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Foreword

Saath Gramin Trust has been initiated with support from Saath Mahila Savings and Credit Cooperative Society and Saath Charitable Trust. The Trust has been established to focus on the rural issues of Gujarat and nearby regions.

In our first year, we have worked towards the identification of young girls who are facing financial challenges to continue their education and providing them scholarships. We've carried our study to identify issues of rural women. In the coming years, we aim to build on our experience and work for the upliftment of the rural communities.

Shyam Prakash Singh, Chief Executive Officer

About Us

Saath Grameen Trust was initiated to cater to the needs of rural women and children regarding education, health, sustainable livelihoods, social and financial inclusion, and holistic development. Saath Gramin Trust is promoted by Saath Mahila Savings and Credit Cooperative Society.

The foundation primarily works in rural areas of Gujarat state and mainly focuses on the empowerment of youth and women.

Scholarships for Rural Girls

Education is still a distant dream for many girls in our country. The situation is especially difficult for girls from rural areas. Due to issues such as poverty, rural girls from the village families are forced to leave their studies behind and get engaged in household and other works.

Saath Gramin Trusts, a scholarship programme for rural girls aims to address this challenge and encourage rural girls and their families to continue their education and take better education opportunities.

Saath Gramin Trust identified rural girls who were facing financial challenges to continue their education. Girls with single parents or parents with HIV were identified and provided scholarships. 350+ girls were reached through the initiative with support from Companies such as INTAS and Radio Mirchi.

The core objectives of Saath Gramin Trust are as follows:

- 1. Social and political empowerment
- 2. Focused and in-depth intervention on family income and education of children
- 3. Identify and work on gender and livelihood issues of women and promote entrepreneurship
- 4. Create alternative livelihoods for rural women and the community

Vision

"Inclusive, sustainable, and empowered village communities"

Mission

"To empower rural women, youth and children through quality education and sustainable livelihood opportunities"

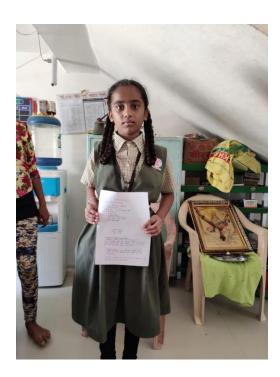
Participatory Rural Appraisal

Saath Gramin Trust aims at conducting studies, creating knowledge, empowering women by conducting various development and welfare activities.

The Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) is an approach used to incorporate the knowledge and opinions of the rural people in the planning and management of development projects and programmes.

Saath Gramin Trust in partnership with Saath Charitable Trust carried out a PRA exercise in 30 villages, to identify issues of rural women. Women from the villages actively participated in the exercises, bringing attention to their day-to-day challenges and also larger issues of the rural communities. The learning's of PRA will be utilized by Saath Gramin Trust for future development programmes for the rural community women.





Scholarships

Scholarships of Rs. 7,500 each was provided to rural girls from the 3 locations of Ankleshwar, Sanand and Bavla to support them to continue their education.



Selection Process of Girls

- Girls are either orphans or have a single parent and their family has an annual income of less than Rs. 2 lakhs
- Past academic record and average attendance
- List of potential candidates prepared in consultation with school authorities, Sarpanch and Aangawadi Workers
- Home visit for each of the girls to verify the details and to check whether they fall within the selection criteria.
- Further shortlisting based on the overall evaluation of their economic conditions.
- Each of the girls was awarded points based on the criteria and the ones scoring on the higher side were finally shortlisted for the scholarship.

Board Members

Chinmayi Desai, Urban Program Director, Saath Charitable Trust: She has 22+ years of experience working in the development sector.

Rajendra Joshi, Founder & Managing Trustee, Saath Charitable Trust: He has initiated and developed the Integrated Slum Development Program.

Shyam Prakash Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Saath Gramin Trust: He has 18+ years of experience working in the sector.

Vama Rajpal, Image and Skills Coach and Entrepreneur: She has diverse professional experience in Healthcare and Development sector.

Anuradha Gharti, Trainer and Social Worker: She has 18 years of experience in the development sector working on social justice issues.

