

Gujarat Houses of Mary Immaculate is a Public Charitable Trust.

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We raise our hearts in gratitude to God the Almighty for His Inspiration and guidance and assistance in all our activities. Our Main Activities are: Educational and related activities, Medical, Social work and Prison Ministry.

WELFARE CENTERS

We have 3 boarding and a Hostel. In our boarding we care for the all-round



development of the children. We pay attention in giving them moral values, to cultivate good habits in life such as to live in harmony with each other, help the weak ones, care for the things of oneself, others and the institute. In our interaction we give them the examples of people who have come up in life through hard work. Whenever any old students visit us we give them chance to speak to the children about their

experiences and to encourage and motivate them.

Jeevan Dhara Hostel



We help the poor children financially providing them the study materials, uniform, fees and free accommodation. We help financially for their higher education such as nursing or any other training or studies.

This year the result was excellent in all our Boardings. In Asha Niketan Boarding, 38% result of 10th Standard students and 100% of 12th Standard students passed in the Board exam. In both standard students achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank. We arrange tuition classes for weaker students especially for English, Science and Mathematics. In Himatnagar Hostel we had 100% result for 10th standard and 99% for 12th standard students. In other Boardings also we got 100% result.



Different programs are arranged for the students focusing on their overall development. We also organize different Seminars for the students like, Motivational, Carrier Guidance, Goal setting and personal and environmental hygiene. Resource persons are invited from out for these seminars.

Children who are single parented or no parents are given special attention and guidance given to both children and their family members.

All our Boarding have various celebrations and cultural programs on occasions like Independence day, Teacher's day, Girl Child day, Diwali, Christmas etc... in order to bring out their talents, to Develop Team work and to bring unity among them. On Girl Child Day students performed dance and drama highlighting the inner strength and potential of girls.



Teachers Day



Yoga day



Child Day



They are motivated to plant trees and to take care of the nature and to keep the surroundings clean.

SOCIAL WORK



All our centers are involved in Social work in one or the other way. We mainly work for the Empowerment of women financially, socially and politically. Our sisters regularly go to the village to visit the families, to listen to their problems

try to help them by guidance and ensuring them our support.

In Asha Niketan, Bhiloda and Jeevandhara, Himatnagar we work in join hands with Credit Co-operative Society. These Societies in both places, Bhiloda and Himatnagar were established by our sisters. But now though they are independent trusts our sisters continue to guide them and support them. The main goal of these societies is to help the poor women, to live with dignity and respect and to achieve the social, political and economic development. Bhiloda Credit co-operative Society has 8000 members, working in 74 villages. This year the turnover of the Credit Co-operative society was 14 Crores. Credit Co-operative society Himatnagar has 1173 members.

These society members have periodical exposure programs in order to learn and adopt how the other Co-operative societies function. They undertake family counseling cell called Nyay Panch which has become a great support to families, especially to women. The Co-operative society is also has a tie up with Res Cross Society. It helps to provide relief in time of disaster and emergencies.

Organic Farming Project: This project is supported by Alboan Funding Agency from Spain. We carry out this project in 6 villages, 30 farmers from each village.

Practical Demonstration – Organic Farming



We conduct training programs for these farmers by the experts. The resource persons were Mr. Francisbhai and Ajaybhai from Anand Krishi University. With theory and practical demonstration, the awareness was created among farmers about Organic farming with less expense and more benefit. Farmers gave positive response and were determined to stop chemical use in their field. For further understanding, the staff along with Sr.Jigna visited few organic farms at Prantij, Himmatnagar and Khedbrama. This brought a deeper understanding for staff. These NGOs have collected a group of farmers and have begun a union of Organic farmers. The market facility also is provided for farmers, so, their time and energy does not become a waste

but they benefit from it. The farmers are visited regularly to encourage them for organic farming and to evaluate the training program.

Success point of the project:

- 157 farmers have reduced the use of chemical fertilizer in their field.
- 180 farmers have begun kitchen garden and are collectivizing it with pure natural resources without any use of chemical.
- Farmers have begun cultivating with proper methods of organic farming.
- 22 farmers have begun 100% organic farming in their field.
- Farmers are connected with government Farming science center, any problem in their field, related to soil, any insects, any types of crops and seasonal crop and product full guidance will be given by government only through one phone call. The demonstration for this phone call is done. It is going to be a great help for farmers.
- All 180 farmers have become aware of the need of organic farming.
- 180 farmers will be given in near future manure bed to prepare warmi compost manure.
- These 180 farmers have inspired other farmers as well, for organic farming.

The extraction of dodi oil is slowly raising its speed. 5 members were send to Ahmadabad to take training under Dr.Disha to prepare Lotion for winter season out of Dodi oil. The Trainees learned well and have prepared lotion. The first trial was successful and 5 kg lotion was prepared. Staff have sold it and we have got very good review of it.

Likewise during winter season 25 kg of {lotion} was prepared by staff and it was sold with good review from users. The dodi work is speeding up, and coming next month staff will be preparing bathing soap out of Dodi oil.



International women's day Celebration:

International women's day was celebrated in the social work centre of Asha Niketan. Each one was happy to celebrate this day, and was proud of one's own preciousness as women. There were sharing and interactions with each other on one's life experience and the

difficulties that arise in their family life. All staff felt happy to spend this day with each other and everyone contributed to make the women's day celebration very meaningful.

On 9th March 2025, 57 women and three sisters from Asha Niketan had gone to Pethapur, Gandhinagar, for women's day celebration. Women were invited from different centres with various cultural programs. The main theme of the program was Women's Rights, Equality & Empowerment. The strength, especially as women co-operative at Bhiloda social work centre was recognized and appreciated by all.

Prison Visit:

Prior to Christmas a group of sisters, fathers and some ladies and gentlemen visited the prison at Himatnagar, to give them messages of Love, Peace, Joy, Forgiveness, Reconciliation and the spirit of unity. The prisoners were very receptive and happy. In the midst of all these happy events we also had a sad event. One of our staff passed away in an accident. Even though she was given immediate medical assistance and support, she could not be survived.

EDUCATION



St. Francis de Sales English Medium School, Thasra, Kheda District, is one of the units of Gujarat Houses of Mary Immaculate. The school aims at bringing good academic and value education to the poor and marginalised children and to uplift their standard of living.



In accordance to the School policy, a seminar was organised by the school to upgrade knowledge and skills of teachers. The theme of the seminar was “Teaching: A Vocation”. Resource person was invited for the seminar. All teachers participated in the seminar and made a good improvement in their teaching skill.

By providing a conducive and encouraging atmosphere, the students are mentored to participate in a variety of intra and inter school activities / competitions. It enables the student to grow in confidence, knowledge and enhance their all-round development.

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Some of the co-curricular activities for primary and high school are outlined as follows:

Competitions like Patriotic song, Speech, Har Ghar Tiranga Drawing, sports etc.. were held in the school in order to develop various talents of students. Sports competitions: It

inculcate the spirit of positive challenges and sportsmanship among the students and prepare them for the life ahead. Sports, games and physical fitness occupy a place of importance in our curriculum. Our students actively participated in different sports competitions and won medals, certificates and trophies.



Speech Competition



Har Ghar Tiranga Drawing Competition



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Our school organized a cleanliness drive under Swachh Bharat Mission launched by the Prime Minister of India Mr Narendrabhai Modi in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. It was a purpose driven program aimed at creating awareness among students regarding cleanliness.



Health Care for a Healthy Personality



A thorough health check-up was conducted by District Health Centre, Thasra; the students who had problems were directed to the hospital for further treatment.

Different celebrations are held in the school. They are: Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers Day, Yoga Day, Diwali and Christmas.

Sports Competition





Yoga Day

Olympiad Exam



With the view to bring out the hidden knowledge, students from Balvatika to Standard 10 participated in the Olympiad Exam conducted by Deepika Children's League. (Kochi, Kerala).

Farewell Function of class 10th

The students of Standard IX with the assistance of teachers conducted a meaningful prayer service and farewell for the outgoing batch of Standard X. It was indeed an emotional moment for the students and teachers.

Award ceremony



We had the award ceremony on 19th February, 2025.

The entire staff had a day outing, fun and frolic at Poicha (Swami Narayan Temple) and Statue of Unity, which refreshed and renewed them from their hectic teaching and daily family chores.

Exams



With the view to enhance student's literary and communication skills for their all-round development various exams like oral tests, unit tests, tests and term exams were conducted in the school.

Our Achievers-

- We feel honored that Jay Nehalkumar Parmar from Std. 10th got 2nd rank for Chess in Taluka Level
- Indian talent Olympiad exam 2024-25: 55 students participated in it, 20 students received gold medals and Nimisha Chimanbhai Patelia received cash award.

HEALTH CENTERS

We have three health Centres which are actively functioning. They are Asha Niketan health Centre, Bhiloda, Our Lady's Health Centre, Umreth and Shanti Nivas Health Centre, Thasra.



Bhiloda Health Centre



Thasra Health Centre

Shanti Nivas Health Centre, Thasra had 2945 patients during the financial year 2024-25 most of these patients were suffering from skin disease- Eczema, boils, itching etc. and fever and cold. Most of them are from the poor families and we provide needed medicines with whatever they are able to pay.



In Asha Niketan Health Centre, there are monthly around 1200 patients approximately are attended in the dispensary. In our health centres 90% of patients come for skin related sicknesses and having trust in our treatment many people from far and near come for various deceases.

Along with physical treatment sisters give them counselling on health issues and even, some of them share their family issues with sisters and they are given guidance by the sisters. All our Health centres take care of the health of the Boarding Children {boys and girls boarding}.

About 30 families are helped with alcohol medicine per month for the Alcoholic addicts. The family members are given proper guidance to give this medicine. The main aim of giving this medicine is to free families from alcoholism and protect women and children, for they are the first victims of alcoholism in the families.

The Diocesan, Social work team had organized a health check-up camp in nearby village of Bhiloda, name Dodisara, on 22nd October 2024. Sr. Elseena, administrator of our health centre, was invited as resource person for the camp. The camp's main focus was on 0-10 age group children's overall health check-up. 117 patients were attended by Doctors in the camp. The main deceases among children were found, continues head ache, sleeplessness, giddiness, tiredness, body ache, complain of stomach ache, anaemia, loose motion etc. Children and their parents were given proper guidance by sister regarding health care and hygiene. The response of camp was very positive.

HIV/ AIDS Care

In Our Lady's Health Centre, Umreth the HIV/AIDS patients are taken care. They are given supportive and symptomatic treatment. They have get together periodically in the centre. These gatherings help them to be positive about life, feeling the support of one another. They are provided with grains other provisions for the family.

A Word of Thanks

We thank the Almighty for accompanying us in all our activities and supporting us by sending generous hearted benefactors who provide financial help. We thank our Provincial Superior and team for their timely guidance and support. We thank our auditors for their proper guidance and help. We thank all our sisters who tirelessly work with much love and commitment to reach out the poor and marginalized through our various activities. May God be blessed.



