

Annual Report 2022-2023



Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund
(Lalbhai Group)



The background of the cover is a photograph of a group of people in a rural setting. In the foreground, a woman in a green and black patterned saree stands with her back to the camera, looking towards a group of people. The group consists of several men in white shirts and grey trousers, and a woman in a brown patterned saree. They are standing on a dirt path that is bordered by a decorative border made of white paper or fabric. The background shows lush green trees and a clear sky.

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The logo for Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF) is a blue oval with a white border. Inside the oval, the letters "NLRDF" are written in white, bold, uppercase font.

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Rural Development Fund**

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Message from the Chairman



It gives me immense pleasure to present the Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF) Annual Report for the Financial Year 2022-23.

At NLRDF, it was a period of rapidly scaling up our response to our intervention in the areas of Better Cotton Initiative, HIV/AIDS, Health, Women's Empowerment, Sustainable Livelihood, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Climate Change projects focused on the needs of the farmers, women, adolescents and people from the marginalised communities we work with.

For us, the last year has seen several collaborations and partnerships, which have contributed significantly to improving our reach and programmatic impact in the communities and brought about meaningful change in their lives and standard of living.

We are grateful to all our partners for their support in driving the implementation of the projects. We are deeply indebted to Anup Engineering, Charity Aids Foundation- USA, Reliance Foundation, Gujarat State AIDS Control Society, the Government of Gujarat and its departments for the immediate funding to deliver much-needed assistance to communities.

And finally, I would like to thank all team of the NLRDF family who continue to support the work.

I hope for a momentous and more satisfying year ahead to walk together for better community development.



Samveg Lalbhai

From the desk of the Executive Director



Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF) was set up by the Lalbhai Group and its flagship company Arvind Mills more than 40 years back as part of their commitments for the rural development. While Government and Corporates engage in the Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) today as part of statutory compliance, this was one of the first initiatives in the country of CSR taken up in 1978. Within no time, NLRDF created a strong base in the rural areas of Sabarkantha encompassing almost every aspect of rural economy and life of a common man. Since then we have never looked back despite all odds. NLRDF stands on a very high pedestal today.

This is largely due a fully dedicated team lead by the Chief Manager, Shri Kantibhai Patel and his fellow colleagues. NLRDF acts as a nodal agency to implement several schemes and programmes of the state government, central government and several multilateral agencies. Our major role is to provide managerial support, ensure efficient use of resources, and secure effective execution of all the programs to maximise benefits to the target beneficiaries.

We have seen that the rural poor and the under privileged people struggle for their survival due to limited means and lack of opportunities. In addition lack of education and awareness of welfare measures complicate it further. Our fund played a pivotal role in bringing all the programs and schemes closer to them ensuring visible and tangible benefits for them. Over 40 years the trust is involved in diverse programmes that include scientific farming, animal husbandry, aids control, health and nutrition, women empowerment, energy saving, water harvesting, skill building, primary education and several other areas directly or indirectly touching the life of common man. Our flagship programs includes aids control and vocational training and skilling of more than 10,000 young widows that has brought cheers in their lives.

I consider myself privileged to be associated with NLRDF as the Executive Director for last 23 years. It has given me opportunity to understand the stark realities of life of the rural poor and the underprivileged. It also gave me opportunities to apply all the learning I acquired during my long tenure at Asoka and Arvind Mills towards welfare of the rural poor and society albeit with the support of a large team of loyal volunteers. Few of them are with the fund for more than 25 years. Their strong connect with the grassroot and the unstinted confidence they earned from all the stakeholders brought laurels for the trust. NLRDF today enjoys very high reputation as a catalyst for successful implementation of any social or community development programme.

Both State and Central Government, corporates like ONGC, Arvind, Tata and Reliance, funding agencies like NABARD, UNICEF and several developmental institutions and organisations have placed blind faith in NLRDF as a trusted partner for upliftment of the rural poor in general and farmers, artisans, women and children in particular. It has become an institution of high credential and credibility for implementing the CSR Programs of several organisations.

I indeed feel elated to lead NLRDF under the able guidance and direction of the Board of Trustees with the unstinted support from my team to contribute my best for the larger good of the society.

B. M. Shah

About Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF)

Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF) was set up in 1978 as a Public Charitable Trust by Arvind Mills Ltd. It stands on the principles and philosophy of service to mankind. In the last 43 years of its foundation, it has grown as a grassroot organisation striving for holistic development of the rural and tribal poor and the underprivileged through specially designed programmes.

In Gujarat, it has established its credential in the spheres of agriculture, social and farm forestry, horticulture, fodder development, animal husbandry, minor irrigation, rural electrification (street and agriculture-related), solar and home and street light, roads, biogas, medical services, health care, nutrition, sanitation and disease control, non-formal education, adult education vocational training of disabled persons, watershed development, AIDS awareness and prevention, women empowerment and women and child development and heartfulness.

NLRDF has reached out to more than six (6) lakh community people in 590 villages of Khedbrahma, Talod, Vadali, Idar and Poshina Talukas of Sabarkantha District; about 23,000 farmers are benefited through the agriculture project, and more than 500 tribal youths have been benefited under the skill training programme. Also, more than 12,000 widows and 540 young women have reaped benefits under the skill development programme. This experience of development in community mobilisation, project planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation are recognised as its strengths. Consequently, organisations like UNICEF, GSACS, ONGC, CAF, CottonConnect, Arvind Ltd. NABARD, FED BANK, CHETNA and Government departments have been associated with NLRDF.

Objectives:

Setting into motion a process of all-around development of people in rural India, which within a specific time would become self-sustaining and self-perpetuating and, as an outcome, methodically reducing the relative disparities among various strata of the society.

Strategy:

Inspired by nature, where the various facets of life are all interrelated and interdependent, NLRDF would take an overall integrated and holistic intervention taking care of the various developmental components that together form the whole.

Management:

NLRDF is structurally working under a Board of Trustees. The Chairman is directly responsible for the overall policy direction and guidelines for the trust. The Executive Director is responsible for policy implementation and its effective execution. In addition, the trust has a total strength of more than 60 persons, most of whom are in rural areas. Most of the staff hold a Master's Degree in various disciplines related to rural life.

Funds:

NLRDF has so far been funded by the Arvind Mills Ltd., Ahmedabad, to the tune of Rs. 220 lakh. It has also been mobilising funds from government, private agencies and institutions directly for the beneficiaries of its programmes, infrastructural activities and other purposes of rural interest.

Programmes and Initiatives 2022-2023





Improving the Self-reliance and Resilience of Rural Communities in Sabarkantha District

Reliance Foundation aims to improve the climate resilience in 150 GPs and to enhance/diversify the income of 30,000 households especially targeting farmers, women and youth through skilling, market linkage, access to finance and technology based solutions adopting a cluster approach in the Sabarkantha district by 2027.

Looking at this context, Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF), with the support of Reliance Foundation, executes the project in 5 blocks of the Sabarkantha district of Gujarat. The two blocks of Khedbrahma and Poshina are tribal-dominated and topography-wise undulating areas. Rest blocks Idar, Vadali, and Talod have OBC and other communities. The primary beneficiaries of the project are farmers, women & youth, self-help groups (SHGs) members, gram panchayat members, and children. The focus of the project's intervention is on improving the Self - Reliance and resilience of the rural communities in Sabarkantha District. The report presents the activities carried out during August 2022 to March 2023.

The following activities are implemented by NLRDF under the project:

GPDP Training

Training on Gram Panchayat Development Planning (GPDP) was conducted in 45 villages where village development was discussed. The training was conducted on village development planning, keeping in mind all the people of the village. Village Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat members, leaders and others participated in the training.





Tailoring Training Programme

A tailoring training program was conducted in the villages of Idar and Vadali blocks in which 75 trainees received one-month training in which the women learnt practical and theory as well as understanding machine spare parts and cleaning of the machine.



Beauty Parlor Training

Beauty Parlor training was given to 20 women for one month in Fichond village of Idar taluka. Two of them are self-supporting and help increase their household income after completing the Beauty Parlor training.

Vegetable Plantation Training

266 SHG women of Idar, Vadali, Talod, and Khedbrahmma took training in vegetable plantations. Vegetable s were distributed during the training according to the season of vegetables like okra, turiya, galka, chilli, tomato, brinjal, and bhaji. About 100 women started selling vegetables in the market and earning, which helped them improve their families' economy.





De Composer Demo

A demo of 2300 decomposer bottles was done in 45 villages of Idar, Wadali, Talod and Khedbrahma blocks. 2300 beneficiaries understood this demo of decomposer and did it by themselves. As a result they put good compost in their fields, they will get good production at the end of the year, and now they will try to discontinue using chemical fertilisers.



Napier Grass

169 women in 13 villages were given one / one half a bigha of Napier grass and trained on how to plant Napier grass. 169 women received information such as Napier grass planting training, and 35 women planted Napier grass successfully.

Animal Husbandry Training

1607 SHG women associated with VO of 41 villages received training on animal husbandry. During the training, they learnt about proper vaccination, good animal husbandry, timely insemination, food, shelter, and animal care. After the animal husbandry training, a survey was done in each village. It was observed that timely insemination, proper vaccination, rearing of ideal animal offspring, change of habitat, and timely feeding of food are done.

Ardash Pastoral Farm Visit / Exposure Visit

The one-day visit to Ardash cattle rearing farm at Nangla, Banaskantha and an exposure visit was planned for 20 cattle rearing women of Idar taluka. 2 out of 20 women have started efforts to rear cattle at home. This journey has proved to be an inspiration to the women, and the other women have gradually turned towards excellent husbandry.



Business Plan Training

In Choriwad village of Idar taluka, training was given to SHG women to make a business plan for making rakhi. 25 women members have been trained in the business plan of rakhi making, of which five women who have started making rakhis are ready to do business.



Job Fair (Recruitment Fair)

190 beneficiaries benefited from the job fair at Badoli and Sapavada in Idar taluka, where they were informed about the type of job, location, work hours, salary, documents, study and other requirements for different companies. Beneficiaries benefited from the recruitment fairs at Badoli and Sapavada, in which some got a job at Sanad Company, and two beneficiaries got a job in a company in Ahmedabad.



Exposure Visit of Sarpanchat Rajasthan - Piplanthari

An exposure visit for Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayats of 45 villages of Idar, Wadali, Talod, and Khedbrahmma talukas was planned at Rajasthan (Piplanthari) Munkam. They visited the Sarpanchshree of Adarsh Gram Panchayat and understood their duties and functions and the development of the village. They also saw all kinds of facilities in the village.



Water Budgeting

Water Budgeting has been done in 45 GPDP of which included many wells, bores, cultivable land, uncultivable land, hills, rivers, lakes, check-dams, seasonal crops, cultivated area, existing water condition, how many check dams, cows, buffaloes, goats, oxen in the villages. Relevant and useful demographic data was collected from the villages.



VO Training

41 VOs were given training including discussions on Sakhi Mandal, VO Business and developing the economy for the families. After taking the training, five women of the village were ready to plan for new business. Few more women took Rakhi business training that provided them new income generation opportunities.



Demo of Gram (Chana)

Demonstrations and trainings were conducted for 190 farmers from 21 villages. They learnt how to plant gram with less water in chickpeas by lining them to prevent soft chickpeas. The amount of medicine given for chickpea breeding and similar ailments.



Farmer Field School

Farmer Field School was conducted in 45 villages, where the farmers learnt about organic farming and its benefits. Discussions also were held on crop rotation according to season, soil testing, use of drip method, irrigation according to inter-crop, land levelling, inter-cropping, horticulture and allied issues.



Bike Repairing Training

Bike repairing training was organised in selected villages in Poshina taluka. The purpose of the training was to make the unemployed persons get employment or start their businesses through bike repair training.

Gram Sabha

A Gram Sabha was organised in 45 GPDP villages by the joint efforts of NLRDF, Reliance Foundation and the Government Department. Village Sarpanchshree and Jairam Bhai from Reliance Foundation spoke extensively about village development planning. Representatives from Government Department also talked about the government's plans, and women of Sakhi Mandal were encouraged to work further.

Government Scheme Camp

A camp for awareness of Government schemes was planned in Poshina taluka. During the camps, information was given on schemes and processes such as Widow Support Scheme, Old Age Pension Scheme, Ayushman Card, Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, Eye Diagnosis Camp, and Insurance from Banks. The camps' purpose is that people benefit from all these government schemes.



RNG: Reliance Nutrition Garden

In five talukas, 650 women worked to make RNG in a joint initiative of Reliance Foundation and NLRDF. RNG (Reliance Nutrition Garden) is a vegetable paddy made by Reliance Foundation with exact measurements; RNG was made in three types in all five talukas. The purpose behind making these vegetables was not to put any chemical fertiliser in the paddy field.



Nutrition Awareness Campaign

Nutrition awareness campaign was carried out for 1632 beneficiaries in 60 villages. During the campaign, awareness was disseminated, and all types of grains, vegetables, pulses, and fruits were distributed in different villages. Good number of pregnant women and teenage girls participated in it.

Record Keeping and Panchasutra Training

Record-keeping training was organised to improve the functioning of women's SHGs and increase women's income. It was planned to provide record-keeping training to the presidents/mantris/members of the SHGs in such villages. An effort was made to sensitise the women of the SHGs about the benefits that can be obtained from the banks for any requirements of funds for their business.



Goat Rearing Training

Goat rearing is a suitable medium for small farmers, agricultural labourers, and those dependent on agriculture. Training in this context was planned in 11 villages of Khedbrahma Taluka, which focused on the excellent quality breeds of goats, milk production, quality of milk, a place for keeping goats and understanding of the market. Participants also learnt a method of making mineral mixtures in goat rearing.

Outcomes:

Participants, through the training, gained the following learning and knowledge.

- The significance of goats and the scope and nature of the goat farming business
- Goat breeding information
- Goat health care, various diseases and their prevention and treatment
- Husbandry tasks and any other facilities that need to be undertaken for the management of a goat, especially in commercial goat-rearing business
- Identifying marking



Drone Spray System

A demonstration of a drone spray system was conducted in the villages of Vadali Taluka to reduce cost, save time, and avoid the overuse of pesticides. During the demonstration, the farmers gained an understanding and knowledge of drone spray systems, formulation methods of medicine, and taking care during spray. This system also helps limit human contact with fertilisers, pesticides and other harmful chemicals. The system also can handle tasks faster and more efficiently and can reduce labour work.

Outcome

Farmers are now ready to adopt the drone spray system.

Training and Demo of Vermicomposting

Animal husbandry is the primary source of organic manure. Vermicomposting is the process of producing organic fertiliser or vermin compost from bio-degradable materials with earthworms. Training and demo were planned on vermicomposting. Farmers, during the training and demo, learnt the process of making vermicomposting. Training provided farmers needed information and guidance to start and flourish any enterprise.

Outcome

Women started to prepare vermicomposting and adopted vermi compost as an occupation to produce organic manure.



Training on Climate Change

Training on climate change was organised at KVK, Khedbrahmma. Shri J. R. Patel, a representative from KVK, discussed the impacts on human lives due to climate change. He stressed more about tree plantation and organic manure, and medicines.

Outcome

Tree plantation at public places and organic medicines were prepared with the support of Panchayats and CBOs together at the village level.



Atal Bhujal Ground Water Training

Groundwater depletion is a serious matter. The training was planned in a joint venture of NLRDF and Atal Bhujal Yojana in five major Talukas of Sabarkantha. The training aimed at spreading awareness about raising the water level. In the training, discussions were held on the current situation of groundwater level in the villages. Water budgeting was done, and the current situation was analysed. Members of Pani Samiti and Panchayat members participated in the training.

After the training, water budgeting and the outcome of the training were discussed with the villagers in gram sabha.

Outcome

After the training and gram sabha, it was decided to raise the water level by recharging the well, pond deepening, repairing check dams and planning water distribution.

Nano Urea Demo

The most critical benefit of using Nano Urea for agriculture is its minimal environmental impact. It will result in reducing the release of greenhouse gasses and improving the quality of air and water. Against the use of urea beg, Nano urea reduces labour and medicine costs. The nano urea demo in this context was planned to disseminate awareness on the benefits of using Nano urea and enhance farmers' income as they grow a high yield of crops at a low cost.



Swachhta Abhiyan

During the fifteen-day celebration of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav program, Swachhta Abhiyan Rath was made and moved to the villages and disseminated messages on cleanliness and sanitation among children, schools and villagers. A total of 1648 villagers in 60 villages participated in the program.

Exposure Visit

3 days of exposure visit for SHG and women of VO was planned in which 24 women and four staff participated. The main objective of the exposure visit was to encourage SHG women to do small business and become self-reliant. During the exposure visit, women saw livelihood activities such as a spice factory, its brand, production and packing activities.



International Women's Day

NLRDF took the initiative to celebrate International Women's Day with the support of the Reliance Foundation at Khedbrahma for promoting women empowerment in general. A women's consultation to celebrate Women's Day was organised in joint coordination with GLPC to spread understanding in the community on gender equality through a digital platform.

About 450 women from Khedbrahma and Vadali Talukas participated in the celebration of International Women's Day. The celebration aimed to promote the leadership of women and the role of women in digital literacy and sensitise gender equality. They stated that such information is beneficial and helps to understand the meaning of a better life.

Minnatben Mansuri - DLM, Sweetiben, Sushilaben Prajapati from Action Aid, Jankiben Rawal from Law College, Shri Kantibhai Patel - Chief Manager from NLRDF and Reliance Foundation team were present and encouraged women in the celebration.



Farmer Sammelan



On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of DhirubhaiAmbani on 23rd December 2022, Farmers Sammelan was organised with the collaboration of Arvind Limited, Reliance Foundation and Krishi Vigyan Kendra – Khedbrahma. In this sammelan, more than 400 farmers, district-level agricultural officers, agricultural experts, and representatives from different companies for technical support also participated providing their valuable inputs to the participants.

Shri D.H. Shah DDO, Sabarkantha, who was present in the sammelan, appreciated the activities being done across the country by Reliance Foundation. It is heartening to note that in five talukas of Sabarkantha district, interest is increasing in agricultural technology in natural farming and farm-based produce, including dairy technology and animal husbandry.

Executive Director of NLRDF, Mr. B. M. Shah, said that Arvind Limited has been doing development activities in rural, tribal and remote areas for over 40 years which has brought about significant changes in the life of people in this area. He expressed his satisfaction that the farmers in this area have adopted new methods and modern technologies in farming.

Mr. Samirbhai Prajapati, Chief Manager of Sustainability, Arvind Limited, shared information about the Better Cotton programme and its impact on farmers. With the support of NLRDF as a local partner, Arvind Limited started the project of Better Cotton with 15000 cotton growing farmers in the year 2020 in 107 villages of Vadali, Idar and Khedbrahma talukas.

In the end, select farmers who have done innovative farming and took other initiatives the field of agriculture were felicitated.



No.	Name of Activities	Number of Activities / Villages	Total Beneficiaries
1	Swachchhata Abhiyan	25	8500
2	Poshan Jagruti Abhiyan	25	1632
3	Tailoring Training	5	75
4	Record Keeping and Panchsutra Training	50	1575
5	Vegetable Cultivation Demo and Training	46	1607
6	HD Fertilizer Demo and Training	15	156
7	Drone Spray	1	45
8	Nano Urea Demo	1	45
9	Solar Light Trap Demo	12	33
10	De- Composer Demo	50	2720
11	Goat Rearing Training	2	68
12	Check Pea (Chana) Demo	13	190
13	Napier Grass Demo	10	169
14	Animal Husbandry Training	42	1683
15	Exposure Visit to Dairy Technology	1	25
16	Exposure Visit on GPDP - Village Pipalondari in Rajasthan	1	45
17	Farmer Field School Training (FFS)	52	1548
18	Farmer Sammelan (Workshop)	1	450
19	Staff Capacity Building Training	2	45
20	Reliance Nutrition Garden (RNG)	52	750
21	Bank Linkages Workshop	6	490
22	Dharuvadiyu Training	1	20
23	Warmi Bad Training and Demo	19	50
24	Horticulture Training	1	25
25	Business Plan Training SHG Women	6	245
26	Tree Plantation	50	33500
27	Job Fair Camp	5	300
28	Bike Repairing Training	1	20
29	Beauty Parlour Training	1	20
30	Rakhadi Training	2	59
31	Pagluchaniya (MOP) Training	1	27
32	Water Budgeting Wall Painting	60	60
33	M &M Demo For Soil Nutrition Testing	1	20
34	Biological Demo	12	190
35	Social Security Camp	22	800
36	I Portal Registration	24	800
37	Bio Gester Plant Training	15	200
38	Bio Gester Plants	15	15
39	Well / Tube Recharge	15	15
40	GPDP Training	45	3800
41	Health Camp	1	230
42	Mop, Soap and Shampoo Making Training	3	256

No.	Name of Activities	Number of Activities / Villages	Total Beneficiaries
43	Climate Resilience Training	1	42
44	Millets Crop Demo	1	34
45	Celebration of International Women Woman’s Days	1	228
46	Exposure Visit – Agri Uni – Dantivada - Sk	1	102
47	BOB Resti Training	5	191
48	Atal Bhujal Ground Water Training	1	13
49	Organic Farming Training	2	45
50	Cyber Crime Awareness	8	273
51	Goatry Food Training	4	159



Visit of representative from Reliance Foundation, Bombay

National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) – Idar, Sabarkantha

NLRDF implements the project in five Talukas of Sabarkantha District with the support of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), New Delhi and Gujarat State AIDS Control Society (GSACS), Ahmedabad.

The following activities are carried out by NLRDF under the project:

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Clinic Visit

All KPs registered with the TI project have to come for regular medical check-ups four times a year. During these visits, check-ups are done by PHC, CHC and private panel doctors.

Regular Medical Check-up

When KPs visit for medical check-ups, the doctors check the genitals of MSM with proctoscopy and FSW with a speculum, so it may come to know if they have sat. This process is called regular medical check-ups.

Presumptive Treatment

Periodic presumptive treatment (PPT) has been used as a component of STI control interventions to reduce STI prevalence rapidly. New registered KPs get treatment based on symptoms. KPs who do not come for the treatment for three months and it goes for six months get 1.

STI Treatment

If symptoms of STI in KPs are seen during check-ups, they get medicine based on guidelines.

Counselling

Counselling of KPs is done on different issues by counsellors. Counselling helps them to adopt safe behaviour from risk. Counselling covers sexually transmitted diseases (STD), HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and Hepatitis B.

Distribution of Free Condom

Condoms to KPs are distributed based on their needs. The whole process is being followed while distributing condoms, like purchasing, distributing and maintaining data.

Hotspot Meeting

Hot Spot Meetings were held with VULNERABLE WOMEN and MSM in the area of the project in the Sabarkantha district. Such types of meetings were held where VULNERABLE WOMENS and MSMs were gathered. A hotspot meeting could be called a demand generation meeting also. These meetings help to understand the needs of KPs or challenges faced by the team in the field and what the solutions could be. These meetings are planned in groups on hotspots.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing and Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) Testing

It is decided after the blood testing whether KPs have HIV or RPR. RPR is compulsory after HIV testing. HIV testing is done for HIV, and RPR testing is done for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The rapid plasma reagin (RPR) test is a blood test that looks for antibodies to syphilis. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that first causes symptoms like many other illnesses. This test is done twice a year in PHC, CHC, F2CTC and private laboratories. If, during testing, a person is found HIV positive, then they are linked with ART, and if RPR positive is found, then penicillin injections are given.

PE Monthly Review Meeting, DIC Meetings, Crisis Committee

Regular PE review meetings were held in which the status of their works is discussed, and through these meetings, gaps are analysed, and efforts are made to minimise the problems.

Quarterly District level meetings were conducted at Drop-In Centre (DIC) Idar, Khedbrahmma and Himmatnagar. Staff, KPs, PE and ESH participate in the meetings. Four meetings are held a year by Project Manager and Counselor. Crisis Committee works to support the KPs. The committee looks after to avoid crisis for KPs in working areas, and if any crises arise, the committee makes efforts to resolve the crises. Crisis Committee members from staff, PE, KPs, and ESH participate in the meetings, and meetings are held four times a year in which they participate. Five advocacy meetings are held in a year with ESM and KPs. The meetings focus on providing the necessary support and making efforts to achieve the project's target.



Celebration of World AIDS Day

The organisation celebrates World AIDS Day on 1st December. Celebrating the day aims to generate and disseminate awareness of HIV / AIDS. The activities like rallies and exhibitions are held. As noted in the local media, the organisation also held activities such as putting up posters, performing plays, organising rallies, and chanting slogans at various companies and schools, colleges and public places.





Health Camps

Two health camps were organised in a year. During the camps, posters were exhibited, and blood testing was done. STI-related medicine is available through GSACS, while the organisation also provides medicine for common diseases at a nominal rate. Health camps are mainly conducted for STI-related problems in which MBBS and BHMS Doctors are available. About 150 people benefited from the health camps.

Significant activities conducted during the year:

No.	Particulars	Achievement
1	Coverage	1178
2	STI Clinic Visit	4269
3	Regular Medical Check-up	4125
4	Presumptive Treatment	132
5	STI Treatment	12
6	HIV Testing	2007
7	RPR Testing	2007
8	Counselling	2304
9	Free Condom Distribution	191256
10	Hotspot Meeting	96

No.	Particulars	Achievement
11	PE Review Meeting	12
12	DIC Meeting	36
13	Crisis Meeting	4
14	Advocacy Meeting	3
15	STI Committee Meeting	12
16	DIC Committee Meeting	12
17	World AIDS Day	1
18	Health Camp	2
19	PMC Committee Meeting	3
20	Lubes Distribution Free	8070

Red Ribbon Club (RRC) Programme

As per the recently released India HIV Estimation 2019 report, the estimated adult (15–49 years) HIV prevalence trend is declining in India since the epidemic’s peak in the year 2000 and stabilising in recent years. The estimate for this indicator was 0.22% (0.17–0.29%) in 2019 (see Figure 1). In the same year, HIV prevalence among adult males (15–49 years) was estimated at 0.24% (0.18–0.32%) and among adult females at 0.20% (0.15–0.26%).

The Government of India initiated a movement of Red Ribbon Club, through which student volunteers spread awareness of HIV/AIDS. NLRDF, with the support of

GSACS, intervenes HIV/AIDS programme in the colleges of Sabarkantha District with the focus of spreading the awareness of HIV/AIDS and encouraging blood donation.

Youths and students participated in the activities and learnt about safe and healthy lifestyles. This also helped them promote health-seeking behaviour and voluntary blood donation and enabled them to become change agents in HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme. NLRDF put efforts into control and prevention of HIV/AIDS through education and helping youths and students to heighten their awareness about HIV/AIDS/STI/Sexuality and other related issues.



The objectives of the intervention of RRC were:

- To raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, its transmission and prevention methods by organising NSS camps, drama, theatre, folk dance and street plays.
- To provide access to testing and counselling services for at-risk populations.
- To organise and facilitate voluntary blood donation camps.
- To combat stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS.
- To support PLWHA, community engagement and involvement in HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

The project has thus achieved several significant outcomes in all the areas highlighted above.



Health Camp

NLRDF, in coordination with GCS Hospital, Ahmedabad, organised a health camp at Vadali Market Yard in the presence and under guidance of panel of doctors from the Gujarat Cancer and Research Society. Doctors from all branches like Physicians, Orthopedics, Gynecologist and Surgeons were present during the health camp. Approximately 225 poor and needy people were treated for their medical issues. Such health camps encourage active participation from community people to take charge of their health.



Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) Project

About 4,501 farmers of 33 villages in Khedbrahma and Vadali Talukas and 10,061 acres of land and 71 villages in Idar Taluka were covered under the initiative in collaboration with Arvind Ltd, Ahmedabad. As many as 9,001 farmers are involved, and 21,225 acres of land have been covered under this program. A staff of 38 personnel looks after the three projects, including 33 Field Facilitators (FF), 3 Project Unit Managers (PUM) and a Computer Operator and 1 Project Coordinator.

The following activities are carried out by NLRDF under the project:

The project revolved around seven principles:

1. CropProtection	5. FiberQuality
2. Waterstewardship	6. Decentwork
3. Soil Protection	7. Crop Management
4. Biodiversity	

The main objectives of the project are:

- To control pollution and to protect the environment
- To reduce costs in farming and to increase income
- To improve the health of the farmers
- To improve soil

Prior-intervention of the project, it was found that the situation of farmers in these Taluka was vulnerable before the project started. The farmers were struggling with the quality & quantity of seeds, overuse of pesticides,



taking care of production, getting low prices and land degradation, which were very harmful to the community. The intervention of the BCI project now helped the farmers with better crop protection, water, land, quality of fibre and promotion of decent work.

At the beginning of the intervention of the project, training of trainers (TOT) was imparted to the organisation's team, focusing on the importance and process of BCI. TOT was given by representatives from Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), and participatory rural appraisal (PRA) was planned in the targeted villages after TOT.

During training, the participants learnt the following:

- Involvement in the PRA exercise
- Types of and importance of stakeholders
- Terminology of development and growth,
- Disseminating IEC and the importance of IEC at the grassroots level
- Use of skills, knowledge and different tools at the field level

Under this project, farmers are guided about their farming for different seasons. In the beginning, FF provides information

and understanding to the farmers about preparing the land, selecting seeds, taking care of cultivation and inter-cropping. The farmers also learnt about maintaining a farmer's field book. Necessary IEC materials also were distributed to the farmers.

Along with the project, awareness programs such as environment conservation, tree plantation, and rally were planned. Activities with school children, such as essay writing, and letter writing were organised.



Survey

Initially, a survey was conducted, and information and data were gathered on cotton-producing farmers, irrigation systems, soil, and cotton crops.

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was conducted to identify needs and plan further activities. During PRA, details were prepared on resources in the villages, cropping patterns, land, agricultural issues and the like.

Pre-sowing Training

Under the pre-sowing training, the following activities were undertaken:

- Cleaning weed
- Selecting seeds
- Levelling soil and preparation
- Collecting samples and soil
- Adopting drip irrigation
- Use of the HDP method



Programmatic Training

Staff capacity building training was planned for three times a year. The training aimed to reduce the overuse of pesticides and fertilisers. The farmers learnt about different techniques of cotton production and their benefits, seven principles of BCI and control of diseases and solutions. The farmers also learnt about organic medicine, organic manure and vermi compost.



Soil and Water Testing

The purpose of soil testing was to understand the soil situation and apply a scope for the soil treatment. This process may reduce costs and increase income. Soil testing was done by KVK. Farmers were given training to follow the feedback and suggestions derived from the reports of samples taken from farms. Water testing was done, and collected the samples from 20 per cent of the farmers of LG, and they were tested at the laboratory.

Tree Plantation

The tree plantation drive was conducted in 103 villages of INGJ47, INGJ100 and INGJ101. Several farmers and villagers participated in the tree plantation. The purpose of tree plantation was to spread the message of saving the environment and the importance of trees in our lives. Trees were planted in public spaces such as primary school premises, crematoriums, temple premises and wastelands.



Project Code	Individual Plant	Common Land Plant	Total Plantation
BCI INGJ47	2020	7980	10000
BCI INGJ100	6540	3520	10060
BCI INGJ101	2670	6432	9102
TOTAL	11230	17932	29162

Post-sowing Training

Post-sowing training was conducted, and the following agenda was covered during the training:

- Weed management
- Irrigation management
- Fertiliser management
- Integrated insect management
- Use of pheromone trap, yellow sticky trap and PPE
- Random, calendar and cocktail spray



Campaign through the development of IEC

NLRDF conducted an IEC campaign in 79 villages of INGJ47, INGJ100 and INGJ101. The information on banned medicine, friendly insects, enemy pest, cocktail, random sprays and calendar sprays was provided through IEC.

Gender Training

Gender training was planned to promote gender equality and empower women and men to understand gender. The training helped to disseminate awareness and education on women's rights and discriminatory practices and customs like the veil, sexual exploitation, restrictions on freedom, no property rights and lack of decision-making.

Water Budgeting Training

Water budgeting training was planned for LG leaders, members of the water committee and members of Gram Panchayat. During this training, they discussed on availability and quality of water and the use of water for drinking and farming. They discussed and understood the current situation in the village, which included how many wells, bores, cultivable land, uncultivable land, hills, rivers, lakes, check dams, seasonal crops, cultivated area, existing water condition, how many check dams, cows, buffaloes, goats, oxen in the village and also demographic information was collected from the villages.



Demonstration

Under the BCI project, demonstrations on a better understanding of cotton farmers and promoting the practices among them. Demonstrations were done systematically where foreman trap, Varmi bad, PPE, Solar system, Yellow sticks, use of organic pesticides, organic manure, drip irrigation,



and intercropping were initiated. Farmers, through demonstrations, learnt about reducing costs in farming and increasing income. Demo plots were monitored regularly. Farmers from other villages came to visit demo plots. Each FF has one demo plot for his working villages.



Decent Work

The farmers, through decent work activities, gained information on Drip Irrigation Assistance provided by GGRC, Form Filling System, Benefits of Adoption, Understanding of Women's Rights and Women's Education through the Women's Legal Advice Center, Information on Malnutrition and Pregnant Women by Health Department, Animal Treatment by Animal Husbandry Department

and its various schemes. They also received information on the benefits of the different schemes like Niradhar Widow Assistance, Pradhan Mantri Bachat Yojana, Pak Vima Yojana, Pension Yojana, Animal Insurance, Jansuraksha Yojana, Kunwarbai nu Mameru, Sardar Awas Yojana, Homeless schemes, Free Toilet scheme and scholarships.

Workshop for BCI Farmers

NLRDF organised a workshop for BCI farmers at Idar. Mukeshbhai Patel, a representative from Dharti Foundation, discussed Atal Bhujal Yojana; he interacted with the farmers on problems raised due to water depletion. Shri Naval Kannor, DDM from NABARD, discussed the schemes of SHG, FPO, and farmers' groups. Shri L. K. Dhaduk, Scientist from Junagadh Agriculture University, interacted with the farmers on seven methods of cropping system and understood about using manures, reducing cost and using technology. Dr. Samir Pandit



from Arvind Limited explained about seven principles of the BCI project. Shri J.R Patel, KVK khedbrahma, shared information on the works of KVK, farmer field school demonstrations and various schemes.



Celebration of International Women's Day

NLRDF, in coordination with Arvind Limited under the BCI project, celebrated International Women's Day on 17.03.2023 at Idar. Total 250 women of BCI farmer women and Sakhi Mandal (SHGs) participated in the International Women's Day celebration. During the event, Smt. Nishi Kumar from Arvind Limited interacted with women on women's participation and responsibility. Shri Samirbhai Prajapati discussed with women farmers to reduce pesticides and fertilisers and use more organic medicines. He encouraged them to adopt the method of organic manure

and thus improve the fertility of the soil. Shri Sweetiben Patel, Project Manager from NRLM-GLPC from Himmatnagar, shared with women about various Government schemes and loans without interest for small-scale entrepreneurs. Smt. Varshaben Mehta from Reliance Foundation interacted with women on awareness about their rights and getting equal wages. She expressed her concerns that women are still not paid equally to their male counterparts and are not present in equal numbers in work. The situation of women is worse than that of men.



Coordination and Linkages

NLRDF, in coordination with Reliance Foundation, implemented activities on climate resilience related in 69 villages out of 103 villages of the BCI project.

Sr. No.	Activities	INGJ47	INGJ100	INGJ101	Total
1	Decomposer	834	2200	2190	5224
2	Varmi Bed	40	11	11	62
3	Solar Light in the Field	36	11	11	58
4	Yellow Stick	100	56	55	221
5	Blue Stick	80	50	30	160
6	Check Dam	2	3	2	7
7	Bio Digester	5	1	1	7
8	Drinking Water Tank	2	1	0	3
9	Vegetable S	42	35	20	97
10	RNG	120	35	28	183
11	GPDP Training	15	4	3	22
12	Goat Rearing Training	3	0	0	03
13	Neon Urea Demo	1	1	1	03
14	HD Fertiliser	7	2	2	11
15	FFS Training	11	11	11	33
16	Tube/Well Recharge	0	5	0	05
17	Environmental Awareness Rally	12	16	13	41
18	Napier Grass	36	23	22	81

NLRDF, in coordination with KVK, Khedbrahmma, implemented activities on climate resilience related in 21 villages out of 103 villages of the BCI project.

Sr. No.	Activities	INGJ47	INGJ100	INGJ101	Total
1	Input supply	112	-	-	112
2	Demo plot	8	-	-	8
3	Exposure visit	1 (35)	-	-	1 (35)
4	Vermi compost training	1 (35)	-	-	1 (35)
5	PM – man kibaat	30	-	-	30 farmers

Field visit by visitors





Activities during the year 2022-2023

Sr. No	Name of Activities	INGJ47	INGJ100	INGJ101
1	PRA Training	36	29	36
2	Soil Testing	30	30	30
3	Water Testing	30	30	30
4	Programmatic Training	128	132	128
5	Pre-Sowing Training	128	132	128
6	Tree Plantaion	10000	10060	9460
7	After Sowing Training	128	132	128
8	Model Farm	11	11	11
9	Labour Training	28	132	31
10	Gender Training	128	132	128
11	Food Sprey	3	132	3
12	Pheromane Trap Demo	11	11	11
13	PPE Awareness Demo/Training	11	11	11
14	School Activity	25 School	29 School	33 School
15	Bio Diversity Traning	128	132	128
16	Geo Cordinet Data Collection	128	132	128
17	Waste De-Compost Demo	25	132	128
18	Home made Pesticide Demo	11	12	10
19	Self Assesment	13	13	13
20	Lead Farmer Workshop	1 (85 farmers)	108 (farmers)	112 (farmers)
21	Child Labour Awareness Programme	17	21	19
22	Fiber Quality Training	128	132	128
23	Women's Day	1 (300 female)	1 (90 female)	1 (90 female)
24	Exposure Visit	1	1	1

From Organic Trash to Kitchen Gas

While we battle through energy crisis, climate change and rise in fuel price, Sumitraben, a Better Cotton farmer from Khedbrahma village of Sabarkantha district, Gujarat uses a sustainable and affordable energy source to make her kitchen completely free from fossil fuels. Over the last few months, she has been producing enough clean and low-cost fuel in her farm using a biogas plant to cook food and chai for her family of 6 members!



Initially Sumitraben and her family depended only on the insufficient farm-based income from their 3 acres of land. In 2009, Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF), local partner of Arvind Ltd. facilitated her training at NABARD on “Livestock Rearing”. Upon successful completion of her training, she had received a subsidized loan from NABARD to buy a buffalo. In the meantime, she joined an SHG facilitated by NLRDF named *Gokul Mahila Bachat Mandal* to strengthen her social capital, enhance her savings and have easy access to credit in times of need. In 2015, NLRDF helped Sumitraben’s SHG avail the “Mission Mangalam” scheme promoted by the Government of Gujarat. The scheme aimed at providing opportunities and resources to support rural women become economically self-reliant. Under this welfare scheme, while few other SHG members availed loans to

start small enterprises, Sumitraben chose to utilize a loan amount of INR 2,50,000 to buy four cows and build cattle shed. She further enrolled herself in dairy farming training conducted by the District Animal Husbandry Department to understand the various aspects of animal management and milk production. Where Sumitraben started with one buffalo selling just 2 litres of milk each day, she now manages a herd of 18 cows and buffaloes selling 40 – 50 litres of milk every day to the nearest milk collection centre. She has availed loans from her SHG on several occasions to support her household and dairy farming needs and has been regular with repayments. She is left with 6 more installments to repay her current borrowings.

Until now, Sumitraben wondered what could be done with this huge amount of dung that kept piling-up each day. Even after vermi-composting FYM for her own farm she was left with a lot of it. Selling vermi-compost was not an option for her as majority of her neighbors produced their own. To address this issue, Saritaben’s nephew suggested her to install a bio-gas plant to produce her own cooking gas out of the cattle waste. She discussed this idea with her FF, Ishwarbhai, who further discussed it with the larger team at NLRDF. As a result, in January 2022 NLRDF collaborated with Reliance Foundation, that had expertise on Bio-gas plant installation and was actively implementing similar initiatives under its “Climate Resilience” project in adjacent districts. After conducting a feasibility test, a team of experts from Reliance Foundation installed a mini biogas plant manufactured by “Home Biogas”. This uses a simple technology to anaerobically ferment organic matter to utilize methanogen bacteria, similar to those

in cow stomachs, breaking down organic waste, creating clean gas and bio-fertilizer. Sumitraben was trained on the operation, maintenance and safety precautions for over two-days by the installation technicians. Since the initiative was the first of its kind by Reliance Foundation and they too wanted to study the outcome of it, they set up the mini bio-gas plant free of cost for Sumitraben for demonstration purpose.



"I had never imagined producing my own cooking gas from something that I thought was trash. I feel delighted to be practicing zero-waste farming now. The left-over slurry from the bio-gas plant can be used on farm as pure silage fertilizer. Although I was lucky to receive the plant at zero cost, I am keeping a tab of maintenance cost as I may need to do it myself after the project withdraws its support. Operating this mini bio-gas plant is as easy as pouring a water-based solution of cow dung and organic-kitchen waste from one end and receiving cooking gas from the other end. The bio-gas helps me fight inflation as well. Since June 2022, I haven't purchased kitchen fuel at all. Although I have stacked some fuel wood for contingency, I have never had to use it yet as there has been enough methane gas in the plant to fuel my cooking stove. Further, the bio-gas plant has contributed to improving general sanitation and hygiene around my farm and home. And above all, I now take pride in using an eco-friendly, renewable and low carbon emitting fuel", says Sumitraben

"This mini-self powered machine has a daily intake capacity of over 50kg of organic waste and producing 6-7kg of cooking gas (methane). We see a huge potential for use of farm-produced bio-gas in the Sabarkatha district, as majority of the households here own livestock and are dependent on firewood as kitchen fuel. Further, switching to this low cost and environmentally sustainable energy source would help particularly the women in saving their time and effort which otherwise would have gone into collecting firewood from the forest. Unlike the traditional concrete fixed structures, this "Home Biogas" plant is smaller in size and portable too. While we are assessing the impact of this new initiative for a year, we plan to develop internal expertise and collaborate with government agencies to make this alternate energy producing technology more affordable. Also, this is one of our initial attempts towards climate change mitigation and enhancing small holder livelihoods together", says Mr. Vinod Desai, Project Coordinator, NLRDF

Sumitraben has proudly facilitated more than 10 exposure visits at her farm to motivate her peers to produce their own low-cost and clean kitchen fuel. She plans to provide higher education to her children with the savings she would make from not buying kitchen fuel.



Heartfulness Awareness Programme

Birthday Celebration of Chariji

Bhandaro was celebrated in Kanha Shantivaram-Hyderabad on the birthday of Charji Maharaj on 24.07.2022. That day a film on meditation and Chariji's biography was shown at Ahmedabad Adalaj Ashram. While celebrating Chariji's birthday, Amritaben Trivedi said that Chariji spent many years of his life in spiritual life and the development of the ashram. Today, the meditation program

was a campaign to run in 18200 villages of Gujarat. This program is going on very well in cities and in educated class, but now, the programme will be planned at the rural level. Gradually this program has been started in 29 countries of the world. Shri Virendrabhai Bhatt expressed that he feels very peaceful and happy. 60 people participated in meditation at Idar, Kehdbrahmma.



A conversation with Daji

On 13/10/2022, Daji (Mr. Kamleshbhai D. Patel) interacted with the meditation group at Himmatnagar. More than 150 people and 21 staff members of NLRDF working in Sabarkantha participated in meditation. 47 staff members of Idar and two staff members from HO visited the Heartfulness Ashram at

Adalaj on 15/10/2022. During the meditation programme on 16/10/2022, dialogues were held with Daji. During the programme, the team of Khedbrahmma interacted with Shri Punit Lalbhai and Mrs. Jayshriben Lalbhai and met Niraj Kumar Lal and Kejalbhai Kansara.



Staff of NLRDF at Heartfulness Ashram, Adalaj

Get-together Programme

NLRDF planned a get-together programme for the staff at Vatpalli Jain Tirth, Vadali where 37 staff of three BCI projects, 15 staff of the Reliance Foundation project, 21 staff of the NACP project and 20 spouses of the staff were present. The Executive Director of the organisation Shri BM Shah also graced this program in person and interacted with the participants complimenting for the outstanding service orientation and dedication to work raising the goodwill of the organisation.

Initially, the project manager of all five projects gave information about the activities and introduced the team members. Mrs. Nitaben Shah, a former employee, appreciated the organisation's work and shared her

experience. Shri BM Shah mentioned that he started get-together events for the staff 30 years ago. Such a programme gives an opportunity for the project staff to meet each other as well as their family members. Being together all day and having fun together increases intimacy. It was suggested to conduct such gathering of staff and their family every year.

Vinodbhai Desai, Project Administrator from NLRDF thanked the family members who came with the staff and encouraged them.

A drama about Bhujwaji was performed by the BCI team. A character act, song and bhajan were presented by NACP and RF team. After that, everyone played garba together. The program went very well and enjoyed by all.



Visitors

No	Name	Date	Designation	Purpose
1	Priyanka	22, 23-8-2022	Rural Transmission Head, Reliance Foundation	NGO Management System
2	D. K. Singh	22, 23-8-2022	Personal Management CSR, Reliance Foundation	Finance system
3	Chainu	22, 23-8-22	Partners Management, Reliance Foundation	Team Capacity Building
4	Kaushal Shah	24-9-2022	The Promoter, ERIS Pharma Ltd	Field visit
5	Saumya Lalbhai	24-9-2022	Atul Ltd, Valsad	Field visit
6	Kendra Park Pasztor	15-3-2023	MEL Senior Manager, BCI Jiniva	FFB Documentation
7	Miguel Gomez – Escolar Viejo	15-3-2023	Data Analysis Manager, BCI Jiniva	FFB Documentation
8	Shashidghar Patil	15-3-2023	Programmatic MEL Officer, BCI - Delhi	FFB Documentation
9	Vidyun Rathode	15-3-2023	MEL Coordinator, BCI - Delhi	FFB Documentation
10	Pavankumar	24-2-2023	Product Manager–Mumbai, Atul Ltd, Valsad	Organic Pesticide
11	Sunil Joshi	24-2-2023	Regional Manager–Udaipur, Atul Ltd, Valsad	Organic Pesticide
12	Dipen Khatra	24-2-2023	Senior Sales Manager–Rajkot, Atul Ltd, Valsad	Organic Pesticide
13	Piyush Mahapatra	01-06-2022	Relationship Manager, BCI - Delhi	Team Capacity
14	Abhishek Bansal	08-7-2022	Head, Sustainability, Arvind Ltd	Save Energy
15	Mr. S Subramaniyam	08-7-2022	AGS Carbon Advisory, Gudgau, Delhi	Save Energy
16	Mr. D H Shah	23-12-2022	DDO, Sabarkantha	Farmer Sammelan Event
17	Dr. P T Patel	23-12-2022	Extension & Edu Director, Krushi University - Dantiwada	Farmer Sammelan event
18	Shushila Prajapati	17-03-2023	Development Manager, Action Aid, Ahmedabad	Resource Person, Mahila Sammelan



Block Placement

No.	Name of Students	Name of Institute	Course	Period
1	Parmar Kaushikkumar Popatbhai	Lokniketan Mahavidhyalay Ratanpur	MRS Sem -2	18-7-22 to 18-8-22
2	Thakarada Badalkumar Pravinbhai	Sabar Gram Seva Mahavidhyalay - Sonasan	BRS Sem-6	22-11-22 to 21-12-22
3	Parmar Parthkumar Rameshbhai	Sabar Gram Seva Mahavidhyalay - Sonasan	BRS Sem-6	22-11-22 to 21-12-22
4	Chauhan Vishalsinh Anusinh	Sabar Gram Seva Mahavidhyalay - Sonasan	BRS Sem-6	22-11-22 to 21-12-22
5	Pritiben Prakashbhai Chaudhary	Asian MSW College Vadali, Sabarkantha	MSW Sem -2	21-4-22 to 09-07-22
6	Muskanbanu Mohmad Rafiq Meman	Asian MSW College Vadali, Sabarkantha	MSW Sem -2	21-4-22 to 09-07-22
7	Seemaben Karshanbhai Vankar	Asian MSW College Vadali, Sabarkantha	MSW Sem -2	21-4-22 to 09-07-22

Representation of NLRDF in Government Body

➤	Member of Advisory Committee of Sabarkantha District-Himmatnagar.
➤	Member of local monitoring body for various projects of Krishi Vikas Kendra - Khedbrahma, District Sabarkantha
➤	Member of District level Committee for Rehabilitation of Vulnerable Women in Sabarkantha District by Women & Child Development Department, Gandhinagar.
➤	Member of Committee of E-formal Sector Development – Urban Community Development Department in Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.
➤	Member of Appeal Samiti for Prime Minister Avas Yojana in DRDA of Sabarkantha District.
➤	Member of sub-group of Primary Education, Women & Child Development Department, Gandhinagar
➤	Member of Governing Body of District Ayush Society, Sabarkantha.



Distribution of Maize crop seeds to the tribal farmers of Khedbrahma block.

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 તથા ળે. મેનેજર સહિત ના અરવલ્લીનો
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 NLRDF ના પ્રોજેક્ટ ળે.ઓર્ગેનર
 ળે.ઓર્ગેનર ળે.ઓર્ગેનર અને જવાબુ હતું કે
 કેમ્પ માં જો ળેક્ટરો ને જરૂર જાયો તો
 અને એપેરેશન ની જરૂરિયાત જણાયો
 તો મહત્ત ઓપેરેશન સહિત ની બવરસા
 ડ્રસ્ટા દ્વારા કરવા માં આવશે.

આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય વણી.

પ્રથમ ળાય વરવામાં આવ્યાં
 હતો. કારકર્મને સહન
 બનાવવા નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ ડ્ર

વેંદ લીમીટેડ દ્વારા ળસની ઉજવણી



(સાહી ળામુવળ, વેડાણ)

પોતાના ળક માટે ળાવું જોઈએ,
 બવન અગત્ય દેશોએ ળાત ળાકે કે
 મહિલાઓ અને ભાઈઓને વેન
 એંકસરખું કરવાની ળાત કરી
 સંચન ળેખું કરવું બવન કરવી
 ળોને મેલવથી આજીવિકા વારવા
 પ્રવૃત્તિ કરવી આ કાર્યક્રમમાં પ્રામ
 કક્ષાએ મહોનો દ્વારા ઉત્તમ ળાની
 કામગીરી થી ળોય તેવા પાંચ
 મહોનોનું સન્માન કરવામાં આવ્યું
 અને પ્રોત્સાહન ઉજવણી આયવણમાં
 આવવા હતા. કાર્યક્રમને સહન
 બનાવવા નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ ડ્રસ્ટા
 ડેવલપમેન્ટ ળેડના ળી.સી.ઓર્ગેનર
 પ્રોજેક્ટના સહકારે જરૂરિયાત ઉળાવી
 હતી.

ડી. પરમાર Mo. No. 63545 96371, RS. 5/- વિ.સંવત ૨૦૭૭, તા. ૧૪-૦૮-૨૦૨૨ રવિવાર

સાબરકાંઠામાં આઝાદીના અમૃતસવ અનુસંધાને રિલાયન્સ ફાઉન્ડેશન અને નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ ડ્રસ્ટાના સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમ ઉજવવાયા



પાલનપુર
 સાબરકાંઠામાં રિલાયન્સ
 ફાઉન્ડેશન અને સહભાગી
 સંસ્થા નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ
 ડ્રસ્ટા ના સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે
 પ્રામીજ લેવલે પોતાના
 કાર્યક્રમમાં નોંધપાત્ર પ્રામ
 વિકાસની કામગીરી ળાય
 વરવામાં આવી રહી છે.
 તાજે તરખાં સરકારશ્રી
 આઝાદીના અમૃતસવને
 કાર્યક્રમને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને
 હર ધર તરિંગા કાર્યક્રમને
 વેગ આપવાના ઉદેશ્ય સાથે
 સાબરકાંઠા જિલ્લાના
 પ્રામીજ લેવલે રાષ્ટ્રીય
 ભાવના ઉજવણ કરવાના
 ઉદેશ્ય સાથે સરકારના
 તમામ વિભાગો તથા
 શાળાના બાળકો, પ્રામ

વડાલીના ભંડવાલ ગામે સ્વાતંત્ર્ય પર્વની ભારે ળામધૂમ પૂર્વક ઉજવણી કરાઈ



(બનાસ ઝોન, વડાલી) તા.૧૬
 સમગ્ર ડેશ માં ૧૫ મી
 ળોગસર ની ઉજવણી થઈ રહી તથા
 વડાલી તાલુકા ના ભંડવાલ ગામે ૦૯ મા
 સ્વતંત્રતા પર્વ ની ઉજવણી ભંડવાલ
 ળી.આર.પટેલ ળાઉસ્ટલ તથા પ્રાથમિક
 શાળામાં કરવામાં આવી જેમાં બાળકો,
 ળિશકો, સરવિધી તથા સ્કૂલ તથા ળુખ
 મંડળી, સેવા મંડળી ના પ્રમુખશ્રી,
 કારોબારી સભ્યશ્રીઓ, પ્રામજનો દ્વારા
 સરખુજાને સલામી આપી ત્યાર બાદ
 સ્કૂલ ના બાળકો દ્વારા સાંસ્કૃતિક ળોગ્રામ
 કરવામાં આવ્યા તથા રિલાયન્સ
 ફાઉન્ડેશન તથા નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ ડ્રસ્ટા
 ડેવલપમેન્ટ દ્વારા શાળામાં લેવાયેલ
 નિર્મણસરખાં તથા વિવિધસરખાં ળા પ્રથમ ૩
 નંબર આવનાર ને ળનામ વિતરણ
 કરવામાં આવ્યું. સંસ્કૃતિક ળોગ્રામ કરનાર
 બાળકોને ળાતાશ્રીઓ દ્વારા રોકડ
 પ્રોત્સાહિત રકમ આપવામાં આવી.
 આવા સ્વાતંત્ર્યને ની
 ઉજવણી કરવા બહુ ળોટી સંખ્યામાં
 પ્રામજનો ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. અને સ્કૂલ
 ના આચાર્યશ્રી દ્વારા અભાવવિધિ કરી
 ળોગ્રામ વિતરણ કરી પ્રામજનો ળુલ પળા
 હતા.

ગુજરાત મેસેજ ગુજરાત Wednesday | Dt.08.03.2023 3

સાબરકાંઠાના ખેડાજિલ્લા ખાતે આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિનની ભવ્ય ઉજવણી

રિલાયન્સ ફાઉન્ડેશન નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ ડ્રસ્ટા ડેવલપમેન્ટ જેવી સંસ્થાઓ અને સરકારના જી.એલ.પી.સી વિભાગના સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે ભવ્ય આયોજન

સંદેશ આસો વદ અગિયારસ/ વાઘ બારસ



સાબરકાંઠાની ળપ પંચાયતોના સરપંચ-સદસ્યોનો પ્રેરણા પ્રવાસ
 હિંમતનગર, બડોલી : સાબરકાંઠાના ઉવાડાના ગામો સુધી
 પ્રામવિકાસ કાર્યક્રમના ભાગરૂપે રિલાયન્સ ફાઉન્ડેશન દ્વારા ળપ
 પ્રામપંચાયતોના સરપંચ અને સદસ્યો માટે રાજસ્થાનના
 રાજસમંદ જિલ્લાના પિપલાવતરીગામનો ળિ-દિવસીય પ્રેરણા
 પ્રવાસનુ આયોજન કરાયું હતુ જેમાં પિપલાવતરી ગામના પૂર્વ
 સરપંચ અને પદમવિભુલ્લા સ્વામ સુંદરજીએ પ્રામવિકાસ માટે
 કરેલા કાર્યો, પ્રયાસો અને બાલકારી આમી હતી. આ ગામમાં
 વૃદ્ધારોપણ, જળસંગ્રહ, ળોપધિ રોપાનું વોવતર તથા બેટી બચાવો
 કાર્યક્રમને વેગવંતો બનાવવા અને સવિસ્તાર સમજ અપાઈ હતી.

મહિલા આર્ટસ કોલેજ, વિધાનગરી, હિંમતનગર ખાતે "એઇડ્સ જાગૃતિ માર્ગદર્શન વર્કશોપ" યોજાયો



ગુજરાત વિકાસ વ્યૂઝ, હિંમતનગર : દેવમંદાચાર્ય ઉત્તર ગુજરાત
 યુનિવર્સિટી સંતજન મહિલા આર્ટસ કોલેજ, વિધાનગરી, હિંમતનગર ખાતે
 નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ ડ્રસ્ટા ડેવલપમેન્ટ ળેડ, ળડર દ્વારા ળાલતા "૨૬ સિબીન
 કલબ" અને કોલેજ ના એન.એસ.એસ. યુનિવર્સિટી સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે
 સંસ્થાના ળિન્સિવલ ળે. ળનેચાલક એલ પટેલ ના આયળા સાથે
 "એઇડ્સ જાગૃતિ માર્ગદર્શન વર્કશોપ" યોજાયો. સંસ્થાના ળિન્સિવલ ળે. ળે.
 એલ. પટેલે મહેમલોનું સ્વાગત કરી, પોતાના વડતવમાં " સ્વચ્છ ળુલબ
 માટે સહાર, વિહાર અને સંવમનું મહત્વ સમજાવી, એઇડ્સ રોગની
 સાવધેતી અને માર્ગદર્શન આપ્યું હતું. વક્તા અને પ્રોજેક્ટ મેનેજર
 મહેન્દ્રભાઈ વલકારે એઇડ્સ જાગૃતિ અને સુંદર માર્ગદર્શન પૂર્વક પાડવું હતું.
 આ વર્કશોપમાં યોગસેલ વડત્વ સરખાં પ્રથમ ક્રમે ળુ.નિશા એમ. પટેલ,
 બીજા ક્રમે પૂત એસ. ળોહાલ, ત્રીજા ક્રમે ળુ. ળત્તવી એચ. રાળો વિરેલા ગહેર
 સયા હતા. વર્કશોપમાં કોલેજની ૨૦૦ જેટલી વિદ્યાર્થીનીઓએ ખેડાઈ હતી.
 કાર્યક્રમનું સંચાલન ળે દેશા સાવલએ અને આજાર દર્શન ળે પી એસ
 પટેલ કરવું હતું. આજ સુંદર કાર્યક્રમના આયોજન માટે મંડળના પ્રમુખ ળે.
 ળી એલ પટેલ અને ડ્રસ્ટા મહેન્દ્રભાઈ પટેલે આયોજકોને સહિનભાવ આપી,
 ળુભેચાલ્યો પાઠવી હતી.

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સાબરકાંઠામાં ળડર ખાતે રિલાયન્સ ફાઉન્ડેશન અને નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ સંસ્થાના
 સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે પાંચ તાલુકા કાર્યક્રમની ઉજવણી

સાબરકાંઠાના ળડર ખાતે રિલાયન્સ ફાઉન્ડેશન અને નરોત્તમ લાલભાઈ સંસ્થાના સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે પાંચ તાલુકા કાર્યક્રમની ઉજવણી. ળાચાર્યશ્રી દ્વારા આયોજીત વર્કશોપમાં મહિલાઓને એઇડ્સ જાગૃતિ માર્ગદર્શન આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ળાચાર્યશ્રી દ્વારા આયોજીત વર્કશોપમાં મહિલાઓને એઇડ્સ જાગૃતિ માર્ગદર્શન આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

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