



# Naraindas Morbai Budhrani Trust

Bi Annual Overview : April - September 2013

## Krishna Arpanam School Education Project 2013-14

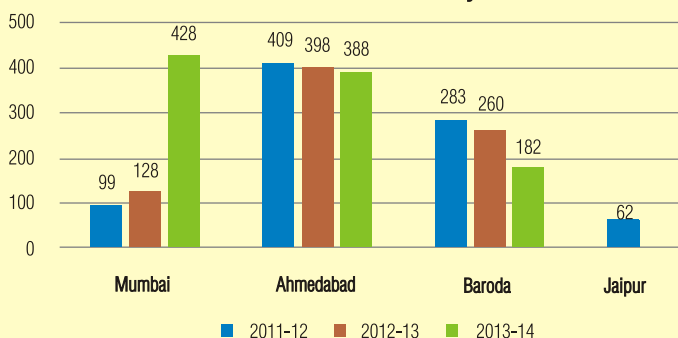
The wealth of education enriches an individual and it is the quality of this enrichment that contributes to the development and evolution of society. The NMBT School Education Project strives to use its resources to support the unearthing of potential prevalent in every child for the seeds that are sown today are the fruits that are borne tomorrow. The Project, by virtue of its results has been very encouraging. 786 students were supported during the academic year 2012-13, among them 38 students earned their SSC and HSC degrees enabling them to pursue higher academics.

Krishna Arpanam School Education Project for the academic year 2013- 14 was launched with a lot of gaiety at Ramzan Ali Shaikh English High School and NTCC School on the 6th, 7th and 17th of September 2013. The formalities of announcing and distribution of scholarship certificates were done by Founder Trustee Mr.Devidas Budhrani, Chief Guest Mr. Abdul Rauf Shaikh (Sr. P.I.) and school principals. The parents and students were also recipients to words of encouragement from the school management and our Founder Trustee Mr.Devidas Budhrani. The message of how impactful parents are in channelizing and shaping their children's personality as well as focusing on the importance of educating children in inculcating values which would lead them to create their future in an enriched, dignified and self- respectable way were not lost on an eager audience. It was a day though fun, was also a day of learning, introspecting and inspiration which paved the way of forging ahead with revitalized enthusiasm and energy.



Mr. D N Budhrani (Founder Trustee - NMBT) handing over the Education Support Certificate of students studying in NTCC school to Ms. Priya Naidu (Administrator- NTCC School)

### Krishna Arpanam School Education Project - 3 Years Journey



KSEP - The Krishna Arpanam School Education Project is present in the cities of Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Baroda. We have been able to reach out, ensuring financial support for 998 students for the current academic year. The break up is as 428 students in Mumbai, 388 in Ahmedabad and 182 in Baroda. It is for the first time that the Trust achieved these numbers since the inception of the program. May we be blessed to support a continuing larger number of children! All the students supported by the KSEP are residents of slums and most of them are children of daily wage earners. In Mumbai, we had to undertake 914 home visits for the detailed assessment of the requests placed with us.

Jagruti and Khushi Adhale are students of Ramzan Ali Shaikh English High School studying in the 4th and 1st grade respectively are enrolled in the Krishna Arpanam School Education Project. The family came to the notice of NMBT in January 2013 during the house visit surveys undertaken based on the data received from the school. They were in dire straits. The father was suffering from a chronic ailment and on his death 3 years ago, the situation worsened even further. Due to the financial hardship that ensued, both the children dropped out of school. The mother worked as a domestic worker and with her meagre savings managed to re-admit her elder child Jagruti into school, though by this time Jagruti had lost a year. The younger child Khushi remained at home as yet. The family stayed in a rented room worth Rs. 2000. The stress was telling on the mother as she depended on medication to manage her hyper-tension. With these expenses stretching out an extremely meagre income, a compelling choice was to withdraw Jagruti from school again. The school explored all possible options to create a solution which they found when NMBT approached them; Jagruti's plight was brought to NMBT's notice immediately. NMBT swiftly moved into action and ensured the admissions of both the girls for the academic year 2013-14. It was inspiring for the team at NMBT to see the desire and hope the mother had for her children in the face of such odds. The joy that overwhelmed the family was a sight to behold.

The Krishna Arpanam School Education Project achieves its success of supporting these children from the tandem of efforts put in by the schools, parents and NMBT.

Jagruti



Khushi

## Krishna Arpanam Inclusive Education Project for Visually Impaired Children

It is believed that India has 9 million visually impaired citizens and 80% of them reside in areas that are either remote or rural. Universality in education will remain a myth, far removed from reality if they are left out of mainstream education and opportunity due to their affliction.

Hence, on the 5th of May 2013 we initiated another program, the Krishna Arpanam Inclusive Education Project for Visually Impaired Children at Ahmednagar with Andh Seva Mandal. This program as of now is supporting 80 visually impaired children from economically weak families. These children were without any guidance or support and either had their education in disarray or had discontinued their education.

The detailed home visits got us to realize that their studies would remain an unfulfilled dream if measures of support, motivation and awareness were missing in parenting but on the other hand, this too would be an incomplete measure unless there would be a supportive environment in the school to ease the process of learning for these children. This would include support by supplementary teachers who would take care of their academics, social skills, family counseling and thus strengthen the ties between parents and school.

A camp for clinical assessment for the visually impaired and their family members who were deemed for support by the Krishna Arpanam Inclusive Education Project for Visually Impaired Children was held on the 14th of July, 2013. There was an attendance of 100 people including

the students. 30 people were identified who required further investigation. They were taken to the base hospital in Pune where, 9 patients received spectacles, Low Vision Aid were received by 5 of them and 7 were recommended surgery.

The aim of these exercises by NMBT is to ensure every possible improvement in the vision of our students and their family members to encourage them to lead lives of confidence and independence.



Mr. V N Hegde (Trustee - NMBT) addressing the gathering at the launch event on 05th May 2013 at Ahmednagar.



**Ram Suresh Gerange** is an eight year old boy who suffers from partial blindness. He is studying in the 2nd grade and lives with his parents and sister in Ahmednagar. At the age of three, it was realized he could not see very well. The visit to the doctor informed them that in most probability the vision would remain low. The family was sorely disappointed with this news. As Ram grew older, his vision improved slightly and was able to see close objects. He was admitted into a normal school but he always struggled due to the lack of guidance and support.

On learning about the Krishna Arpanam Inclusive Education Project for Visually Impaired Children, the parents immediately contacted the team at Ahmednagar. The association proved very beneficial for the family. Firstly, there was support, guidance and educational assistance provided. Further, through special events organized, Ram's family came in contact with other families facing similar issues. This gave them hope for they realized they were not alone in facing this predicament. These events provided opportunities for the parents to learn as well. They witnessed how children, though completely blind, were so self-reliant that they had the strength and the cheer to face their own challenges to create a life for themselves. The feeling of hopelessness, fear and pressure receded from their life as they realized much was possible.

Five months of regular guidance has enabled Ram to walk independently. Individual Educational Development Plan designed for Ram helped him to cope and improve his performance in his academics. On commencement, introducing the alphabet and numbers to Ram, it was realized that training Ram in Braille Lippi would hasten his learning process. Hence, it was immediately incorporated and Ram efficiently learnt to place the Braille nails on to the Braille slate. Ram grew in confidence and so did his parents. The parents are far more involved with Ram's evolution and growth, they were in constant touch with our team taking tips as well as attending NMBT and school meets with great enthusiasm.

In a similar fashion 80 students and their families are receiving help from specially appointed teachers in improving academics, self-confidence and morale. Each student supported by the Krishna Arpanam Inclusive Education Project for Visually Impaired Children is a protagonist in their own story of dealing with their respective challenges to make that difference in their lives and we are blessed to be their companions and walk their road with them.



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## Krishna Arpanam Supplementary Education Project 2013-14



Supplementary Education with personalized attention at one of the centre of Jagga, Mumbai.

It has been observed that students from the underprivileged of society need additional support to efficiently relate with mainstream education. To help them with that process, NMBT extends support to students residing in Jawhar, a tribal region in Maharashtra, Sanjay Gandhi National Park of Mumbai and those in the slums of Baroda. Teachers are specially trained to ensure quality support for the students supported by the project. Specialized inputs are given to the students which help them cope with the demands of academics and school.

| Location     | No of Students |
|--------------|----------------|
| Baroda       | 19             |
| Mumbai       | 188            |
| Jawhar       | 43             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>250</b>     |

## Krishna Arpanam Emergency Medical Relief for Uttarakhand Flood Disaster

The flash floods in the mountain state of Uttarakhand impacted a heavy number of lives, residents and pilgrims. They were isolated and stuck in remote villages of Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Tehri and Rudrapur. 14th of June onwards after the initial reports of early rainfall, there were consistent incidents of cloud bursts, flash floods and landslides over various areas in the four districts.

NMBT volunteered in collaboration with Doctors for You (DFY) to address the medical needs and provide relief in the afflicted areas. Ever present medical services were provided for 27 villages around Ukhimath block of Rudrapur District. A policy of containment of communicable and contagious diseases was emphasized upon. Thus the communities were strengthened by the prevalence of clean and fresh drinking water, sanitation, vector control, food and nutrition, vaccinations for children as well as sexual and reproductive health services.

It was inspiring to witness the dedication by the medical team including the three resident doctors of Ukhimath work tirelessly throughout without taking a single

holiday. There was an overwhelming response and encouragement from the local community for our team and their work. The team of DFY conducted OPD at the base camp itself since many afflicted arrive here before proceeding to other camps. Thoroughly motivated, the DFY team took the initiative to visit and deliver talks on health in each village school.



Uttarakhand Disaster Relief Support - bringing smiles to the needy people.

| Reach of Uttarakhand Relief Support | Support Coverage |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Villages covered                    | 27               |
| Patients covered through Camp       | 2218             |
| Patients covered at Base Camp       | 131              |
| Schools covered for Health Talks    | 26               |

## Naraindas Morbai Budhrani Trust's "Krishna Arpanam" Sankara Rural Eye Hospital, Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu

NMBT, in association with Sankara Rural Eye Hospital, Krishnankoil, have provided for 13,367 eye surgeries during 2013– 14. We propose to expand our reach to provide quality eye care to the poor and needy suffering from eye ailments continuing our association with SREH, Krishnankoil.

Realizing the needs and challenges to be faced as well as to improve facilities, NMBT has contributed to the construction of an additional operation theatre in the hospital. Work is in full swing and as soon as possible the upgraded facility will be made available for patients.

## Health & Other Interventions:

| Community Clinic    |               | Skill Development |             | Mobile Health Care Unit |             | Ration Support    | Marriage Kit Support  |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Location            | Coverage      | Particulars       | Coverage    | Location                | Coverage    | Location          | Location              |
| Ahmedabad (2 units) | 7500 patients | No of Trainings   | 2           | Jawhar                  | 4 hamlets   | Ahmedabad 153     | Ahmedabad 12          |
| Baroda (1 unit)     | 4264 patients | No of Trainees    | 17 teachers | Khandala                | 20 villages | Baroda 70         | Baroda 2              |
| Mumbai (2 months)   | 570 patients  | Students gained   | 250         | Patients reached        | 3983        | People served 223 | Marriages assisted 14 |



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## Special Treatment Support by N M Budhrani Trust



### Heart Care Support:

32 Persons  
Poor & needy patients from Rural  
Maharashtra



### Eye Care Support:

2600 Persons Cataract surgeries for  
patients identified during village level eye  
camp and Special Clinical Assessment for  
Visually impaired students & their parents



### Cancer Treatment Support:

748 cases  
Undergoing treatment at Public  
Hospitals in Mumbai

## Our Partners:

- Andh Seva Mandal, Ahmednagar
- BaiJerbai Wadia Hospital for Children, Mumbai
- Cancer Patients Aid Association, Mumbai
- Fabiani & Budhrani Heart Institute, Pune
- KEM Hospital, Mumbai
- L.T.M.G. Sion Hospital, Mumbai
- Ojus Medical Institute, Mumbai
- Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Ahmedabad, Baroda & Khandala
- Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- B Y L Nair Hospital, Mumbai
- CAMA Hospital, Mumbai
- Doctors for You, Mumbai
- Jaag, Mumbai
- K K Eye Institute, Pune
- Mission for Vision, Mumbai
- Pragati Pratisthan, Jawhar
- NMBT's Sankara Rural Eye Hospital, Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu
- 76 Schools at Ahmedbad, Baroda & Mumbai



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