



New Leadership at Navsarjan

We are pleased to announce a new chapter at Navsarjan. We warmly welcome our new executive director, Mr. Samir Macwan, who has been appointed to this role effective April 1, 2024. Mr. Samir Macwan has been a dedicated member of the Navsarjan team for the past 24 years, serving as the organization's Program Manager. He has now been entrusted with the new responsibility of leading Navsarjan as the Executive Director. The outgoing director, Fr. Rajeev Chakaranaryan S.J., has graciously handed over the charge to Mr. Samir Macwan. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Rajeev for his valuable contributions and leadership over the years. We wish Mr. Samir Macwan all the best in his new role as the Executive Director of Navsarjan. We are confident that under his guidance, the organization will continue to thrive and make a positive impact in the community.





Rag Pickers Association: Pathway to Self-Reliance from Paper Waste

Ragpicker's Association (RPA) offers a pathway to enhance the livelihood of unrecognized Safai Sathis through the collection of paper, plastic, and other waste materials. This unique initiative of NAVSARJAN, Surat, empowers Safai Sathis to achieve self-reliance by generating earnings from the trade of waste through a shop established by NAVSARJAN and managed by the Safai Sathis themselves.

Asian Star Company Limited, one of the world's leading diamantaires, has built an enduring legacy spanning over 50+ years in the diamond industry. **Asian Star** stands as a formidable presence among global jewellery brands and retail chains, recognized for its impeccable craftsmanship, passion for innovation, and unwavering commitment to responsible and sustainable practices.

Demonstrating a commitment to member welfare, **Nirmal Vasundhara Pvt Ltd**, through its initiative '**PLASTIC KACHARA DAAN**' program, has partnered with **Asian Star Company Ltd** to contribute to the noble cause of improving the lives of Safai Sathis.

RPA and Navsarjan Trust express sincere gratitude towards **Mr. Rahil Shah (Director)**, **Mr. Jwalant Pandya (Manager HR)**, **Mr. Darshan Bamania (CHRO Compliance)**, **Mr. Nishant Aachariya (Compliance Team)** of **Asian Star Company Ltd** for their contribution to the "Plastic Kachara Daan" initiative.

We are also thankful to **Mr. Miklesh Goel from Nirmal Vasundhara Pvt Ltd** for standing beside our organization and constantly thinking towards the benefits of Safai Sathis.

This collaboration serves as an inspiring example of transforming waste into value and achieving self-sufficiency. Through the dedicated efforts of organizations like the Ragpickers Association, Navsarjan, **Asian Star Company Ltd**, and **Nirmal Vasundhara Pvt Ltd**, it becomes possible to empower underprivileged communities and create positive change in their lives.



Summer Camp - Slums to Smiles

Navsarjan organized a two-day summer camp with the aim of developing the hidden artistic talents of children. A total of 186 children participated enthusiastically in this camp. The camp included a diverse range of engaging activities such as: Painting, Pottery, Best from the waste, Group meals and Craft work. The children showcased their creativity and imagination by making remarkable products out of pottery and waste materials. The children put up an exhibition to showcase the creations they had made during the various activities.

This was an opportunity for the children to present their work to their parents. Furthermore, the children, along with their parents and the women's organisation, took out a rally in the local area to spread awareness about the camp and the children's achievements.



Empowering Adolescents: Health and Wellness Camp for Teenage Girls



Navsarjan organized adolescent camps specifically tailored for teenage girls from the Zeromodi and Udhna-9 areas, with 50 enthusiastic participants. The primary focus of this camp was to educate and empower girls on crucial topics such as menstruation, physical and mental well-being, education, and marriage. The camp emphasized the significance of proper nutrition, hygiene practices, and regular exercise in maintaining overall health. Key discussions revolved around essential subjects including understanding menstruation - its what, how, and why, preserving physical and mental well-being, the importance of education and career planning, cultivating responsible decision-making skills, and practical tips for leading a happy and fulfilling life. By addressing these vital topics, Navsarjan aims to equip young girls with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate adolescence confidently and lead healthy, fulfilling lives. The organization's commitment to empowering young girls in these areas reflects its dedication to promoting holistic well-being and personal development among adolescents.

Navsarjan Empowers Citizens Through Legal Awareness Camps

Navsarjan organized legal awareness camps aimed at educating the public about the legal system and their rights as citizens. These camps were conducted in three areas: Indiranagar and Premnagar. A total of 47 residents attended these informative sessions, acquiring valuable knowledge about the legal system and their fundamental rights. The camps covered a wide range of essential topics, including: why registration of marriage is necessary, how to register marriage. Rights related to marriage, rights of women after marriage, right to maintenance and protection of women. The participants in this camp became more knowledgeable about the legal system and their rights. Women were encouraged to register marriages.





Understanding the Public Private Partnership Policy

Ten staff members from Navsarjan participated in a Public Private Partnership in Housing training conducted by Sangitaben Thakur. The training covered the policy's objectives, beneficiary benefits, the roles and responsibilities of the Authority (SMC) and private developers (builders), and slum dweller participation.

Annual Examination – Assessment of children's learning

An annual examination was conducted to assess the learning outcomes of the children enrolled in various programs throughout the year. These programs included tuition classes, computer basics, classes for school dropout children, and sewing classes. A total of 198 children from tuition classes, 13 children from the computer basics program, 1 child from the tally account exam, 30 children from the school dropout children's program, and 25 girls from the sewing classes participated in the examination. The children were well-prepared and participated diligently in the exam.



Bhagyalakshmi Credit Co-operative Society

Bhagyalakshmi Credit Co-operative Society Limited remains a crucial support system for its members. In the present month, the society disbursed a total of Rs 10,65,000 in loans to 16 members to address diverse financial requirements. These loans proved instrumental in assisting members with essential expenses like school fees, house taxes, installments, and medical bills, contributing significantly to their financial stability and well-being. Moreover, the society saw the addition of fourteen new members this month, enhancing its membership base. This growth not only bolsters their financial foundation but also positions them to extend their services to a broader community in the future, ensuring continued support and empowerment for a wider range of individuals.



Training/Meeting of Navchetna members

A) Understanding and Awareness of the Constitution

To foster understanding and awareness of the Constitution, Father Stany provided training to a total of 51 members of Navchetna trust. The training delved into the details of what the Constitution is, how it was framed, the significance of being a citizen of India, and ways in which we can further enhance awareness about the Indian Constitution. The members developed a very good understanding of the Constitution through this training.

B) Legal empowerment of women of Navachetana

Navsarjan operates a free legal advice center to assist the local community. To make this legal center more effective and encourage people in the area to utilize this service, Samirbhai and Pratikbhai held a meeting with a total of 22 women.

During the meeting, they discussed why the local people are not availing the free legal services provided by the center. The discussion focused on understanding the reasons behind the lack of engagement and exploring ways to address this issue.

It was decided that the women will be provided with monthly training sessions to enhance their legal knowledge. All the women expressed their willingness and readiness to participate in these training programs.

The goal is to empower the local community by improving their awareness and access to the free legal advice center operated by Navsarjan. Through these collaborative efforts, the organization aims to ensure that the people in the area can effectively address their legal concerns and challenges.



Parent meeting

Parents play a crucial role in the holistic development of children. As Navsarjan focuses on empowering young boys and girls for their self-improvement, parental support becomes paramount to ensure children can engage wholeheartedly in self-development activities. A meeting was organized to strengthen the bond with parents and provide insights on encouraging children to actively participate in regular sessions. A total of 32 parents attended the meeting, expressing their satisfaction and enthusiasm.



Migrant People – Protection and Guidance

During this month, Navsarjan has undertaken awareness-building efforts to inform migrant workers about their rights and the available support systems. A total of 150 migrant laborers were provided information regarding the tools and equipment that should be provided by their employers as per the contract, ensuring their rights and protection at the workplace. The migrant workers were also informed about the helpline number they can contact for guidance and assistance. This helpline number serves as a crucial resource for migrant workers to seek support and address any issues they may face.

Career guidance camp

As students reach class 10 or 12, the question of their future academic pursuits often brings about confusion. Mr. Rajan, a career guidance counselor, offered his expertise to 120 students. He provided valuable insights on post-class 10 and class 12 options, emphasizing the importance of making informed decisions about their future paths. Mr. Rajan encouraged the students to contemplate their aspirations, explore the pathways to achieve their goals, and deepen their understanding of their chosen fields. Through this career guidance initiative, students were empowered to envision and pursue a clear direction for their academic and professional journey.



Participants of the month of April

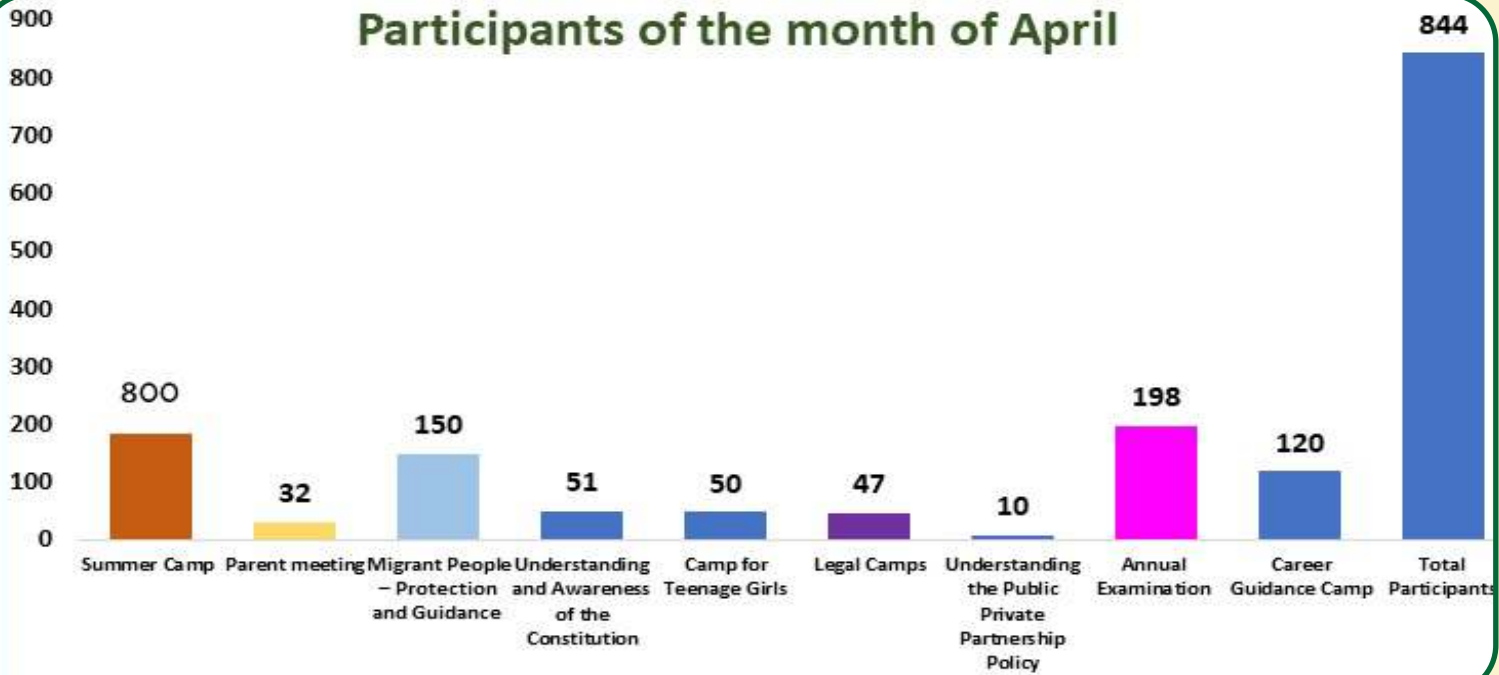


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