



# Updates from Team MECT – February to May 2024

*Giving tribal children the right to quality education and care*





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# Founder's Note



Shri. Parimal Parmar  
**Founder Trustee (MECT)**

I am happy to be sharing our updates on the occasion of the World Environment Day. I witnessed our students planting more than 50 trees in the vicinity of our campus. Every year they also take good care of them, which makes me proud. Persistence and compassion are often the most under-rated traits in achieving sustainable outcomes. Today is also a day the NEET results were declared. As anticipated, this HSC batch has bettered the existing institution record for the most number of students who have got a merit score. This was also the case with the MECT students who appeared for the 2023-24 Board Exams and the Eklavya Model school assessment. More details are shared in subsequent slides, but it vindicates some of the key strategies we made post Covid. The most important one was to expand our service and set up a new campus for tribal girls. That dream is almost a reality now with the inauguration slated for July. The other satisfying feeling is the outcomes that we are getting from the investments we have made in the sports domain. Tribal students are naturally gifted @ sports and we continue to get podium spaces at district and state level tournaments. None of these outcomes could have been achieved without the generosity of the supporters, who have been journeying with us for close to 2 decades. Team MECT commits to deliver.



Shantaba Vidyalyaya



Vidyavan Centers



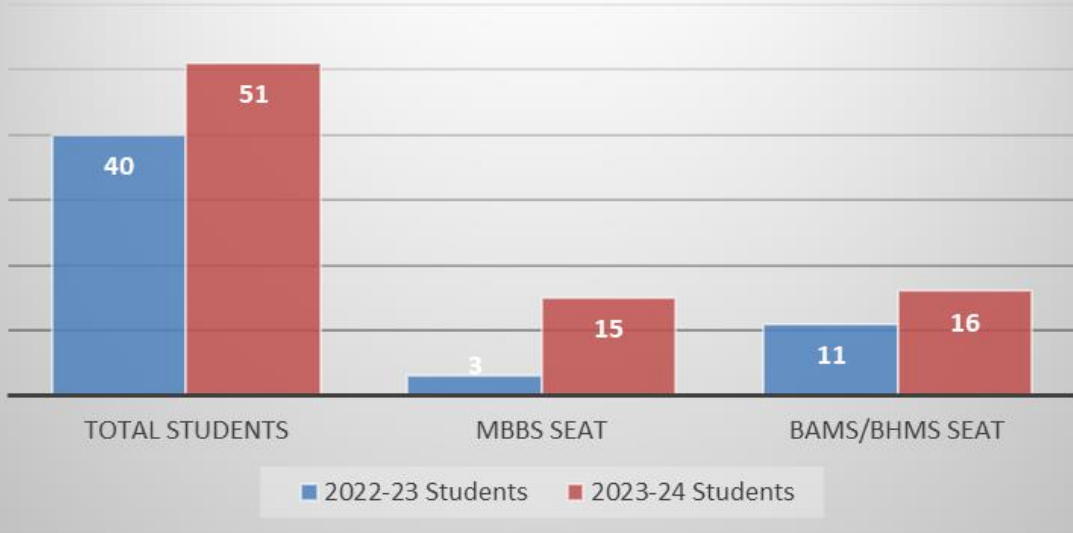
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# **Mission 2027:** Double the directly served to 4000 students



# Major Impacts

## NEET Results - MECT



*\*2023-24 results are forecasted based on last year's cut off score.*

- ✓ + 100% increase in the number of students anticipated to get a seat in either MBBS/BAMS/BHMS. This year **31** students (out of 51) have got a qualifying score as per the cut off of the previous year. This is in comparison to 14 in the previous 2 batches.
- ✓ 15 students are likely to get into an MBBS stream which is 5x the average of 3 students for the previous 2 academic years.
- ✓ This year 40 students got special coaching for the NEET exams.

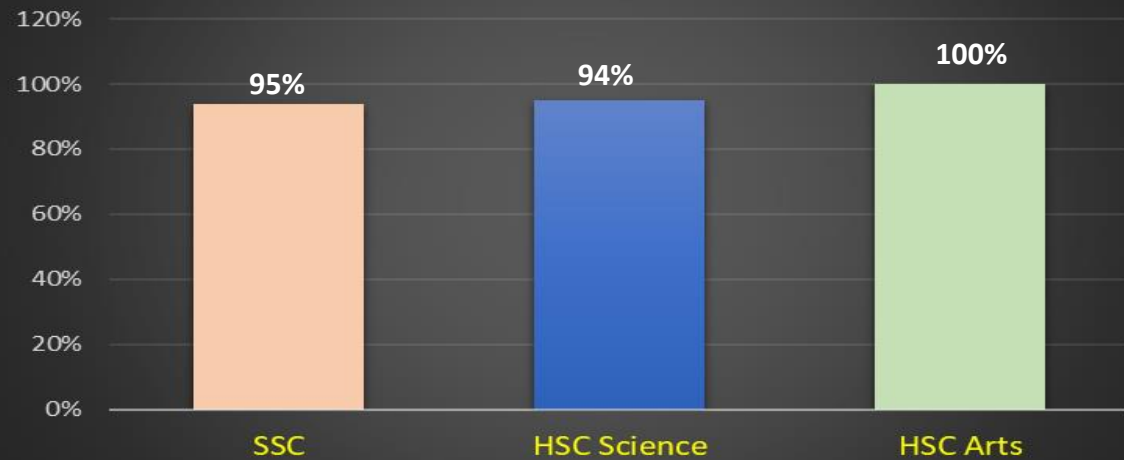


**Ms. Ravina** has 9 members in her home. Her parents are small farmers, who work on other people's farms during the non-monsoon season. She joined in STD 9 and has been one of the most industrious students. Ravina attributes her success to the strict study environment. There are no phones allowed and no money at one's disposal, so the only focus has to be studies and career. She has got a NEET score that easily qualifies her for admission into a top govt. medical college in Gujarat. We are proud of our daughter and are confident she will be an inspiration to other students who follow her batch.

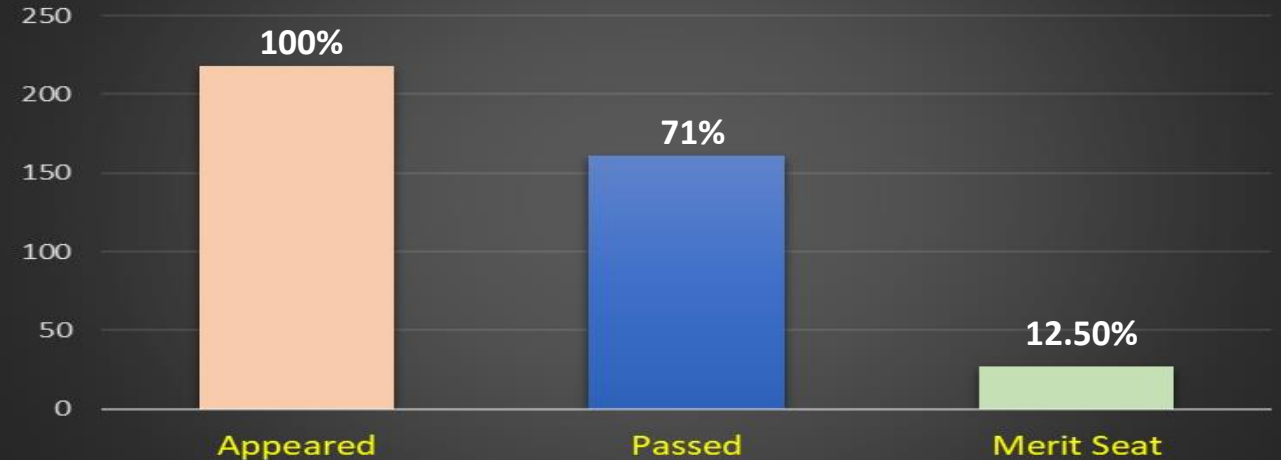
**Ms. Payal** comes from the Halpatti community which is known to be one of the most marginalized even within the tribals. The family has no land, no cattle and are only engaged in farm labour work. Payal has been with Shantaba School since preschool and has been bright all along. Even in SSC she had topped the batch so it wasn't surprising that she was one of the toppers of the NEET batch as well. She feels that her success was due to regular counselling which helped her remain focused. There is also daily yoga and other farming activities which break the monotony. She is the 1<sup>st</sup> from the Halpatti community @ Kukeri to get an MBBS seat.



## 2023-24 Board Results



## Vidyavan - Eklavya Results



### Center of Excellence:

Ketan, Vibha and Krupali have a few things in common. They are students in STD 5 and happily learn under their Vidyavan Guru, "Chayaben". The 3 friends have all qualified for the prestigious Eklavya Schools. They have their uniqueness as well. Ketan is super punctual, Vibha is great at solving puzzles and Krupali is one of the rare ones who can read English with reasonable fluency. As first generational school goers they are doing very well. Congratulations to their families and to Chayaben. Mamabacha center is shining brightly.

### Highlights:

- ✓ Highest ever pass% in HSC Science for Shantaba Vidyalaya.
- ✓ HSC Arts gets a 100% passing result for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a row.
- ✓ 75% of SSC students got a Distinction score which is the highest ever for the institution.
- ✓ 71% passing rate at Eklavya Exams for Vidyavan students vs 52% for the state. 34 students are expected to get admission into the elite Eklavya Model Schools by Round 2. This is double the number of the pilot year 2022-23.

\*Eklavya residential schools are run by the government in PPP mode for gifted tribal students. Admissions are based on a competitive exam conducted at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> STD. Approximately 4% of students who appear get an admission seat.

\*MECT currently runs 45 Vidyavan centers in isolated villages. The goal is to set up 100 centers by 2027.







### **Vidyadhan Scholarship:**

12 students from the Shantaba School 11<sup>th</sup> STD qualified for the Vidyadhan Scholarship, which is run Pan India by the Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives. Under the scheme, the scholars are eligible for fee & educational expenses reimbursements till the time they complete graduation. Their 4 day orientation training is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Lifting for glory:**

Jenil Halpati has a mother and a younger brother at home. Both the boys study at Shantaba Vidyalaya. His mother is a helper at the school. Jenil has been passionate about lifting weights and Rajulaben has toiled to find the money to sponsor his gym fee. Recently his efforts paid off handsomely as he won the bronze medal at the under 18 state weightlifting championships.

### **Sports Role Model:**

Parvati is an alumni who is part of the 2022-23 HSC Arts Batch. She had won a gold medal at the district shot put championship when she was our student. Parvati has since then joined a Bachelors course in sports education @ Rajpipla. Coming from a very poor family and without a father, she had been regularly doing farm labour before she joined Shantaba School in 9<sup>th</sup> Std. Parvati is a role model, so it wasn't surprising that students like Jenil have now applied at her sports college.

\*MECT has plans to launch a dedicated sports school by 2027





# Important Events



1> In the month of May, Mr. Mahesh Mehta who is the Secretary of Samagra Shiksha (Gujarat) visited Shantaba Vidyalaya, Vatsalyadham and the SAFAL Campus along with the District Education Officer. He addressed the students appearing for competitive exams, encouraging them to follow their inner passion when making their career choice.

2> International Malkhamb coach and 2024 Padma Shri Award winner, Shri Uday Deshpande was at Shantaba Vidyalaya to coach students at a summer camp organized by the NGO "Our Children".

3> At Samanvay 2024 held at the Sardar Dham campus (Ahmedabad), Shri Kaushik Padher (Primary Principal) was felicitated on behalf of Shantaba School for excellence in education.

4> Dr. Rohan Chariwala, Director of Subodh Netraseva Trust from Sitapur spoke to students about the struggles he faced in his life wherein he even worked as a farm worker to buy his uniform. In 2024 Dr Rohan won an inspiring youth leader award at Dhaka for his ophthalmology service for tribal communities.



# **Key Priorities**

## **June to September 2024**

### **Funding Needs**





### Key Priorities:

- ✓ Inaugurate the new school for tribal girls and welcome +250 girls and new staff members by July 2024. Over the next 2 years, this new residential school campus will house +750 girls. A total of 36 rooms are being built across the 4 floor building.
- ✓ Complete the baseline assessment and Induct all the new students through a structured bridge course.
- ✓ Set up a state of the art, STEM lab which will focus on hands on projects & experiments.

### Funding Needs:

- 1> 150 benches (2 seater) @ Rs 8000/- per set
- 2> 250 mattresses @ Rs 2450 per piece
- 3> 125 double beds @ Rs 8250 per bed
- 4> 5 interactive 75 inch smart panels for classrooms @ Rs 1.40 lakhs per panel
- 5> 16 green boards and bulletin boards @ Rs 2250 each
- 6> 25 laptops for the computer lab @ Rs 38,000/ laptop (+1 laptop for NEET Classes)

**\*The per student sponsorship for the year @ Shantaba School is unchanged at Rs 30,000/-**

**\*The sponsorship of 1 Vidyavan Learning Center for a year (25 students) is Rs 2,00,000/-**

*\* Donations to MECT are eligible for deduction under Sec 80G (IT Rules). We are also registered under FCRA.*



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