

To provide state-of-the-art medical services and medical education at reasonable rates to the citizens of the city, together with some of the noble and well-wishers of the city, we decided to start a medical college, paramedical college and various hospitals. For this purpose, the South Gujarat Medical Education Trust was established on 15/09/1998. Its founder trustees includes Shri. Kashiram Rana, Shri. Fakirbhai Chauhan, Shri. Sevantibhai Shah, Shri. Jayantibhai Kabutarwala, Shri. Dilipbhai Marfatia and Ex-Dean Dr. K. K. Khanna. Over and above based on the designation held, following individuals were appointed as members: the Collector of Surat, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Dean of the Civil Hospital Surat, the Mayor of Surat, and the Head of the Medical Association.

According to the norms of Medical Council of India(MCI) 1998, the medical college can be started in a rented house and a total of 300-bed is needed by having attachments with multiple hospitals. The said requirements of the council were fulfilled by the trust. The Essentiality Certificate was received from the Health Department of the Government of Gujarat on 01/05/1998. "No Objection" certificate was received from Veer Narmad South Gujarat University on 03/10/1998 and an application was made to the Central Government. But in the meantime, in 1999 drastic changes were made in the provisions of the laws to start a new medical college. The trust should possess 25 acres of land. So, the process stopped. We set out in search of 25 acres of land. Around three different lands were seen, but it did not work. Finally, the Central Cabinet Minister Shri Kashiram Rana and the Gujarat Cabinet Minister Shri Narottambhai Patel presented the issue to Gujarat's Chief Minister Shri Keshubhai Patel. He allocated 42 acres of land from the Gujarat Housing Board for a lease of 99 years starting from 11/06/2001. We proceeded further. The work for Medical college was started and the plan was approved from Surat Municipal Corporation. On 07/01/2004, the **honourable Shri Lal Krishna Advani** and the **then Chief Minister and the immensely popular and visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, performed Bhoomi Poojan ceremony for land. The work progressed diligently. A Block and D Block of Medical College were constructed. The RCC work of one-fifth of the ground floor of the 750-bed hospital was completed. But construction was stalled till 2016 due to lawsuits by the original farmers of the land in various courts. In the interim, a hostel was constructed.

In 2008, some trustees came up with the idea that adding the word "research" to the name of the trust would facilitate donations from donors. Consequently, C.A was contacted.

C.A. informed that the word “Research” should be added in your trust’s name. So, application was done in the Joint Charity Commissioner. The scheme was submitted. Four trustees Dr. Girishbhai Shah, Lok Sabha MP Shri Mansingbhai Patel, Vijaybhai Rana and industrialist Shri Vasantbhai Gajera were added and obtained permission for renaming the trust as “South Gujarat Medical Education and Research Centre.”

Finally, in the constructed buildings, in 2005-06 SPB Physiotherapy College with an intake capacity of 30 for Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) course and 30 bed hospital was started. In the Physiotherapy College, the intake capacity was increased to 50 from 16/10/2008; 75 from 22/09/2015; and 100 from 25/10/2016. On 20/06/2015, Master of Physiotherapy (MPT) was started with intake capacity of 6 which than increased to 21 from 09/07/2020. Under the EWS scheme, 18 more seats were allotted, resulting in a total of 118 seats for BPT and 4 more seats resulting in total of 24 seats in MPT. It is one of the most established premier colleges of Gujarat till date. Approximately 30% to 40% of seats are vacant in many Physiotherapy Colleges every year whereas none of the seats of our college are vacant.

On 28/11/2005, Secretary, Minister of Health & Family welfare, Delhi was sent an application to start Dental college and a draft of ₹2,00,000 was sent to the **Dental Council of India** also to start a college with an admission capacity of 100. On 25/09/2007, a draft of ₹3,00,000 was submitted to the **Dental Council of India** for approval. During this period, the **Dental Council of India** made amendments to their regulations, because of which decision to start dental college was postponed.

In 2005, as per the regulations of the Dental Council of India, a dental college must have 25 dental chairs and an OPD of 100 patients, for which we started dental OPD. The rates were decided in such a way that there was no extra profit, and the cost was approximately 60% less than other practising dentist. Even today, the Dental OPD (Outpatient Department) caters to nearly 50 patients daily.

In addition in 2005, the General OPD was also started, where medicines and injections were provided free of charge, serving around 50 to 60 patients daily till date.

In 2004, after the land consecration (bhoomipoojan), decision to organise a MEGA MEDICAL CAMP was taken so that the trust’s name gains prominence among the public. Doctors from various branches offered their services. One-week prescribed medicines were

given free of cost to the patients by us. Even Ophthalmologists were also invited. Based on the eye examination of the patients, approximately 800 individuals received free eyeglasses. For the poor and slum patients, getting benefit of this mega medical camp, we arranged buses and around 5000 patients participated in this camp. Such Mega Medical camps were also organised in year of 2006 and 2008 in various areas, including slums and densely populated neighbourhoods.

Apart from this, blood donation camps, physiotherapy camps and bone density camps were also organized. The spirit of service was continuously thriving.

After the demise of Shri Kashiram Rana; ex-cabinet minister Shri Narottambhai Patel, Shri Dipakbhai Rana and Shri Sunilbhai Jariwala were appointed as trustees.

From the academic year 2021-22, nursing college named **Vatsalya Nursing and Research Institute** was started. The government approved 40 seats for B.Sc. Nursing and 40 seats for GNM Nursing. The inauguration was carried out by the **Pradesh Pramukh of the Bharatiya Janta Party Honourable Shri C.R. Patil**. Even today, this college continues to operate successfully.

From 19/08/2023, the inauguration of **Vatsalya Day Care Health Center** took place in the presidency of the honourable Shri Bhanjibhai Patel, President of the Udhna Academy Education Trust, inaugurator Shri Damodarbhai Patel (Kutchi) and the chief guest Shri Haribhai Patel with more modern facilities to the earlier functioning day care center. This Day Care Health Center provides primary care to anyone in need, beyond regular doctor consultations. The consulting fee for these doctors is megerly ₹100/-. Additionally, they offer medicines and healthcare assistance at nominal rates. The center is currently operating successfully.

Currently, the construction of 120 bed **Vatsalya Multi Specialty Hospital** is nearing completion in our complex in the middle of new area Pal – Bhensan Gauravpath and very close to Hazira Industries. It includes four specialized wards: General Medicine, Surgical, Gynaecology, and Paediatric. Additionally, along with 12 OPD's and Medical store; the hospital offers facilities such as pathology lab, X-rays, sonography, Semi-Special Rooms, NICU, ICU, Baby warm Room, Emergency Room, Recovery Room, and Labor Room. Furthermore, there is facility of two major operation theatres and one minor operation theatre.

The hospital is set to open shortly. In the future, CT scans and MRI scans facility will also be provided.

**Vision and Milestones Achieved:**

1. Our destination includes Medical College, Ayurvedic College, Homeopathic College, and Pharmacy College. For these, we have adequate land. The only requirement is of Philanthropist.
2. Currently, we are operating the SPB Physiotherapy College, where each year, 118 students are admitted for Undergraduate(BPT) course and 24 students for Postgraduate (MPT) course. Many of the professors in our physiotherapy college are Ph.D. guides. So, there is arrangement of study of BPT, MPT up to Ph.D. The students and faculty members of physiotherapy college have regularly participated in various university, state, national and international level conferences; and have won medals and prizes for their scientific achievements. Institute has provided advanced equipment's and infrastructure to facilitate research among students and faculty members, because of which, every year approximately more than 25 scientific publications and presentations are being done in various journals and conferences of repute. Since its inception in year 2005, due to consistently increasing number of students, patients, and teaching faculty; institute has developed all the necessary facilities, such as vast OPD premises, smart classrooms, library, common rooms, practice rooms, staff rooms, etc. Physiotherapy OPD provides free treatment to more than 300 patients per day. To enhance patient care, training, and research work for students; advance equipment's such as LASER therapy, electrodiagnosis equipment's, Sensa Move, Robotic Glove, etc. have been provided by institute. Along with an internet library facility, the library has more than 3500 books; national and international journals; magazines; etc. for accelerating students' academic journey. Utilizing the facilities provided by the institute and the guidance from faculty members, students have always excelled and performed greatly at the university levels.

Under the banner of physiotherapy college, free physiotherapy diagnosis and treatment camps have been organized at various rural and urban areas for the benefit of common people and students since years. Along with these, social service, and awareness activities such as traffic awareness, voters' awareness, women empowerment

and self-defense, AIDS awareness, heart health awareness, cleanliness drive, etc. have been conducted by the students and faculty members of the institute.

3. **"Vatsalya Nursing College and Research Institute"** is functioning with BSC Nursing (undergraduate) and GNM 40 seats with admission capacity of 40 seats. Experienced teachers, advanced laboratories, smart classrooms, library with internet facility, computer lab and advanced technology projectors in each classroom are provided to impart quality nursing education. Nursing courses are staffed with postgraduate and experienced teachers of all specialty subjects like Medical Surgical Nursing, Community Health Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Pediatric Nursing and Midwifery Nursing. For practical experience the students can visit the city's renowned New Civil Hospital, Apple Maitreya Multi Specialty Hospital, Unique Hospital, Seth P.T. Referred to Hospital, Primary Health Centre, Sandhier and Community Health Centre, Sayan. Bus facility is also available from college to hospital and community health center.
4. Hostel facilities are also available for students' accommodation, equipped with modern amenities.
5. The construction of the "Vatsalya Multi-Speciality Hospital", which demonstrates the capacity to serve 120 patients, is nearing completion.
6. Everyday the Physiotherapy department caters free services to more than 300 patients.
7. In the Dental OPD, more than 50 patients receive treatment at 60 % concessional rates every day.
8. The General OPD caters to around 50 patients daily, offering free medical consultations and injections by senior doctors.
9. The Vatsalya Day Care Health Center provides thorough check-ups by specialist doctors for a nominal fee of ₹100.
10. A canteen is available for both students and staff, providing snacks and meals.

**At the end:**

The services provided until March 2024 continue to be operational today as well.

1. Since June 2015, we have been offering free services in the Physiotherapy department. Approximately 300 patients are benefitted from this every day. If we calculate the daily

contribution of each patient at ₹200, the total turns out to ₹60,000 per day and if we consider 300 working days than annually the amount is ₹ 1,80,00,000. Over the period from June 2015 to March 2024 (a total of 8 years and 9 months), our charitable contributions to the society amounts to ₹15,75,00,000/-.

2. In the Dental OPD, patients receive treatment at approximately 60% concessional rates compared to other practising dentists. Since 2007-08 till March 2024, the total revenue generated amounts to ₹3,94,39,520/-. By considering a 60% discount, we have contributed around ₹5,91,59,280/- amount to the welfare of society.
3. In the General OPD, approximately 50 to 60 patients visit daily and receive free treatment. There is no case fee also. Patients are examined by specialist doctors, and medications, injections, and other treatments are provided free of charge. If we calculate the daily contribution of each patient at ₹100/-, the total amounts to ₹5000/- per day and considering 300 working days it turns out to be ₹ 15,00,000/- annually. Over the period from 2004 (when this OPD started) to March 2024, which is a total of 20 years, our charitable contributions amount to ₹3,00,00,000/-. This amount has been dedicated to the welfare of society.

**If we consider the total contribution towards the welfare of society from numbers 1 to 3, it amounts to ₹24,66,59,280/-, which is equivalent to Twenty Four crore, Sixty Six lakh, Fifty Nine thousand, and Two Hundred Eighty rupees.**

**So, the above figures depicts that the goal of our charitable institution “Manav Seva EJ Prabhu Seva” is constantly being fulfilled.**

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