

DEEP JYOTI



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Deepak Foundation partners with Kohler Co. to bring bathing stations to 145 households in Talodara Village, Gujarat



Deepak Foundation is proud to announce a successful partnership with Kohler Co. to bring bathing stations to 145 households in Talodara Village, Jhagadia, Gujarat. This initiative is part of Kohler's CSR program and their commitment to safe water and sanitation. The project began with a baseline survey conducted by Kohler India in 2022, which revealed that over 90% of households in the village lacked access to a private bathing facility. Recognizing this critical need, Deepak Foundation joined forces with Kohler Co. to address the issue.

The inauguration ceremony, attended by government officials, the Sarpanch, local beneficiaries, and Kohler Co. team members, marked a significant milestone for Talodara Village. The upgraded sanitation facilities represent a transformative step towards improved community health, dignity, and well-being. This project extends beyond mere infrastructure improvements. It signifies a commitment to empowering the residents of Talodara Village, particularly women and children, by promoting better health outcomes and creating a more hygienic living environment.

Under Navinagri project street play educates Jhagadia village in Bharuch district, Gujarat on improved sanitation which is Funded by Kohler India and the project is implemented by Deepak Foundation.

Street plays provide a powerful medium to convey important messages and create awareness about various issues within a community. To explain the importance of bathrooms in the community, street plays were organized as an effective tool to educate and advocate for better sanitation practices. The plays received rapt attention of the community.

Villagers understood the message and took it seriously. These plays have the potential to influence behavioral change by challenging existing attitudes and beliefs regarding sanitation. By presenting positive outcomes associated with using bathrooms, such as improved health and hygiene, street plays motivated the villagers to adopt better sanitation practices.



From Firewood to Clean Energy, Manishaben's Story of Empowerment

Meet Manishaben Gohil, a resident of Ranipura village in Savli, Vadodara. Manishaben knows firsthand the challenges of collecting firewood for cooking. It was a time-consuming and strenuous task, causing backaches and leaving her with limited time for other household chores. But her life has been remarkably transformed thanks to the Deepak Foundation's Samanvay project. This initiative 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.



Deepak Foundation is making a significant difference in the lives of rural communities by promoting clean energy and sustainable practices. Why Biogas Matters in Rural India. 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 improves the health and well-being of communities, reduce waste, improve soil fertility, and empower women by giving them more time to pursue other activities. Manishaben's story is an inspiration. By investing in Gobar Gas, we can create a healthier, more sustainable future for rural India.

Meet Sitaben Balwantbhai Solanki, a farmer from Dhantej village in Gujarat who transformed her land with Project Samanvay's training

Project Samanvay under Deepak Foundation inspired Sitaben's self-help group (SHG) with organic farming knowledge, including natural pest control (Neemastra, Jivamrut, Brahmastra) and vermicomposting. Motivated with this knowledge, Sitaben took action. She replaced harmful chemicals with these organic alternatives and utilized nutrient-rich vermicompost in her cornfields.

The results?

- Increased corn yield
- Improved soil health
- Reduced production costs

Sitaben's story is a shining example of how Project Samanvay is promoting sustainable agriculture and empowering rural women in India.



Building Resilience on World Earth Day: Sanrakshan Watershed Project

This Earth Day, let's celebrate sustainable solutions with the Sanrakshan Watershed project, a collaborative effort funded by NABARD and supported by the Deepak Foundation!

This innovative project focuses on constructing Stone Bunds and Farm Bunds across the region. These seemingly simple structures have a significant impact:

Water Warriors: Stone and Farm Bunds act like mini dams, capturing precious rainwater that would otherwise run off. This stored water then infiltrates the soil, replenishing groundwater reserves and ensuring a reliable source of irrigation for crops throughout dry seasons.



Erosion Eaters: Heavy rainfall can cause significant soil erosion, washing away valuable nutrients and topsoil. Stone and Farm Bunds act as barriers, slowing down water flow and preventing this erosion. This keeps the soil healthy and fertile, leading to better crop yields.



Boosting Farm Productivity: By conserving water and preventing erosion, Stone and Farm Bunds create a more sustainable agricultural environment. Farmers can rely on consistent water availability and healthy soil, ultimately leading to increased crop production and a more secure future.



The Sanrakshan Watershed project is a powerful example of how innovative, community-driven solutions can benefit both the environment and local communities. By promoting sustainable water management and soil conservation, we're investing in a healthier planet for generations to come.



HIGHLIGHTS

Proud Moment for Deepak Foundation at Corteva Agriscience CSR Meet in Hyderabad

Deepak Foundation was honored to be recognized as one of the top 2 implementing partners at the recent Corteva Agriscience CSR Implementation Partner Meet at Hyderabad. This recognition celebrates Deepak Foundation's impactful work in empowering rural communities, particularly women farmers.

At the meeting, all implementing partners showcased their ongoing projects and plans for the next phase. Deepak Foundation presented its successful initiatives focused on uplifting the lives of farmers through sustainable practices.



This recognition is a testament to Deepak Foundation's ongoing commitment to making a positive difference. Deepak Foundation is appreciative of the chance to work with Corteva Agriscience to promote a better future for farmers.

Waghodiya Women Rise, project inspires 180+ with Skills for Brighter Future

180 widows and SHG women from Dankheda, Ghodadara, Ambali, Vasavel, and Vejalpur-Ankadiyapura villages in Gujarat are gaining valuable skills and knowledge to improve their lives. Through Phase 1 of project, these women learned about NRLM (National Rural Livelihoods Mission) schemes, SHG (Self Help Group) management, financial literacy, and leadership. Now, in Phase 2, they'll explore income-generating activities to achieve financial independence.

Esteemed dignitaries Shri Priya Rajan Mishra, Executive Director Basin Manager ONGC, Shri P. A.M. Das, Group General Manager ONGC, Shri Asim Kumar Sarkar, Chief General Manager ONGC, Shri Amit Tripathi, General Manager ONGC, and Dr. Jai Pawar, Director, Deepak Foundation, graced the entrepreneurial identification phase of our project.



Their presence signifies the collaborative effort to identify income-generating activities for women from Waghodiya's SC/ST community. This initiative aims to enhance their skills and knowledge for financial independence and social well-being.

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Soulful Sundarkand Paath by Shri Atul Purohit Dada mesmerise audience

Samaj Suraksha Sankul managed by Deepak Foundation organised Sunderkand Paath by ace folk & Garba singer Shri Atul Purohit Dada. The auspicious occasion was graced by the esteemed guests Trustees of Deepak Foundation Shri Deepak Mehta, Smt. Ila D Mehta, Dr. Ruchi Mehta, Mr. Meghav D. Mehta (Executive Director, Deepak Phenolics Limited) and Dr. Jai Pawar (Director, Deepak Foundation).



A Collaborative Effort for Healthy Children, Project SNEH, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh

A joint initiative by the American India Foundation, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh, and Deepak Foundation facilitated a visit by District Programme Officer (DPO) Mr. Bharat Singh Rajpoot to the Community Kitchen operated by the Gram Panchayat Haidargarh of Haidargarh-1 sector in Gyaspur block, Vidisha District, Madhya Pradesh.

DPO officer Mr. Bharat Singh, representing the ICDS department, was thoroughly impressed by the kitchen's setup and the dedication of the women's group preparing nutritious meals. He commended their efforts and expressed concern about the low attendance of children at Anganwadi Centres. He emphasized the importance of ensuring children benefit from this wholesome food and urged the Sector Supervisor to work with the community to encourage children's participation at Anganwadis.

The visit concluded with him congratulating the entire Project SNEH VIDISHA team for their remarkable work in nourishing the future generation of Vidisha.



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

India-Yash Gujarat State Family Planning Summit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

On June 25, 2024, Dr. Akash Kumar Lal, Deputy Director at Deepak Foundation, was a distinguished panelist at the Momentum Country and Global Leadership: India-Yash Gujarat State Family Planning Summit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This pivotal event centered on "Intersections of Family Planning with Other Social Determinants," highlighting the essential role of universal access to comprehensive reproductive health services for sustainable development and gender equality.

USAID's MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership: India-Yash initiative, led by Jhepeigo, is actively supporting the Government of Gujarat in expanding contraceptive options, including the introduction of newly launched contraceptive implants and subcutaneous MPA (SC MPA) in four districts. This initiative emphasizes capacity building, mentoring service providers, demand generation activities through ASHAs and IEC, and strengthening FPLMIS alongside recording and reporting practices.



Deepak Foundation's Project Excel Garner Appreciation from Nayara Energy

Deepak Foundation's impactful efforts in Jamnagar and Devbhoomi Dwarka districts under Project Excel were lauded by Nayara Energy at the recent CSR Leadership Meet. Dr. Jai Pawar, Director of Deepak Foundation, and Smita Maniar, Research & Development Head, presented the program updates and outcomes, receiving high praise from Mr. Prasad K Panicker, Executive Chairman of Nayara Energy.

Project Excel focuses on empowering underprivileged communities, promoting holistic development, economic stability, and a dignified life.



Parulben's journey from daily struggle to transformative change

In Tilakwada village of Narmada district, Gujarat where access to clean and efficient cooking fuel was once a distant dream for many, Parulben's experience highlights the tangible difference that such projects can make in the lives of rural communities.

Before the intervention of the LIC Hriday project, Parulben faced the arduous task of cooking using traditional methods such as firewood or kerosene. Not only were these methods inefficient and time-consuming, but they also posed serious health and environmental risks. The daily struggle to procure and use these fuels took a toll on Parulben's well-being and quality of life.

However, with the installation of a biogas (Gobar Gas) plant through the LIC Hriday project, Parulben's life has been completely transformed. The introduction of biogas as a clean and efficient cooking fuel has alleviated the challenges she once faced. Cooking has become easier, more convenient, and environmentally friendly, improving Parulben's overall well-being and enhancing her daily experience in the kitchen.

Parulben's story serves as a powerful testament to the positive impact of the LIC Hriday project and the Deepak Foundation in rural communities like Tilakwada. By providing access to biogas plants, these initiatives are not only addressing immediate needs but also empowering families like Parulben's to lead healthier, more efficient, and sustainable lives.



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