah
- Col. Rajan Bakshi
- Vastsal Pranlal Thakor
- Airport Authority of India
- Mahalaxmiben Ambalal Trivedi
- Dr. Raval Partiv Jayeshbhai
- Dr. Akshay Vasanthbhai Sahatya
- Chandramouli Neelakantan
- A B Charitable Foundation
- Binod Kumar
- Blooming Buds
- Chandulal G. Sheth
- Dalal Mihir Jitendraibhai
- Dina Janardan Amin
- Dr. Haresh C. Patel
- Dr. Amit H. Patel
- Hardik Rameshchandra Patel
- Infostretch Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.
- J.K. Ghodadra
- J.V. Conbuild Pvt. Ltd.
- Jagdish C. Shah
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- Jay Vidya Foundation
- Jyoti Investment & Trading Corporation
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- Kusum M. Shah Public Charitable Trust
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- Natvarlal M. Shah
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- Nita Prashant Patel
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- R.C. Gandhi & Co.
- Selavi & Shivani Patel
- Shah Investor’s Home Ltd.
- Shailbala Deepakbhai Mehta
- Shayana Lingoo Bidiwala & Co.
- Shroff Family Charitable Trust
- Sukaran Charitable Trust
- Sunil R. Parekh
- Takshshila Entertainment
- Dushyant Parekh
- Anju Agrawal
- Mr. & Mrs. Patwari
- Nanddas Haridas Charitable Trust
- Prakash J. Sajnani
- Ahmedabad Textile Mills Foundation
- Paperchase Accountancy India Pvt. Ltd.
- Shree Manav Kalyan Trust
- Ashokbhai M. Vala
- Manish Chadha
- Natraj Foundation Trust
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- Dinesh Shah
- Lalit. N. Shah
- Dhwani Shah
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- Dr. Dhara Shrey Rajaijwalav
- Devendrabhai Rambhanabh Chaudhari
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- Swapnil Kiranbhavi Joshi
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Rs. 50,000 to 25,000


Rs. 25,000 to 10,000

CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE NORMS COMPLIANCE REPORT

Identity and Legal Status

Blind People’s Association (India) is registered under:

• Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 as a Public Charitable Organization with Registration No. F-112 Ahmedabad
• Societies Registration Act, 1860 as a Registered Society with registration No. BOM/46/ABD
• Section 12A & Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961, extended in Perpetuity
• Foreign Contribution Registration Act, 1985, (FCRA) which permits it to accept donations from foreign countries and agencies. Reg. No. 041910002 valid upto 2021.
• Section 52 of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 which is a mandatory requirement for any organization working for persons with disabilities.
• National Trust Act bearing Registration No. 0609
• BPA is accredited with Credibility Alliance having desirable norms
• Niti Ayog Registration No. GJ/2009/0022793

Bankers:
Major Bank: Bank of India - Memnagar Road Branch, Sahjanand Arcade, Nr. Helmet Cross Road, Memnagar, Ahmedabad-380052, Phone : +91-79-26713979
Foreign Bank: Bank of India (New York, London)
Other Banks: State Bank of India (IIMA), AXIS Bank (Vastrapur), Dena Bank (Navrangpura), ICICI Bank (Ambawadi), Union Bank of India (Bareja), The Kalupur Commercial Co.Op. Bank Ltd. (Bareja), HDFC Bank (Navrangpura), Indus Ind Bank (Parimal Garden), Kotak Mahindra Bank (C.G. Road)

Auditors:

Name & Address of Architects:
SMPS Consultant & Architects, Bholanath Sarabhai Building, Khamasa Gate, Ahmedabad-380 001. Phone :+91-79- 25391911

Governance

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Board Details

• No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid since the inception of the organization, to any board member/trustee.
• None of the board members are related to each other.
• The Board/Managing Committee met 4 times in the FY 17-18 as shown in the table below. Minutes of the board meetings are documented and circulated.
• A Board Rotation Policy exists and is practiced.
• The Board approves programs, budgets, annual activity reports and audited financial statements. The Board ensures the organization’s compliance with laws and regulations.

Regular Volunteers: 60 Regular Volunteers provides their services in various activities and departments.
**BPA SPREADS ITS WINGS**

**BPA - BAREJA HOSPITAL COMPLEX (A Unit of BPA & Bareja General Hospital)**

**NAVALBHAI & HIRABA PORECHA EYE and ENT HOSPITAL**

Property donated by Bareja General Hospital Trust for running a state of the art eye hospital, providing quality eye care & ear care services. All types of eye & ear surgeries carried out totally free of charge for deserving patients.

**GATORBHAI HIMMATLAL PATEL (BIDAJ) ORTHOPAEDIC & GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Modern Orthopedics Hospital for corrective surgery.

Contact Persons
Dr. Nitin Suman Shah (Medical Director)  
Tel: +91-02718-233655  
Mr. Dharmendra Jena (Manager)  
Tel: 9327547205  
Opposite Hotel Pragati, Bareja Chokdi, Bareja, Dist. : Ahmedabad.

**KUTCH COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION CENTRE (KCRC)**


Contact Persons :  
Dr. Gyaneshwar Rao (Project Director)  
+91 2832 252041 / 222907  
Mr. Arvind Gohil (Chief Coordinator)  
Nr. St. Xaviers School, Opp. Banni Guest House, Bhu-370001  
Tel: +91-2832-252041

**LIONESS KARNAVATI HOSTEL FOR BLIND WOMEN & BPA GUEST HOUSE**

Hostel for disabled women & residential facility for training programmes conducted by the BPA. Revenue free land donated by Government of Gujarat.

Contact Person  
Mrs. Kusumber Vaghela  
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