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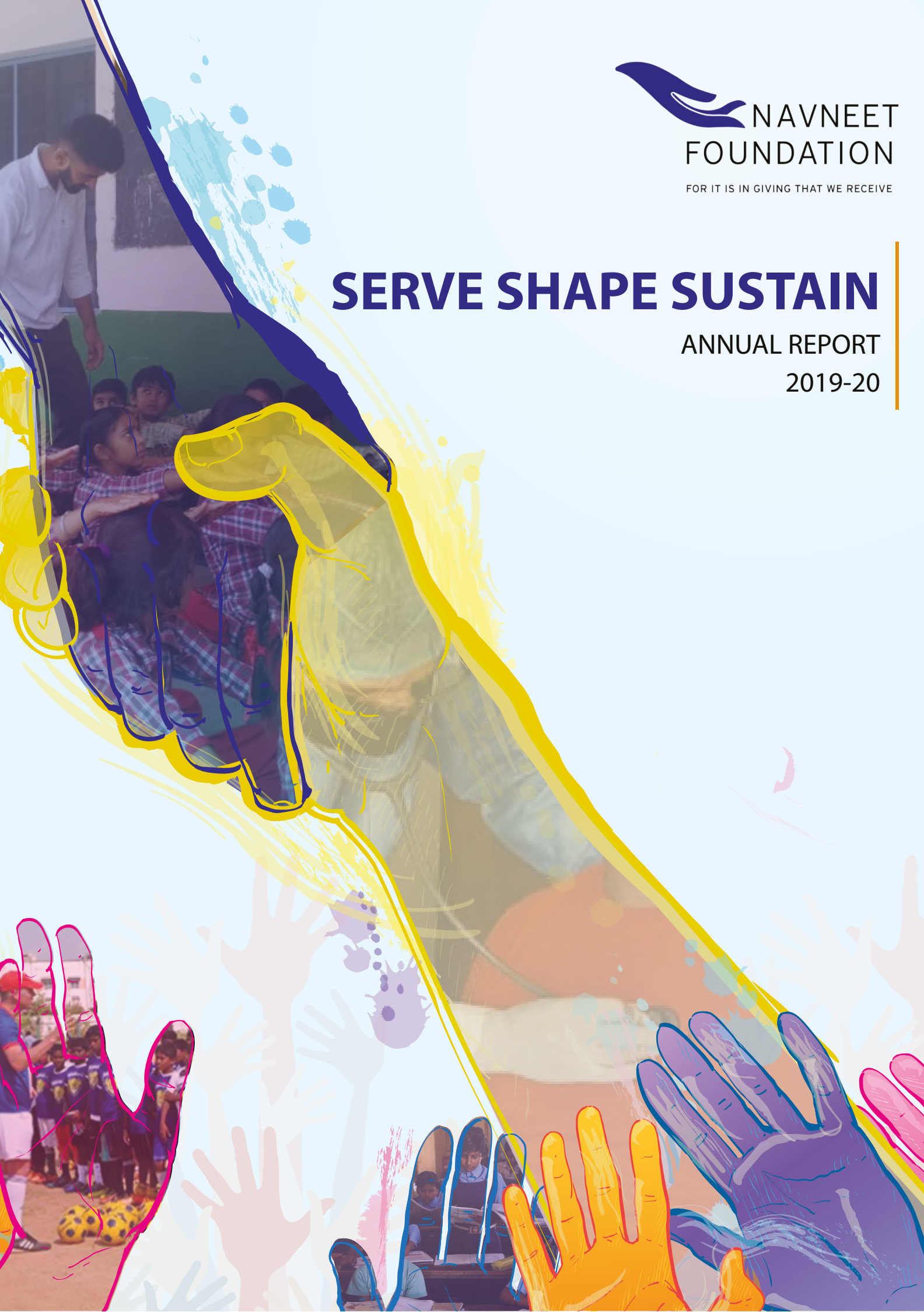




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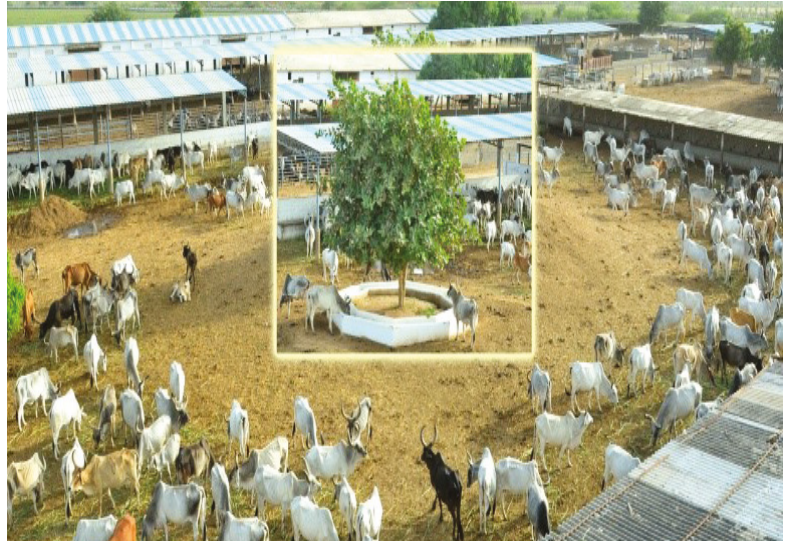
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FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE



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SERVE SHAPE SUSTAIN

For 60 years, Navneet Group has been a leader in social activities across several facets of society. The dedication and zeal of our organization exhibits the vision of a sustainable world through affection, values and togetherness. The legacy of six decades filled with a relentless commitment to the society has grown with the exceptional achievements and development of various marginalized groups.

Today, with the help of various programs and initiatives, Navneet Foundation has become a resounding name in providing support to deserving members of the society. Medical camps, vocational training educational development programs, environment management and awareness drives are just some of the ways in which we have reached out to the under-served. Above all, empowering the underprivileged with access to services has brought engagement and confidence in various communities. This success is a result of collective efforts between our organization, partners, volunteers and members in the communities.

Now, with rising aspirations to guide society towards a brighter horizon, we have new hopes as well as strategies to bring about positive turnarounds in the community and in the life of the individual. With many individuals ready to conquer their fields of expertise and numerous youngsters spreading their wings with the help of our organization, we are moving towards the future we desire. Like the navigators of a ship, Navneet Foundation will continue to strive for a sustainable and wholesome future.



LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It gives us immense pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 2019-20, outlining yet another successful year at Navneet Foundation. The year was a perfect example of life and its beautiful nuances. While the first three quarters were poised with growth and positivity, the last quarter was hit by a worldwide pandemic. This year has taught us to be more humble with our success and face challenges with courage.

During this year, we have further intensified our transformational programs in the areas of healthcare, education, sports, disaster response, art & culture and environmental development. We have continued engaging with communities in various ways and touchpoints with the help of trained professionals. The team understood the community needs, planned the necessary programs for their upliftment and took rigorous execution steps. We provided an environment for learning and skill-building for various groups to support them in maximising the impact of their efforts towards change.

While planning and implementation are critical aspects, the major focus was on ensuring that all programs have well-defined outcome measures that are monitored with effective predefined mechanisms. The ultimate testimonial to our efforts are the ripples of impact we have. We were directly involved in the lives of the communities; engaging with them in developmental activities. This gave us an opportunity to empower the marginalised sections of society and make a meaningful difference in their lives. Our main objective was to promote self-reliance and we did it by equipping the community with training, tools and resources.

As we connect here, the world is facing an unprecedented challenge with communities and economies everywhere affected by the growing COVID-19 pandemic. Our foundation has been providing relief to combat the pandemic and shall continue to do so in the coming months.

Going forward, we plan to continue with our successful initiatives as well as add new projects for the development of our society. Our focus on sustainable development leads us to make the community self-reliant in improving the quality of life.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our foundation, our partners and well-wishers for their priceless support and contribution in achieving the dream of a better life for our fellow citizens.

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile”
- Albert Einstein

- the Board Of Trustees

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ABOUT NAVNEET FOUNDATION

Navneet Foundation has been an active contributor to the well-being of our society through various developmental activities since 2013. The commitment towards a better future of the nation has always been our priority. We acknowledge the support of various partners in achieving our objectives. At Navneet Foundation, we have brought a difference by assisting in the all-round development and enhancing opportunities for growth of the oppressed.

Vision

To ignite a movement which is dedicated to sustainable development of society through empowerment of individuals and communities.

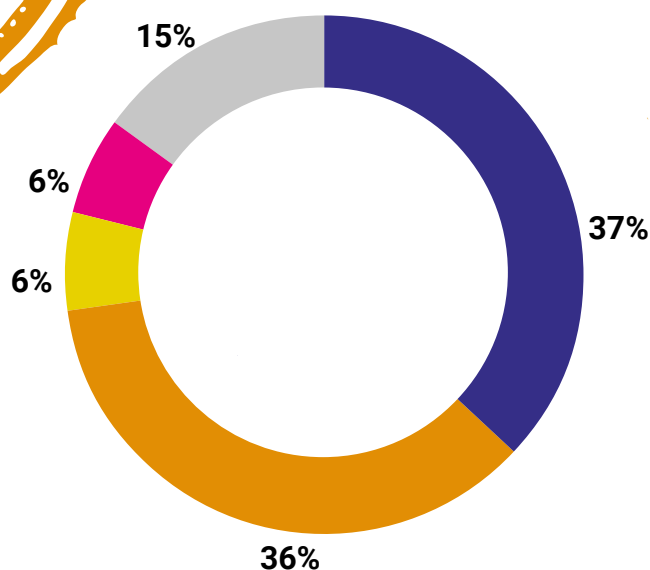
Mission

Navneet Foundation reaches out to the underprivileged in the society to empower them leading to sustainable development. This is done by enabling them to participate in growth and positive change for their development. Enhanced opportunities to create impact is possible through resource building and accessibility, skill and knowledge development and intervention by local communities.

Values

Key values we hold are participation, learning, growth, and collaboration. These values guide us towards our successful endeavors, making Navneet Foundation a class apart.

SECTORS SUPPORTED IN 2019-20



■ Education ■ Medical ■ Animal Welfare ■ Sports ■ Others

IMPARTING EDUCATION



Education is the guiding light which takes us towards the path of wisdom and fulfilment. We, at Navneet Foundation, have always promoted children's right to education to help them build a better society for all of us. Through various initiatives, we supported the schooling and coaching fees of underprivileged children in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Some of these students are orphaned, or of farmers who committed suicide and belong to deprived communities. We provided them with educational kits, including school bags, books, stationery items and much more. This year, we also invited parents and teachers to be a part of our initiative, where we introduced programs to help them and the children to deal with various facets of education and life.

Additionally, we distributed curriculum books and notebooks in 126 schools amongst 10,773 children. To further assist them in grasping the subjects, we provided coaching classes to those requiring assistance in pursuing their education.

We provided educational support to 2,292 students from Junior Kindergarten to Higher Secondary in 76 villages. This initiative helped in motivating students to keep learning and aim for a bright future. We also helped 24 cancer survivors continue their studies by taking care of their fees and offering them counselling. These children were treated at Tata Memorial Hospital, B J Wadia Hospital for children, KEM Hospital and L T Municipal General Hospital. We organized remedial classes during 2019 in several Zila Parishads and trust-run schools for students of Classes III to VIII in the region. More than 150 students enrolled in this program, of which 79 of them were able to rejoin their regular classes after attending the remedial program.

We believe educating young girls and motivating them for leading a successful career is necessary to establish equal opportunity. We supported the higher education of 35 girls and organized workshops that helped in their overall development. This initiative cemented our dedication towards women encouragement and empowerment. The English learning program was initiated this year, wherein 1,000 children participated actively. More than 30 teachers were trained to run this program successfully in their school.

Some of the children participated in seminars and workshops on crucial topics like 'Prevention of Child Abuse' and 'Communication Skills'. There were many other workshops that motivated children to participate in co-curricular activities aimed at teaching life skills. Caretakers, teachers and parents were also invited for taking part in workshops related to stress management, safeguarding, child protection and understanding their role in child's development. We also equipped them with tools and tips to manage the needs of the children effectively.



14,133

Educational kits were provided to students from deprived communities

Students were provided with work books & note books in 76 villages



2,401

Children were supported with school & coaching fees



280

Students participated in Vocational training programs





SKILL DEVELOPMENT

We supported the initiative to empower young girls and women by developing their vocational skills. The first batch was successfully completed this year, where 25 students gained skills of basic tailoring and stitching.

We also provided vocational training to more than 100 students in Kutch, Gujarat. This training helped them in securing jobs in electrical and mechanical fields, thereby setting them on a path of a financially-independent life. Another batch of 130 students who secured certification for their vocational skills training were ready to take up jobs as supervisors and as electrical and welding experts.

To ensure the best quality of education in our programs, we trained 25 teachers to conduct remedial classes. Through our workshops, we equipped the teachers on how to guide more students in the coming academic years.

CREATIVE LEARNING INITIATIVES

The education development programs implemented this year helped create a lasting impact in the lives of students. With the aim of holistic development and complete care of children, we organised workshops for children for hands-on and experiential learning. More than 1,500 children have access to knowledge library with over 6,000 books on all genres and fields of education.

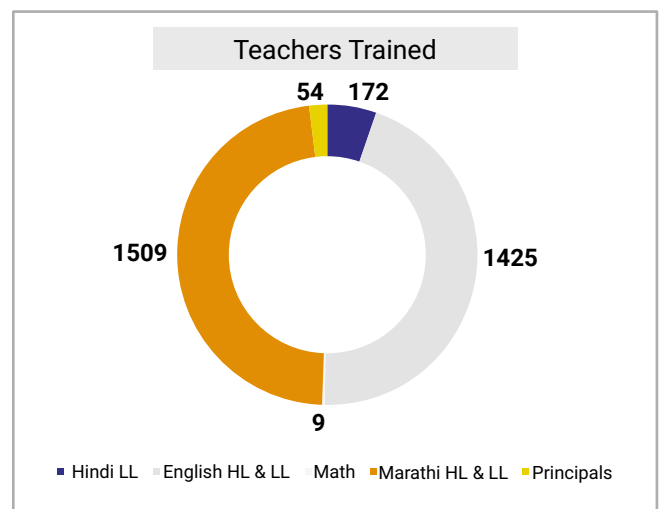
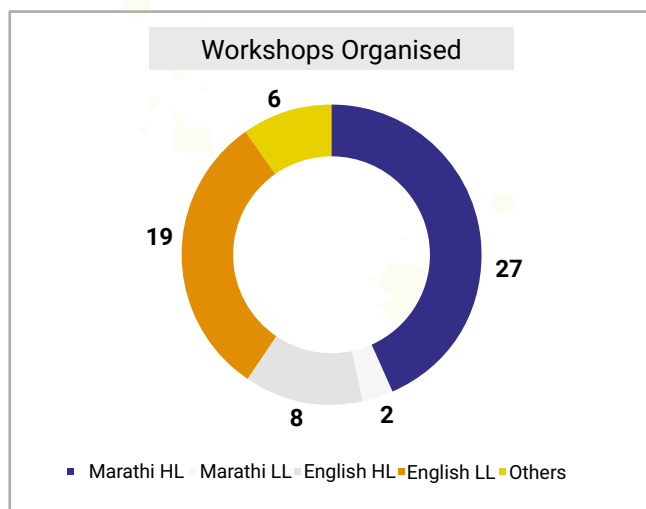


TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAM

We conducted this program to help teachers in making a better learning environment for their students and guide them in creating a better society. We trained a total of 3,169 teachers over the course of 62 workshops. In a span of 4 years, we have trained more than 15,000 teachers under Navneet Foundation.



Region-Wise Workshops & Teachers Trained





DIGITAL LEARNING

Digital education is set to revolutionize the learning process as it is more engaging and allows for better grasping of the subject. By digitizing 57 classrooms of 47 schools, we helped in piquing the interest of students for learning and motivated them for active participation. We provided students with hardware equipments and software learning packages. This digitization has impacted the education of more than 25,000 children in Maharashtra and Gujarat.





Classrooms
digitized

57



Students benefited
across Maharashtra
& Gujarat

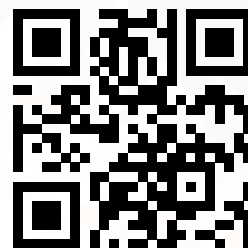
25,000



YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Jainam

Jainam is a 16-year old boy, son of a daily wage worker. He lives in a group home as his father is unable to take care of him due to financial constraints. Navneet Foundation is supporting his studies. Jainam has proven himself as a role model for other children by performing well in both education and sports. He scored 76% in Class IX and is the captain of the school volleyball team. He has also won accolades in various drawing and quiz competitions. He wants to continue his higher education and follow his interest in science. Jainam's positive attitude and unrelenting dedication is a motivation for everyone.



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Anmol Jaiswar

Anmol was diagnosed with cancer at the tender age of 4 and has since successfully completed his treatment. Despite all odds, he re-joined school. Unfortunately his conditioned relapsed after two years, but was brought back to health again. He received both psychosocial and financial support to help pursue his education. He continued attending Class V in his school. During his follow up session, he received counselling to manage his learning disability which helped him sustain his academic performance, healthy relationships with peers in school and family members. His hearing test revealed partial defects for which he was further evaluated.

Raju Lanjhewar

One of the shining examples of Navneet Foundation's success is Raju, a 16-year old boy living in group homes. Raju's parents neglected him due to their weak financial condition. However, Raju is a hard-working and ambitious student who excels in both academics and sports. Currently in Class X he aims to make a successful career in the field of commerce.

Sankesha

Navneet Foundation supports Sankesha in pursuing higher secondary education from a reputed college in Mumbai. Other than her interest in commerce, she loves poetry and has a keen interest in English. As an independent and robust personality, Sankesha believes in "doing what we like to do, not what others want us to do". She is motivated to serve the country by becoming an IAS officer.

Sonu

Sonu aims to become a banker and is currently pursuing her higher secondary studies. She lives in a joint family with 11 other members belonging to the fishing community. She actively participates in extracurricular activities. Education support and mentorship has helped Sonu to manage her studies and time. She actively encourages other families in the community to support girls for education by continuing the ongoing dialogue with elders in the communities. Sonu also drives others in the community to enrol children in schools.

Saba Salmani

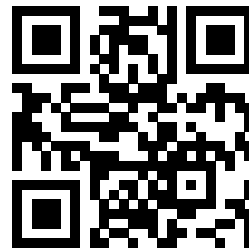
Saba was diagnosed with cancer in an eye at age 13 in 2013, when she was in Class XII. She completed treatment in 2015 and decided to start her new life in Mumbai where her father worked at a saloon. After a long gap in education, in 2018, she resumed her studies. She was provided with psychosocial and financial support to complete her education in Class XII in Commerce. With the help of therapy, she worked on getting rid of her body image issues and low self-esteem. She was provided career counseling and also joined support group of cancer survivors.

HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Pristine health, nutritional diet and a healthy lifestyle are necessary for living a good life. They promote good habits and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. We have remained active in organizing various medical camps across regions to spread the importance of health and provide access to health services.

Through our several initiatives, we have created awareness for health and lifestyle choices by distributing useful and relevant information through various channels. We supported an obesity awareness drive amongst school children that connected with more than 3,00,000 students in 345 schools. The initiative was impactful, as 40,000 students took part in a drawing competition on the subject.

Living life with zest is also an inspiration that we drew from an initiative to spread the encouraging stories of the differently-abled people in society. We supported the production of a 10-episode web series based on specially-abled individuals. The episodes outline their real-life experiences and their stories of how they broke the barriers and came out as heroes. We celebrated and felicitated these individuals and organizations who created an impact and made a difference in the lives of others.



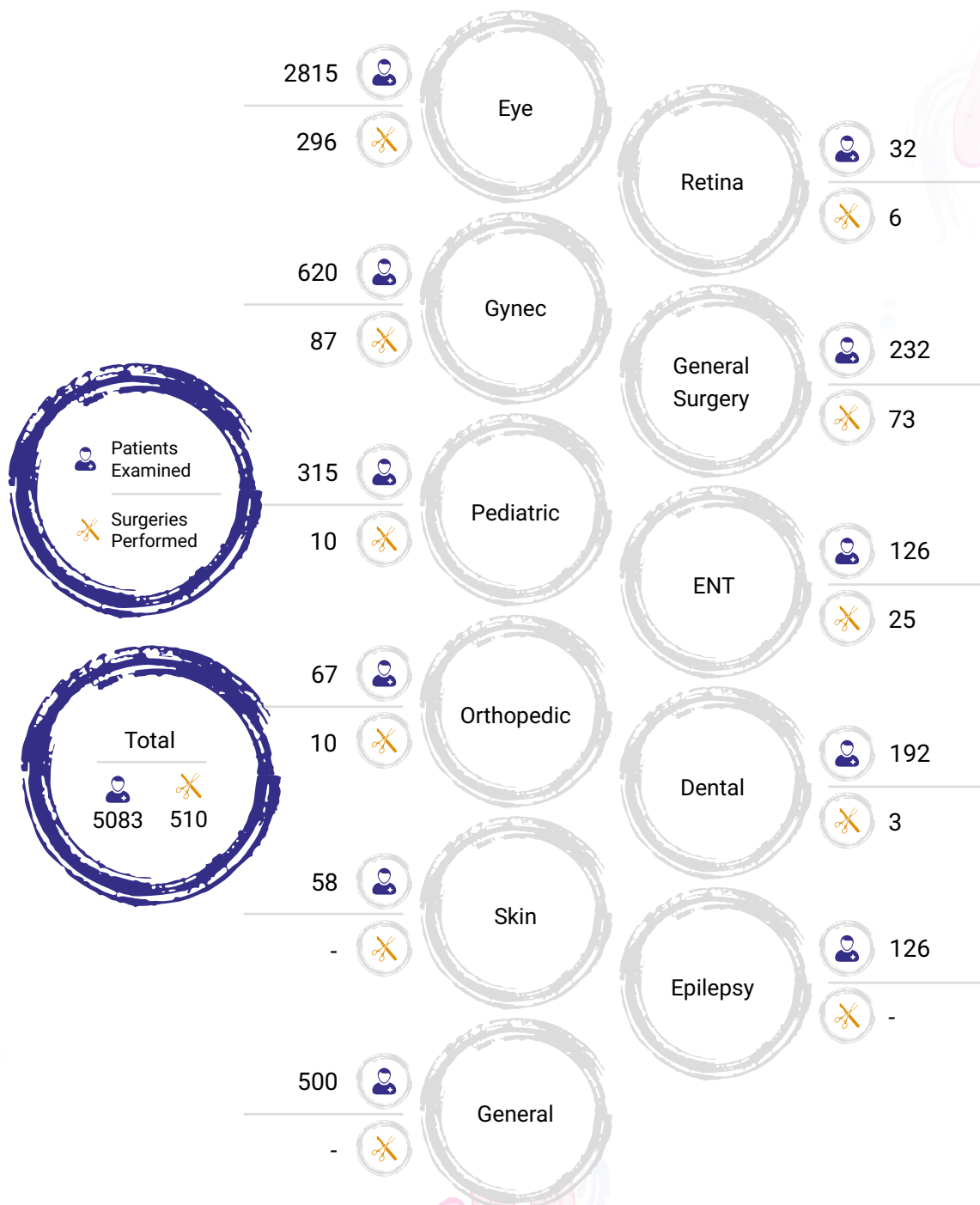
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HEALTH CARE AND SERVICES ACCESSIBILITY

To provide relief during the dengue and malaria epidemic in Gujarat, we set up medical camps during which 1,600 patients availed medical services. Out of the total, 750 were tested positive, and 443 received treatment from us at the campsite. We also set up another general medical camp accessed by 313 patients from 70 villages. Through the mobile health services program, we provided medical access to more than 6,000 patients in the tribal region. We also extended help to 53 tuberculosis patients by providing supplementary diets, food kits, and sanitation items at municipal hospitals.

NAVNEET'S MEDICAL CAMP



MEDICAL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Navneet Medical Centre to serve 300 patients daily was inaugurated in Ahmedabad. Various health services including testing, OPD and treatments will be available at this centre for all the underprivileged communities.

Camp was set up for early detection of breast and cervical cancer in Ahmedabad. These tests proved vital for helping more than 900 women hailing from slums and deprived communities. As of now, the 15 women who tested positive are undergoing treatment.



PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The promotion of dental care amongst children and adults in the community is very crucial. For the prevention, screening and treatment of dental diseases, we provided medical care in schools and communities in Maharashtra and Gujarat. As a result, we conducted 5,080 oral screenings and 1,059 dental treatments in 24 days for people aged 5 to 80 years. This program was accessible to 20 villages and more than 25 schools.



We believe that we can achieve wellness through healthy routines. We encouraged citizens to practice yoga to promote the welfare of the mind and body. Health comes from clean and hygienic surroundings. We organized cleanliness drives to motivate people to keep the city clean and promoted it as a collective responsibility. One such cleanliness drive was conducted on Mumbai beach to encourage the citizens to keep the city clean.

Celebrating the zest of life during their fight with cancer, every two months, more than 200 children participated in the birthday celebration of their co-patients in the paediatric ward of Tata Memorial Hospital. Children happily danced to the tunes of music at the party and received goodie bags with art materials.



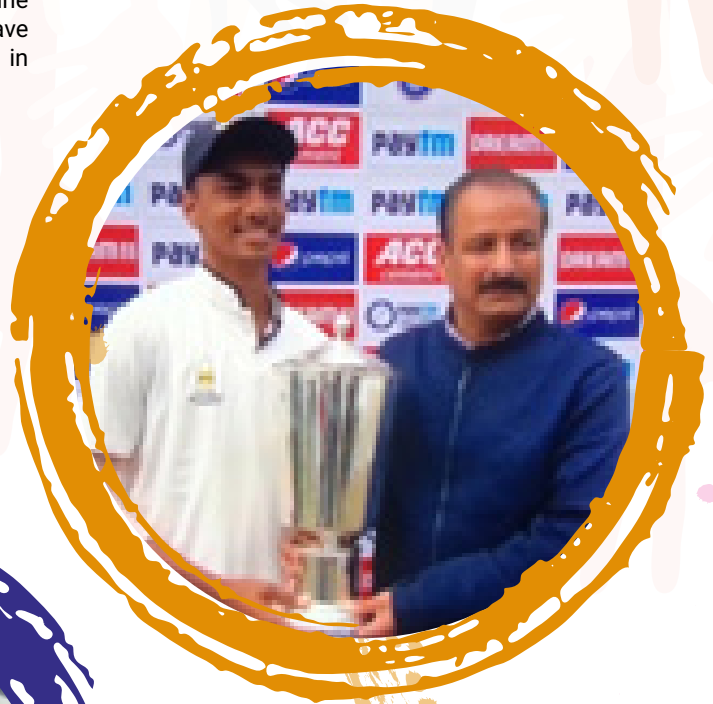
NUTRITIONAL LIFE

Buttermilk is the staple and nutritious food for everyone in the region. Our Chaas Kendra provides 1,500 litres of buttermilk every single day to more than 400 underprivileged families in Kutch. For improving the lives of the visually impaired, we provided nearly 3,000 of them with food kits and sunglasses. The organization also supported the decision of a few young visually-challenged couples to get married, hence taking a crucial forward step in their life.



SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Sports not only teaches us the value of teamwork and discipline but also helps maintain physical and mental health. We have always supported individuals and organizations involved in sports activities.



TRAINING AND COACHING

We supported the training of more than 300 boys and girls at mastering cricket, one of the most popular sports in India. Numerous teams participated in tournaments hosted at various locations. We organized the Navneet Premier League to promote the sport. Rudra Jai Tank made it to the Under-14 Mumbai Cricket Association team. At the same time, Krishna Santosh Parte was selected for Under-16 Satara District Cricket Association and Soumiya Prabhakar Singh was drafted by the Mumbai University team. Our support for training Aayush Jethwa helped him lead his Mumbai team to win the coveted Vijay Merchant Trophy.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

The fastest girl in India, Ayesha Billimoria, a track athlete, was supported for her coaching by a renowned coach in Los Angeles to help her prepare for the Olympics.



Naishaa Kaur Bhatoye, aged 11 years is currently India's No. 3 in singles and No. 1 in Doubles and leading on top in Maharashtra State. She is under training at SAI Pullela Gopichand Academy, Gachibowli for badminton. We are supporting for her training, coaching and health and fitness requirements.



Diya Chitale, a 17 years old table tennis champion has been playing national and international tournaments, and is supported to pursue her dream of winning gold at Olympics 2024. During the year, she has participated in international tournaments and National level tournaments and has won 13 Golds, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.



Keval Hiren Kakka, mountaineer, has created a National Record Everest at Mt. Lhotse, the 4th highest mountain. He completed this expedition in just 6 days. He was supported by us to complete this expedition.



ANIMAL WELFARE

The safety and health of the animals are essential for a sustainable society. We have always considered it a duty to take care of the voiceless animals and safeguard their lives. More than 176 organizations reached out to more than 35,100 animals to provide medical care, food and shelter.



ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION

In the drought-affected areas of Satara and Amravati, we implemented water conservation programs. The community participated in the construction of trenches, bandhs, and canals.



OTHER INITIATIVES

ART AND CULTURE

We have supported a calligraphy art exhibition to promote creativity amongst the youth. In another effort to encourage art and culture activities, we have supported the establishment of a community hall.



HOUSING

Shelter is basic to providing a dignified life. We have supported 36 old age homes in Gujarat. We have provided low cost homes with all amenities to more than 100 families in Kutch.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

During the country-wide lockdown as a measure against COVID-19, many laborers lost their jobs. To support them in these times of crisis, we have distributed thousands of litres of buttermilk at Navneet Chaas Kendra to all the villagers. The on-ground staff ensured that the centre is following all the social distancing guidelines issued by the government.

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