



BLIND WELFARE COUNCIL
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Our Mission :-To strive and respond to the rights of disabled people through service delivery and advocacy efforts.

Our Vision :-To ensure that all the disabled people of Dahod and Panchmahal districts have access to the right of equal opportunities leading to improved quality of life and full participation in the society with respect and dignity.

Donations given to this Trust are Exempted u/s 35 AC & 80 G

Registered under Bombay Public Trust Act 1950/29/E/5/Dahod
I.T.reg. Act No. BRD/Exemption 110-10-B-2/18/7/2000(1961)
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Programmes and Activities Undertaken in 2013-14

- Lalit Bahuviklang Nivasi Pathshala – Residential school for the children with Multiple Disabilities
- Day care centre for the children with Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
- Residential school for the children with Hearing Impairment.
- Samarth Residential Center- by National Trust – New Delhi
- Gail Snehalaya – Hostel for disabled Girls.
- IEDSS- Inclusive education for the disabled children at secondary stage.
- Industrial training center for the disabled.
- Lions Vocational training center for the disabled.
- Resource rooms (learning rooms) for all three categories; visually impaired, hearing impaired and intellectually disabled.
- Early intervention center and Sensory training Unit.
- Neelaj Kirit Desai Physiotherapy & Occupational therapy Unit.
- Music therapy Unit.
- J & A Gunderwala training college (Diploma in special education – mental retardation)
- College for B.Ed SEDE (Mental retardation and Visual impairment)
- Center for Foundation course in disability, Foundation course on care giving, CRE (Continuing rehabilitation education)
- CBR – Community Based Rehabilitation Programme.
- Disabled advocacy center.



From the Desk of the Managing Trustee & Hon. Gen. Secretary:

It gives me immense pleasure and satisfaction, to present this report to you. You are well aware that this organization has been working for the education, training and rehabilitation of hundreds of persons with different disabilities in the districts of Dahod , Panchmahal and Mahisaagar districts. It is only with your persistent support and encouragement that we have been successful in entering in this 14th year of our services to the differently abled community of this so called backward, tribal pocket in the progressive state of Gujarat. We have been running various activities like residential school and day care center for mentally challenged & multiple disabled children, residential school with hearing impairment children etc with the support of the Government and the society.

With the cooperation of parents and the hard work put by our dedicated staff, the progress of the children has been quite impressive and has been appreciated by visiting dignitaries, various Government and non-government authorities and social workers.

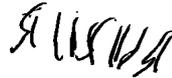
We impart formal education as well as vocational training to these children, which helps them to get self-employed, to be financially self-reliant and to earn respect in the society. Under the vocational training programme these disabled children are trained to make paper dish, decorative candles, chalk sticks, , glass craft, greeting cards, gifts etc.

I am very happy to inform you that after years of hard work, Lions Club International have granted the fund for the purchase of the Machinerries for the Vocational training center for the disabled. I thank heartily to Lion Jayantibhai Patel, Lion Jayeshbhai Dalal and Lion Arunaben Oswal for their kind efforts for this sanction. We are sure that after completion of this vocational training the persons with disabilities shall start earning thus and they will live a life with respect and dignity

I do not have enough words to thank all our patrons and donors for their support, generous donation and kind cooperation extended to us in the past. I am sure you all shall continue to bestow your blessings upon this institution year after year.

In the coming year we need to construct a building for the Vocational Training Center cum Production workshop for persons with disabilities. I earnestly, request all of you to extend your wholehearted support and co-operation for raising this center.

I avail this opportunity to express my feeling and gratitude towards all in-house and field staff. They have continuously been working with extra ordinary zeal and exemplary devotion. The Organisation has continuously been moving towards the achievement of its mission, May the Almighty give us enough strength to work for the welfare and development of all the disabled persons in particular and the overall society in general. Amen!



YUSUFI KAPADIA

Managing Trustee and Hon. Gen Secretary

The lives of Children with special needs are undergoing remarkable changes with the efforts of Blind welfare council.

Jyotsana's Journey towards Independent living

You are aware that, at BWC Dahod one of our programs is imparting primary education to the children with special needs. At the same time as per their ability we are also imparting vocational training to such children and adults so that they can live a social and economical independent life. Let us know about the journey of Jyotsana - From dependent living childhood to independent living adulthood.

Jyotsana Nisarta is from an Adivasi - farmer family living in backward village- Kadvaal of Jhalod taluka; District Dahod

At the age of just 2 years she was infected by Polio. The mother also being disabled herself could understand this critical situation. She tried her level best to reduce the disability. She did almost everything in medicine. However she could not prevent her from a disability of about 40 %.

Jyotsana was good in studies and she used to stand first in her class during her school days. In Std 10th she secured 63 % and in Std 12th she secured 73 %. She joined PTC (primary teachers training

course) and was successful with 80 % marks. But by just 1% she could not be selected for the post of a teacher as our system is purely merit based. She was disappointed but was positive. She tried for some other profession. She had a good network and could get connected with one of our teachers and she came to know about the Computer training course conducted by Blind welfare council. This course is specially for the persons with disabilities and is approved by GCVT (Gujarat council of Vocational training). She joined this course and started learning to operate computer and within one year she could complete the course of Computer operator. Immediately she got a job in Shivam computers Limdi as a computer teacher. Her first earning was Rs 2500/- per month. She was very happy. She did this job for one year and then she was lucky to get a Government job in the Project called "Chief Minister's Amrutam Maa Yojana" as a Taluka Kiosk. Her payment went up to Rs 4500/- per month. The beneficiaries covered under this project were people from BPL (Below poverty line) as well as APL (Above poverty Line). In this project She used to take a web photo of the beneficiary, take a thumb impression, and enter all the needed data in the computer. Finally she used to get a print out of Identity card and hand it to the beneficiary. The total procedure in this project is done successfully by Jyotsana independently. She is in this job from last 2years and 7 months. From her earning she is not only able to bear her own living expenses but she is also helping her family. The family members are very happy. The society members respect Jyotsana as she is a Government employee now rather an earning member of the family and the society. It's also a matter of pride for Blind welfare council Dahod.

Programmes / Activities of the Organisation

Lalit Bahwoiklang Paathshaala and Day care center (For the children with mental retardation and multiple disabilities)

The Multiple disabled residential school run by BWC Dahod is first of its kind in Gujarat. At present there are 72 children with multiple disabilities out of which 51 are boys and 21 are girls. They stay in the hostel and get systematic training and education. The development is slow but constant. The number of teachers provided by the Government is few, but the Trust has appointed adequate number of teachers at its own cost and is trying to provide best services to the children.

We also have Day care center for children with mental retardation and multiple disabilities. Here in we have 30 boys and 17 girls with the total of 47 such children who are imparted training and education during the day. The children go back to home in the evening. Our teachers work very hard for the all round development of these children. We also have trained teachers who work in the villages as well. These teachers cover almost all the Talukas of Dahod and the Panchmahal districts.

Residential School for the children with Hearing Impairment (Std 1- 5)

Since last 5 years we are conducting a primary educational training with residential set up for the children with hearing impairment. Here we had admitted 18 children with hearing impairment in the age group of 6 - 14 years. We trained them for their activities of daily living, academics, extracurricular activities, sports, drama dance, singing and other cultural activities etc. We are also giving training with group hearing aid, sign language, lip reading etc. This year we have 24 such students in this special school. All these students are provided education, lodging and boarding free of cost.

IEDSS (Inclusive Education for Disabled Children at Secondary Stage)

We are running this program with the help of the government of India and the IEDSS cell based at GCERT Gandhinagar. Here we cover disabled children with different categories from Std 9th - 12th. These children study in the normal schools of their own villages. Our special teachers who are trained in that particular category teach these children and provide all the special training needed as per the disability of the student. They also help them to get all kinds of Government and Non Government benefits. In this program our special teachers cover the following children with disabilities.

Category	Number of children	Number of Specialized Teachers	
		Permanent	
Visually impaired	180	12	
Hearing impaired	194	19	
Intellectual disabled	582	60	
Loco motor disabled	187	--	
Total	1143	91	

The above numbers of children are registered with us and we provide all government benefits to them. Under this program approx 1000 children are being provided educational kits and one pair of school uniform. Additional tools are also provided depending on the needs of the children like: Tricycle, Crutches, Hearing aid, Tape Recorders, Wheel chair.

Human Resource Development

The Institute has always tried to give teaching and training to persons who can train the disabled ones. Under such plans the Institute has started the work of Man Power Development.

Name of Training Course	No. Of Trainees	No of persons trained till date	Course Duration
Diploma in Education Special	14	187	2 years

Education-Mental Retardation (D.Ed.S.E -M.R.)			
B.Ed Special education Mental Retardation and Visual Impairment through distance mode	20	233	2 years
Industrial training center (computer operator course for the disabled)	20	86	01 years
Foundation course in Care Giving	-	46	6 months
CCC and CCC+ training and exams for the disabled.	11	95	13 days

Moreover, the trust also trains teachers of normal schools. They join in the Foundation course for the persons with disability. It is a 90 days course recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi. The Trust also organizes Refresher Courses - C.R.E program for the special teachers who have been registered in the disabled areas by the R.C.I. New Delhi.

Industrial Training Center & Vocational training center:

With a mission of training the persons with disabilities and to enable them to earn a livelihood with respect and dignity, the institute is running Industrial training center (ITC) from last 7 years, Here a Computer operator course is being conducted, 20 beneficiaries are taking training in this course.

Under the vocational training center we are training about 15 children in making paper dish, candles, chinks, door mates, to manufacture decorative items, glass painting, greeting card, gifts etc.

Early Intervention Programme

Under this program round the year surveys are being conducted to identify disabled children from 0 – 4 years. An assessment of abilities and disabilities of these children is made and accordingly early intervention plans and counseling program are framed and implemented.

Lions Vocational training Center:

On the occasion of Louis Braille birth anniversary

Lion Aruna Oswal Chief Endorsee of Lions club International and Dist Governor Lion P B Bariya

Inaugurated the Lions Vocational training center for the disabled. All the appliances and machineries of this vocational training center are purchased from the Grants of Lions Club International Fund.

The trades to be started in this vocational training for the disabled are:

1. Offset Printing & screen printing
2. Computer operating training
3. Stitching & Embroidery work
4. Carpentry
5. Computerized Braille Printing

Other Information Regarding The Institute

Name and Address of Trust's Auditor:

Mannan A R Chartered Accountant

301, Campus Corner, Near Narhari Hospital,

Fatehgunj, Vadodara

Employee Payment Structure:

Salary of the Head: NIL (Honorary Service)

Highest Paid Full time regular staff: Rs. 35924.00

Lowest Paid Full time regular staff: Rs. 2,500.00

Slab of gross Salary per month	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Less than 5000	20	07	27
5,000 - 10,000	8	02	10
10,001 - 25,000	08	01	09
25,001 - 50,000	83	08	91
Total	119	18	137

There is no remuneration paid or reimbursement made to any Board member
Total Cost of National Travel by Board Members/Staff/ Volunteers on behalf of organization for 2014-2015 (local conveyance not included) 1,23,494/-

The amount spent by Board Members, staff & volunteers on International Travel is NIL

List of the Trust Members 2014-2015

Last Board meeting held 14/03/2015

Sr. No.	Designation	Name & Address	Age	Profession	Meetings attended
1.	President Board Member	Praful Bhai N.Vyas Yogeshwar, A-55, Anand Nagar, Dhoraji 360410 Dist. Rajkot	55	Teacher	1
2.	Vice President Board Member	Bhaskar Bhai Mehta A/7 Anand Nagar IDAR Dist Sabarkantha	63	Professor	1
3.	Vice President Board Member	Dr. Nagendranath Nagar Santoshi Villa, 5, Nilam Society, Dahod	67	Medical Doctor	2
4.	Managing Trustee & Hon. Gen.	Yusufi F Kapadia New Burhani Housing Society, Mission Road, Dahod.	50	Lecturer	2

	Secretary Board Member				
5.	Joint Secretary Board Member	Khimji Bhai L Patel 2, Umiya Krupa, Ashirwad Society, Govind Nagar, Dahod.	53	Teacher	2
6.	Trustee	Zoher Bhai Diler Lalit pipes & Pipes Ltd, 212 Hermesh Attrium, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai 400614	56	Company Director	0
7.	Trustee	Vira Bhai M Parmar Arunoday Society B/H GIDC Galaliya Vaad Dahod	51	Principal	2
8.	Trustee	Mohammad Hanif H Kesari Chetandas Plot, Vejalpura, Godhra, Dist. PMS	43	Teacher	2
9.	Trustee	Salma Ben Y Kapadia New Burhani Housing Society, Mission Road, Dahod	50	Housewife	2
10.	Trustee	Jaishree Ben M Mistry C/o, Dr. Shantilal, Near Tower At.Po.Ta.Bhiloda, Dist. Sabarkantha	51	Teacher	0
11.	Trustee	Bharat bhai N Panchal 177, Laxmi Nagar, Opp Urban bank Hospital, Dahod.	42	Teacher	0

PROGRAMMES / ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE YEAR 2014-15

Sr No	Date	Programme	Programme detail
1	4 th April 2014	Social Audit	Social Audit was done by Ms Tarika Wasvaani from Give India - Mumbai

2	20 to 25 May 2014	Special Olympics National Basketball tournament Saadra, Gandhinagar	Players with mental disability of this Organisation participated and performed excellently on behalf of Gujarat team. They won silver medal. 2 players were selected for international tournament.
	26 to 28 May 2014	International Football coaching camp	International Football Coaching camp was organized by Special Olympics Bharat at Gandhinagar. Our Physical trainer and General coach Mr Veerendrabhai Baman had participated.
	29 to 31 May 2014	C.R. E Programme (HI)	CRE - Continuing Rehabilitation education programme approved by Rehabilitation council of India was organized where 30 special teachers of hearing impaired (HI) students participated from all over Gujarat.
	20 to 25 June 2014	National cycling tournament	National Cycling tournament was organized by Special Olympics Bharat at Bhopal (MP). Bhabhor Jyotsana with Intellectual disability participated and won Gold medal in 1 km and Silver medal in 5 km cycling race. She was selected for the International cycling tournament for 2015-16.
	25 th June 2014	Aids and appliances distribution Dahod, District	134 aids and appliances were distributed as per the need: Tricycle 48, Wheelchair 13, Hearing aid 11, Educational kits 22, Crutches 17.
	10 th June & 26 th June 2014	Aids and appliances distribution Panchmahals District(Halol, Godhra)	100 aids and appliances were distributed as per the need: Tricycle 29, Wheelchair 12, Hearing aid 9, Educational kits 21, Crutches 08
	2 nd July 2014	SBI Social Achievement award to Shri Yusufi Kapadia- Hon Gen Secretary	State Bank of India - Mumbai awarded Rs 500,000/- as Recognition of his achievement in the area of Social service. This amount was donated to Blind welfare council by Shri Yusufi Kapadiya.
	9 th August 2014	VIP visit at the Organisation	Dahod district Collector Shri Gandhi sir and DSP Shri Chavda sir visited BWC and gathered information about the activities of BWC.
	16 to 20 September 2014	C.R.E Prgogramme (VI)	CRE - Continuing Rehabilitation education programme approved by Rehabilitation council of India was organized where 30 special teachers of visually impaired (VI) students

			participated from all over Gujarat.
13 to 18 September 2014	Special Olympics Regional games - Jaipur		Regional games for the athletes with intellectual disabilities was Organised at Jaipur by Special Olympics Bharat. Athletes from 9 State had participated. 3 athletes from BWC participated. Rathod Mital won Gold medal in 100 meter race, Silver medal in 200 meter race
13 to 14 october 2014	Special Khel Mahakumbh 2014		Special Khel maha kumbh was organized by Govt. of Gujarat. Athletes from 3 district Dahod, PMS, Mahisaagar participated. Among them 442 were with mental disabilities, 152 with Visual impairment and 112 with loco motor disabilities. They performed excellently. The athletes of Dahod have won cash prizes as follows : Mental disabilities category - Rs 585,000/- Locomotor disabled Rs. 6,90,000/- Visual Impairment 220,000/-
19 to 21 November 2014	Special Olympics - Khel Mahakumbh		State level tournament for the athletes with intellectual disabilities was organized by Special Olympics Gujarat in association with Govt of Gujarat in Himmatnagar . No of athletes and medals won are as follows: Dahod 102 athletes participated and won 35 gold, 15 silver, and 9 bronze medals. PMS dist 87 athletes participated and won 10 gold, 15 silver, and 9 bronze medals, Mahisagaar dist ; 65 athletes participated and won 3 gold, 10 silver and 10 Bronze medals. 3 districts together could win 48 gold, 34 silver, 39 bronze medals, totaling 121 medals. Its a matter of great pride for all disabled of 3 districts and Gujarat.
20/11/2014	State Level Khel Mahakumbh for the visually impaired		BWC Dahod hosted the State level Khel Maha Kumbh for the Blind. 336 athletes from all over Gujarat participated and performed in different games. The games were held at Railway Sports ground, Freelandgunj, Dahod
3 December 2014	Awariness Rally for the rights of disabled		On the occasion of World disabled day a huge rally was organized by BWC. All the teachers, staff, children, parents took part in this rally.
21 January 2015	Akhil Gujarat Andhjan ekanki natya spardha		14 children with visual impairment of NAB & BWC Dahod participated in this competition. They performed

			beautifully and stood at 2 nd position.
4 th January 2015	On the occasion of Louis Braille birth anniversary Opening of Lions Vocational training center	On this special day Lion Aruna Oswal Chief Endorsee of Lions club International and Dist Governor Lion P B Bariya Inaugurated the Lions Vocational training center for the disabled. All the appliances and machineries of this vocational training center are purchased from the Grants of Lions Club International Fund	
21 to 22 february 2015	National Workshop on Psychology and paper presentation	National Level workshop on Psychological perspective on children with disabilities was organized by Sardar Patel University Vidhyanagar. Mr Abbas Kharodawala presented a paper on Parents and community awareness in relation with psychology of children with mental disabilities.	
18 to 23 March 2015	National Level Basketball Championship	National Level Basketball tournament was Organised by Special Olympic Bharat in Vadodara. 5 Athletes of this Organisation participated. 3 won Silver and 2 won Bronze medals.	
27 to 29 March 2015	C.R.E. Programme (MR)	CRE _ Continuing rehabilitation programme approved by Rehabilitation council of India was organized for the teachers of children with mental disabilities (MR). The CRE was on Physical training, sports and games for the children with mental disabilities.	
	Celebration in special school - All National and Religious festivals.	Celebration of Republic Day, Independence Day, Rakshabandhan, Janmashtmi, Holi, Navratri, Diwali, Eid, Christmas & New Year 2015,	

FUTURE PLANS

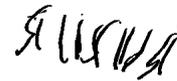
- Construction of Workshop for training and production.
- Construction of Hostel building for trainees with disabilities
- Construction of Compound Wall.



APPEAL

The Trust is grateful to all donors. The support of Society and Government is necessary for the progress of the Trust. Whatever achievement the Trust has made is due to your co-operation. It is desired that we will receive your support to complete the above Projects. We hope that you will share this with your Family members and Friends. In the past we have received great support from all of you for the construction work of about Rs 2 crores. I would like to inform you that the Institution has F.C.R.A. Registration (so that we can collect funds in foreign currency itself) For our donors to avail 100 percent tax exemption from Income tax we have 35-AC Registration along with 80 G exemption certificate. I have pure faith that you will donate generously for the betterment and progress of the disabled of this area.

Sincerely

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MANAGING TRUSTEE and
HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY

List of the Members of the Managing committee 2013-14

Last Board meeting held 06/10/2013

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