



SAATH
Creating Inclusive Societies

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SAATH NEWSLETTER

Dear friends and supporters of SAATH,

We are happy to publish our news letter's second edition. Past three months were really hectic and historically very important as Saath achieved a milestone by completing its 25th Year on 28th February 2014. During past few months, along with the proposal writing our department was busy in developing a coffee table book which was published on the 25th years celebration ceremony. In the same time, two new programmes were started in Saath, SUJAL (for providing access to clean water to aanganwadi children) and Housing Rights programme (for creating awareness among slum dwellers regarding their housing rights)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors, supporters, interns, visitors, ambassadors across India and the world.

Inclusively,
Kunal Patel, RDC Coordinator

The Silver Jubilee

28th February 2014, marked the **Silver Jubilee for Saath**. Initiated in 1989 by **Mr. Rajendra Joshi** today Saath has grown as an institution which has over its 25 years impacted more than 4,00,000 people, has over 50 funding partners and more than 500 people joining as team members. To commemorate this milestone Saath released a book on "Tribute to Communities".



On this day over 180 supporters of Saath were present for the Book Launch. The book commemorates the communities and people who have worked behind the scenes to create some amazing change. The book is an effort by Saath to thank all men, women, youth and children of every community who have engaged with Saath over its journey.

Up To Date

What have we been doing? Of course, a lot is going on in our various programs, but we tried our best to give you a short overview about all recent developments and changes.

Livelihood

* **Umeed—Udaan**

- 713 youth trained and 202 have been placed in 3 months

* **Urmila**

- 37 Women trained as Home Managers

* **Nirman**

- 96 men and 37 women were trained in the trades of carpentry, plumbing, masonry and electrician
- Special batch for female electricians was started

* **Youth Force**

- 554 youth joined in 5 cities
- 4 Youth Activity and Resource Centers opened across 4 cities of Gujarat.

Urban Resource Centre

- 2,073 Inquiries in 3 months
- 1,106 Linkages in 3 months

Affordable Housing

- 7,444 people reached in 3 months
- 71 new members joined for buying a house
- 25 people booked their houses

Education

* **Balghar**

- 246 children studying in 7 preschool (Balghar) centers

* **CFS**

- 204 children in 6 Child Friendly Spaces, 3 in slums and 3 at construction sites
- RTE application for 145 slum children submitted.

* **Sujal**

- Water Purifier RO systems installed at 10+ village Aanganwadi's (pre-schools) of Sanand District.



Newly Installed RO unit at the Aanganwadi of Pilupura village in Sanand

Fundraising

- ₹ 10,94,408 received in 3 months as donations for various programmes.

RDC

- Prepared Coffee Table Book for Saath's Silver Jubilee
- Event for the celebration of Saath's 25 years completion

Microfinance Cooperatives'

Urban (Jan'14)

- The Urban Microfinance got the permission to operate in the whole Ahmedabad district
- On 19th March, the Cooperative completed its 4 years of merger
- On 4th January, the Cooperative held its 3rd annual meet in which 90+ members were present
- 7 Branches, No. of Staff: 81
- 20,585 members, 19,622 active saving members, 10,131 loan members
- Cumulative Savings amount: ₹6,45,42,182
- Outstanding Loan amount: ₹7,76,84,124
- Loan Repayment Percentage: 98.69%

Rural (Feb'14)

- Saving Members: 2,618
- Loan Members: 1,219
- Total Members: 3,018
- Total Savings Amount: ₹ 59,69,268
- Total Loan Disbursed: ₹ 1,12,15,000
- No. of Staff: 9
- Total Villages covered in Dholka and Viramgam Blocks of Ahmedabad: 99

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