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Amreli, Gujarat

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

300	25	6	2
Students examined	In the cultural competition	Workshops attended	Talukas of relief

The school ran as before, but this is the year the Trust's attention widened beyond it. Its office-bearers spent the year in workshops on HIV/AIDS, on voter awareness and on the capacity of voluntary organisations, and by March a sexual health programme for Amreli's high schools was being prepared. Alongside that, the Trust took its first steps on water conservation and household energy.

EDUCATION, EQUALITY & EMPOWERMENT

Another year at Sardar Vidyalaya

Strengthening educational opportunities for children from underserved communities.

The annual examination for Standards 1 to 7 was held over the second half of April, with three hundred students appearing. In May the teachers again went door to door to tell parents what the year would hold, and in June a special function alongside the parents' meeting awarded and certified the students who had passed Standard 7 with high marks.

The "One Minute Show" returned in July for Standards 5, 6 and 7, with twenty-five students competing and the first three places certified; Mr. Batukbhai Shiyani, Director of the institution, presided. August's survey of dropouts in the surrounding area again ended with parents being approached and asked to send their children to the school's free tutorial classes.

In October the games and sports competition for Standards 1 to 4 was attended by Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia, Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia and Mrs. Pushpaben Gohil, Hon. Secretary of the ESC.

WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Health awareness, and relief in winter

Enabling individuals and communities to live with dignity.

Much of the year's learning happened away from Amreli. In September the Project Support Unit, Ahmedabad, held a workshop on AIDS control for voluntary organisations at the Orientation Training Centre, Sashikunj, Junagadh, in the presence of the Hon. Collector, Ms. Sunayana Tomar; Mr. Dhiraj

Vagadia and Hon. Secretary Ms. Mamta Goswami attended for the Trust. In November UNNATI held a workshop at Ahmedabad on voters' awareness for the Gram Panchayat election, which the Hon. Secretary attended.

In January GAP, Ahmedabad, convened a meeting on building the capacity of voluntary organisations for HIV/AIDS work, attended by the Trust's President and Secretary. In February Ms. Mamta Goswami attended the 5th National Convention of the Indian Network of NGOs on HIV/AIDS at Ahmedabad, and in March she and the Trust's accountant, Mr. Dharmendrabhai Mehta, attended a further GAP workshop on HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. By the close of the year a sexual health awareness programme for the high school children of Amreli was being prepared with the Gujarat AIDS Awareness and Prevention Unit, ISRCDE, Ahmedabad.

In December the Trust held its free cloth distribution for people in need at Gokul Garden on Hanumanpara Road, Amreli, supported by the Share & Care Foundation, New Jersey, and 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 distributed. Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia and Vijayaben Kunkvav gave out warm clothes to the women and children, and distribution continued into the villages of Khambha Taluka. In February warm clothing went to Vad, an earthquake-affected village in Rajula Taluka.

NATURAL RESOURCES & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Water, and a cleaner stove

Promoting sustainable practices and strengthening the ecosystems that support resilient livelihoods.

In April the Trust contributed a day's work to the Kamnath Project, run by the Community Water-Conservation Campaign Committee.

On 26 January, working with the Energy Development Agency, Vadodara, the Trust distributed portable stoves among the Harijan households of Chakkargadh-Devaliya village in Amreli taluka. Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia, Mr. Bipinbhai Joshi, a teacher at Forward School, and Mr. Arvindbhai Khuman, Co-ordinator of CSJ, carried out the distribution, and the Hon. Secretary attended.

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

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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.