

Muni Seva Ashram

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Dear Well-Wisher,

Jai Shree Krushn!

Hoping that you're doing well!

We, at Muni Seva Ashram, have decided to send you monthly newsletters to keep you informed of all that is happening here. Being part of the same family, we need to be informed of our successes and failures, strengths and weaknesses and needs and requirements, so that we can multiply our joys and celebrate them while working together to strengthen our weaknesses.

I will also request you to share your recent past experiences at the Ashram or about it, if you have any, with all of us. To do so, please send your article (not more than 250 words), with a title and some pictures at newsletter@greenashram.org.

To add someone you know to our contacts and to send them this monthly newsletter, please send their details (at least name and email id) to krishna.patel@greenashram.org.

All your suggestions and comments are welcome, please do send them at newsletter@greenashram.org.

Thank you for your contribution, from your donations to your prayers and wishes for Muni Seva Ashram!

Warm regards,
Muni Seva Ashram Family

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM
Kailash Cancer Hospital and Research Center

With the objective to institutionalize a body of highly competent, experienced, passionate and properly trained nurses working under doctors and consultants, the Physician Assistant Training Program has been initiated at the Kailash Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (KCHRC) under the expert leadership of Dr. Ramanuj and Dr. Dhaval and guidance of Mr. Hemant Patel for the nurses of KCHRC. Dr. Yogendra Patel, Dr. Vipul Chitalia, Dr. Manjula M will be subject matter experts and trainers.

RESULTS!

Swami Vivekanand Hr. Sec. School and Eklavya Model Residential School

85.52% students of Swami Vivekanand School and 100% students of Eklavya School cleared the SSC board examinations and 85% students of Eklavya School cleared the HSC board examinations.

PUJYA ANUBEN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Swami Vivekanand Hr. Sec. School & Eklavya Model Residential School

Shri Maliniben Pradeepbhai Shroff has taken the initiative to award all the students, of Muni Seva Ashram Schools, scoring more than 70% in their Board Examinations with the "Pujya Anuben Academic Excellence Award" (a trophy and a certificate) and a cash prize of Rs. 5000 each to appreciate the efforts put in by the students and to motivate them to work harder.



TEACHING THE TEACHERS
Sharda Mandir Primary School

An orientation workshop for teachers and students was organized by SchoolLens, Ahmedabad in the Sharda Mandir School Campus on 13th June to train the teachers to use and operate smart classes which was attended by all the ten teachers and all the students of 5th to 8th grade of the school.

DR. SHIRIN GADHIA SUSTAINABILITY AWARD
Environment & Sustainability

The 8th Dr Shirin Gadhia Sustainability Award was given by Eco Centre ICNEER to the following awardees on 19th June:

- Dr Brigitte Schmidt and Dr Dietmar Schmidt of Solar Initiative Mecklenburg Vorpommern (SIMY) Germany for their Solar Zentrum - a networking platform for Sustainability practitioners
- Mr Dinesh Yadav, CEO of M/s Arvind Envisol, Ahmedabad for developing a unique innovative solution for Zero Liquid Discharge and their 17 Million Liter per day operational system that has inspired many similar systems worldwide
- Mrs Kshipra Purohit and Mr Anil Purohit for the promotion of Solar Cooking for more than 20 years

- Dr Mukesh Pandey of RGVP, Bhopal for promoting Solar Concentrating technologies through their Indo Japanese Collaborative Cross Linear Fresnel 30 KW Pilot plant
- Varun Raheja of Raheja Foods Indore for developing Solar Dryers to empower farmers to process their products to increase their shelf-life and value
- Mr Jaswinder Singh of Hosipur for their unique project to provide Piped Biogas to 60 households through their cooperative society
- Four students of Eklavya Model residential School, Muni Seva Ashram were also given certifications for their ideas, initiatives and support for environmental concerns and renewable energy



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY Sharda Mandir Primary School

The International Yoga Day was celebrated at the Sharda Mandir School on 21st June by all the students and the teachers by teaching, learning and practicing various yoga asanas and pranayama.



SHALA PRAVESHOTSAV

Sharda Mandir Primary School & Swami Vivekanand Hr. Sec. School

New students of grade 1st were welcomed by our Chairman, Dr. Vikram Patel and other well wishers like Shri Chandubhai Patel, Shri Rajendra Juariwala, Shri Suchakji with blessings and stationery materials were distributed among the children in the Praveshotsav organized on 23rd June.

New students were welcomed to grade 9th by Shri Abhay Chudasama, IPS (IG, Gujarat Police), the Chief Guest of this function along with other dignitaries of Education department on 19th June. The students were also given required textbooks and stationery items.

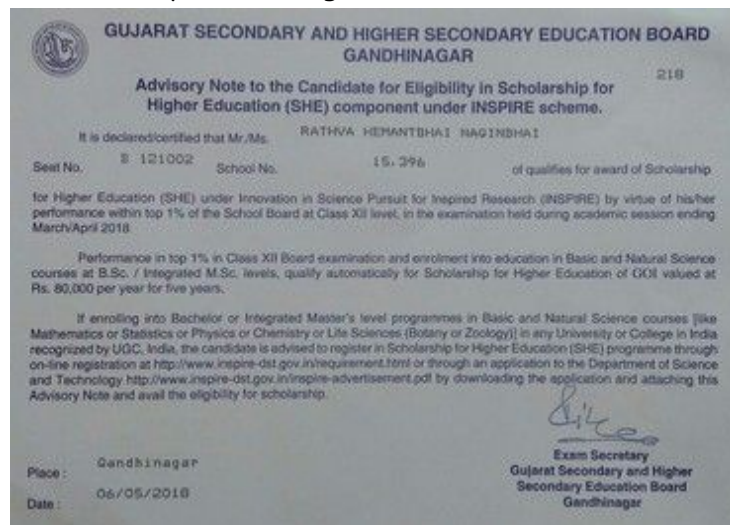
STUDYING FURTHER

Swami Vivekanand Hr. Sec. School & Eklavya Model Residential School

Admission process for further education is in process and many students of Swami Vivekanand School are encouraged to join graduation level courses and students needing financial support will be provided with help from Muni Seva Ashram.

Of the four students of Eklavya School that qualified in the NEET (entrance exam for getting admission in medical courses), two students, Nitin Rathva and Nikita Rathva have confirmed their admission in MBBS and the others are awaiting confirmation.

Hemant Rathva of Eklavya School has confirmed his admission in National Institute of Technology, Surat and in Electrical Engineering in L.D. Engineering College, Ahmedabad. The government of India has offered him a scholarship of Rs. 80,000 per annum for five years being amongst the top 1% students of the state. Satish Rathva of Eklavya School has confirmed his admission in Petroleum Technology in Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar. Other students are awaiting confirmation.



BACK HOME

Bhagini Mandir (Home for Mentally Challenged Women)

For most women of Bhagini Mandir, Muni Seva Ashram is their home. So, though they enjoy their month-long vacation with their families, it is only when they return to the Ashram, that they feel the comfort of home. Though their families love them, they do not understand the women. The caretakers at the Ashram understand them and thus care for them in the best possible manner, in terms of their food, their schedule, their needs, their medicines and their treatment, and the activities especially, as that helps the women get a feeling of achievement of doing something.

Back from home, the women were taken under the caring wings of the caretakers and were given necessary medical treatment, their favorite food and activities like drawing, painting, embroidery and games to keep them physically and mentally occupied.

SHARING A STORY WITH SAMVITTI FOUNDATION

Sharda Mandir Primary School

A team from SaMvitti Foundation, Vadodara conducted a literary activity at Sharda Mandir Primary School on 27th June, where they shared the story 'જાન એ જ જીવન કે જીવન એ જ જાન' with 25-30 girls of grades 6th to 8th. The story shared an insight on how an individual should respond to challenges in life. This initiative will empower and transform girls into emotional, intellectual and cultural domains.

SaMvitti Foundation is going to conduct ten such sessions, one every month for the girl students.



NEW YEAR!

Bal Mandir (Day-care Centers)

With the onset of the new year, fresh entrants - little toddlers were admitted to the various day-care centers. The children were given a warm welcome during the 'Praveshotsav' with flowers, chocolates and smiles to make them comfortable.

Some children find it difficult to stay away from their parents, but the caretakers do all they can to make the children feel the warmth of home there and eventually, the children start loving the center - playing games with their friends, enjoying meals/snacks and learning.

YOGA FOR PEACE

School of Nursing

International Yoga Day celebrated at School of Nursing on 21st June with the theme "Yoga for Peace" - Yoga as the key to physical fitness and mental peace. The celebration included a speech by a 2nd year GNM student followed by chart decoration and then practising yoga. Various yoga asanas were practised by the students with instructions from Miss Arpita Patel and Miss Jinal Parikh and videos for visuals.



BNCRP TRAINING

School of Nursing

A Basic Newborn Care & Resuscitation Program (BNCRP) Training was organized at the School of Nursing on 6th May with 48 delegates and six trainers - Dr Bhupendra Kapadia, Dr Hitesh Vasava, Dr Jigen Shah, Dr Kedar Mehta, Janki Sindha, and Reema Panchal.

Dr Bhupendra Kapadia and Dr Hitesh Vasava of Muni Seva Ashram are National Trainers for BNCRP and have conducted many such training across the country.



ORGANIC MANGOES

Agriculture

During the months of May and June, about _ tons of organic mangoes were produced at the Ashram out of which _ tons were sold to people in Baroda and Ahmedabad and the remaining were enjoyed by the people at the Ashram residents.



MONSOON!

Vanaprastha Mandir (Retirement Homes)

With the onset of monsoon, the elderly of the Ashram, living at the various Vanaprastha Mandirs - Gokul, Mathura, Vrindavan and Govardhan have started spending more time indoors doing activities like watching television, playing games and cards, and sharing daily happenings with each other. Some of the interested elders also get together to sing bhajans, discuss religious topics and other books as well.

With the weather being pleasant, at times when it is not raining, a lot of elders (barring those who are room bound), take strolls, meet people and enjoy the beauty of nature.