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## OUR GOAL

The overall goal of the Foundation is to empower communities especially women by providing healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities and alleviate poverty.

## QUALITY POLICY

Deepak Foundation is committed to provide Equitable, Accessible, Affordable services to the underserved communities in the sectors of health, livelihood, education, and skills building, through evidence-based research, and to serve the differently abled and provide disaster relief support in compliance with the statutory & regulatory requirements, wherever applicable.

We are committed to Quality, Integrity, and Excellence in all areas of social services. We pledge to monitor our performance as an on-going activity and strive for continual improvement.





## OUR VISION

Empowering underprivileged and unreached communities to ensure holistic development, economic stability, and a life of dignity.

## OUR MISSION

Create a socially inclusive and sustainable environment for the vulnerable, specially-abled, underprivileged, and unreached communities by providing health care, education, skills building and livelihood opportunities. With focus on women empowerment, we envisage a society free of distress, disease, deprivation, exploitation and subjugation and overall well-being of the family and community.



# OUR FOUNDER & TRUSTEES



Late Shri C. K. Mehta  
Founder

## OUR TRUSTEES



Shri Deepak C. Mehta



Smt. Ila D. Mehta



Dr. Riddhi Mehta



Dr. Ruchi Mehta

## MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEE



### *Greetings,*

As I reflect on the past one year, I feel a profound sense of pride and deep responsibility. It's a privilege to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the Deepak Foundation team for your unwavering dedication to those who need it most. Your tireless efforts are not just driving our mission forward—they are changing lives in the most meaningful ways.

The unflinching commitment to eradicating tuberculosis, a disease that still affects millions worldwide, remains at the forefront of our agenda. Over the past year, our public health and clinical services team has achieved remarkable milestones in TB prevention, treatment, and research. By expanding access to life-saving medications, improving diagnostic tools, and raising awareness, you've brought hope to communities that have long been underserved. This holistic approach, blending intervention with advocacy, has reached those who might otherwise be forgotten, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

Through Project Sangaath, we've also made significant strides in connecting rural communities with essential government social security schemes. Till March 2024, the project covered more than 57,000 households and facilitated 1,37,000+ eligible beneficiaries with 280,000+ applications with over 90% approved and benefits received by eligible beneficiaries. These efforts go beyond just implementing plans—they're about listening, understanding, and truly making a difference in people's lives. The positive changes we've seen in healthcare access, education, economic growth, and environmental sustainability are a testament to the power of making the right moves, working hand in hand with the communities we serve.

However, our journey is far from complete. Equally important to our mission is the urgent challenge of climate change. Through initiatives like Gram Jal Sanchay, which involves constructing farm ponds capable of storing 100,000 litres of rainwater, we've transformed the agricultural prospects of entire regions. The outcomes have been extraordinary: water usage has decreased, crop yields have surged by 30%, and farmers have benefited from reduced weeding and lower irrigation costs. The link between climate change and public health is undeniable, and by addressing the root causes of climate change, we are also mitigating its impact on vulnerable communities. Our vision remains clear that building synergizing between these goals is vital for achieving long-term health and sustainability.

Through our education interventions we have been able to reach out to over 10,000 underprivileged children, providing support to all aspects of quality education and holistic development. I hope that these children, once under the fold of the Foundation, will stride ahead in their lives as they get support in developing the basic building blocks of education. I am also happy that we have been able to work with children with special needs and give them a life of hope and a strong future.

These are not just numbers; they are stories of resilience and a transforming future.

As we look to the future, I am filled with optimism. We will continue to strengthen our efforts, reaching out to more underprivileged communities and supporting them on their journey toward holistic development, economic stability and a life of dignity.

Together, we are not just building a better world—we are building hope, one life at a time.

**SHRI DEEPAK C. MEHTA**  
Chairman & Trustee, Deepak Foundation



## MEET OUR GUIDING TEAM

# MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**Shri S. R. Wadhwa**

Shri S. R. Wadhwa is the former Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, and a Tax Management Consultant and Advocate. He is also the Chairman of Income Tax Settlement Commission. He plays a pivotal role in guiding the Foundation towards financial management and achieving its overall goal of sustainable growth in the sectors of public health, skill building, livelihood generation, children with special needs and education.



**Shri A. M. Tiwari, I.A.S.**

Retired as Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Gujarat, Shri A. M. Tiwari has held diverse portfolios. He held important positions such as Principal Secretary in Education, Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Development, and has been the Managing Director of Corporations like GACL, GSFC and GNFC etc. As he has an immense interest in the development sector, he is guiding the Foundation with his technical expertise in the field of livelihood and strategising the implementation activities, in the capacity of Principal Advisor.



**Shri Sudhir Tripathi, I.A.S.**

Shri Sudhir Tripathi, (Retd) is a former IAS officer of Jharkhand Cadre of 1985 batch. He was the chief secretary of Jharkhand State from February 8, 2018 till his retirement on March 31, 2019. He was further appointed as the Chairman of the Jharkhand Public Service Commission on April 1, 2019 till September 26, 2020. He is an alumni of University of Allahabad.



**Dr. Dileep Mavalankar**

Dr. Dileep Mavalankar is former Director of Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar, since 2012. His work experience includes faculty and research positions at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, USA; Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, and Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, NY, USA. He has worked as consultant to many organizations, including Columbia University, WHO (Geneva, Western Pacific Regional Office), UNICEF (New Delhi), UNDP/World Bank (India). Since 2005, he is an advisor to Deepak Foundation on its research and development activities.



**Dr. N. C. Patel**

Former Vice Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Dr. N. C. Patel did his Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Crop Process Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur in 1993. Recipient of many prestigious awards, he has been the director of key state government corporations. He is guiding the Foundation with his technical expertise in the development of agro-processing equipment and technologies and livelihood initiatives.



**Shri Girish Sohani**

Over 40 years' experience in Natural Resource Management and Rural livelihoods, Shri Girish Sohani, an IIM-A alumni, worked on Village Production Systems, Appropriate Technology, Agribusiness and nurturing Farmer Producer Organisations and special involvement in work on Sustainable Development, Circular Economy, and Interdisciplinary Programme Management. He had served as an expert on various Committees of State and Central Government, NABARD, National and International Agencies.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



*Greetings!,*

As we conclude another year of impactful work, I am filled with both pride and gratitude for the progress we have made together. This year has been marked by significant achievements across various areas of our work.

Our commitment to public health remains at the core of our efforts. This year, through Nidaan Vans (diagnostic units) and mobile health units, we have expanded our programs to address critical health issues, improve access to medical services, and promote preventive care. Through community outreach, health education, and partnerships with local healthcare providers, we have made strides in combating diseases like Tuberculosis and anemia in improving health outcomes in the communities we serve.

Women's self-help groups have been pivotal in fostering community development and resilience in Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. We have continued to support these groups by providing training, resources, and financial assistance. As a result, these women have become successful in shaping their own futures.

Deepak Foundation's work with farmer producer organizations has been instrumental in transforming agricultural practices and improving livelihoods in multiple locations in Gujarat and Jharkhand. By providing access to modern farming techniques, market linkages, and financial services, we have enabled farmers to increase productivity, enhance income, and achieve greater food security.

Addressing climate change remains one of our most urgent priorities. This year, we kickstarted many agro-forestry interventions, thus ensuring sequestration of carbon, and supporting biodiversity. Through reforestation efforts and community engagement, we are trying to contribute to climate resilience and environmental sustainability. We have tried to address water conservation through our various watershed initiatives and farm pond based interventions, while ensuring water saving through micro irrigation. We look forward to rolling out large scale agro-ecological interventions in the coming years.

As we look to the future, our focus will remain on these key areas, with an emphasis on integration and sustainability. The challenges we face are significant, but with continued support and collaboration, we are confident in our ability to drive meaningful change.

Our team's dedication and support are the backbone of our success. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or advocacy, the involvement of our donors and supporters is vital in achieving our goals. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on public health, empower communities, support farmers, and protect our environment.

Thank you for standing with us and for believing in our mission. Let us continue to work together to build a healthier, more equitable, and sustainable world for all.

With heartfelt gratitude,

**Dr. JAI PAWAR**  
Director, Deepak Foundation



MEET OUR DEDICATED TEAM

## THINKERS, MAKERS & DOERS



Dr. Jai Pawar  
Director



Dr. Akash Kumar Lal  
Deputy Director



Ms. Sushma Bhonsale, Head  
Accounts



Mr. Shardul Acharya, Head  
Monitoring & Evaluation



Ms. Smita Maniar, Head  
Research and Development



Dr. Kallul Bora, Head  
Livelihood & Skills Building



Mr. Santosh Surve, In-charge  
Education

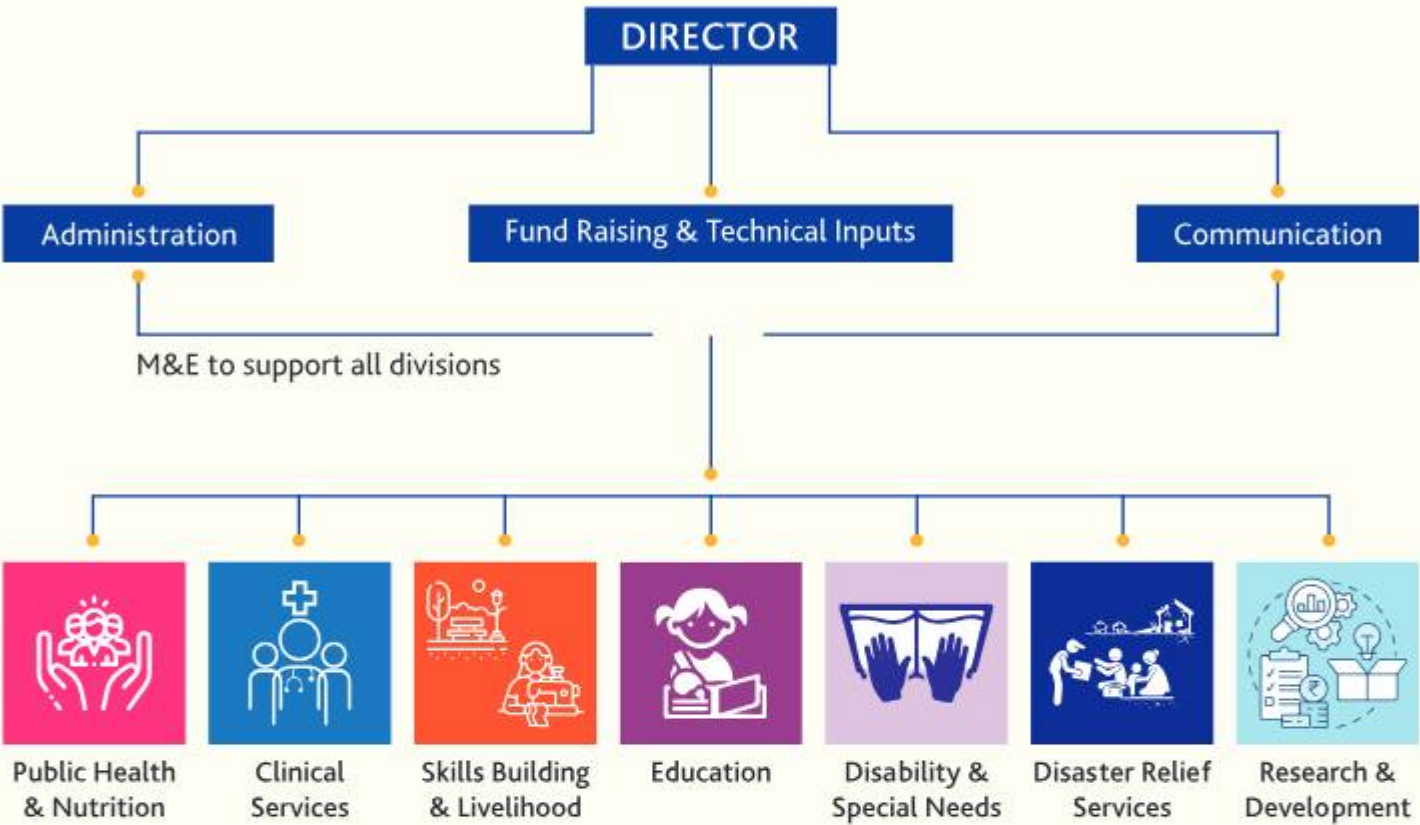


Mr. Debabrata Bhuniya, Lead  
Governance & Compliance Audit

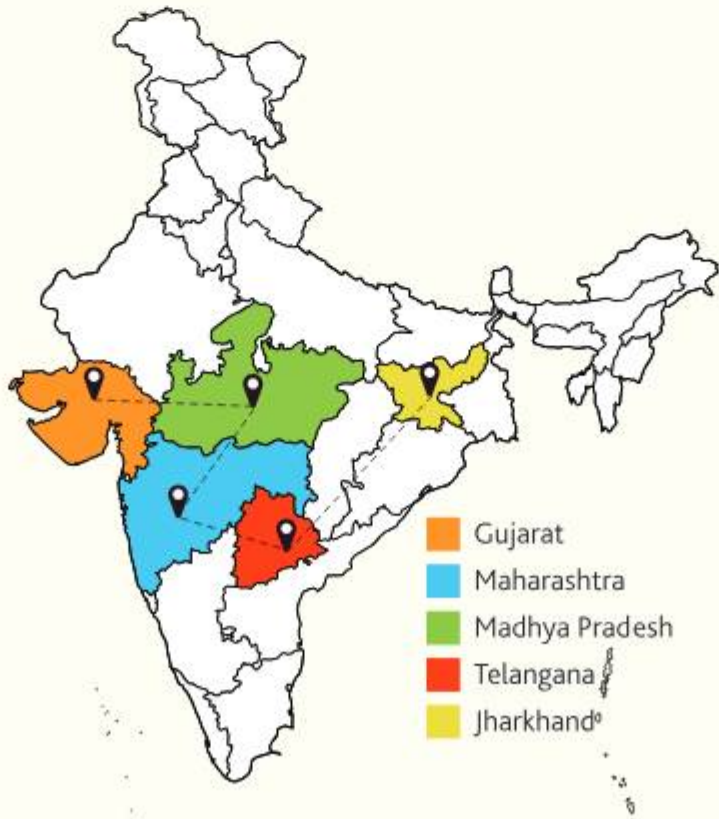


THE WAY WE WORK

# OUR ORGANOGRAM



## Our Presence Across India





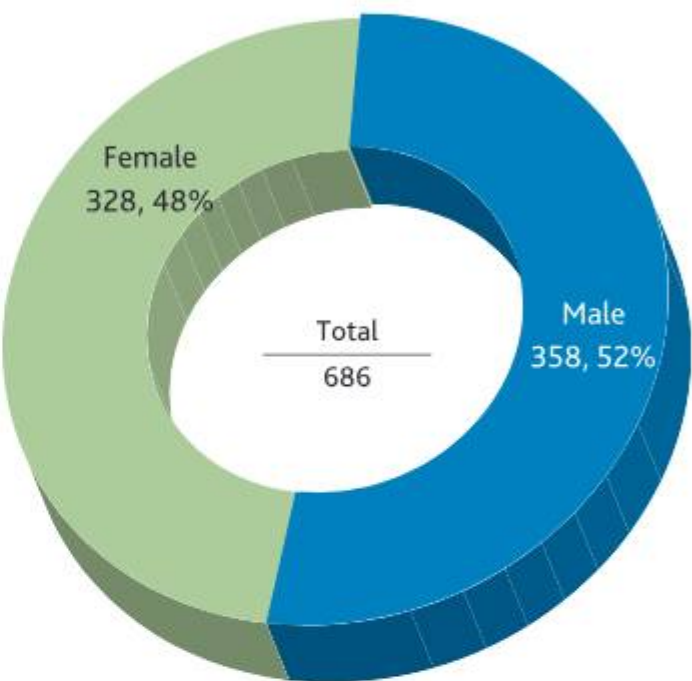
STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION

# OUR WORKFORCE

State wise staff distribution as on March 2024



Gender wise bifurcation of staff as on March 2024



Department wise staff distribution as on March 2024



Age wise staff distribution as on March 2024





## OUR VALUABLE PARTNERS





# ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

## REGISTRATION

- Gujarat Public Trust Act 1950 - No. E.3122-BARODA, dated November 22, 1982
- Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) 1976 - No. 041960088
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs - Registration No. CSR00000353
- Registered under the NGO Partnership System of Niti Aayog - Registration No. GJ/2009/0008944

## CERTIFICATIONS

- ISO 9001:2015
- Credibility Alliance
- Great Place to Work

## ETHICS COMMITTEE

- Institutional Ethics Committee is registered under New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019  
Registration No. ECR/901/Inst/GJ/2017/RR-20.

Members of Ethics Committee	Role/Designation in Institutional Ethics Committee
Dr. Shreya M. Shah	Chairperson
Dr. Parvati Patel	Basic Medical Scientist
Dr. Nikhil Kharod	Clinician
Dr. Deepak Vishwakarma	Scientific Member
Dr. Akash Kumar Lal	Social Scientist
Mr. Shailesh I. Patel	Legal Expert
Dr. Nandita Maitra	Member
Dr. Sandeep Soni	Member Secretary
Ms. Urvi V. Thakkar	Lay Person

## DRUGS & THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE

Deepak Foundation constituted a multidisciplinary experts' committee in 2015-16 in order to rationalise the use of pharma products, ensure compliances to regular SOPs laid down by the Medical Council of India and other Government of India regulatory bodies. The objective of Drug and Therapeutic Committee (DTC) is to promote quality of patient care by rationalizing the use of drugs. The DTC ensures that patients are provided with the best possible cost-effective and quality care by functioning in the following ways:

- Providing advice on all aspects of drug management.
- Developing drug policies.
- Evaluating and selecting drugs for the formulary list.
- Developing (or adapting) and implementing standard treatment guidelines.
- Assessing drug use, specifically antibiotic prescription, to understand drug prescription pattern.
- Apprising and educating medical staff on guidelines of the government and Medical Council of India.
- Promoting allied medicines such as AYUSH in conditions and cases deemed appropriate.

## A. PUBLIC HEALTH

- Corporate Social Pledge for Elimination of TB with The Union.

## B. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Recognized as Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.



# ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

## C. SKILLS BUILDING & LIVELIHOODS

- Empanelled with Ministry of Women & Child Development for imparting training programmes/ workshops under Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013.
- Accredited with Health Sector Skill Council under National Skill Development Corporation, Govt. of India for conducting Gol approved course on Home Health Aide.
- Registered (PRN: GJ2016RT13589) under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) of National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

## D. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Empanelled with Gujarat CSR Authority, Government of Gujarat, as CSR Implementation Agency.
- Empanelled with National CSR Hub at TISS under Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Government of India.

## E. OTHERS

- Member of Responsible Coalition for Resilient Communities (RCRC) network.
- Member of Nutrition Coalition of India.
- Member of Executive Committee of Sajjata Sangh.
- Member of the Internal Complaints Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act in various companies and institutes.



# PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CLINICAL SERVICES

## Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

Mobile Health Units have long been recognized as an effective way to provide quality health care services to remote and inaccessible areas that might otherwise be impossible to reach. The MHU provides preventative, promotional, and curative healthcare. MHU supplement existing healthcare programs, improve access to essential health services, and offer referral services, community health education, and health promotion. MHUs frequently reach the most inaccessible rural and tribal communities to which MHU provide an effective preventive healthcare strategy in addition to integrating less fortunate people, tribals, and other rural populations into the mainstream system of healthcare services. The MHU project increases primary health service delivery in villages with limited healthcare facilities, raises health related awareness, encourages public healthcare utilization, and decreases out-of-pocket expenditure. MHU services include daily OPD, medication delivery, awareness sessions, anaemia and underweight screenings, along with many other additional services. This is aimed at providing locals with a better quality of lifestyle. The program seeks to enhance haemoglobin levels in adolescents by monitoring them on regular intervals and providing counselling on physical and mental changes, nutrition, hygiene, symptoms, and anaemia preventative measures. Adolescents are observed throughout the year, and IEC materials are used to offer supplements, awareness, and counselling. The program also serves to screen children aged 0 to 5 years by providing continuous education and counselling.

17  
Total MHUs

74,446  
Anaemia Program  
Beneficiaries

32,767  
Underweight Program  
Beneficiaries

2,73,479  
Total OPDs

3,76,658  
Total Beneficiaries





# National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP)

Under the aegis of National Health Mission, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Deepak Foundation worked as a Patient Provider Support Agency (PPSA) in three divisions of Madhya Pradesh namely Gwalior, Jabalpur & Sagar comprising of 22 districts supporting National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) for private sector engagement from July 2020 till February 2024. Again in March 2024, Deepak Foundation has again been selected for expansion of services in 23 districts of Gwalior, Indore & Ujjain division of Madhya Pradesh. Deepak Foundation provides end to end care to notified TB patients and supports the vision of the Government to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025. Under NTEP, the Foundation provides care to the patients notified by private providers. The process starts with mapping and engagement of private providers, getting notifications from them, ensuring public health actions for notified patients. The process also includes facilitating patients to avail benefits of Ni-kshay Poshan Yojna, providing free of cost medicine. Ni-kshay Poshan Yojna is an initiative launched by the Government of India. This scheme includes provides financial aid to TB patients for fulfilling their nutritional needs. Deepak Foundation ensures the collection of bank details of TB patients and seeding of their account number in Ni-kshay portal. The Foundation has a dedicated team of 350 sputum collection & transportation agents who collect the sputum (specimen) from patients. The agents ensure triple layers of packaging before transportation of specimen. Under this program, doorstep delivery of drugs to patients leading to reduction in their out-of-pocket expenditure is also facilitated by the Foundation.

## PPSA-NTEP Key Indications 2023-24

<b>31,398</b> Patient Notifications	<b>17,680</b> Successful Outcome
<b>27,705</b> Registration under Ni-kshay Yojana	<b>6,22,642</b> Sputum Collection & Transportation
<b>29,832</b> Diabetes Mellitus (DM) Testing	<b>23,715</b> UDST Coverage
<b>28,905</b> HIV Testing	





## Nidaan Van

There are two Nidaan Vans operationalized by Deepak Foundation. One was launched in March 2023 and the newer one in January 2024. Nidaan Van addresses all the pillars of the National Strategic Plan to eliminate Tuberculosis (Detect, Treat, Prevent & Build). It also provides services for the screening of non-communicable disease and preventable blindness. Nidaan Van is designed to provide diagnostic care to vulnerable and marginalized communities. It is equipped with handheld x-ray machine with artificial intelligence, autorefractometer for testing of refractive errors, autoanalyzer five parts (Hematology), truenat machine, HIV screening facility and diabetes testing. A new initiative by Nidaan Van is to ensure a TB free GIDC. This is an innovative initiative to screen TB and other non-communicable diseases in the GIDC area of Makarpura in Vadodara district of Gujarat. This activity is being spearheaded through a partnership among Deepak Foundation, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Vadodara Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Lion's Club-Vadodara. Deepak Foundation also supports *Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan* (PMTBMBA) launched by the Honorable President of India on September 9, 2022. Aligning with the goals of PMTBMBA, Deepak Foundation provides nutritional support to TB patients in Madhya Pradesh, Bharuch, Chhota Udepur and Vadodara districts of Gujarat. During the financial year 2023-24, a total of 1,940 nutritional kits were distributed to TB patients in Chhota Udepur & Vadodara districts of Gujarat. The Nidaan Van served 23,411 beneficiaries in 2023-24.

### Nidaan Van Achievement 2023-24

**5,698**

Hb Screening

**8,701**

HIV Testing

**12,670**

DM Testing

**17,828**

Eye Testing

**263**

NAAT Testing

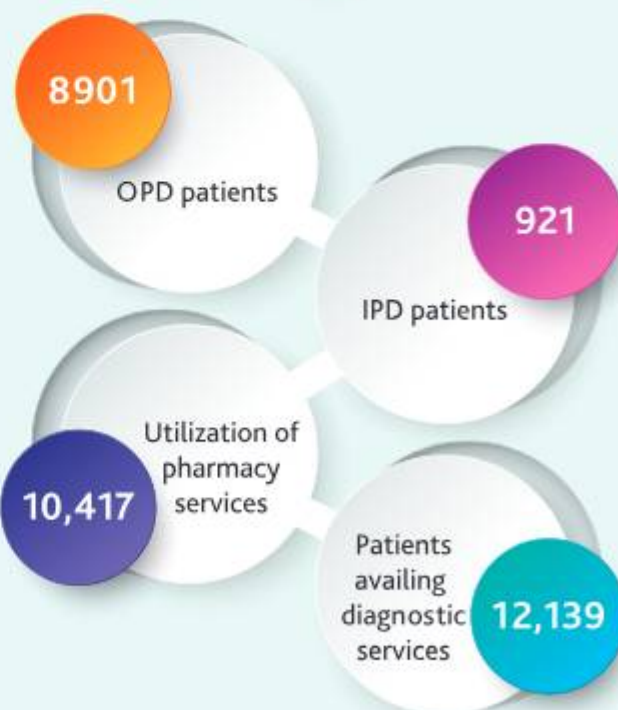




# Deepak Medical Foundation



Deepak Medical Foundation was established in 1980 to provide maternal and child care services to the community and industrial workers in an around Nandesari area. The aim was to provide quality health care services to the needy. Gradually the project expanded and more services like general medicines, ophthalmic services, physiotherapy, surgery, dental care, pharmacy, laboratory, ambulance and radiology services were added. Occupational healthcare services were initiated under this project in 2013 to cater to industries so that they could achieve their compliances regarding health checkups for their employees. In the year 2023-24, new services such as indoor patient diet services, ambulance services, and vaccination program were offered by DMF. Additionally, training and awareness sessions regarding DMF's activities were conducted in Nandesari and surrounding villages in coordination with AHCC, Deep Jyot Mahila Credit Society, Sangaath and ICDS team.





# Kalyan Hospital, Jharkhand

Based on the comprehensive experience of rolling out one of the first public-private partnership initiatives in a remote tribal area, Deepak Foundation was selected for operations and management of two 50-bedded Kalyan hospitals in the tribal districts of Jharkhand. Lack of specialists and non-availability of fully functional health care facility in the remote areas of Arki and Kuchai resulted in referrals of maternal and new-born cases and other patients with minor ailments. Non-availability of services at Kalyan Hospital results in referrals at the district hospital delaying access and low utilization of services. Thus, poor utilization of services stems from poor referral and non-availability of specialist services which puts a burden not just on out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) but also hampers universal health coverage (UHG). Therefore, an MoU was signed to upgrade facilities to provide health care facility, training health staff to manage obstetric as well as complications arising during the birth of a new born, providing dental check-up and weekly availability of pathologist, ophthalmologist, general physician to efficiently manage the health facility and provide treatment to the tribal population. An MoU between Deepak Foundation and Tribal Welfare Commissioner was done to strengthen health care services provided at Kalyan Hospital, Kuchai and develop the facility as a First Referral Unit (FRU).

	Kuchai	Arki
OPD	35557	33571
IPD	2426	1860
Surgery	902	1219
ANC Checkups	123	103







## Project Karuna

A Palliative Care Centre (PCC) for cancer patients was established in order to reduce out of pocket expenses so that they could easily complete their cancer treatment be it radiotherapy or chemotherapy. Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness, such as cancer or heart failure. PCC provides round the clock, free of cost nursing care to patients as well as free food and accommodation to patients and their relatives. The services are available to those patients who cannot afford the expenses of the treatment and cannot come down every time for the treatment. In 2023-24, the total number of beneficiaries were 339 and number of discharges were 355.

The objectives of the 'Karuna' project are – to provide holistic palliative care services to cancer patients referred from SSG hospital, to ensure 24x7 availability of skilled human resources to aid and treat cancer patients in the palliative care ward, to provide quality of care and psychological and spiritual support to cancer patients during their stay at the palliative ward and transport facilities to patients needing follow-up treatment at SSG hospital as per their prescribed regimen. Services provided under the project include nursing care, wound (ulcer) management, pain management, 24x7 provision of accommodation with fully furnished infrastructure facilities to the patient and an accompanying person, provision of end-of-life care, essential medication including opioids, yoga, meditation and physiotherapy sessions, refreshment trips, special diet as per the treatment regimen prescribed by the physician and transportation services as per treatment protocol. During 2023-24, 339 patients benefitted under the project out of which 217 were men and 122 were women. Majority of the beneficiaries came from the age bracket of 50-59 years.

Beneficiaries belonged to Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. Patients afflicted by breast, colon and rectum, cervix and uterus, oral and maxillofacial, and upper respiratory tract cancers were treated.

**339**  
Patients Admitted

**25**  
Centre Capacity





## Help Desk at Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad (SSG) Hospital



Public Health facilities usually have long procedures and processes as they deal with saving precious human lives. Several hospitals proactively assess the risk and potential liability against human errors and patient grievances. For hospitals that handle huge patient loads with high number of critical cases, the chances of mismanagement are high. The risk is higher for public hospitals as several of them operate beyond their originally intended capacity within the limits of predetermined budgets, medical supplies, and human resources. This leads to reduction in the quality of care provided at government health facilities. Commitment to improving accountability, transparency, and patient communication through Help Desk services can reduce numbers of claims and save lives.

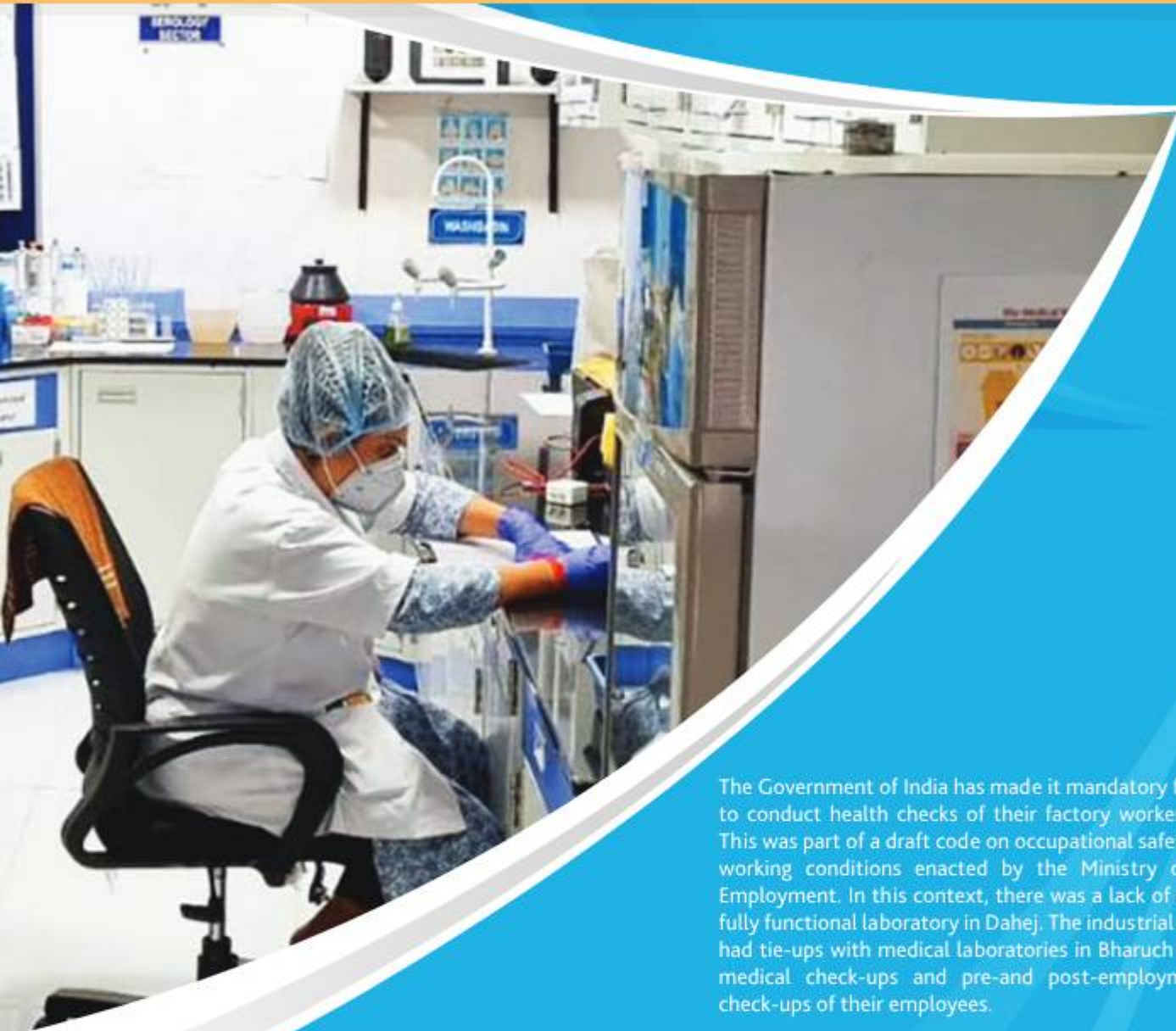
Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad (SSG) hospital is a tertiary health facility based in Vadodra run by the government. Founded on June 16, 1949; the SSG Hospital is the largest referral hospital in Central Gujarat. It has 1513 beds across several clinical specialties and subspecialties, an annual average outdoor attendance of 570000 patients and indoor admission of 67000 patients, a bed occupancy rate of 85%, 24-hour emergency service and around 200 to 250 emergencies each day. Deepak Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat has been providing services through its Help Desk at S.S.G. Hospital since 2006. The 24x7 Help Desk unit provides care and support services to those seeking OPDs or they are referred in critical cases at government health facilities. Most of these patients are poor and cannot afford to

seek services from private health facilities. The Help Desk has been providing services to more than twenty-five thousand patients annually and the quality of services has seen continuous improvement. The Help Desk at SSG Hospital has also been instrumental in helping patients with rare and expensive investigations. Through Help Desk, guidance and support is provided to get tests done free of charge with assistance from team members at all steps. Additionally, tests are done under eligible government schemes the benefits of which are otherwise left underutilized. The Help Desk is not only dedicated to supporting patients within the hospital but also plays a key role in pioneering community development through health promotion campaigns.





## Deepak Pathology Laboratory & Diagnostic Centre (DPLDC)



The Government of India has made it mandatory for companies to conduct health checks of their factory workers every year. This was part of a draft code on occupational safety, health and working conditions enacted by the Ministry of Labor and Employment. In this context, there was a lack of a reliable and fully functional laboratory in Dahej. The industrial units in Dahej had tie-ups with medical laboratories in Bharuch for periodical medical check-ups and pre-and post-employment medical check-ups of their employees.

Due to distance and lack of reliable transportation, it was a challenge to get the samples to the test laboratories uncontaminated at all times, the risk of contamination being a major concern. Deepak Pathology Laboratory & Diagnostic Centre (DPLDC) & Occupational Health Centre (OHC) is an initiative under Deepak Foundation (DF) to serve the needy in such far flung and remote areas. The vast experience of the Foundation in implementing medical and public health services in rural and tribal areas has led to the establishment of a well-equipped, quality Pathology Laboratory & Diagnostic Centre and OHC. DPLDC has also earned the **NABL** accreditation strengthening its commitment to quality and reliable diagnostics. It also boasts of an experienced team of lab technicians, staff nurses, pathologists and CIH doctors. DPLDC & OHC offer services of pre-employment and periodical check-ups, industrial safety training, community health camps and consultancy for OHC interventions. Tests offered at lab include hematology, biochemistry, microscopic examination, ECG, X-Ray, audiometry and spirometry. As a civil organization, the foundation believes in providing quality services to everyone at cost effective prices in its effort to provide equitable care.

**60278**

Tests conducted

**10035**

Beneficiaries given  
diagnostic services

Deepak Pathology Laboratory & Diagnostic Centre  
(DPLDC) 2023-24

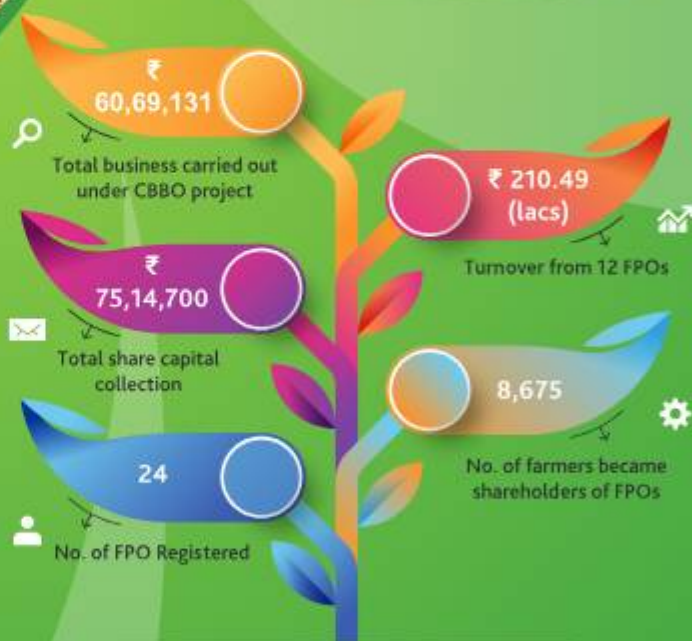


# LIVELIHOOD & SKILLS BUILDING



## Project Abhivruddhi

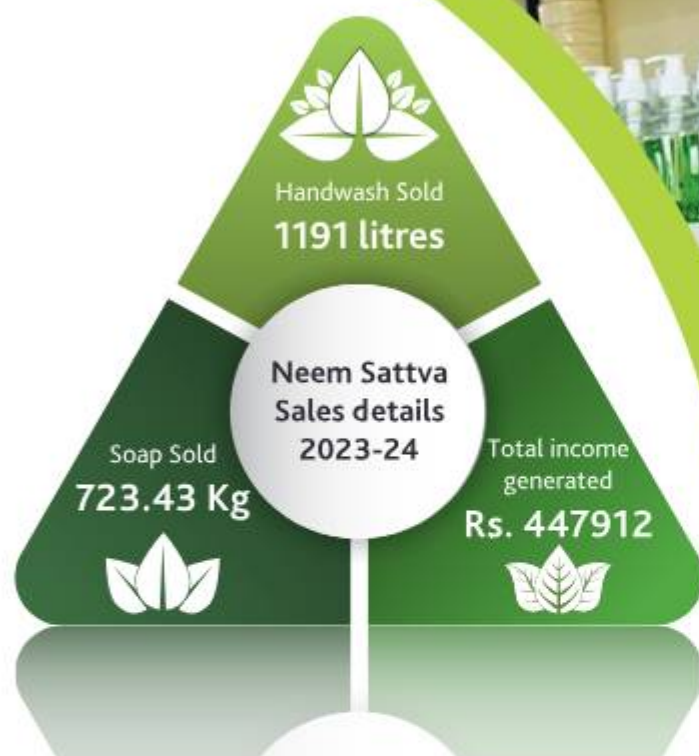
Project Abhivruddhi was launched to fulfill the Government of India's vision of implementing a scheme for establishing 10,000 Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs) across the country. The project is being implemented in 24 blocks of nine districts of Gujarat and Jharkhand. It aims to collectivize farmers at various levels to foster technology penetration, improve productivity, enable improved access to inputs and services and increase farmer incomes, thereby strengthening sustainable agriculture-based livelihoods. The vision is to ensure effective capacity building to FPOs to develop agriculture entrepreneurship skills so that they can become self-sustaining beyond government support. The project also aims to provide a holistic and broad-based supportive ecosystem to form new FPOs, facilitate socio-economic development and wellbeing of agrarian communities, provide handholding and support to new FPOs up to five years from the year of creation, enable mutual assistance and technical consultancy services, enhance productivity through efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable resource use, and help FPOs increase productivity, improve quality and reduce cost of cultivation. The districts covered



## Project Abhivruddhi

under the project are Bharuch, Panchmahal, Vadodara, Chhota Udepur, Narmada Morbi, Mahisagar in Gujarat and West Singhbhum in Jharkhand. A significant proportion of the beneficiaries are marginal and small farmers, especially women farmers. In many blocks of Jharkhand, the majority of the beneficiaries are from tribal communities.





## Neem Sattva: A Blossoming Enterprise

### *Empowering Women, Nurturing Communities*

In the heart of Tambati village, Khalapur Taluka, Maharashtra, a women operated micro enterprise revolution is underway. Deepak Foundation's Neem Sattva initiative is not just about soap and handwash; it's about transforming lives.

Neem Sattva micro-enterprise has become a platform for these women to showcase their potential, contributing significantly to their families and communities. Through comprehensive training in production techniques, quality control, record-keeping, marketing, and business operations, a group of fourteen women were equipped to manage the micro-enterprise effectively. Their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication were instrumental in the venture's success.

In its inaugural year, Neem Sattva flourished, producing over 10,000 soap units and nearly 2,000 handwash units. This remarkable feat generated a substantial turnover, enabling us to distribute over INR 8,300 to each woman entrepreneur. These earnings have empowered them to make their own choices, support their families, and build a brighter future.

But Neem Sattva is more than just numbers. It's about the ripple effect of empowerment. Our women entrepreneurs are not only building their own businesses but also mentoring others, creating a self-sustaining ecosystem of growth and opportunity. By fostering a culture of entrepreneurship, we're breaking the cycle of poverty and building a stronger, more resilient community.

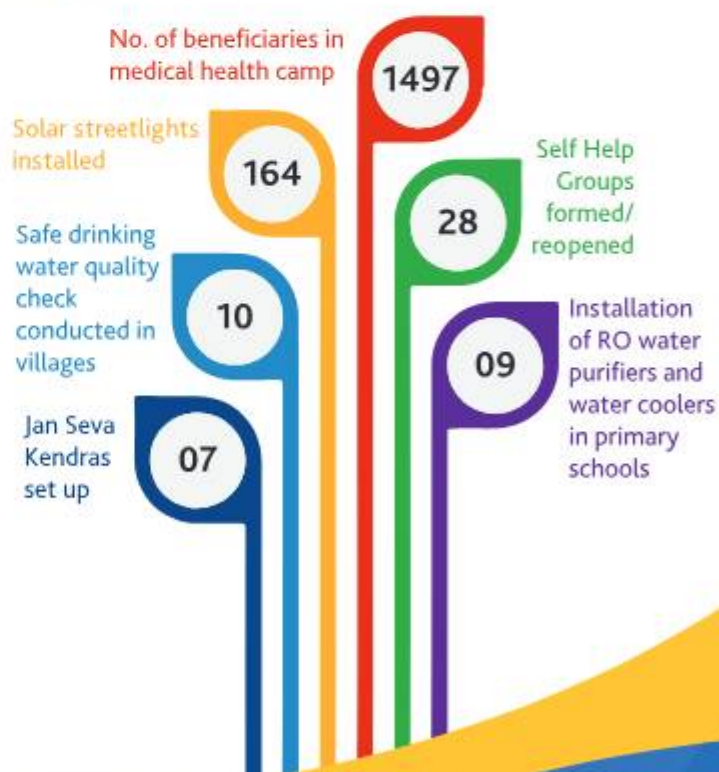
Neem Sattva is a testament to the power of women and the potential of social enterprise. It's a story of hope, hard work, and the belief that every individual, regardless of their background, deserves a chance to thrive.





## 'HRIDAY'- Integrated Village Development Program

The LIC Housing Finance Limited supported HRIDAY project is implemented in the Tilakwada block of Narmada District considering that the district comprises of nearly 85% tribal population (as per the 2011 census) and also features in the Prime Minister's Aspirational District Programme wherein the objective is to transform the most backward districts on forty-nine socio-development indicators. The project is currently operational in Mangu & Utavali, Limpura, Jalodara & Kareli, Sevada & Udhai Mandwa, Fatepura, Gamod and Vajiriya containing a total of seven center villages. The project strives to improve engagement of women in income generation, access to the government safety net and other beneficial schemes, access to Anganwadi centers (AWCs), health and hygiene awareness and infrastructure development. In the year 2023-24, different activities such as health camps, kitchen garden, formation of Self-Help Groups, water resource management, installation of solar lights, school renovation, training of farmers and SHG members, and setting up of Agri tool kit bank were conducted as part of the project.





## Project Sashakt



Project Sashakt aims to promote women entrepreneurship through capacity building of women associated with Self Help Groups. Ever since its inception, Deepak Foundation has made significant contribution to empowering women by offering opportunities of earning livelihood. More than 100 Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been promoted and gradually women have been trained to undertake various income generation activities. During 2017-18, the Foundation with support from Deepak Nitrite Limited and NABARD, initiated capacity building of rural women of Nandesari, Vadodara district to undertake enterprises such as nursery plants, paper/cloth bag, quilt-based cloth products and apparel, fodder development for cattle. Samanvay Sashakt envisions capacity building of at least 150 rural women so that they can take up new enterprises and earn through the same. The project area covers villages such as Nandesari, Damapura, Fajalpur, Angadh, Rayka, Dodka, Dhanora, Kotna etc. Two key components of the project are capacity building training and marketing, production of the various types of products created by women entrepreneurs. This is achieved through assistance by technical specialists, exposure to market linkages, appropriate product branding, and guidance in use of social as well as local level networks.

**161**  
Formation of SHGs

**129**  
Women trained

**1725**  
No. of women involved in entrepreneurship activities

**Rs. 5911**  
Average monthly income of women entrepreneurs

**Project Sashakt  
2023-24**



## Project Vasundhara



1549

Tree saplings  
planted

264

No. of farmers undergoing  
training & capacity building

154

Total beneficiaries

53%

Adoption rate for  
fodder production

12%

Adoption rate for  
bio-fertilizer

Project Vasundhara, a collaborative effort spearheaded by Corteva Agriscience, is transforming the landscape of Savli, a region renowned for its agricultural richness and ecological significance. By prioritizing sustainable practices and empowering local farmers, primarily women, the project is working towards a harmonious coexistence between people and nature.

Recognizing the delicate balance between agricultural productivity and environmental conservation in Savli, it works with farmers' producer organizations (FPOs) and other community members and through capacity building, knowledge sharing, and the adoption of innovative farming techniques, the project aims to enhance soil health, reduce reliance on harmful chemicals, and build resilience against climate change.

The project site covers Vadiya, Nani Bhadol, Moti Bhadol, Khakahriya, Mal Ankaliya, Ranipura and many other villages in the Savli block. Project Vasundhara phase one started from November 2022 and is currently operational in FPOs consisting of nearly 623 farmers including 105 female farmers and 518 male farmers. At present, 13 villages have been identified for the project with scope for covering more villages post a needs assessment exercise. Various activities carried out under the aegis of the project are installation of solar pumping unit, mulching and drip irrigation equipment for farmers, fodder production by SHG members, installation of jet spray irrigation system, block plantation and installation of bio-compost units. Outcomes have demonstrated considerable progress in sapling survival rate, sustainable irrigation using solar power, and adoption of fodder production and bio-fertilizer production with possibility of improvement in adoption rate of jet irrigation spray technology.



## Project Samanvay



Project Samanvay is an integrated cluster development initiative aimed at empowering Self-Help Group (SHG) women in 14 villages. Supported by Deepak Phenolics Limited and implemented by Deepak Foundation, the project focuses on increasing SHG members' incomes through skills training, market linkages, and government scheme integration.

To foster sustainable livelihoods and community empowerment, our organization implemented a comprehensive range of programs. Targeted training sessions equipped beneficiaries with diverse income-generating skills, encompassing stitching, animal husbandry, agriculture, handicraft, and jewelry making. Simultaneously, SHG strengthening initiatives focused on enhancing operational efficiency through training in account management, record-keeping, and orientation. This facilitated the formation of new SHGs, fostering community cohesion and self-reliance.

To promote sustainable practices, the organization identified beneficiaries for Gobar gas and Azolla demonstration plots, encouraging environmentally friendly agricultural methods that

increase productivity. Financial inclusion was facilitated by assisting SHG members in opening bank accounts, thereby enhancing financial literacy and access to formal banking services. To bolster market access and visibility for SHG enterprises, we actively participated in local events, promoting the economic prospects of community-produced goods.

Moreover, our commitment to sustainable agriculture led to the establishment of organic farming demonstration plots, complete with setups for organic manure production and pest control. These initiatives encouraged eco-friendly farming practices, ensuring food security and improved crop yields. Finally, to empower SHG members with entrepreneurial skills, we conducted Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDP) and refresher training, equipping them with the tools and confidence to successfully initiate and manage their businesses.

Project Samanvay's holistic approach underscores its commitment to sustainable development, economic empowerment, and community resilience, laying a strong foundation for long-term growth and prosperity in the targeted villages.



## Skill Satellite Centre (DSIR), Kuchai



The state of Jharkhand suffers from several critical gaps in agriculture and allied sectors. The Kuchai block situated in Seraikella-Kharsawan district is a rural region in Jharkhand with 10 gram panchayats and 99 villages. There are a total of 13405 households with a population of 64320. The count of employed persons of Kuchai block is 32416. Out of the total number of workers, 15% are cultivators, and 4% are agricultural laborers, a major chunk (42%) being marginal agricultural laborers. Overall, over 60% of the total women populace is engaged in agriculture. Menstrual health management is one of the key issues in the community. More than 60 % of rural women in the area still use old clothes instead of sanitary napkins leading to vaginal infection and diseases. Socio-cultural norms in society discourage discussion pertaining to puberty and menstruation within and outside the family thus leading to poor and unhygienic practices to manage menstruation. To overcome this challenge, Project DSIR Skill Satellite Centre Skill targets development training to improve health status of adolescent girls and women. The project has created opportunities for local tribal women to enhance their skill, build awareness about

personal and menstrual hygiene, establish low-cost compostable sanitary napkins production unit (managed by rural and tribal women/ Self Help Groups). DSIR Kuchai operates with the philosophy of capacity building and social change. The project has resulted in the completion of the fourth batch of phase-I menstrual hygiene management training, first and second batch of Phase-II goat and poultry training and a baseline survey for the same, phase-II training of 48 women from SHGs, and a menstrual pad impact assessment survey.

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Training Batches  
Conducted

94

No. of trainees  
completed training

Skill Satellite Centre (DSIR)  
2023-24





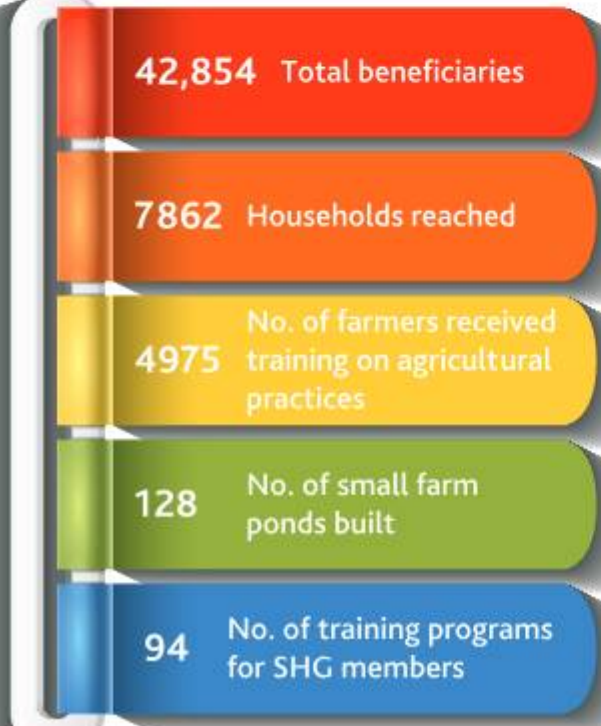
# Integrated Village Development Project (IVDP) Maharashtra

Initiated in July 2018, the Integrated Village Development Project (IVDP) in Mokhada (Palghar district) is sponsored by JM Financial Foundation and implemented in collaboration with the Palghar district administration by Deepak Foundation. It is a comprehensive initiative aimed at the holistic development of tribal households in identified villages -- Ase, Bramhangaon, Kalamgaon, Dhamani, Beriste, Bivalpada, Karoli. The project facilitates entitlements and access to existing government schemes, improvement in household-level health and nutrition, and strengthening livelihoods for 1108 tribal households. The different kinds of interventions carried out under the project are agriculture development, introduction of new cultivars, utilization of barren land for cultivation, promotion of organic manure, watershed development, building waterwheels, training and capacity building of farmers, Self-help groups, and health and nutrition workshops.



## Water Wheel Distribution

Mokhada, situated in the tribal-dominated Palghar district of Maharashtra, is one of the state's most economically disadvantaged regions. Extreme water scarcity, especially during summers, leads to wells and earthen dams drying up in addition to reduced availability of water resources. Villagers, especially women and girls, spend hours each day traveling over 1-2 kms to fetch water multiple times that can cause physical strain and health issues such as chronic back, neck, and eye pain, spinal curvature, fatal complications during childbirth. Recognizing these challenges, Deepak Foundation introduced water wheels to alleviate the struggles faced by families in need. The water wheel is a simple, yet effective tool designed for households lacking reliable water access. Its leakproof and durable design allows carriers to fetch three times as much water in half the time. At any given time, a single water wheel can transport 45 liters of water. The Foundation has distributed 613 water wheels in Mokhada in 2023-24 to needy families who collectively covered more than 622 km in one round of water fetching. The impact of water wheel distribution has resulted in community empowerment through sustainable water solutions extending beyond physical relief, empowering women, and challenging gender norms. Beyond domestic use, water wheels contribute to irrigation and household gardens, ensuring nutrition and fostering resilience and well-being during droughts.







## Gram Jal Sanchay, Maharashtra

The arid landscape of Roha, Maharashtra presented a formidable challenge to its farmers: parched soil and the relentless escape of precious rainwater. This meant a single crop cycle, a gamble against the monsoon, and meager yields.

Project Gram Jal Sanchay, a lifeline extended by Deepak Nitrite Limited and implemented by Deepak Foundation. By constructing 90 farm ponds, each capable of storing a lakh liter of rainwater, the project transformed the region's agricultural destiny. Now, the once-elusive rainwater is captured and harnessed. From November to May, these water bodies sustain lush, irrigated fields. Drip irrigation, a technological marvel embraced by 90 innovative farmers, has revolutionized cultivation practices. Where once stood monotonous paddy fields, a vibrant tapestry of chili, brinjal, okra, bitter gourd, and cucumber now thrives.

The results are nothing short of spectacular. Water usage has plummeted, saving precious resources and preventing water-logging. Yields have soared by an impressive 30%, translating

into bountiful harvests and increased incomes. The grueling task of weeding has been significantly reduced, and electricity bills for irrigation have dwindled, providing substantial savings.

Deepak Foundation's support extends beyond infrastructure. Farmers have been equipped with the knowledge and skills to embrace modern farming techniques. Drip irrigation is more than just a technology; it's a pathway to prosperity, ensuring uniform plant growth, healthier soil, and a sustainable future.

Project Gram Jal Sanchay is not merely about water; it's about empowerment. It's about transforming lives, revitalizing communities, and redefining the relationship between farmers and the land. This initiative is a testament to the power of partnership and innovation in creating a greener, more prosperous tomorrow for the people of Roha.







## Home Health Aide Course

The Home Health Aide (HHA) sector in India is burgeoning, driven by factors such as an aging population, increasing chronic illnesses, and rising appreciation for home-based care. HHAs play a pivotal role in assisting patients with daily activities, medication management, and basic medical care; working under the guidance of registered healthcare professionals. This field welcomes professionals from diverse backgrounds, including nursing, medicine, and social work, necessitating skills like effective communication, nursing basics, and physiotherapy. The comprehensive HHA course curriculum addresses fundamental aspects such as medical terminology, infection control, patient safety, communication, and personal care assistance. Hands-on training and internship opportunities are integral components, providing trainees with real-world experience. Deepak Foundation's Institute for Skills Building, Research, and Innovation is a cornerstone in this educational landscape. Accredited with the National Skill Development Corporation under the Healthcare Sector Skill Council, the institute offers a six-month certificate course accessible to individuals aged 18 to 45, with a minimum educational requirement of Class 10. Its inclusive policy welcomes applicants of all genders. In Vadodara and Hyderabad, Deepak Foundation collaborates with local stakeholders -- healthcare providers, community organizations, and government agencies to meet the escalating demand for skilled HHAs. Since its inception in 2014, the Foundation has registered approximately 3,407 candidates for the HHA course. In 2023-24, 535 individuals enrolled in Hyderabad and Vadodara, with 358 successfully placed in regular positions. Salaries range from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 17,000, reflecting regional variances and job responsibilities. The course not only addresses the pressing need for healthcare support but also serves as a gateway to employment for numerous youths. Deepak Foundation remains committed to empowering young people by equipping them with the necessary skills to excel in this vital sector, ensuring a brighter future for both caregivers and recipients of care.

**17**  
Batches

**535**  
Registered Trainees

**461**  
Regular Trainees Cleared  
the exams

**358**  
Total Placement





## Skill Upgradation Centre, Dahej

The Dahej industrial Special Economic Zone (SEZ), supported by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, is a major hub for industries such as chemicals, petrochemicals, and manufacturing. With the rise of industrial automation and digitization, the demand for skilled manpower has surged significantly. To meet this growing demand, a skill upgradation centre has been established at Dahej Industrial SEZ.

The skill upgradation centre plays a crucial role in empowering the local workforce, contributing to the region's economic growth, and supporting the aspirations of young individuals by providing them with valuable skills and knowledge. It is a boon for local youth aspiring to build careers in the industrial sector and budding entrepreneurs. It provides a platform for candidates to enhance their skills and gain new knowledge, thereby bridging the skill gap and creating a competent workforce in the region.

The centre offers training in various in-demand courses, including housekeeping and data entry operations. Equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and training facilities, the centre ensures high-quality training for candidates. Industry experts with extensive experience conduct the training through a blend of theoretical sessions and practical hands-on experiences. Upon completion of the course, candidates receive a certificate recognized by the industry, enhancing their employability.

Deepak Foundation joined this initiative in September 2022. Deepak Phenolics Limited funds specific courses, further supporting the skill upgradation centre. This funding has allowed the introduction of new training programs and the expansion of existing ones, thereby increasing the number of beneficiaries.

Between September 2022 and November 2023, 130 candidates have been registered at the centre, with 102 attending regular classes. Of these, 90 are enrolled in the Data Entry Operator

course, and 40 are in the Industrial Housekeeping course. Additionally, 34 candidates have received training in Entrepreneur Development. The housekeeping course covers cleaning, sanitization, waste management, and safety protocols, while the data entry operator course focuses on data entry, data analysis, and basic computer operations.





# EDUCATION

## Pre-school Education, Dabhoi, Gujarat



To address the growing need and scope for educational outreach in the remotest corners of the country, Deepak Foundation's initiatives in the Education sector span from catering to pre-school children to secondary school students. The vision is to provide holistic development by ensuring access to innovative educational practices to the underprivileged and marginalized communities. It is completely sponsored by Rotary Club of Baroda Metro. More than 2500 ECCE sessions have been conducted in this time span.

In the year 2023-24, Deepak Foundation commenced strengthening of pre-school education in Anganwadi centres of select remote villages of Dabhoi taluka in Vadodara. This initiative was taken after preliminary information about the preschool education status of children and infrastructure of centres was studied. It was observed that approximately 700+ children are enrolled in Anganwadi centers, but the learning environment offered was limited.

Therefore, focused interventions are needed for school readiness among children age three to five years for which effectively delivery of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is essential. The project:

- Aims to promote learning in a conducive environment to ensure overall development of children by putting into place strategically planned early childhood educational interventions through print rich learning concept and play-way methods to impact cognitive, language, personal, and social learning outcomes in children.
- It started in mid 2023 and has 35 Anganwadi centres covered under it so far with 650+ beneficiaries.
- Implementation plan within a span of six months has trained 35 education facilitators who effectively conducted ECCE sessions, provided education kits, games, picture puzzles, puppets, story books, learning material, sitting mats and all 35 Anganwadi centres were refurbished of building, infrastructure facilities, concept learning walls for a comfortable learning space for children.





## Project Vivek Vidya

Aligned with the objectives of NEP 2020, project 'Vivek Vidya' has conceptualized mobile education services to improve educational access and quality learning for unreached communities. Presently, the project is being implemented in 5 districts in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana (Vadodara, Bharuch, Pune, Raigad, and Hyderabad). It is a strategic intervention to build cognitive and non-cognitive competencies among children and provide support to all aspects of quality education and holistic development. The Foundation's commitment to grassroots change is exemplified through the empowerment of local community women who serve as education facilitators (Vidya Sathis) for this project. They are imparted training and skills by subject experts by means of capacity building workshops to provide educational assistance to children in their villages/communities. The project:

- Aims to develop children's necessary competencies in reading and writing with understanding, thinking critically and creatively, developing social and emotional competencies, listening, and speaking with confidence.
- Strives to provide structured academic environment that fosters intellectual development, knowledge acquisition, character building, personality development and civic engagement.
- Encourages and motivates families towards education by providing quality reading material, cultivating verbal proficiency, stimulating imagination and creativity among young minds, fostering cooperation among students,

enhancing listening skills, distribution of workbooks to children, providing vocational skills to prepare children for sustainable life opportunities and parental counseling.

- Contributes to women empowerment by being a platform for support, recognition, upskilling and livelihood opportunities for those in the role of Vidya Sathis.





## Nandesari Education Project



Mathematics, Science and English education in India is faced by various practical challenges due to fear of these subjects among students, limited availability of subject experts, lack of quality content providers and expert counsellors to address the anxiety that students face while studying. The students in Nandesari encounter similar problems in successfully clearing these subjects in the secondary board examination. Through the Nandesari education project:

- Deepak Foundation provides effective remedial classes in these subjects giving in-depth knowledge, conceptual clarity, project-based learning easy to understand study material to create an interest for these subjects among students.
- The Foundation also leads innovative education techniques to bring back dropouts into the mainstream such as tracking students and their learning levels, facilitating multiple pathways to learning involving both formal and non-formal education modes, parental counselling, career counselling sessions by expert educators and motivational speakers, sports education, vocational trainings and youth awareness programmes etc.
- The target is to achieve resounding success in helping students come out with flying colours in exams. The project currently operates in three schools of Nandesari, i.e., Nandesari Vidyalaya, Buddhadev High School and Sankariyapura Secondary School for students of grades eight, ninth and tenth class with 500+ students as beneficiaries.
- During academic year 2023-24, interventions and remedial classes contributed to giving three toppers in 10th class holding 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranks in Nandesari Vidyalaya school in results of 10th board 2024 (all 3 girls).

Students  
enrolled

511

1175

Remedial  
input  
sessions

Sports  
sessions

261

136

Career  
counseling  
sessions



## Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) Project

### ICDS 2023-24

**67** Anganwadi centres covered

**1959** Students enrolled

**1312** ECCE sessions conducted

**8000** supplementary nutrition received by beneficiaries at Anganwadi centre

**1891** Uniforms distributed

**3721** Annual health checkup of children under 5 years



As a frontal initiative of the Government of India in combating maternal and child health issues, malnutrition, promoting early childhood development, pre-school education and empowering women through community-based interventions and outreach programmes; ICDS, launched in 1975 aims to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is one of the world's largest programmes providing an integrated package of services for the holistic development of children covering the length and breadth of the country. The Anganwadi Centre (AWC) serves as the focal point for the effective delivery of ICDS services. In this regard, Deepak Foundation

- Responsible for the management, coordination, supervision, strengthening and monitoring of sixty-seven Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under two Primary Health Centres (PHC) of Sankarda and Angadh in Vadodara rural block.
- Ensures efficient implementation of government schemes and services, strives to improve nutritional status of children under five years in line with the target of National Nutrition Mission - Poshan Abhiyan and school readiness index.
- Provides value added services such as innovative Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) inputs, identification of early developmental delays in children, and aiding the infrastructural development of AWCs.
- In line with the vision of the National Education Policy (2020), the Foundation has focused its efforts towards developing high quality infrastructure, interactive learning walls, child friendly educative spaces and training Anganwadi workers in use of technology, innovative teaching practices, teaching-learning material for building Model AWCs.





## Project 'Young Scientist'



The Young Scientist project led by the foundation emphasizes on developing innovation, creativity, multidisciplinary outlook and a holistic mindset among students by revolutionizing the way STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) education is delivered. It focuses on an integrated approach to learning via hands-on activities, real world application of concepts, inquiry-based learning, experiential learning, use of technology and tools relevant to STEM. The project is:

- Aimed at creating excitement, curiosity, fostering critical thinking skills, creativity, problem solving ability, analytical skills, and lay the foundation for future careers in STEM fields.
- Being executed in collaboration with Vikram A. Sarabhai Community Science Centre, Ahmedabad and Kutuhall Science Centre, Pune to procure STEM teaching learning materials, scientific models and educational kits for all levels and grades relevant to school curriculums.
- Being spearheaded by qualified and proficient subject experts who nurture talented young minds to prepare models, participate in science exhibitions and district level STEM challenge competitions to expose them to personalized and practical learning opportunities.



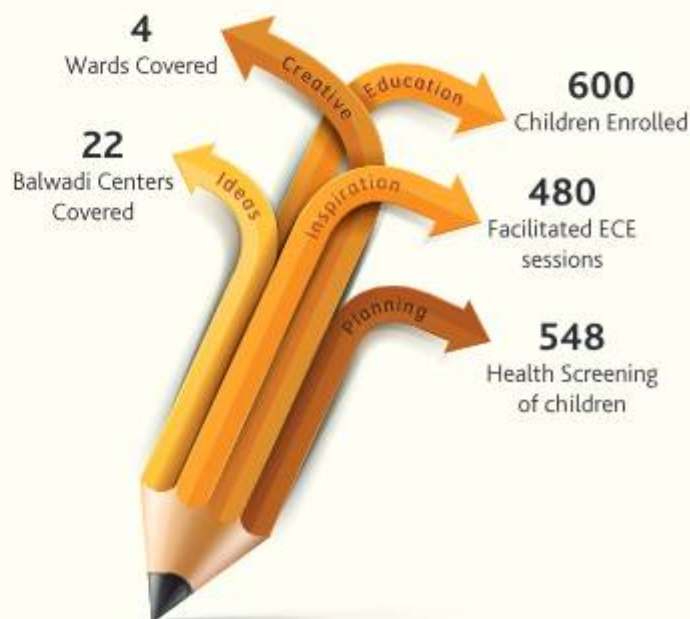




**Mobile Play Unit, Pune**

Dedicated to education, health, and community services in four urban wards of Pune (Maharashtra), Deepak Foundation's educational initiatives are aimed at enhancing learning competencies, addressing learning disorders among children, improving nutrition and health status among children and adolescents, and helping beneficiaries avail government schemes. The Mobile Play Unit:

- Targets children experiencing developmental delay or lag, referring to physical and cognitive development below the norm for the individual's age.
- Supports the holistic development of children aged three-six years by assessing developmental delays and learning disorders, providing ECCE sessions/remedial sessions, conducting educational activities, engaging parents through counselling sessions, and raising awareness about nutrition and health.
- Mobile Play Unit is a vehicle equipped with essential resources that can reach Balwadis for the purposes described above.





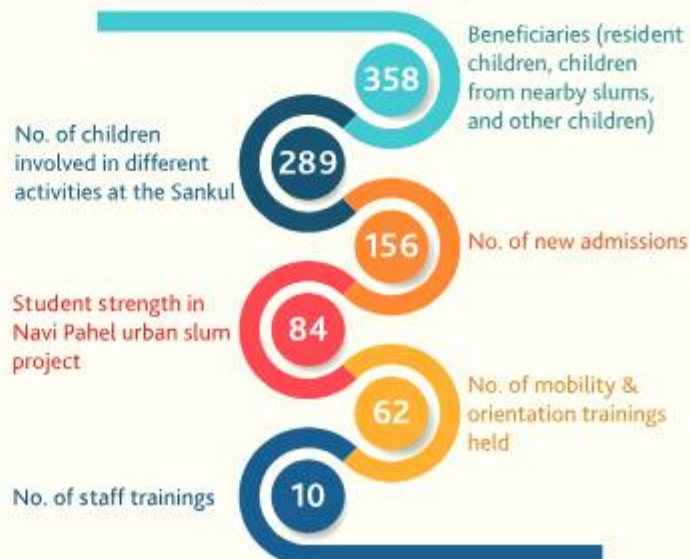
## DISABILITY & SPECIAL NEEDS



Samaj Suraksha Sankul, Gujarat

Catering to the needs of differently abled and individuals with special needs, Deepak Foundation, over the last few years has led projects through which young children with disabilities are identified and empowered through early interventions that ensure independent living in later life. The Foundation's efforts in this area have focused on future learning and overall development of such individuals by supporting their integration in regular schools and providing them with access to high quality education. Key projects such as Early Intervention Centre (EIC), Consortium for Inclusive Education, and the Miracle Foundation project for transforming families are pivotal to the Foundation's efforts toward diversity, inclusion and equality. At present, the Samaj Suraksha Sankul project serves specially abled and destitute children. The project targets children and young adults who are at a disadvantage despite being part of the growing Indian economy because of their educational background and lack of skills. It is a Public Private Partnership (PPP) between Deepak Foundation and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (Govt. of Gujarat), under which the Foundation is engaged in operations and management of a child care institution for boys, i.e. *Samaj Suraksha Sankul*. The Sankul functions as a residential cum support institute to provide sustenance for holistic development of children with special needs such as those with physical and visual impairment, the destitute, orphans, those with requirement for after care (aged 18 to 22 years), and the elderly. The goals of the project are rehabilitation of children and young adults through skill building, supporting them with opportunities for higher education, making them employable through skill building and vocational training, providing support for income generation

activities. The three interventions under the project are education, medical and occupational therapeutic intervention, and economic rehabilitation/vocational training. Activities such as ITI and computer training, music training (Sankul Band), kitchen gardening, Home Health Aide, paper bag and file making, games etc are undertaken by the children here. There is a school for visually impaired children where over 150 of them from Vadodara and adjoining districts such as Chhota Udepur, Panchamahar, Dabhoi, Kheda currently reside at the Sankul. The Foundation's focus at present is to augment infrastructure development at the Sankul in order to provide the necessary facilities for children's growth and development.





# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

## Project Sangaath

Sangaath is an initiative to facilitate entitlements and access to development by strengthening utilization of government schemes and services among eligible beneficiaries. This is done by facilitating the application submission process. The project is being implemented in fifteen locations across two states, i.e., Gujarat and Maharashtra, covering eleven districts, over 200 villages, school and an urban cluster.



Till March 2024, the project covered more than 57,000 households and facilitated 1,37,000+ eligible beneficiaries with 280000+ applications with over 90% approved and benefits received by eligible beneficiaries. The project supports submission of applications for necessary pre-requisite documents which is the first step to ensure access to entitlements. About 55% of submitted applications were for pre-requisite documents like Aadhaar card, PAN card, income certificate, marriage certificate and 45% for Central and State government schemes.

An amount of over Rs. 4737 Crores has been converged till March 2024 in form of sum assured, cash benefit and in-kind benefits through this project. It continues to reach eligible beneficiaries and households.

The program is supported by Deepak Group of Companies, Schaeffler, ACG Cares Foundation, LIC-HFL, Nayara Energy and is implemented in coordination with the district administration.





## National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6)

The National Family Health Survey, popularly known as NFHS is a large-scale, multi-round survey providing information on fertility, infant and child mortality, the practice of family planning, maternal and child health, reproductive health, nutrition, anemia, and utilization and quality of health and family planning services in India. It is carried out by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

The 2023-24 survey is the sixth in the NFHS series. The data collected in the survey is used by the Central and State Governments and other stake holders, for policy formulation and for acquiring information on important emerging health and family welfare issues.

Deepak Foundation is one of the field agencies selected for collecting data in a total of nineteen districts including districts from Gujarat West, and Union Territories of Daman, Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai provided technical guidance to Deepak Foundation and several other agencies to collect high quality data.

The foundation's work involves collecting information on socio-economic indicators at household and individual levels with a sample of women and men in 836 primary sampling units

including rural, tribal, and urban areas. It has implemented NFHS-6 in Gujarat West i.e., Daman and Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. A month-long training of 16 teams, frequent field visits, back check, spot checks and review of field check tables in each study district were undertaken to ensure high quality of data. Interviews were conducted for 17,948 women and 2,834 men. Anthropometric measurements accomplished in 17,161 women, 2,644 men and 5,308 children.







## Urban Primary Health Center (UPHC)

Deepak Foundation conducted endline evaluation of two Urban Primary Health Center (UPHC) – *Kandhaallipada* and *Shastrinagar* in *Bolangir* district of Odisha to assess the effectiveness and impact of services provided by the UPHC managed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

The results of the endline evaluation reveal a score of the quality of care provided. The study found that the required furniture, equipment, consumables, and medicines are made available with no remarkable gap in supply. Both UPHCs provide expanded services, free medicines and diagnostic services, community activities, access to Jan Arogya Samiti, telemedicine, digitalization, quality management under Kayakalp and National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) which were beneficial to the community and increased the OPD turnover.

Challenges reported in the functioning of the UPHCs were non-availability of sub-centre building and Anganwadi centre, turnover of trained staff, and lack of additional manpower which resulted in high workload.







**SNEH - Integrated Nutrition Project**

Project SNEH was supported by America India Foundation Trust, in Gyaspur block, Vidisha district, Madhya Pradesh, 'Sneh' project has empowered 300 women belonging to 109 Self Help Groups (SHGs) through specialized training in preparing nutritious meals for children aged 6 months to 72 months.

Over 1,780,000 hot and freshly cooked nutritious meals were distributed to 80% registered children of 229 Anganwadi centres from 107 small kitchens and two community kitchens run by these women.

Apart from promoting nutritional intake in young children, the initiative ensures economic empowerment of women. The project underscores the Foundation's commitment to community welfare and empowerment.



**Demographic Surveillance Study (DSS)**

The Foundation received support from Deepak Nitrite Limited to carry out a study to understand the socio-demographic profile and emerging needs of communities and the reach of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) interventions in ten villages of Nandesari, Gujarat; thirty-seven villages in Roha, Maharashtra, and fifteen urban slums of Hyderabad, Telangana. The project covered more than 36,000 households and 1,41,000 individuals. Overall, the reach of services has improved and socio-demographic improvement observed.







## Mission Vatsalya

To achieve Government of India's vision of a secure, happy and healthy childhood for each and every child in India; Deepak Foundation supports Mission Vatsalya (સાવધાનતા સંરક્ષણમ) of the Ministry of Women & Child Development through the Miracle Foundation project in two locations - Gujarat and Maharashtra. The Foundation has played a crucial role in the formation, reactivation and empowerment of Child Protection Committee, Bal Panchayat and Community volunteers - the three pillars of the program. Through various capacity building mechanisms like trainings, workshops, exposure visits and community events, the project has addressed issues such as school dropout rate, child labour, child marriages, deaddiction etc. More than 100 families are linked with the safety and overall wellbeing of children and government schemes in Gujarat and Maharashtra respectively.

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The project addresses issues of NEHA (Neglect, Harm and Abuse) in young children by offering support in five domains - education, health and mental health, living conditions, family and social relationships and household economy. Using the 'Home Thrive Scale' for assessment and intervention planning, efforts were made to identify children at risk of separation from their families. Beneficiaries were linked with eligible government schemes and programs, given support and training for livelihood, parenting, education, leadership, and health.





# STORIES OF STRENGTH



**Manishaben Gohil, Vadodara**

## *From Firewood to Clean Energy*

Manishaben Gohil, a resident of Ranipura village in Savli, Vadodara always knew the challenges of collecting firewood for cooking since she had experienced it firsthand. It was a time-consuming and strenuous task, causing backaches and leaving her with limited time for other household chores. But her life was remarkably transformed thanks to the Deepak Foundation's Samanvay project which brought a biogas plant (Gobar Gas) to Manishaben's home, offering a clean and innovative solution that has revolutionized her daily routine.

Manishaben's story is a powerful testament to the positive impact of Samanvay project and Deepak Foundation to the many women like Manishaben in rural communities. The project promotes clean energy and sustainable practices.

In many parts of rural India, families still rely on traditional cooking methods like wood-burning stoves. This can lead to severe air pollution inside homes, causing serious health problems for residents, especially women and children who spend more time indoors. Gobar Gas offers a clean and sustainable alternative. It not only improves the health and well-being of communities by reducing indoor air pollution, but also brings several other benefits. It also reduces waste, improves soil fertility, and empowers women by giving them more time to pursue other activities. Manishaben's story is an inspiration for creating a healthier, more sustainable future for rural India.



**Parshuram & Pushpa Bij, Palghar**

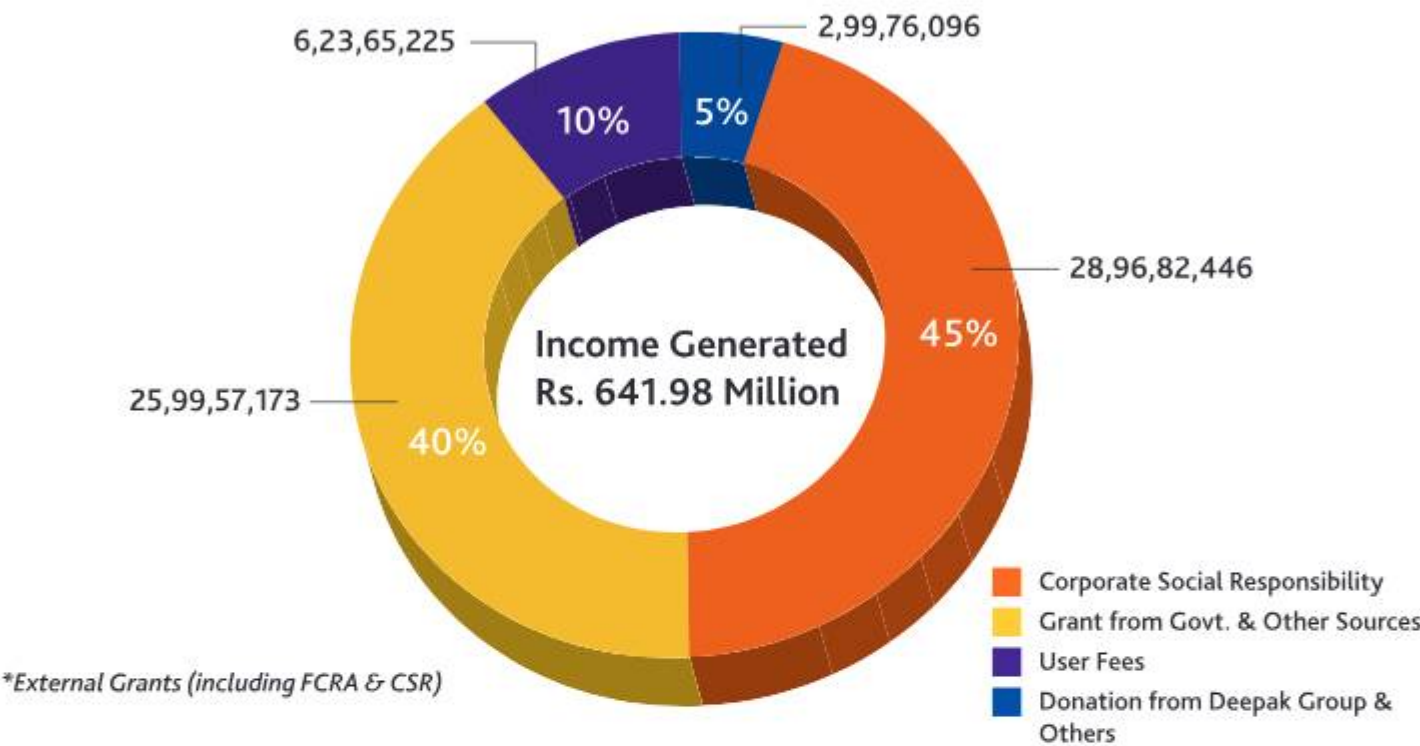
## *Transforming lives through sustainable alternatives*

Deepak Foundation and JM Financial Foundation's efforts have transformed the life of Mr. Parshuram Bhiva Bij, a resident of Beriste village in the Mokhada block of Palghar district, Maharashtra. A farmer, Mr. Parshuram faced significant challenges in sustaining his family due to limited agricultural opportunities and water scarcity in the region. This had forced him to be a daily wage labourer in nearby villages, thereby causing distress for the family. However, tables turned when he participated in a farmer's meeting and was exposed to knowledge about jasmine cultivation as a viable form of alternative livelihood. Small and marginal tribal farmers like Parshuram have benefitted from floriculture since it comes with low initial investment, faster income generation, and ease of management.

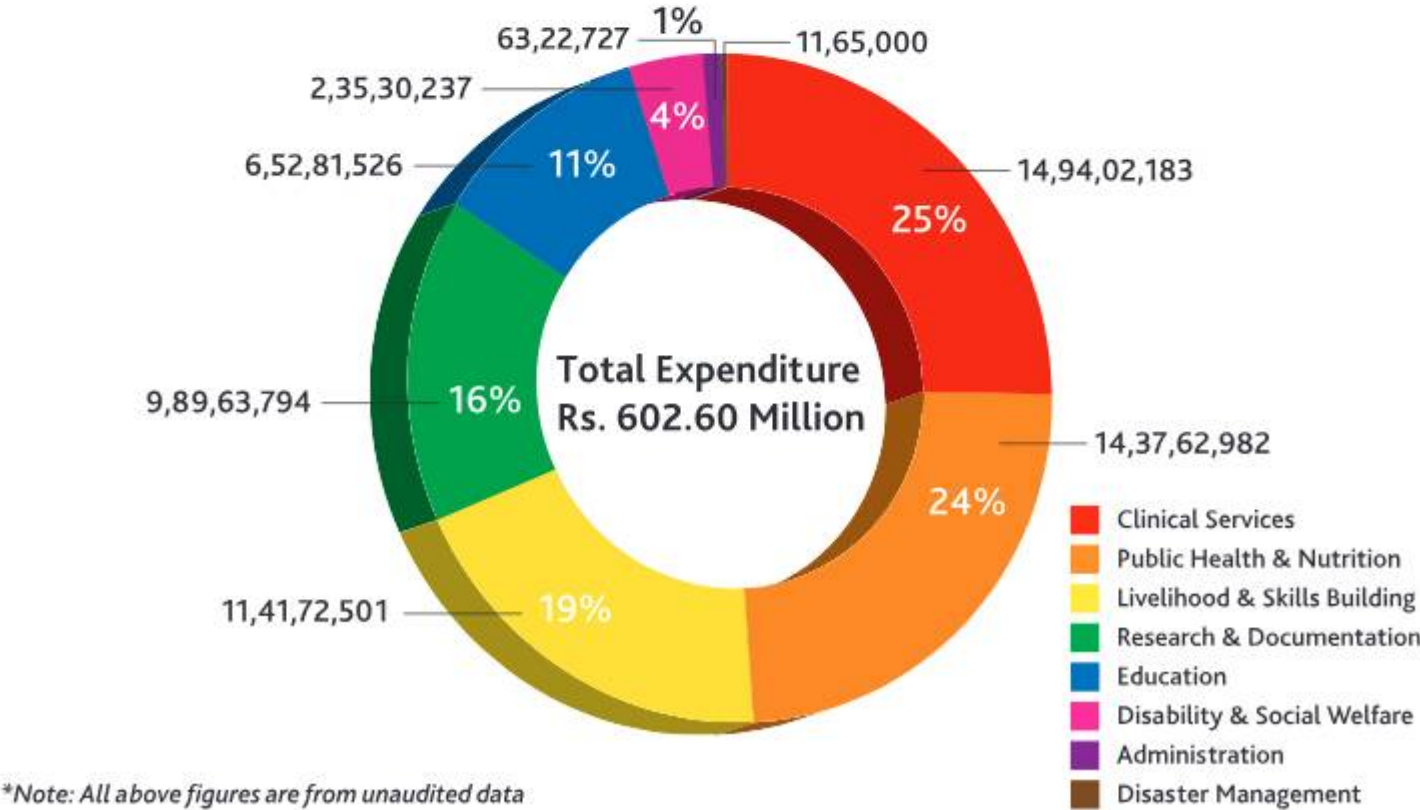
Mr. Parshuram adopted a 5 Guntha jasmine cultivation model, involving the cultivation of 200 jasmine plants on 500 sq. m of land. This has resulted in a steady rise in his average annual income which now ranges between 30,000 to 35,000 rupees. The daily production in his farm during peak season is 800-1600 gms. Mr. Parshuram's wife Pushpa has ably supported him in this journey. Their additional income has contributed to financial security, better future prospects and good quality education for their children. The Foundation's proactiveness in enhancing life prospects of small-scale farmers in rural and tribal communities is a leading example of breaking free from the cycle of poverty and insecurity.



SOURCES OF INCOME GENERATION (2023 - 2024)



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES (2023 - 2024)









## THE YEAR WE HAD

# EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Deepak Foundation's Project Excel has received commendation from Nayara Energy for its impactful initiatives in Jamnagar and Devbhoomi Dwarka districts. At the recent CSR Leadership Meet, Dr. Jai Pawar, Director of Deepak Foundation, and Smita Maniar, Research & Development Head, presented the program's updates and outcomes, earning praise from Mr. Prasad K. Panicker, Executive Chairman of Nayara Energy. Project Excel aims to empower underprivileged communities, promote holistic development, economic stability, and a dignified life.



Deepak Foundation has been recognized as one of the top 2 implementing partners at the Corteva Agriscience CSR Meet in Hyderabad, celebrated impactful efforts in empowering rural communities, especially women farmers. At the event, all partners highlighted their ongoing projects and future plans. Deepak Foundation showcased successful initiatives aimed at enhancing farmers' lives through sustainable practices. This recognition underscores our steadfast commitment to creating positive change. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Corteva Agriscience in advancing the future of farming.





Godrej & Boyce's CSR partner brought together like-minded organizations like Deepak Foundation to celebrate their collaborative efforts. Since 2011, Godrej's Good & Green program has driven social change through education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and environmental initiatives. Deepak Foundation, a proud CSR partner, joined in highlighting their expertise in education, livelihoods, public health, and social research. Projects like Neemsattva, Sarthak, and Vikas showcase our joint efforts, fostering economic empowerment, environmental sustainability, and community health. Together, we are building a more empowered and sustainable future across India.



Deepak Foundation's Project Sangaath, supported by Deepak Group, has been recognized in the Rural Development & Infrastructure Initiative Category at the CSR Convention on February 17, 2024. This prestigious award, presented by Sakshamthad Foundation, Parul University, and Help Age India, celebrates Project Sangaath's impactful efforts in driving positive transformation and community development in rural areas. Ms. Smita Maniar, Head of R&D, accepted the award on behalf of Deepak Foundation, alongside the dedicated Sangaath team. This achievement underscores our commitment to long-term solutions in education, healthcare, infrastructure, and livelihoods, fostering community engagement and ownership for sustainable impact.



## CELEBRATING WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Deepak Foundation orchestrated a memorable evening on the eve of International Women's Day, dedicated to inspiring inclusion and celebrating the achievements of women from diverse backgrounds. The event brought together a wide spectrum of women, each contributing to impact and change in their respective spheres.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 5th Smt Kantaben Mehta Memorial Awards, honoring individuals who have demonstrated remarkable initiative, action, and impact in their endeavors. Director of Deepak Foundation, Dr. Jai Pawar, delivered her annual address, sharing insights and vision for the organization's commitment to women's empowerment.

The event was graced by the presence of Deepak Foundation Trustees, including Ms. Ila Mehta, Dr. Riddhi Mehta, and Dr. Ruchi Mehta, who added to the occasion's significance. Ms. Vatsala Patil, former assistant commissioner (GST), served as the chief guest, offering words of motivation and treating attendees to melodious Garbha performances.

Adding to the vibrancy of the evening, students from Samaj Suraksha Sankul captivated the audience with their energetic dance performances. Panel discussions on topics such as "Invest in Women," "Impact for Future," and "Women for Women" provided a platform for insightful dialogue and exchange of ideas.

Distinguished panelists included Dr. Ruchi Mehta, Trustee of Deepak Foundation; Dr. Abha Chhabra, Senior Scientist at ISRO; Dr. Isha Desai, Trustee of The Wishing Factory; Dr. Jatinder Kaur, Head of UPL Sarus Conservation; Dr. Geetika Madan Patel, Vice

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The evening served as a testament to the power of women's leadership and collaboration in driving positive change and fostering a more inclusive society. Deepak Foundation remains committed to advancing the cause of women's empowerment and creating opportunities for women to thrive and excel in all spheres of life.





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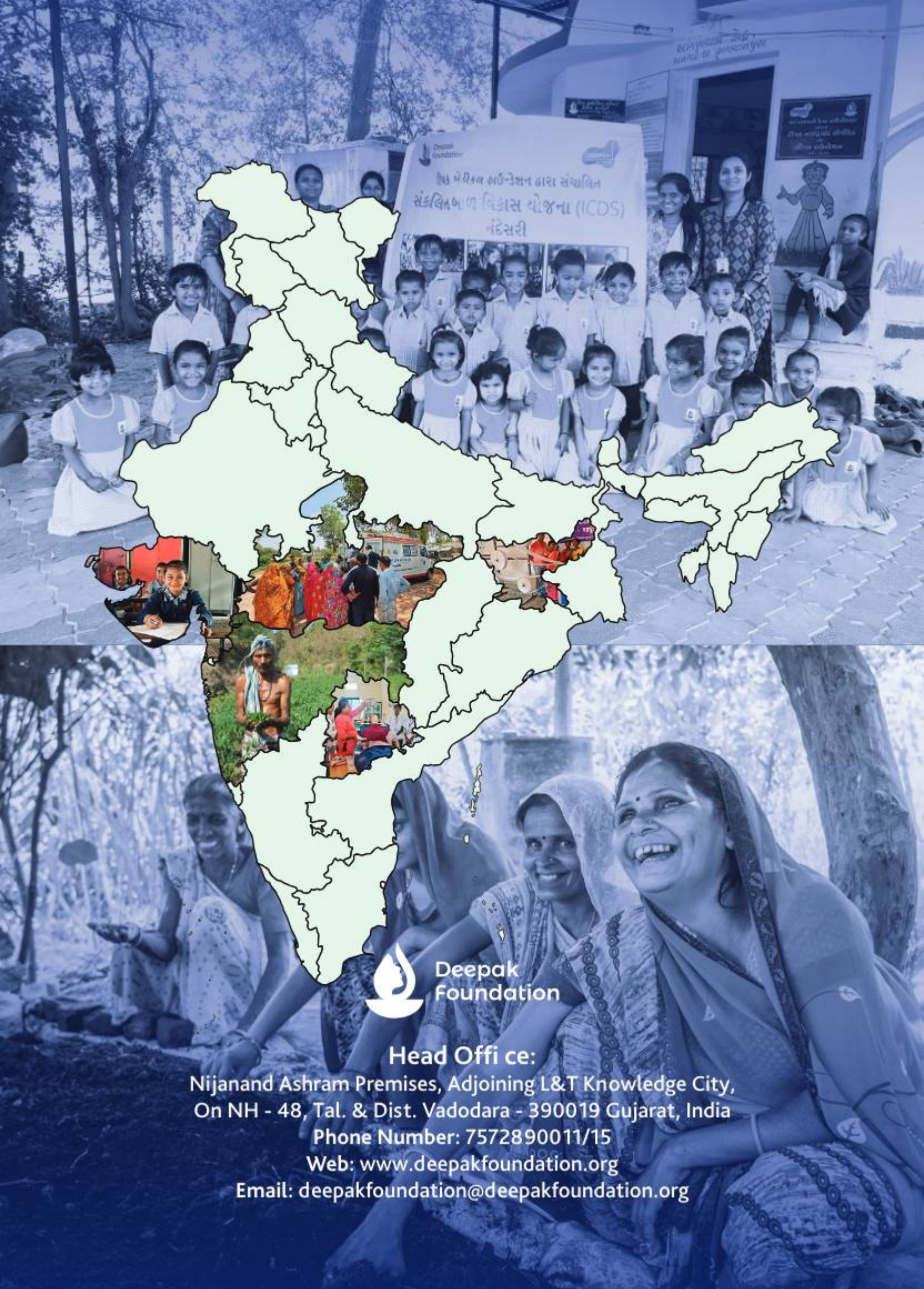
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