

A Saga of Health Care and Rural Development through Collective Efforts

# *Silver Jubilee - Special Report*

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## Celebrating Silver Jubilee...

Friends and Wellwishers,

Greetings from Gram Seva!

It a memorable and happy occasion for us that the 150th birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi, which is celebrated throughout the world this year, coincides with the silver jubilee celebrations of our organization.

To present before you an impartial and neutral report of 25 years of the organization, we requested renowned writer Shri DankeshOza to write this report. He has written this report after a detailed and minute study of our earlier reports and personal visit to the organization and its activities. We are heartily thank Shri Dankeshbhai and Smt. BhartibenOza for their diligent efforts and timely writing of the report.

We have also attached with this information of the organization and its projects and other activities. We have also tried to humbly acknowledge all those who have supported us directly or indirectly in the organization development throughout these years.

On this occasion we pledge to follow and keep alive principles of Gandhi and his teaching through our work. We hope this report brings to you information of the organization's activities and we look forward to your guidance and support.

Thank you,

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## A Report of 25 Years

### 1.1 Unto this last

**T**he legendary epic Mahabharata has an interesting, guiding philosophical saying : "नहीं मानपीथी अदकेरुं कांई" (No one is above Human being ). Man is at the centre of the Universe. Hence everything should be around his advancement only. This is the motto of Gram Seva Trust, Kharel since its inception in 1994.

The human universe is facing so many problems. On one hand, it has surprising development of science and technology and on the other side lot many people on this earth are deprived of minimum level of education and material needs. When we read the harrowing tales of such humans in our morning dailies everyday, it troubles us a lot internally.

Material progress has led humans to self-centreness. Usually it is seen that poverty unites whereas prosperity divides. This is universal truth observed all over the world having difference of language or culture. Sociologists then observe that today's Man has no concern for others. People conveniently believe that if they have been bestowed with happiness and prosperity, all others have also received the same. But that is not true. Many have not been able to get enough education, required employment or health

facilities for a decent living.

In such difficult circumstances, there are few people who are not able to enjoy their own happiness and feel sad looking towards those who have been deprived of minimum needs. They will feel happy when all others are happy. Happiness should reach all others and none should be deprived of it that is their dream. They try to reach the unreachable. They feel the pain of others. Their sensibility is not limited to themselves only but limitless, encompassing all humans.

Human sensibility is very strong. There are people who have enough to be happy but their happiness dries away when they witness unhappy people! They want to see all people happy. Happiness should be the right of all till 'unto this last'

Fortunately unhappiness of others drives them to action. Their own happiness is not self-satisfying. These are the people who work for emancipation of those lagging behind. They get involved and engross themselves in the service of humanity to give them qualitative life to live.

Dr.Ashwin shah and Dr.Harsha Shah dedicated themselves to the service of humanity around and they felt happy when they were able to



decide their dream-path.

Dr. Ashwin Shah and Dr Harsha Shah is such a medico-couple who must have felt the agony of deprived and were compelled to leave their private medical practice and start a new venture of public service by founding Gram Seva Trust with their like minded friends Nalinbhai J.Desai, Dipakbhai Vashi, Nalinbhai T. Desai, Dr Anilbhai Desai way back in 1994- twenty five years ago. They dedicated themselves to the service of tribal and poor people for whole life and felt happy as their professional skill and degree were of immense service. The small hospital built by the local trust as “Kharel Vibhag Samaj Seva Trust” was defunct as the trust could not find doctor. This dilapidated building was handed over to the Gram Seva Trust by their founder trustees Mr Dahyabhai Naik, Haribhai Naik & Chhaganbhai Naik wholeheartedly. The hospital was inaugurated by well known Gandhian Narayanbhai Desai and famous retired Justice of Supreme Court Dhirubhai Desai on 12th June 1994.

When Dr Shah and Mrs Shah started work, there were 30 beds and five staff members including both. Most of the facilities were started one after the other including sonography, laboratory etc. Important thing is to generate credibility in the minds of uneducated and poor masses, with work, expertise and survival rate. They trained, encouraged and motivated the workers and paramedical staff. Numbers of medical experts were invited from Surat, Navsari and Bilimora as visiting doctors. so that patients do not encounter

the scarcity of expertise. Donations started flowing as people saw the thriving campus of the hospital.

It is interesting to know about their orientation towards human service. Even one of the trustees had also tried to know their mind as it rarely happens that highly qualified medical doctors turn to people where there is no material gain!

Dr Ashwin Shah was a practicing doctor in Amalsad for a decade and half. There he found that the prescription he wrote and gave to the tribal poor patient had no money to buy the much needed medicine apart from the quality food he should have. He thought that they should have the right to health and medicine. There should be a hospital where he can't be pushed away when he has no money to pay for his treatment of ailments. Further, health education should be spread so that he can prevent himself from the unnecessary illness.

Dr. Ashwin Shah born in 1951 belongs to Kachholi village of South Gujarat. He had written a thesis on school for deaf and dumb of Kachholi also during his post graduate study. Originally the family had migrated from Saurashtra to this area and his father was a small trader. He studied in govt schools and medical college having scholarship and loan for higher studies.

His orientation was different. He was inspired by the human service rendered by Dr Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), Gandhi and Dr. Navnitlal Fojdar (1933-2006) and other social reformers on reading their biographies. He used to go to Pindvad village of Dharampur taluka to interact



with Dr Fojdar during days of his private practice. When he joined Sewa Rural, Jhagadia, Dist. Bharuch as a community doctor, he came in contact with Dr Anil Desai and Dr. Lata Desai founder medico couple of Sewa Rural inspired by Swami Vivekanand's thoughts of service to the poor.

They got married in 1977 and both had thoughts of public service. Harshaben had completed her medical education first in Surat and then in Baroda. She studied under a well known medical professor Dr R.V Bhatt. On completion of her study, she joined Surat Municipal Corporation as a Medical officer in the family welfare dept. When Dr Ashwin Shah decided to join Sewa Rural, Jhagadia, she also joined there as a Medical officer.

We have in Gujarat examples of such noble efforts: Sewa Rural Jhagadia, Anjali Ranasan, Dist Sabarkantha and Sahyog leprosy Trust, Rajendranagar Dist Sabarkantha to name a few, all devoted and dedicated to the health service of poor. To this list Gram Seva Trust, Kharel has also a place of pride now thanks to the services of another medico couple Dr. Ashwin Shah and Dr. Harsha Shah along with their team. In a neighboring State of Maharashtra, Baba Amte's third generation is in human service in Hemalkasa, Dist Gadchiroli.

Gujarat has a concentrated tribal population in south Gujarat. They are poor and illiterate. Most of them suffer from malnutrition. Medical facility in the area is bare minimum. Mr. and Mrs Shah had studied medicine in Surat. They knew

that the whole region needed much attention from the point of view of health, education and development.

When this couple joined the mission of human service in 1994, the place was remote having meagre facilities of transport and communication. Both had faith in goodness of Nature and humans. They knew that the whole region needed much attention from the point of view of health, education and development.

Both had a very good experience of training in rural health there. To have a similarity of thoughts and perspective towards life in husband and wife is a rarity but both were bestowed with that. When Dr. Ashwin Shah left well established private practice in Amalsad, she had agreed. When he decided to join Sewa Rural then also she was in agreement. Thereafter both of them dedicated themselves to the service of humanity in 1994 and the hospital at Kharel became a place of worship for them. There was no housing facility available for them in the campus then. They started living in hospital itself with children. Both were taking small amount as remuneration for their professional work as doctor for livelihood. Since 2016 they are giving total free honorary services to the organization.

Unity of thought and action generated very positive energy in the minds and hearts of both of them. They enjoyed the work and satisfaction or relief visible on the faces of patients motivated them to work more vigorously without any fatigue. Very soon a dedicated team was formed which reviewed day to day work and planned for the




future.

Though they were medicos, their ideas of service had no limits. They thought of community service programmes outside the hospital. Eradication of superstitious beliefs in witchcraft and miracles was the first programme. They had seen that people first went to such black magicians (Known in local language as “Bhuvas”) and when they returned to hospital, much valuable time had already elapsed and that made the case very difficult and complicated. Similarly, deliveries were conducted by untrained midwives known as “dayans” at home and it proved risky for both child and mother.

With dedicated team of doctors and paramedical staff, IMR & MMR improved a lot and news of survival of babies spread like wild fire and the

pregnant women started visiting hospital very regularly.

Dr Ashwin Shah uses the word ‘rational therapy’ for patients. It means much needed treatment available when required. Now a day’s medical services have been turned into big business and multi-speciality hospitals offer packages to patients. Even the educated ones get confused and could not decide which way to go! Here, they can rest assured that they will be administered medicines or advised surgery, only when it was genuinely necessary.

With this perspective in mind, Gram Seva Trust was formed and extension services launched. Many community services and programmes were thought of and village workers trained who carried further such services to villagers. 

### Efforts towards Staff Development

Our staff is our asset! We conduct various activities throughout the year for their development and to build a friendly environment for them to work. Monthly staff meetings, excursions, garba, rangoli competition, sports, lectures by experts, and trainings are organized so that all can participate in them.

*"Then only will India awake, when hundreds of large-hearted men and women, giving up all desires of enjoying the luxuries of life, will long and exert themselves to their utmost, for the wellbeing of the millions of their countrymen".*

*- Swami Vivekanand*



## 1.2 Community development services

**D**r Roda Patel-retired pediatrician from Chicago U.S.A originally from Navsari had come to know about Gram Seva Trust and joined with the Dr Shah couple in 1995. She used to come every year for 3 to 4 months from 1995 for 16 years till her sad demise. She was very kind and having great compassion for children. She was interested in the health of children who were suffering from mainly malnutrition and other diseases. Dr Roda Patel was pioneer of child health and nutrition project and started Anganwadis in few villages putting school educated village women in charge of them. High calorie protein food was provided to the malnourished children with iron, calcium and multivitamin supplements. Pregnant mothers and parents of children were counseled with inputs of good upbringing and vaccination. Regular medical checkup was arranged and if any child was found severely ill, free medical care was given in the hospital.

Dr Roda Patel also founded Gram Seva Foundation at Chicago, USA to raise funds in America Now Dr Khushroo Patel & Dineshbhai Shah family are actively involved in the foundation to raise funds. Many individuals and philanthropic Foundation and Trusts also collaborated in the fund-raising efforts. All the donations forthcoming in cash and kind were accounted and shown in Annual Reports meticulously. This generated credibility

and donors were kept informed of the usage of donations which brought further funds in various project-plans.

The real crisis in the developing societies is there are very few genuine workers and service organizations whose credibility is beyond doubt. Gram Seva Trust is fortunate to have a team of medical doctors, para medical staff, and village workers etc. who are sincere and dedicated to the public cause.

The Trust not only collaborated in govt. efforts but was ahead in many respects and never duplicates govt.programs. It started anganwadis in five villages with nutrition program.

When Govt. had launched the ICDS project in this area, the Trust closed its anganwadis and collaborated with govt ICDS program. The de-addiction project and camps were well received in the early stage. Addicted alcoholic patients were brought to the counseling centre in the hospital premises. They were given treatment and involved in activities like gardening, prayers, discussions, video-shows, making of paper bags ect. Even the support came for this project from Alcohols Anonymous group. But when the addicted patients went back, they relapsed fast to their alcoholism. This development disturbed the management and the project had to be stopped forever.

Vaccination of Hep.B and MMR were administered in camps for children and adolescents. When




govt. added these two vaccines in the national programs around 2013, then this service was closed by the Trust.

The state Govt. health officials are also pleased with the health services of the Trust and approved a project of new borns immediately.

In tribal areas not only health services are scarce and poor but even the status of education is worse than that. Parents go to cities in search of livelihood and children continue to loiter around and while away time in unfruitful activities. Teenagers could not read, write or count. Coaching classes were started in villages to give value-added education. It was the dream of Dr.

Roda Patel that we should have a residential facility for such children whose parents are away for most of the months in a year. The trust had experience in service in health sector. Now this was a new area altogether. Hence, there were doubts about being successful in this new venture.

Initially the Balawas (hostel facility) began with 21 children in 2008 in a rented house, Khaparia, with the blessings of Kantibhai, Rashmiben Desai and senior trustee Chhaganbhai Naik. A dedicated couple –Ritaben and Hemantbhai was ready to stay with children and look after them. 

***Seven Deadly Sins.....***

- 1. Wealth without Work*
- 2. Pleasure without Conscience*
- 3. Knowledge without character*
- 4. Commerce (Business) without Morality (Ethics)*
- 5. Science without Humanity*
- 6. Worship without Sacrifice*
- 7. Politics without Principle*

*- Mahatma Gandhi*



### 1.3 Formative years-the foundation

**T**he annual reports of activities, its progress and audited accounts reveal many challenges also. On the one hand medical and health services are beyond common man's reach and there is crash commercialization of both. On the other, there is poverty, illiteracy, lack of awareness and socio-economic factors which obstruct their path of development. Further, we lack enough resources to reach to the last person and do not have many trained health volunteers.

And yet, the progress is not at all dissatisfactory. Journey continues towards its established goals with missionary zeal. The inspiration for it is from the known-unknown leaders who worked in past on the chartered path and help continues to flow from the trustees, well-wishers and donors. The hidden potential is realized and felt but along with that comes a bit of confusion and unknown fear too. The will shows its way. More they work, the fear and confusion get evaporated and there is clarity of thought and purpose.

Most important thing is to gain faith and confidence of the people whom we serve. They feel that it is their own hospital and even in their serious condition or circumstances, they will be attended to with utmost care and service. During the first year (1994), 15,000 patients had treatment in OPD and one third of them were treated in the hospital

as indoor patients. Main work was that of delivery cases. Earlier, when pregnant women delivered babies outside the hospital, there was much risk factor for the child and mother both. Now in presence of gynecologist and sister nurses, there is safety. The survival rate has grown high. IMR and MMR has also improved and that contributes to the overall human development index as our development model is based on such statistics. Less drop out ratio in primary schools is such other area. Nutritional food is the key factor for both health and education which requires overall improvement in socio-economic conditions of people. The trust aims to take care of all such aspects one by one.

In the first year there was financial loss of Rs.1.5 lakh though the running of hospital was very economical. If maintenance fund is stagnant and relief is on increase, naturally loss will be incurred and may increase as service sector has always financial problem. But individual and institutional donations came to the rescue. Rotary club, Billimora provided X-ray and sonography machines and Sri Rang Parivar an ambulance for transport of patients. Cash donations of very low denomination and vegetables, mattresses etc. in kind were also meticulously noted and are reflected in annual accounts. No donation is small. The spirit and sentiments behind it are valuable. People donated stethoscope, wall-clock and instruments of eye inspection and



even a portrait of Gandhi!

Dr. Ashwin Shah is a voracious reader and hence many noble thoughts are put as fillers at various spaces available in the report which are inspiring encouraging and motivating to those who come across the annual report. He himself once confessed that he was driven towards human service by reading biographies. Concern for others, liberal and humanitarian attitude, service to mankind is worship to God are the thoughts and the theme is human service.

In the beginning, the cases of snake-bite, cataract surgery, tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia etc were more in number. Visiting experts also continued to come from Surat and other cities regularly. Inquisitive visitors also started coming! Exchange of thoughts with all of them helped and gave much needed support. Local co-operation is a must if any organization wants to serve the regional masses. One day, it was discussed that more land was needed around the hospital complex. There were cesspools of rain-water and the land was uneven. The youth of Gandeva, Endhal, Khaparia, Pipaldhara, Matvad and Minkachhh were enthusiastic and showed their readiness to do the earthwork. They came back with tractors and the plot adjacent to the hospital was cleared and made even, with the co-operation of villagers all around. Earth work required expenses of nearly rupees one lakh which was done as a public service and 14,000/- sq.ft. construction for hospital was done with public donation of Rs.25 lakhs.

Everything and everybody is important in the

project planning in the voluntary sector. The most difficult matter is to have dedicated persons of integrity and they should continue to work. In the very second year, the hospital was recognized by the medical college, Sevagram, Wardha of Maharashtra for two medical doctors every year to complete rural bonds. Swami Sachchidanand of Dantali(Petlad) is known as a reformer and public educationist. He visited the hospital, motivated the team members with his motivating speech and donated Rs.25,000/- for the noble work going on. Chairman L&T, Shri Anilbhai Naik belongs to nearby village and he took interest and supported to construct the quarters for staff and developed Geetagram colony

It is to the credit of known and unknown donors with whose generous donations the hospital work continues to expand. The Community health project covers surrounding villages of various talukas of Navsari and the extension activities and programmes take care of the villagers with medical camps, anganwadis, workshops of adolescent and newly married couples, self help groups etc. Camps for polio and eradication of congenital heart disease (CHD), physical disability have also been arranged. Dr Ratna Magotra –one of the trustees and Heart surgeon from Mumbai was taking care of CHD.

In the fourth annual report of the Gram Seva Trust. Dr. Ashwin Shah has written under the title “mental churning” a few cases of oldage superstitions which come in the way of medical consultation and treatment where the patients could have been saved in time, had they not



gone the superstitions way! He has raised an eternal question: 'Who is responsible for this?' Ignorance, blind faith misunderstanding, lack of awareness, orthodox and conventional beliefs and patriarchal society – all contribute towards delay in bringing the patient to the hospital and alas, the delay proves to be dangerous and at times fatal. How can we transform and create a healthy society?

Regular medical camps, blood donation camps, eye checkup camps and videos & slide-show of health awareness generate slow-speed transformation. Various social and professional

clubs help them in these endeavors. Shri Dinubhai Patel (Khaparia village) one of the trustees, donated for hospital kitchen in his late mother's memory where free food plates are served to general ward patients and their attendant relatives too. Other donors have followed Dinubhai for time bound service of free food as fund flow is required continuously.

Few externs from US are also coming to take experience. One of them was Dr Varsha Puri who had come five times during her study of medicine.

### Programs to remove blind faith and superstitions in the community

Blind faith and superstitions in the tribal people is one of the main cause of ill health and lack of treatment in the community. To generate awareness in the people and reduce blind faith in the community, Gram Seva organizes various educative programs in schools and villages, with the help of Satyashodhak Sabha, Surat.

*Build to-day, then, strong and sure,  
With a firm and ample base;  
And ascending and secure  
Shall to-morrow find its place.*

*- Henry Longfellow*



## 1.4 Reaching the unreached

**T**he formative five years put the Trust activity on a sound footing and it has reached a silver jubilee year now. It has strength to bear the super structure built on the strong foundation of credibility, integrity and transparency. It serves tribal people with sincerity and dedication and donors have put faith in their work.

Apart from the annual reports containing its accounts and evaluation of ongoing programmes, few booklets have been published with important case-studies. Even in snake-bite and delivery cases, these people go to witchcraft and black-magic and unskilled nurses. That naturally complicates the case/treatment of the patients. There are counselors and health volunteers who reach them with awareness literature and even street-plays. But the efforts are not satisfactorily fruitful as per expectations.

Most of the services are free or available at subsidized rate to the poor patients. But it is expected that those who afford should share the subsidized services. A donation box is kept near OPD counter with a portrait of Gandhi hanging above it. Here also the hopes are belied. People's contribution and participation is very important in social services as the administrative cost is kept at bare minimum i.e. about four percent only.

Dr Hasmukh Naik an economist by profession had come on a visit to the hospital. He was native of nearby village Dhanori. He gave Support to

the community health project with assistance of Rotary club of Canada and Billimora and funded it. Name given was: Health Awareness Campaign and Training project, with a mobile van fitted with audio-video instruments.

People were ready to donate on seeing the work in progress. Hiren Patel a friend of Dr. Rodaben from Chicago donated 25,000 dollars and was ready to donate that much amount every year if his bank continued to earn profit. He added: "use the money as you wish, I need no receipt". Likewise, Dr. Jagashia and his wife Dr. Kethi came from U.S.A. with costly vaccination and administered it to 2,000 children. It was worth Rs. 30 Lakhs. They worked silently with purpose and returned without any fanfare. The couple provided an example of human service which is not dependent on any publicity, whatsoever. This group encouraged others to help via friends of Gram Seva Foundation who wish to come to India but are not able to make it due to their busy schedule. Many of them regularly send their share of donation. Noticeable and notable among them are Dineshbhai Shah & Family and Dr. Khushroo Patel. Nalinbhai Desai's efforts in donation collection are worth appreciation. If we look throughout the journey from inception, Dhanajay Desai, I.J Desai, Dr Anil & Dr Lata Desai are supporters and guided Dr. Shah couple in many critical situations. Many doctors have been inspired by Swami Vivekanand's aphorisms: Faith in goodness, absence of doubt, jealousy and



competition among colleagues and co-operation to individuals and organization who are engaged in good human service work.

Gram Seva Trust is dedicated to health and rural development and it continues to assess its own work dispassionately. It presents its performance to the society in a very transparent manner. All said and done, social service or social reform is a result of organized efforts of many. It requires proper leadership and continuous motivation to team members. The trust has been in the forefront in this respect. In 2004 it completed a decade of its existence and the second decade was over by 2014. At both the stages, special reports of its performance were written and presented before the society in general.

Our development model is publicity oriented and urban centric though the larger people continue to live in rural areas. Villages have remained without much developmental activities. They are still without development or under –developed. Mainly they suffer from three things:

1. Absence of basic amenities & livelihood.
2. Less health facilities
3. Lesser education alternatives.

Poverty exists as there are lesser employment options. Two other issues of blind faith covered with superstitions plus lack of awareness makes the issues more complicated. These tribal people have lesser opportunities of employment. When they don't have them in the village, they migrate to urban areas and get employed in road work, brick making or construction work. Their children are deprived of education and nutritional food.

The Trust, therefore, has a dream of creating a happy, healthy, self reliant, self governed rural society and hence implementation of community projects having socio-economic content.

The medico-couple joined the hospital in June, 1994 and made an important mark in rural health. In February, 1997 a project for child health and nutrition; in April'97 Annapurna Bhojanalaya for indoor patients, in Feb 1998 health awareness project; in March, 2002 health education for adolescent girls; in May, 2003 Satellite Centres at Kudkas and Shivarimal in interior Dang district, Gitagram staff colony and Sukhabhai Govindji Patel, Eye Deptt.- these are the milestones of the Trust's developmental work.

Hospital services continued to expand and cover many more areas of ENT, Skin, dental, cataract, ortho etc. along with delivery and general medicine. Since 1998, free surgery for polio and congenital defects were started, Modern laboratory and NICU (Neonatal intensive care unit) & ICU is available since year 2000. Dialysis centre started in 2012-13.

In the second decade of the inception of hospital, care for senior citizens and pregnant women (Mamtaghar), de-addiction counselling and project for construction of toilets were launched. A small quarterly news letter named 'Samvedan' was started since 2012 which regularly and constantly gives health tips and awareness about preventive health – along with case study.

Many celebrations are organized on the campus such as Foundation Day, Women's day, Navratri and National festivals. If any impromptu meeting



for interaction is arranged when any doctor or volunteer has attended any seminar or workshop elsewhere, and desires to brief about it to the staff and team members of the hospital.

The basic idea is to develop the entire community of rural area. Hospital services are important but rural programmes are also equally important. It was natural that as the founder couple was having medical background, they started with hospital but the perspective is of larger and extensive development. Half of the expenses of organization are for various rural projects for development.

Relationship of Gram Seva Trust with government is very positive and healthy. Many a time, such organizations praise or flatter the govt to have

more and more grants or others consider themselves on a higher pedestal and do not join in the development efforts of publicly elected govt. This trust always believes in rightful cooperation to govt efforts to improve the overall condition of the deprived people. Anganwadi, Self help groups (SHGs), care of old age people, care of pregnant women, toilet building are few examples of govt. programmes wherein the Trust has wholeheartedly participated. It carries govt. programmes to the unreachable as it has its presence in remote areas. It has been awarded for good work by govt also. Govt officials have observed its programmes and appreciated the qualitative efforts.

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*Let New India arise...let her arise-out of the peasant's cottage, grasping the plough; out of the huts of the fisherman, the cobbler, and the sweeper. Let her emanate from the factory, from marts, and from the markets and from groves and forests, from hills and mountains. Do not destroy... break not, pull not everything down, but build. Elevate the masses ...the fate of a nation... depends upon the ... condition of the masses...can you give them back their lost individuality without making them lose their innate spiritual nature.*

*- Swami Vivekanand*



## 1.5 March ahead, march ahead...

**E**very annual report has details of some new programmes taken for implementation. Further, it clearly suggests in which area the donation is required. Now the Trust has been certified by Credibility Alliance and it publicizes all the details transparently as per established norms. It contains details of any foreign tour by Trustees or staff members, salary slabs for various categories of staff, change in Board of trustees etc. No allowances are paid to any Trustee from the very beginning. Nowadays, there is crisis of credibility and lack of transparency. The annual reports of the Trust are good and rare example in such circumstances.

Earlier we have noted that two satellite centers are there in interior areas of the Dang district. The idea is to reach tribals, where there is lack of transportation facility. Every week a team of doctors alongwith paramedical staff visit them in a medical van. We met Dr. Shobha and Dr Sanat Joshi who specially come from Surat regularly for this work. Those who feel that we should also contribute in humanitarian work can join as per their convenience. This proves that the Trust services have sent a good message far and wide. Medical camps are also arranged with the intention that they have not to come to hospital. People wait for arrival of such doctors and organization of such camps.

There is a regular programme for newly married

couples regarding any gynaecological problems and awareness about future pregnancy. They are given required advice, suggestions, guidance so that they take care of woman and child both. Poor pregnant women are brought in the hospitals 'Mamtaghar' till the time of delivery and given nutritious food and care. Likewise, the SHG programme mobilizes women and they themselves plan and execute the programmes of socio-economic importance. There is a history of exploitation of tribal people by moneylenders who used to charge exorbitant interest rates for paltry sum of money. This SHG exercise teaches them to manage their in limited resources. We had the opportunity to participate and oversee the working of women in the village meeting. They were very active, alert and aware about the proposals before them. These women were seen in a workshop where they were participating in a skit to disseminate the message of deaddiction and usefulness of leaving hard drinks aside. They know that their families are unnecessarily victimized due to this menace of alcohol. Even in Anganwadis the women volunteers were active in engaging kids in educational games & activities.

The "ROSHNI" project engages young girls in sewing and handicraft classes where they learn to earn with development of such skills. They even produce household items like soap-shampoo, hair oil etc and even vermicompost fertilizer. Even they are taught various food recipes and nutritious food items which can take care of



their iron deficiency. They have a unique project of "Sangee" sanitary napkin to be used during menstruation period. They work together and sell in their villages. This project gives them income also. They produce, pack and sell. It reaches even to the landless tribal women who are mostly unaware about health hazards. So it teaches them lessons of cleanliness too. The women have earned more than Rs. 2.5 lakhs by selling sanitary napkins. Women volunteers arrange group meetings where scientific understanding and health tips are given and they participate with gusto.

As the tribal People have to migrate to faraway urban area for livelihood in road laying or brick making etc. their children remain unattended and educated. Dr Roda Patel was much worried for their children and as we have seen, the residential facility was started in rented house at khaparia village. Now a new building is built with donation of land by Chhaganbhai Naik and Family (Gandeva) which is named "Parodh" (Dawn). It is the beginning of life of a Child. It is green eco building which is constructed on concept to reduce, reuse and recycle of natural resources. It has capacity of housing 100 children and now 87 children are staying and taking education. The Organization is taking care of their food, schooling and cloths etc. totally free. It was inaugurated by Magsaysay awardees – Dr. Prakash and Dr Mandakini Amte

alongwith Indukumar Jani-Social worker & editor of "Nayamarg" on 20th Jan'16, Though Rodaben is no more now but her dream is fulfilled. Her husband Dr. Khushroo Patel & Family is giving wholehearted support to "Parodh". The trust's aim is to impart skillbased and moral education to these children for their good future.

Human service is an unending project as there are various dimensions to it. During 25 years of working, the organization did intensive efforts for health care as well as rural development, if we see all activities in detail-like "Parodh" hostel for education, Coaching class in villages, livelihood & women empowerment projects etc. One girl became nurse and others are pursuing further higher education. The women group had sold more than Rs 28 lakhs of household items, bags etc and of approx. Rs.39 lakhs of handicrafts. The women are also earning from kitchen garden and got iron rich food to prevent anemia. In health care also, now even lifestyle diseases, visible earlier only in urban areas & upper economy class have surged their head in rural area also. Hypertension, Diabetes, Cancer are important. Road traffic accidents have also increased. The hospital has started taking care of them and expanded their facilities like ICU and Dialysis centre. Even checkups for senior citizens in villages have also started by geriatric project. ☺



## Hospital Services



## Hospital Services





## Hospital Services





## Community Health





## Community Health



## Rural Development





## Rural Development



## Satellite centers in remote area





## 1.6 Team work

It is very difficult to get dedicated co-workers for any social work to start and to keep momentum for expansion. Dr Ashwin Shah, Dr Harsha Shah and other trustees could get dedicated co-workers. Dr Sharmishtha Patil and Dr Hiral Dave are looking after community health and “Parodh” projects. Dr Kanchan Dhadve-gynecologist and Dr Hiren Morkar Medical Officer are taking care of hospital services; Dr Mihir Dave is expert in rural development and is giving his full strength to rural development projects. More than that, there are about 60% staff who are working sincerely since long time. Dr Sharmishtha Patil and Dr Kanchan Dhadve are also included as trustees in the board of trustees. The internal meeting of dept and staff are held regularly where achievements and difficulties are discussed and perspective planning takes place. It is heartening to know that second rung of team is getting ready in the Silver Jubilee year of the trust.

Any public servant must have clarity that public interest is more and of absolute importance than personal or subjective interest. All trustees must digest this eternal principle and must work selflessly, which is seen in the work of this Trust. Everybody is clear in vision and mission of the Trust.

From the beginning, the organization had set up few values to follow which is seen in their report of

20 years. (1) Self discipline (2) Simplicity (No HiFi Culture) (3) transparency (4) good governance (5) Scientific and rational approach. It gives us pride & pleasure to see that those are well maintained in this long journey of 25 years.

There is strong desire of the trust board to take more programs in developmental areas like education, livelihood, activities against social taboos, bad habits alongwith health care to bring qualitative change in lives of people.

The retired Supreme Court Justice Dhirubhai Desai had uttered one specific sentence during his inaugural speech in the inaugural ceremony of the Gram Seva Trust in 1994: “Native poor and deprived people like 'Manga and Manchhi' (local names of this Halpati Caste) must feel this hospital as their own”. The dedicated workers of the Trust had lived upto the expectation of Justice Dhirubhai and made the thought as their service motto.

At the end of the report and on this occasion of silver jubilee year, we hope the trust will continue to get more dedicated co-workers and volunteers and with continuous flow of support of donors society in general will be benefitted with more humanitarian work.

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## **Annexure 1**

### **Brief information of activities and projects**

#### **1. Health Care**

- **Hospital Services**
- **Community Health Projects**
- **Services to remote interior areas and Satellite Centres**

#### **2. Rural Development Projects**

- **Livelihood**
  - Women's Empowerment project
  - Nutrition Garden Project
  - Training to SakhiMandal
- **Education**
  - Shiksha - Parab
  - Parodh - Balawas

#### **Vision**

- Healthy, Happy, Self-sufficient and Self- Empowered Rural communities.

#### **Mission**

- Cater to the Health need of every individual in the society
- Render special care to women and children.
- Promote curative and preventive measures
- Uplift social and economic status as well as rural development
- Create awareness for healthy qualitative life and development



## Hospital Services

1. Clinical Services in Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Dentistry, ENT, Skin, Psychiatry, Physiotherapy etc.
2. Facilities like Out Patient Department, Indoor services, ICU, NICU, Dialysis, Laboratory, X-Ray, Sonography and Ambulance.
3. Hospital Occupancy rate is nearly 70 to 80%
4. Service charges are low to make them affordable to all.
5. Financial Relief - Average 80 % patients are poor and tribal and they get partial or total relief in medical bills
6. Emergency Snake bite and Sickle cell Management available
7. Government Benefit Schemes - Patients get benefits from Government schemes for Below Poverty line families.
8. Recognised as First Referral Unit for Obstetric cases
9. Free food to patients and one attendant each, in the general ward.
10. Mother and Baby Friendly Services
11. Rational Medical Management and generic medicines
12. Health Education in clinics, wards, camps etc

## Community Health Projects

To improve health of the community in surrounding villages the community health projects were started. The following projects are being implemented in the 22 villages with a population of about 1 lac.

### Child Health and Nutrition Project

Covers 100 Anganwadis in 22 villages. Health checkup, Treatment for Malnutrition, Follow-up, Counseling, Referral Services to about 2500 children every year. Reduced Malnutrition in about 14000 children aged 0 to 6 year old in 101 Anganwadis in 22 villages

### Antenatal Care Project

About 1200 pregnant women are followed and

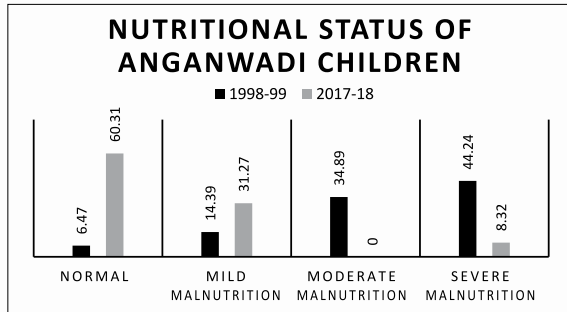
counseled every year to promote safe institutional deliveries and prevent maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality. Achieved 100% safe institutional deliveries in 22 villages in 2018-19.

### Adolescent Health Education Project

10 to 18 year old adolescent girls and boys are imparted life education through monthly meetings in villages. Around 1000 adolescents attend monthly meetings in villages every year. One day workshops are arranged in high schools where about 3500 adolescents are given life education in one year.

### Geriatric Health Project

People over 50 years of age are screened and



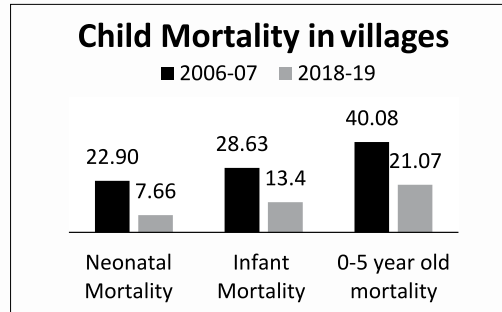
managed for non- communicable diseases like hypertension, diabetes, cataract etc. Over 3500 people screened in 15 villages. 18% people are suffering from Hypertension and 7% from Diabetes. They are given free medicines and followed regularly.

### **Primary School Health, Hygiene and Nutrition Project**

Health education is imparted to primary school students using, games, songs and videos.

### **Women's Health Project**

More than 2000 women aged 25 to 65 years from 28 villages of Gandevi and Chikhli blocks



of Navsari District were screened for cervical cancer, breast cancer, anaemia, hypertension, diabetes etc. in one year. This year women from Waghai block of Dang district shall be screened similarly.

### **Health Awareness Project**

Health education sessions are conducted in community, hospital wards, antenatal clinics and eye camps through audiovisual aids and discussions. Developed videos, flipcharts, charts and pamphlets on various health topics, in vernacular language for easy understanding of the people. Due to which there is increase in health seeking behavior of community and people come for timely medical help.

## **Services to Remote Interior Areas and Satellite centres**

The eastern border of Gujarat is hilly, forest, tribal area and the villages lack health, communication and transport facilities. Patients have to travel more than 100km to reach Kharel for medical services. Hence Gram Seva decided to reach these patients through satellite centres and

medical camps.

- Two satellite health centres were started in Dang district. Team of doctors and paramedical staff visit Shivarimal Health Centre on Thursday and Kudkas Health Centre on Friday and run medical dispensary. Those patients requiring



further management are brought to Kharel Hospital.

More than 1,00,000 patients have been treated in last 15 years.

### **Medical camps**

Three to four general medical and surgical camps are conducted in interior villages every year.

Experts from different medical fields provide their services during these camps. Patients are not only checked and treated in camps but those requiring further surgical or medical management are brought to Kharel Hospital and given treatment. Nearly 700 to 1500 patients are checked in each camp and about 200 to 300 are brought to Kharel hospital for further management. All services are provided without any monetary charges.

## **Rural Development Projects**

Multiple factors affect health like sanitation, literacy, decision taking capacity of women in the households, economic conditions etc. To address these issues different projects for women empowerment, education and sanitation are being implemented.

### **Livelihood**

#### ■ **Women's Empowerment**

**Sewing Class:** Sewing classes were started in 2003 to give young women 6 months training in sewing. About 1500 young women have been trained in this class till date.

#### **Handicrafts and Household Products**

**Manufacturing Project:** Women are also encouraged to make handidrafts and house hold products and these are sold in retail outlet, fairs and exhibition. Women are thus earning livelihood and helping their families using their skills.

**Sangee Sanitary Napkin Project:** This project

was started in 2015 to provide low cost, eco-friendly and easily disposable sanitary napkins to village women. Napkins are made by women for women.

**Nutrition Garden Project:** 50 families are trained in growing nutritious vegetables (especially rich in minerals like iron etc) in their kitchen garden.

**Trainings to Sakhi Mandals:** More than 12060 women members of 804 Sakhi Mandals in Gandevi, Chikhli and Vansda block of Navsari district have been trained in book keeping, accountancy and administration of micro credit groups.

### **Education**

**Shiksha - Parab Project:** 14 tutorial classes in surrounding villages to strengthen primary education of about 260 children of tribal and



landless labourers

**Parodh - Balawas (Centre for Child Education and Development):** Free residential facility for children of poor and migrant

tribal families. 87 children studying from std. 1 to std 12. 15 students completed their high school education. 7 students have completed or doing their vocational training.



*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high.*

*Where knowledge is free;*

*Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;*

*Where words come out from the depth of truth;*

*Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection,*

*Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of  
dead habit,*

*Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action,*

*Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

*- Ravindranath Tagore*



## Important Statistical Information

| Sr.No. | Particulars                      | Total of 25 years 1994 to 2018-19 |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1      | Total OPD Patients               | 12,02,523                         |
|        | New                              | 4,71,912                          |
|        | Old                              | 7,30,611                          |
| 2      | Indoor Patients                  | 1,20,845                          |
| 3      | Surgeries                        | 35,358                            |
| 4      | Obstetric Deliveries             | 22,587                            |
| 5      | TB patients                      | 3,630                             |
| 6      | Lab tests/No.of patients         | 12,56,816 / 3,96,498              |
| 7      | X-Ray                            | 79,747                            |
| 8      | Sonography                       | 48,027                            |
| 9      | Physiotherapy from 2006-07       | 28,596                            |
| 10     | Dialysis Sessions from 2012-13   | 7,201                             |
| 11     | Snake Bite patients from 2005-06 | 1,338                             |
| 12     | Free Food Dishes from 1997-98    | 11,68,522                         |

### Satellite Centers

| Particulars  | Kudkas             | Shivarimal        |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2003-04 to 2018-19 | Aug-17 to 2018-19 |
| Total Visits   | 802                | 82                |
| Total Patients   | 93810              | 4293              |
| Patients brought to Kharel Hospital for further Management | 3338               | 92                |

### Eye Department

| Particulars              | 1994 to 2018-19 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Camps              | 279             |
| Total Patients           | 44347           |
| Total Cataract Surgeries | 5771            |
| Total Spectacles Given   | 16754           |



## Annexure 2

### Acknowledgement

Many known and unknown people have contributed towards the development of the organization from its inception and throughout its 25 years journey. Today the organization has expanded like an old banyan tree and is working dedicatedly and enthusiastically towards the development of the poor and deprived people. The road was long and difficult with many ups and downs, yet your well wishes, continuous warmth, guidance and support and your generosity has helped the organization to continue its work and we are grateful and indebted to all our donors, well-wishers and many other people and organizations who have directly or indirectly joined and supported us in our work. It is impossible for us to express our gratitude in words, yet we feel this is an invaluable opportunity to thank you all for your huge support to us. We know that it will be difficult to mention each and every person, organization or well-wisher's name here, yet we feel it is our duty to mention the contribution of few people without whom our acknowledgment and thank-you would be incomplete.

Late Dr. Roda Patel had joined the organization nearly at its inception. She was personally present at Kharel for 16 years and had worked for the Children's Projects. She founded the Gram Seva Foundation in Chicago (U.S.A.) and had been generating funds to support the activities of the organization. After her, Dr. Khushroo Patel and

Mr. Dinesh Shah (U.S.A.) and their families have continued her work to support these activities. Late Mr. Chaganbhai Naik, was our senior and trustee of the organization. He had great empathy for the poor and always supported our projects. He and his family also gave donations for the new OPD building and land for the construction of Parodh - Balawas. Chairman of Larsen and Toubro (L&T) companies Mr. Anilbhai Naik has always been our wellwisher and helped us monetarily in the construction of our staff quarters. Mr. Chotubhai Patel (Kuched) monetarily supported the construction of the building for the community centre. Mr. Maganbhai Patel and Mr. Prabhubhai Patel and family (Matwad), Mr. Hasubhai Naik (Canada), Mr. Parag Patel (Khadsupa), Gharda Chemicals, Mumbai, late Dr. Rindani and his family, Aspi Agro Equipment Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, Dr. Mrs. Madhurika J. Naik, Shri Rang Parivar, The Desai Foundation Trust (U.S.A), United Health for Rural Underserved (U.S.A.), Patidar Samaj (U.K), Shanti Seva Pratisthan (U.K.), Ronald McDonald House Charities (U.S.A), Rotary Foundation and many local donors, Gram Seva Foundation donors, other donors from abroad and trusts have donated continuously for construction of buildings, equipment, kitchen, Parodh-balawas, ambulances and different projects and their recurring expenses. It would be really difficult to mention everyone, yet even the smallest support



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When despondency strikes us on not achieving expected results in our work, the words of blessings and guidance by our venerable guests and personalities coming to our organization for some occasion or as visitors inspire us and renew our energy and enthusiasm for

our work. Such venerable persons like Shri Narayan Desai ( Sarvoday Volunteer), Shri. Dhirubhai Desai (Retd. Justice), Swami Sacchidanand(Dantali), Shri Bhagawatikumar Sharma( Litterateur), Dr.SushilaNayar( Health Minister of India), Shri MorariBapu, Shri PremAvdhutMaharaj, Shri Anandmayi Ma, Shri Rakeshbhai (SrimadRajchandra Ashram, Dharampur), Smt. Kundanikaben Kapadia( Writer), Shri Sudarshanlyyengar (Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth), Dr. Graham Serjeant (Sickle Cell Expert, Jamaica), Dr. Jan Breman( Sociologist, Netherland), Dr.Amarjeet Singh (Commissioner of Health, Gujarat), Dr. Prakash and Dr.MandakiniAmte( Social Workers and Magsaysay Awardees), Shri IndukumarJani(Editor of Naya Marg, Social Scientist) visited the organization and we are grateful for their blessings, guidance and well wishes.

We also thank all local villagers, well-wishers, people's representatives, social, cooperative and education institutes, banks, Lions and Rotary Clubs, various Govnt. Departments, local newspapers, and full time and visiting doctors and staff (past and present) who have worked selflessly and enthusiastically towards the progress of the organization and helped us to increase awareness in the people and to reach to the needy rural and tribal communities with our services.

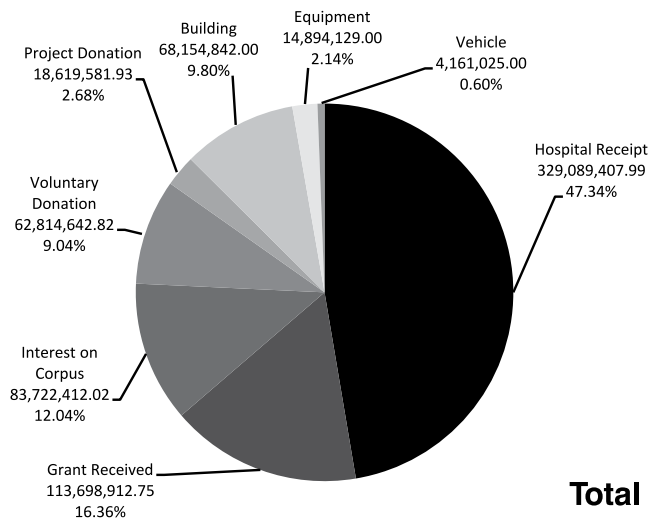
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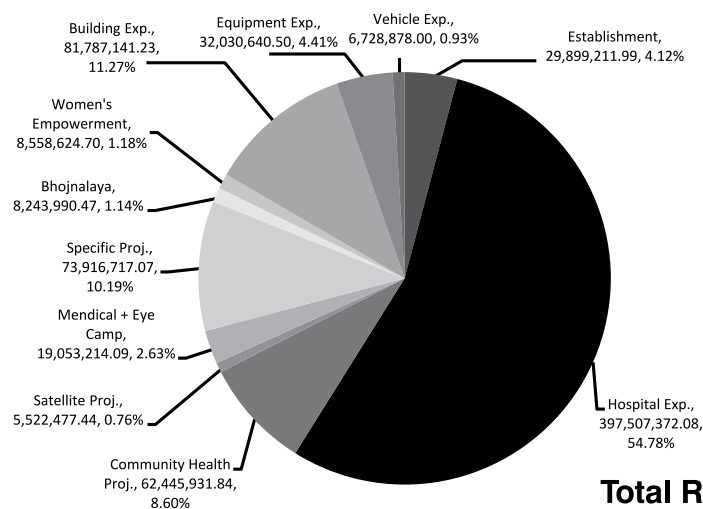
## Annexure 3

### Income & Expenditure of 25 years

#### Income



#### Expense





## Annexure 4

### Awards

#### Awards to the organization

- Best NGO Award by State Health and Family Welfare department for the organization's work in health in rural areas in 2008-09, presented by Dr. Amarjeet Singh (Commissioner of Health, Gujarat)
- Award for Highest Institutional Deliveries Of poor community (Chiranjivi Scheme) in 2008-09 from Government of Gujarat
- Best First Referral Unit in Tribal Area (2011-12), presented by Health Minister, Government of Gujarat
- Golden Jubilee Memorial Award (2016) by the South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industries
- NABARD Award (2005) for good performance in Self Help Groups
- Also felicitated and awarded by many other regional organizations and societies.

#### Individual Awards

- Ashok Gondhia Award (2000) by Young Men's Gandhian Association, Rajkot
- Gujarat Gaurav Manibhai Desai International Award (2001-02), presented by the then Governor of Gujarat.
- Awards by Rotary Club of Bilimora and Indian Medical Association, Navsari.
- Award for Services in Medical field by honourable Governor of Gujarat and Chief Minister Narendra Modi on occasion of Gujarat Gaurav Diwas (May 2013)
- Late Shri Kikubhai Naik Memorial Award (2018-19), by Gandhighar Kaccholi, for services in poor tribal areas.







## Annexure 6

### Environment friendly initiatives

Gram Seva has always been proactive in its efforts to reduce damage to and wastage of

natural resources to preserve the environment. This has been done by the following practices.

### Hospital Campus

#### ■ **Reduced use of Plastics**

- No plastic cups, plates, are used in programs of the organization. Steel cups and dishes are used as much as possible.
- Plastic bags are discouraged in the hospital and campus. Wherever possible alternative to plastic is being used.
- By using paper bags instead of plastic bags we have prevented use of 60000 plastic bags per year and about 900000 plastic bags in 15 years.

#### ■ **Reduce use of energy**

- Energy saving electrical equipments are installed.
- Solar Panels have been installed on roof thus using solar energy for electricity and heating water
- Staff are instructed to switch off lights, fans and computers when not in use.
- Sunlight and open windows are used as source of light and ventilation as much as

possible.

- Air conditioners are used in rooms where it is absolutely necessary.

#### ■ **Landscaping and plantation of trees around Hospital**

- Every year trees are planted and maintained in the campus

#### ■ **Reuse of Paper**

- Papers and envelopes are reused as rough papers or for office copies or as small chits to reduce use of paper.
- Paper bags are also reused in dispensing.
- Since last 15 years Gram Seva has been using paper bags made from old newspaper, magazines and reports, in the hospital dispensary, retail outlet for women and canteen.
- Every month about 5000 paper bags made from old paper by women's department are used.



■ **Reuse and reduced use of Water**

- Wastage of water is discouraged wherever possible.
- Staff and patients are encouraged to reduce use of water.
- Decrease of waste water in dialysis unit by reusing water from mineral plant.
- Gardens are watered by sprinklers to reduce

wastage of water

■ **Reuse of Old Furniture and electrical supplies**

Old furniture and electrical supplies from hospital and donated by friends is reused as replacement or to make new furniture.

**Parodh - Balawas campus**

This campus is built on Green building concept.

**Reduce Use of Energy**

■ **Architectural plan**

- The building is planned such that natural sunlight is used extensively and good ventilation is available thus minimizing use of artificial light and fans.
- Hot sun is prevented by brick screens. Thus decreasing temperature of the rooms.
- Trees are planted around the building to help reduce temperature.

■ **Electrical appliances**

- Electrical Wiring is done for load sharing.
- Energy saving electrical equipment is used

to decrease electrical energy consumption.

- Solarenergy and Biogas are used for cooking and heating water

■ **Reduce use of ground water**

- Rain water is harvested in underground tanks built to save rain water.
- This rain water is utilized for drinking and cooking purposes.

■ **Recycle Waste Matter and Grey Water**

- Recycling of waste matter to produce Biogas and compost.
- Grey Water is recycled and used for flushing in toilets





..... *And I say that life is indeed darkness save when there is urge,  
And all urge is blind save when there is knowledge,  
And all knowledge is vain save when there is work,  
And all work is empty save when there is love;  
And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself,  
and to one another, and to God.  
And what is it to work with love?*

*It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart,  
even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.*

*It is to build a house with affection,  
even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.*

*It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy,  
even as if your beloved were to eat the fruit.*

*It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit,  
And to know that all the blessed dead are standing about you and watching.*

*For .....*

*Work is love made visible.*

■ Khalil Gibran

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