

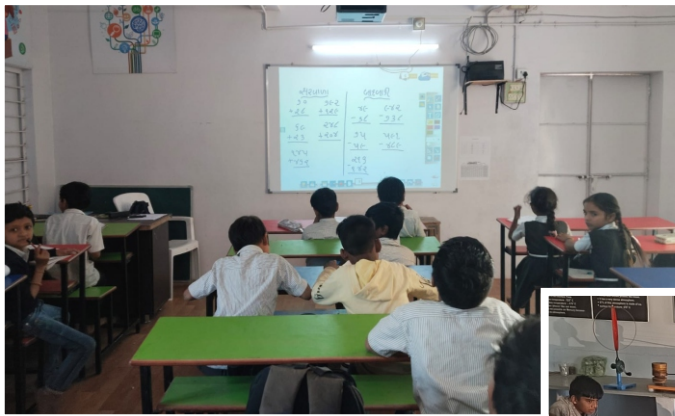


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Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust

Annual Report

2024 – 25



Students learning addition and subtraction in mathematics



Teacher explaining the seasonal cycle to students through a model



Science Quiz Competition - 2025



Teacher explaining symmetry to students

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Vision of SHBCT : In the coming years, to ensure that rural youth can make a significant contribution to nation-building, Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust will focus on supplementary educational activities, centered around the school curriculum, to develop children's creativity and self-confidence from the primary school level.

Mission of SHBCT : To awaken the latent creativity and curiosity of students in rural primary schools, Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust will undertake education-related academic initiatives through various activities.

Mission of Santokba Hospital Trust : Shrimati Santokba Bhagwati General Hospital in Dholka will provide advanced medical services for gynecology, pediatrics, and other ailments for the economically disadvantaged rural population living in Dholka and nearby areas. The hospital will ensure that expert specialists and staff consistently treat patients with compassion and transparency.

Keeping the Vision and Mission of the Trust in mind, we trustees are grateful to Dr. K.R. Shroff Foundation, Agastya Foundation, and Lok Bharati Gram Vidyapith for their guidance and support. The active cooperation of these three organizations has empowered us to pursue and achieve our Mission. We remain indebted to them for their significant contributions.

During the year 2024–25, Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust (SHBCT) was active in the fields of education and healthcare across Dholka and 34 surrounding villages. Below is a report on the various activities done by the Trust in the year -

Dr. K.R. Shroff Foundation : Bridge course

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools were closed for the two years in the recent past. As a result, foundational learning in reading, arithmetic, and writing was significantly weakened among students of grades 1 to 3 during that time. Additionally, under the previous education policy, students were promoted to higher grades without examinations, which further deepened the learning gaps in these basic skills.



Students identifying words through a picture-word matching game



Students Acquiring Number Knowledge Through Activities

With such a weak foundation, education beyond grade 5 becomes ineffective, and these students may struggle in their future careers, ultimately becoming a burden to their families and society. Recognizing the urgent need to improve this situation, our Trust adopted Dr. K.R. Shroff Foundation's method to address the deficiencies in reading, arithmetic, and writing which is called "**Bridge Course.**"

Dr. K.R. Shroff Foundation uses an assessment system called **S2T2 Software** to record and track the educational progress of each child in the **Bridge Course**—from their starting level to their final outcome. Every 15 days, assessments are conducted, and students' progress is recorded in the software. This also helps teachers identify specific areas where underperforming students are lagging. With focused interventions, teachers can help bring those students up to the appropriate level by the end of the academic session.

In 12 villages around Dholka, a total of **575 students from grades 3 to 5** participated in the Bridge Course aimed at addressing foundational gaps. One **Educational Coordinator (EC)** was appointed in each village. Due to the efforts of these ECs, **439 out of 575 students** achieved the required competency levels in foundational education.

In addition to the above efforts, **300 students were provided with English language instruction**. To prepare students to become responsible citizens in the future, **300 students of grade 8** were given foundational education in **moral and value-based learning (Sanskar Sinchan)**.

In the upcoming year, the **Bridge Course program will continue in these 12 schools**. Additionally, the Government of Gujarat has provided educational tools and Learning materials for rural government schools to deliver activity-based education to children entering *Balvatika* (pre-primary education). The aim is to address learning gaps in reading, arithmetic, and writing **from grade 1 itself**, instead of allowing them to persist until grade 3-5.

In this context, the Trust plans to appoint **new volunteer teachers** in government schools, to support existing school teachers in implementing the above-mentioned efforts.

Agastya International Foundation : Activity based learning



Teacher explaining human body parts to students

Teachers from the Trust teach mathematics and science concepts through activity-based methods to students of grades 6 to 8 in **34 rural schools**. These concepts are in alignment with the government curriculum. These methods naturally stimulate students' curiosity.

Every month, teachers visit each school **twice** and carry math and science **kits** to students based on the syllabus. For each subject, **4–5 kits** are divided among groups of students. The teachers provide necessary guidance to allow students to conduct experiments on their own. This **“hands-on” experience** helps students understand core concepts more clearly. Such understanding equips them to solving problems encountered in daily life and also to try future innovations.

LOB (Lab on Bike) – Mathematics

In the academic year 2024–25, three teachers assigned for mathematics conducted 22,647 activity-based sessions for students in grades 6 to 8 across 34 rural schools.

LOB (Lab on Bike) – Science

In the same academic year, two teachers assigned for science conducted 21,510 activity-based sessions for students of grades 6 to 8 in the same 34 rural schools.



Students gaining an understanding of quadrilaterals



Teacher explaining the neutralization process of acids and bases to students.

Aavishkar Science Center, Maydhar

With financial support from Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust, the Aavishkar Science Center was inaugurated in June 2019 at the Pandit Sukhlalji Lok Vidyalyay campus in Maydhar, a remote village in Palitana Taluka, Bhavnagar District.

Every year, about 4,492 students of grades 6 to 8 from more than 69 government and non-government primary schools of the rural areas of Palitana, Talaja, and Shihor talukas, voluntarily visit the science center four times a year to engage in hands-on science activities based on their school curriculum. Additionally, during the summer vacation, 4,226 children participated in a summer camp and benefited from various activities.

At the center, science education is provided through activity-based learning by qualified and experienced science teachers. This allows students to experience scientific principles directly and learn with interest. The center is equipped with various educational tools and equipment to help students understand concepts more easily.

In the past year, a 3D printer was also installed at the center, which plays a vital role in driving students' creativity and innovation.



Students looking at onion cells under a microscope



Shri Pravinbhai K. Laheri Sir visited the Aavishkar Vigyan Kendra

Co-curricular Educational Activities

General Knowledge – IQ Test (GK-IQ)

Rural students must have aspirations for their professional careers. To realize these dreams, they need to succeed in various competitive exams that often test **general knowledge and IQ**. To help students prepare, **Bhavnagar Vikas Vartul Sanstha** organizes such tests and competitions. The Trust facilitated students of grades 5 to 8 to participate in GK-IQ test

To encourage participation, the Trust announced **prizes to the top two scorers in each grade** (total of 8 students per school). In total, **317 students** participated in this competition from the 12 schools.

Celebration of National Science Day (Science Quiz Competition)

To celebrate National Science Day, a science quiz competition was organized in 34 rural schools supported by the Trust. The quiz included questions on fundamental science principles. A total of 90 students from various schools actively participated. After preliminary rounds, 6 teams (each with 3 students) advanced to the final round.

Winning teams were awarded prizes and certificates for securing first and second positions. Other participants received consolation prizes and certificates to recognize their participation.

Celebration of International Mother Language Day

To mark International Mother Language Day, Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust organized special events in 11 rural schools. A storytelling competition was held for students of grades 3 to 5, and an essay writing competition was conducted for students of grades 6 to 8.

The goal was to foster pride in students for their mother tongue and to promote the preservation and enrichment of local languages. A total of 227 students participated in the storytelling competition. Top storytellers in each school were awarded first and second prizes.

Similarly, 233 students participated in the essay competition, where the best essays on the importance of mother languages were recognized with first and second prizes, and all participants received encouragement prizes.

Shrimati Santokba Bhagwati General Hospital, Dholka

55 years ago, Shri Shyamlal Bhagwati and Hiralal Bhagwati, following the Mahajan tradition, invested a portion of their business profits to establish Shrimati Santokba Bhagwati General Hospital in Dholka with the support of the Dholka Municipality.

Continuing the legacy of the elders, the hospital underwent renovation and modernization last year, with new advanced medical equipment and the appointment of specialist doctors. The goal is to provide services to underprivileged patients in the region at affordable costs, comparable to those available in big hospitals in Ahmedabad.

The hospital offers services for maternity and gynecological care, pediatric diagnostics and care, and includes departments like General Medicine, X-Ray, Sonography (with a specialist radiologist), Dermatology, Psychiatry, Pulmonology, and Orthopedics. Two gynecology specialists have been appointed to provide 24x7 services, and advanced NICU services for newborns are available, with pediatricians present round-the-clock.

The hospital organized medical diagnostic and treatment camps across 42 villages around Dholka. In these camps, Dr. Dineshbhai Makwana, our medical superintendent, provides medical checkups, free medicines, and expert guidance. Necessary pathological tests, ECG, and X-ray services are offered at subsidized rates. A total of 2,483 patients benefited from these camps in the past year.

Thanks to the modernization and availability of specialists, the hospital's OPD served 55,769 patients during the year. On average, 172 children are born each month, totaling 2,064 births annually. This year, 90 Hysterectomy surgeries were performed using upgraded laparoscopy machines, thus significantly reducing patient discomfort.

With support from Astral Foundation, the hospital also received advanced machines like the TMT (Treadmill Test) and PFT (Pulmonary Function Test) systems:

The TMT machine evaluates heart health by monitoring the heart's response to physical exertion.

The PFT machine helps assess lung function, diagnose respiratory conditions, and monitor disease progression.



The Hospital's Pathological Laboratory is Equipped with Modern Equipment and Facilities.

Gratitude

We sincerely thank the following institutions and dignitaries for their help and cooperation in planning and implementation of various public utility programs and activities of our Trust.

- Shri Kiritsinh Dabhi, MLA- Dholka.
- Hon'ble President and all members of Dholka Municipality
- Shri Pratulbhai Shroff, Dr. K. R. Shroff Foundation, Ahmedabad.
- Shri Udaybhai Desai, Dr. K. R. Shroff Foundation, Ahmedabad.
- Agastya International Foundation, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Dr. Arunbhai Dave, Managing Trustee, Lok Bharati, Sanosara, Dist. Bhavnagar
- Dr. Bhavnaben Pathak, Pandit Sukhlalji Lok Vidhyalay Kendra, Maydhar, Dist. Bhavnagar.
- All teachers of primary schools of Khatripur, Shekhadi, Ranoda, Reedpur, Seemej, Bhumbhli, Kesargarh, Shioripura, Vejalka, Jhakhada, Javaraj and Arnej.
- Taluka Primary Education Officer, Dholka, Ahmedabad
- Shri Khodubhai N Padhiyar, President, Ahmedabad district primary school Association
- President, Dholka Taluka Primary Teacher's Association, Dholka.

Our sincere thanks to organizations and individuals who have financially supported the various activities of the Trust.

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- Shri Rajeshbhai Ramanikbhai Shah
- Shri Prakashbhai H. Shah
- Shri Chandrakantbhai K. Thakkar
- Members of Bhagwati family

Smt. Santokba Bhagwati General Hospital

- C. K. Traders, Ahmedabad
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- Smt. Nilakshiben Dipakbhai Patva, Ahmedabad
- Shri Hiralal Bhagwati Charitable Trust

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The Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 Schedule VIII [Vide Rule 17 (1)]

Balance Sheet as on 31/03/2025

| Funds & Liabilities | Amount (In Rs.) | Properties & Assets | Amount (In Rs.) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Trust fund | 1,001.00 | Fixed Assets | 5,54,841.00 |
| Earmarked Fund | 30,00,000.00 | Cash & Bank Balance | 1,38,55,503.27 |
| Income and Expenditure A/C | 1,15,52,863.27 | Other Current Assets | 1,43,520.00 |
| Total | 1,45,53,864.27 | Total | 1,45,53,864.27 |

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The Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 Schedule IX [Vide Rule 17 (1)]

Income & Expenditure Statement as on 31/03/2025

| Expenditure | Amount (In Rs.) | Income | Amount (In Rs.) |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Administrative Expenses | 7,01,921.00 | Interest Income | 7,88,820.00 |
| Expenditure for Trust Objectives | 34,64,771.00 | Donation Received | 59,83,111.00 |
| Depreciation | 1,28,449.00 | Other Income | 4,115.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to balance sheet | 24,80,905.00 | | |
| Total | 67,76,046.00 | Total | 67,76,046.00 |

Date : 04-06-2025
Place : Ahmedabad

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Dr. Dineshbhai in one of the medical camps



Laparoscopic Uterine Surgery



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