

HARIRAJ

CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

1998-99

Amreli, Gujarat

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

300	1-7	3	2
Students examined	Standards taught	Talukas reached	Partner organisations

In its sixth year the Trust's work rested on one school and on the families around it. Sardar Vidyalaya taught Standards 1 to 7 through the year; alongside it, the Trust reached households in Amreli, Khambha and Rajula talukas with winter relief, working with two partner organisations.

EDUCATION, EQUALITY & EMPOWERMENT

Sardar Vidyalaya, and the children around it

Strengthening educational opportunities for children from underserved communities.

The school year opened with the annual examination for Standards 1 to 7, held over the second half of April. Three hundred students sat it.

In May the teachers went from door to door, meeting parents in their homes to set out what the school intended to do over the coming year. In June a special function was held alongside the parents' meeting, at which students who had passed the Standard 7 examination with high marks were awarded and certified — the point being to push them towards further study rather than out of school.

July brought a cultural competition, the "One Minute Show", for Standards 5, 6 and 7. Twenty-five students took part; first, second and third places were awarded and certified. The Director of the institution, Mr. Batukbhai Shiyani, presided.

In August the Trust surveyed the surrounding area to count the children who had left school, and approached their parents directly, asking them to send their children to the free tutorial classes the school provided. The work of the year was as much about the children who were not in the classroom as those who were.

In October a games and sports competition was held for Standards 1 to 4 — musical chairs, pair games, colour recognition, identification of objects. Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia and Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia attended for the organisation.

WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Winter relief across three talukas

Enabling individuals and communities to live with dignity.

In December the Trust held a free cloth distribution for people in need at Hanumanpara Road, Amreli, supported by the Share & Care Foundation of New Jersey and by LIFE, Rajkot. Mr. Naranbhai Kachhadia, District Panchayat Member; Mr. Manubhai Chovatia, Agriculture Officer; Mr. Vitthalbhai Madalia; Mr. Ravajibhai Talavia; and Mr. Devchandbhai Kabaria attended and helped distribute. Warm clothes were given to the women and children by Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia and Vijayaben Kunkvav. Distribution continued into the villages of Khambha Taluka.

In February the same partnership carried warm clothing to Vad, an earthquake-affected village in Rajula Taluka.

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Share & Care Foundation, New Jersey · LIFE, Rajkot

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This edition sets the year's work under the Trust's three current thematic areas. The framework itself is later than the year reported;

the activities, names, figures and dates are as recorded at the time.