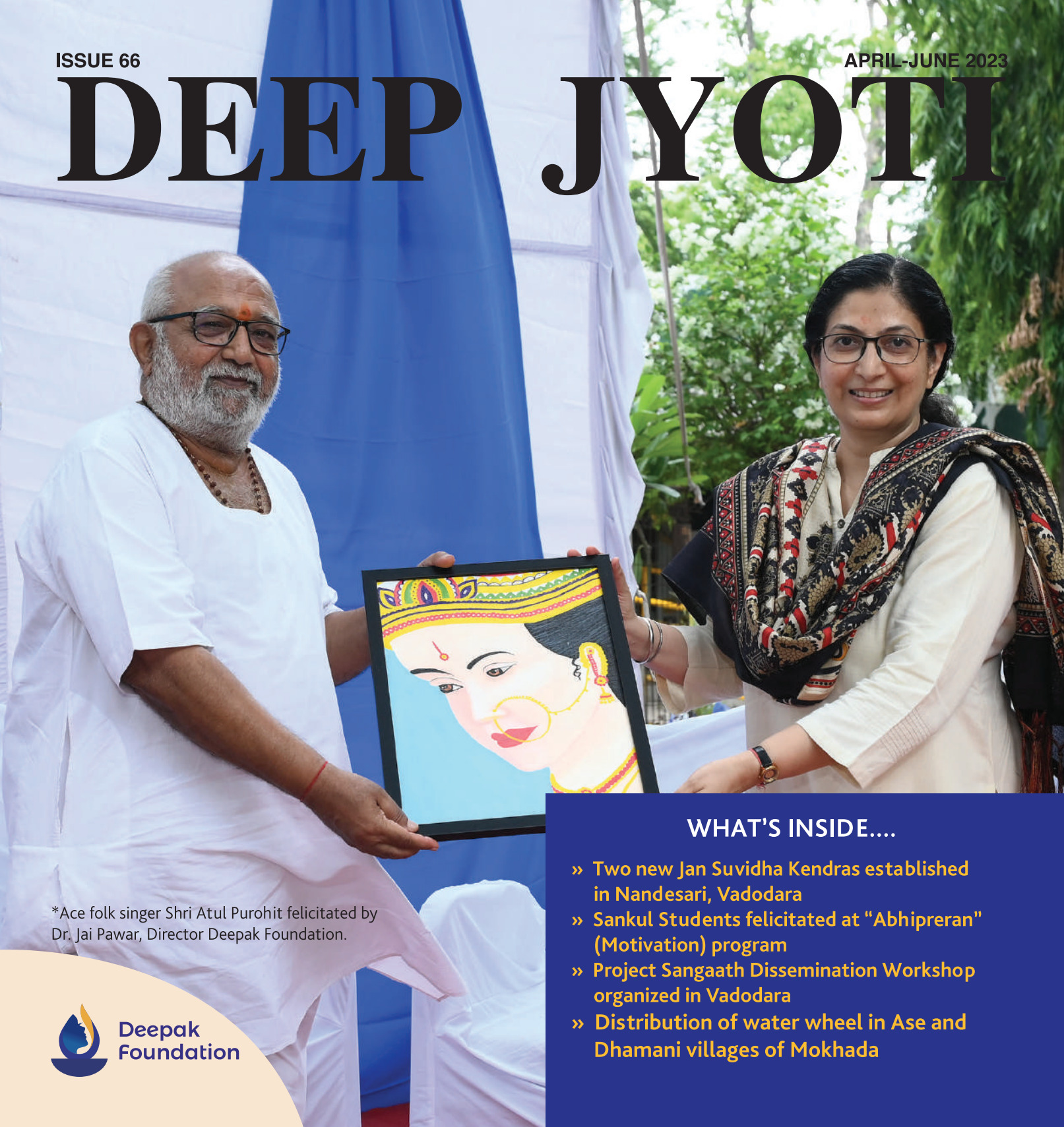


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*Ace folk singer Shri Atul Purohit felicitated by Dr. Jai Pawar, Director Deepak Foundation.



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A Tribute to the Founder of Deepak Foundation

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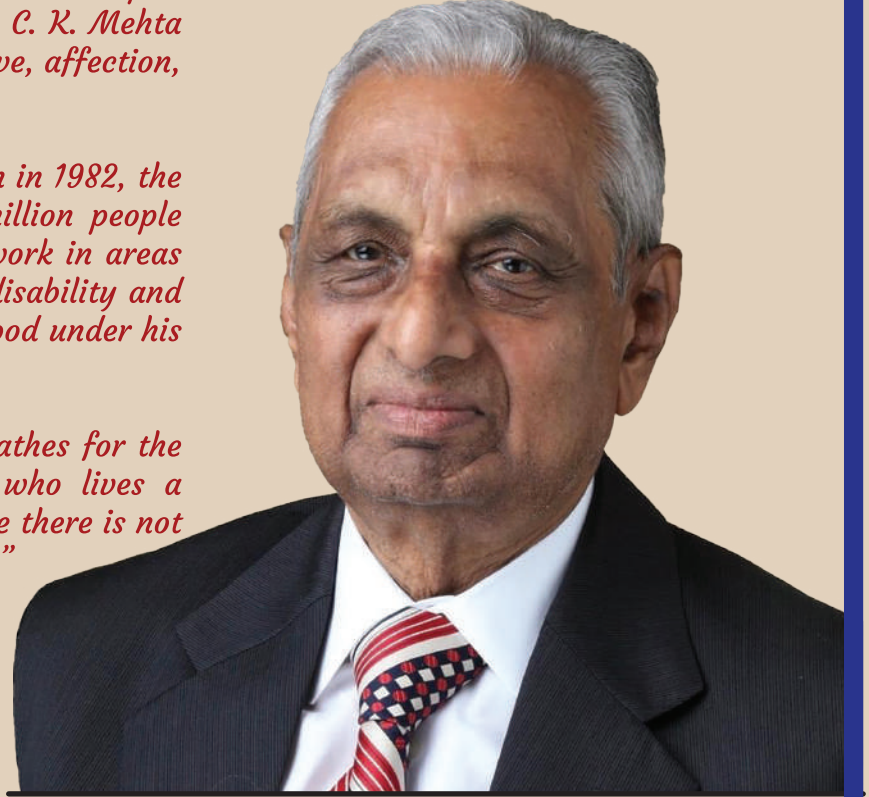
कायः परोपकाराय, धारयन्ति विवेकिनः॥

(વિવેકી માનવો શાસ્ત્રને જ્ઞાન માટે, ધનને દાન દેવા માટે,
આયુષ્યને ધર્મ કરવા માટે તથા શરીરને પરોપકાર કરવા માટે જ ધારણ કરે છે.)

Shri C. K. Mehta, Founder of Deepak Foundation departed peacefully for his heavenly abode in the morning of July 3, 2023. It is going to be a great loss for the organization. A visionary philanthropist and a business leader with his vision, C. K. Mehta sir touched millions of lives with his love, affection, humanity, and vision.

In the last 40 years, since its inception in 1982, the Foundation reached out to over 2 million people across the nation through grassroot work in areas of health, education, social welfare, disability and special need, skill building and livelihood under his guidance.

“He, who lives for the needy and breathes for the betterment of mankind, is the one who lives a complete, true and valued life, because there is not one, who doesn’t live but for himself...”



Late Shri C. K. Mehta
(April 6, 1932 - July 3, 2023)

Two new Jan Suvidha Kendras established in Nandesari, Vadodara

Two Jan Suvidha Kendras (JSKs) were established in Angadh and Dodka villages, Nandesari (Vadodara district). These JSKs started operations on April 18, 2023 and April 21, 2023, respectively. The main objective in establishing the JSKs under the Project Sangaath project is to facilitate the beneficiaries to apply for benefits offered by various government programs. The kendra is a place where a staff member from Sangaath Project is available throughout the day to collect the required documents from the beneficiaries and assist them in filing applications in the village.



Located at the Panchayat office, it is very easy to liaise with Talati and Sarpanch and ensures quick processing of applications. The government designs and implements various programs to improve the overall development of vulnerable populations, especially in rural and tribal areas of the country. Several social protection programs are in place to ensure that the poor and vulnerable are fully supported. Project Sangaath, Nandesari provides the necessary support to the community to avail the benefits of these schemes and programs by identifying the eligible beneficiaries, assisting them in obtaining the necessary documents, completing and submitting the applications to the respective government agencies, and monitoring the processes with the agencies until the beneficiaries receive the benefits. The project has been implemented in the Nandesari region of Vadodara district since 2019. The use of this digital technology will enable accuracy and effectiveness and provide real-time data for various applications of the program.



Govt. of India's Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana for Hinal

Hinal is 2 years old; her father is a cab driver and mother is a homemaker. Her grandparents are casual farm labourers. The family lives in Anagadh village of Vadodara district, and earn just enough to support their basic needs. The Sangaath Helpdesk coordinator met this family during their routine field visits and realised that considering the financial condition of the family, Hinal could be enrolled into Govt. of India's Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana (SSY). Sangaath team member explained the benefits of the scheme to Hinal's parents and encouraged them to invest into it.

The team helped them with the documentation process and hand-held them by logging in Hinal's application file into the village post office. After successful enrolment into the scheme, Hinal's parents said, "અમે દીપક ફાઉન્ડેશનના આભારી છીએ કે તેઓ યોગ્ય સમયે અમારી સાથે જોડાયા અને સુકન્યા સમૃદ્ધિ યોજના દ્વારા અમારી દિકરીના ભવિષ્યને સુરક્ષિત કરવા માટે અમને માહિતી સાથે માર્ગદર્શન આપ્યું. તેમની સમયસર મદદ અને સમર્થનથી અમારી દિકરીનું ઉજ્જવળ ભવિષ્ય સુનિશ્ચિત થયું છે." (We are thankful to Deepak Foundation for connecting with us at the correct time and guiding us with information to secure our daughter's future through the SSA. Their timely help and support, has ensured a bright future for our daughter.).

GUJARAT

Sankul Student felicitated at અભિપ્રેરણ (Motivation) program



અભિપ્રેરણ (Motivation) was organized at Samaj Suraksha Sankul, Deepak Foundation for its students who have excelled in class 10 & 12 examinations recently. The guests for the occasion were Shri Atul Purohit Ji, Classical Singer and the much loved Gujarati folk (Garba) singer, RJ Mohini, Mr. Mayank Trivedi, Social Defence Officer (SDO), Dr. Jai Pawar, Director Deepak Foundation, Dr. Ruchi Mehta, In-charge Samaj Suraksha Sankul, Ms. Sushma Bhonsale, Head Accounts and social response team from

Numerator. Students who excelled well include Yesha Makwana, Aaryan Tiwari, Aayush Padhiyar, Bharat Rathwa, Nimisha Panchal, Hetansh Patel, Mohamadmiya Buzurgwala, Safia Buzurgwala, Raju Rathwa and Arjun Mohaniya. Chief Guest Shri Atul Purohit with his beautiful voice enthralled the audience present there. He showered blessings on the specially-abled children and wished them success for their future endeavors. RJ Mohini recited a life changing incident emphasizing on importance of hard work.



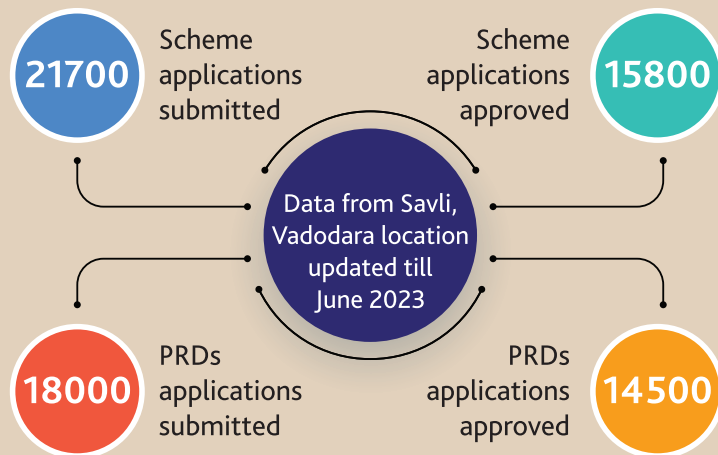
GUJARAT

Project Sangaath Dissemination Workshop organized in Vadodara



A dissemination Workshop for Project Sangaath was organized in Vadodara with an intent to celebrate Collaborative Efforts: Creating the impact, was organized by the Deepak Foundation. The agenda was mainly to present the achievements under Project Sangaath, an initiative to strengthen utilization of government schemes and other integrated projects of the foundation.

Shri P. K. Taneja, IAS (Retd.), Former ACS to the Govt. of Gujarat, graced the event with his esteemed presence and Shri A. B. Gor, IAS, Hon'ble Collector and District Magistrate, Vadodara, was Guest of Honour, accompanied by Smt. Mamta Hirpara, IAS, District Development Officer, Vadodara, Shri Deepakbhai Mehta, Hon'ble Trustee, Deepak Foundation and CMD, Deepak Group and Trustee Deepak Foundation Smt. Ilaben D Mehta graced the event.



MAHARASHTRA

Distribution of water wheel in Ase and Dhamani villages of Mokhada, Maharashtra



The water wheel is an invaluable tool for improving the quality of

life in tribal areas, as it enables women to fetch water from rivers and streams without having to carry heavy containers on their heads, reducing physical strain. The capacity of the wheel also allows them to carry more water at once, thus reducing the time spent fetching water. This allows them to spend less time and energy on water collection and more time on other activities, such as taking care of family members' health, educating their children, and farming. As a result, their quality of life and overall well-being can be improved. On April 24, 2023, 64 water wheels were distributed in Ase and Dhamani, with 500 Rupees contribution from the villagers for each wheel. This was done with great appreciation and gratitude.

After using the waterwheel for water transportation first time Mrs. Navshi Nathu Padher of Dhamni says, "It was an unbelievable experience. I haven't felt so relaxed while carrying water from a well, the water wheel has been a blessing in my life. I no longer have to carry heavy vessels of water on my head, which will relieve the pain in my neck and shoulders. I'm so thankful to Deepak Foundation and JM Financial Foundation (JMFF), who contributed in making my life easier and more comfortable."

Sunitha: Crafting an inspiring story

Sunitha and her parents, Rudham Singh and Dhani, are residents of Suraram Colony in Hyderabad. They belong to the low-income strata. They relocated to India from Kathmandu in Nepal in search of work. Sunitha and her brother were both born after they migrated to Hyderabad. Her mother passed away due to cancer while Sunitha was in school. She had to quit school and she began assisting her father in all areas. After a few days, she took over the family's management. Her father is currently employed with a private company. Sunitha aspired for a job in order to contribute financially at home.

Community organizers from Deepak Foundation provided details about Home Health Aide course and its placements. She enrolled in the first batch for FY 2023–24. She excelled well in both practical sessions as well as unit exams. Currently, Sunitha is working with Mallareddy Narayana Multi Speciality



near Suraram Jeedimetla, Hyderabad. Post placement, she is currently drawing salary of Rs.8000/- per month.

EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program on April 24, 2023, team Deepak Foundation organized Health Camp with District TB Centre-Vadodara at Health & Wellness Centre - Sindhrot, Taluka-Vadodara, Dist. Vadodara of Gujarat. In this camp X-ray, upfront NAAT testing & eye testing has been offered to the patients by Nidaan Van.



Team members of Deepak foundation were appreciated by the Collector Smt. Stuti Charan, IAS at Collector office of Chhota Udepur for the distribution of TB kits under Nikshay Mitra Yojna of Prime Minister's TB Mukta Bharat Programme.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

Project Vivek Vidya is a Mobile Education Service that caters to underprivileged communities. The project is designed to ensure exposure to quality reading and learning materials through direct input supports. The project strives to develop children's reading competency along with other selected competencies that are crucial for academic success. Overall project approach has been to build cognitive and non-cognitive competencies to ensure that children continue with their learning process and do not drop out from school. Vocational Skill Building Activities took a new leap this year with Vocational Skills Building sessions for the students of Grade 5 to 8. Recently, it has started the vocal music classes for 50 students in two batches in Pune. The students are receiving training in playing flute, tabla and keyboard as part of extra-curricular activities.



FROM EDITOR'S DESK

With a humbling sense of gratitude, I can say that we are doing all that we can and that too with all our might to take people and planet together. We lost our Founder Shri C. K. Mehta on July 3 who was instrumental in initiating many CSR initiatives and establishing Deepak Foundation which works in areas of health, education, social welfare, disability, and livelihood.

Following his deep-rooted values, we are committed to ensure that women and children are prioritised with health benefits, livelihood enhancement opportunities and financial empowerment. As the organisation completed four decades in social development domain, our self-driven team is dedicated to promoting inclusive growth for all communities and empower them to transform their lives.



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