#### Malvi Educational and Charitable Trust, Kukeri







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

Update - December 2024 to March 2025



Founder Trustee: Mr. Parimal Parmar

# MECT: Who We Are Championing

"The Right to Quality Education and Care."

The primary goal of education is to get children to think about how they can transform their community and society. This can happen only when they experience the change themselves and develop both academic skills as well as character. Team MECT along with its mentors, aspires to provide such a life changing exposure to marginalized tribal students of South Gujarat.

Mission: Doubling the headcount by 2027 to 4000 students

#### Malvi Educational and Charitable Trust (MECT)

Established in 2003 at Kukeri village (Navsari District), MECT runs the following educational programs for **tribal students**. The Goal is to demonstrate the possibility of delivering high quality impacts at an affordable cost.



#### 830 students @ Shantaba Vidyalaya

Residential school with 40% students in orphan or single parent category and 60% girls. The school has grades from pre-school to 12<sup>th</sup> Science & Arts.



#### 1180 students @ Vidyavan Learning Centers

Community women led learning centers providing tribal students (till Std 5) across 45 border villages access to an engaging & contextual learning program.



#### 148 alumni students

+90% students of Shantaba Vidyalaya pursue higher education beyond HSC. MECT supports its alumni with need based financial assistance and career guidance.



#### **Major Impacts: (recent 3 years)**

- √ +94% Average Board passing results
- ✓ 50 of HSC Batch students admitted into MBBS/BAMS/BHMS courses.
- √ +12 applications for every seat on offer. (high demand)

# Major INFRA Updates

#### **Inaugurated a New Tribal School for Girls**

- ✓ In February 2025, Shri Vallabh Bhansali and Shrimati Surajben inaugurated the new tribal girls school and addressed all the teachers.
- ✓ The new campus will initially serve 450 girls, with the count slated to expand to 900 by 2027.
- ✓ By June 2025, the classrooms will have smart interactive panels and modern facilities including STEM labs, a Robotics Lab and a Books & Game Library. There will be dedicated spaces for Music, Craft and Virtual Coaching for competitive examinations.











Roop Kunwarba Kanya Vidhyalay – Capacity to serve 900 students by 2027

## **Khart Muhurat of Primary School Campus**

- ✓ A new residential primary school campus is being constructed on a 1 acre plot, next to Vatsalyadham.
- ✓ To be launched in January 2026, the school will have a capacity to serve **300 tribal children** from preschool to Grade 5.
- ✓ The concept school with the aim to be an NEP model primary school, will only admit students in the following categories:
- a) Orphans
- b) Students with a single parent
- c) Students with a handicapped parent





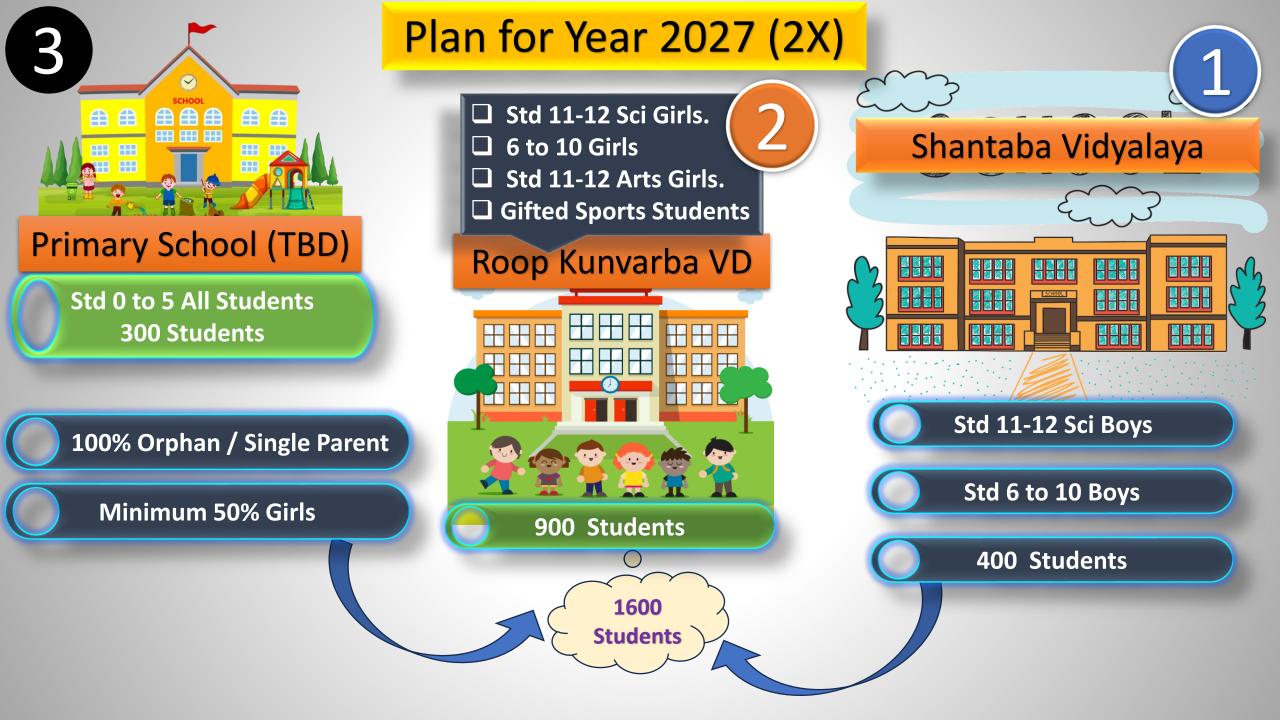
Admission for this proposed school has already begun with 30 new students given admission letters.

## One Floor Addition on the boys hostel building



- Added one floor on boys hostel to accommodate additional 50 boys (total 320 boys capacity)
- Starting 2025, Shantaba School will add a Math Stream to encourage more boys to aspire for careers in Science and Technology.





# Major Program Updates

## **New Strategic Project - Sports 4 Development**







Buoyed by the success of the medical stream, MECT now embarks on a mission to **promote sports as a career** for gifted students. Starting with 25 students, the sports quota for gifted students will grow to 100 by 2026. A partnership with **Dani Sports Foundation** has been forged for providing professional coaching to sports educators and co-developing a PE curriculum that is engaging for students across grades and potential.







\* In 2024-25, a record 48 students got podium places at the School games and Khel Mahakumbh (Govt. organized)

### **Impact - Story of Vani Patel**

Ms. Vani Patel joined Shantaba Vidhyalay in STD 4. Having lost her husband, Vani's mother was struggling to take care of her two young daughters. She got herself skilled as a beautician and works in a local beauty parlor. Vani's old grandmother also lives with them in Valsad. From Day 1 she was amongst the top 5 in her class. She participated in a Rope Malkhamb camp post Covid and did exceedingly well. Buoyed since then, Vani has really taken to sports. In 2024 she won a silver at the Khel Mahakumbh (District tournament) in speed walking. Vani now aspires to pursue her career in sports. With a lot of impetus on this domain, she is in the right place.



Vani with her little sister Aayushi who is in STD 3







Winning at Khel Mahakumbh at the Speed Walk event



The names have been changed in this write up, to protect the identity of the students.

#### **Student Exposure Visits**

- Due to South Gujarat being in a rainfall intense zone, every year the winter months are utilized to provide much needed exposure visit for children across grades.
- The visits are planned in such a way that students are also experiencing the concepts that learn in the syllabus.
- Examples of exposure visits this year:
- ✓ CIBART to study bamboo processing
- ✓ Science Centre & State Legislative Assembly in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ Bee Keeping Farm in Soldhara
- ✓ RMD Ayurvedic College by HSC Sc batch.











\* Team MECT conveys its special thanks to Amulakh Amichand Vidhyalay & Mr. Girish Saive for facilitating the reward visits to Mumbai every year for batches that get a 100% passing result in Board Exams.

## **Capacity Building of the Team**

MECT invest is exposure visits and need based training for it staff round the year. In this reporting period the following were the major investments on staff capacity building:

- ✓ Mathematics in every life for Primary Grade teachers at ARCH Research Center (Dharampur).
- ✓ Learning Tour to international schools in Surat (SUV International School & Fountainhead School).
- ✓ In January, the school Principals participated at the Yuva Pragati & Muni Seva Ashram organized NGO Leadership Conclave.
- ✓ Saturday Thinking Circles to design connected curriculum.
- ✓ POCSO ACT refresher training for the school team by Advocate Bina Patel who is the DCPU Navsari.







The average days allocated for Training Staff at MECT is 12 days per year.

### **JOSH 2024 – Hosting a Festival of talents**

- Since 2023, Shantaba Vidhyalay has been hosting an interschool cultural event for like minded institutions that are working for the holistic development of tribal students.
- JOSH 2024 was organized in the last week of December, with primary grade students from 20 government schools (Dharampur & Vansda taluka) and 5 other local schools participating in the cultural and sports fest.
- This year's JOSH included a variety of athletic events and competitions like Quiz, Speech, Drama, Music, Traditional Dance, Art, Rangoli, Mehndi and Poster design. The event presents a rare opportunity for tribal children in remote areas to showcase their talents.









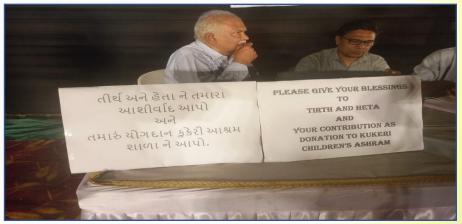


\* In 2025 JOSH will be bigger that ever before with 10 more schools evincing interest in participation.

# A wedding with a difference

Shri Rakeshbhai Desai has been a well-wisher of MECT over the years. Recently, during his son Tirth's wedding near the city of Valsad, he along with his family decided to not accept any gifts from the guests and instead donate it all for the education of tribal children at Shantaba Vidhyalay. An amount of Rs 5 lakhs was donated with a whole lot of blessings. Our team was very touched by this kind gesture, not just from the family but indeed all their friends and relatives.







The gift has invested in the corpus of the Trust with the interest used for educating students YOY.













- ✓ Adolescent Program by A.M. Naik Foundation on health & hygiene.
- ✓ 12 MECT students who are part of the Shibulal Foundation scholarship program attended a 4 day Leadership Workshop in Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Record Produce of 1200 kgs turmeric § 3000 kg veg at our organic farm.
- ✓ STD 9 team at NJ Science FEST in Surat.
- / IAS Vaishali R at our Republic Day event.
- On MECT Founder's Day, the cheque distribution for all alumni was held.

#### Thank You! We Look Forward To Your Support



Funding Gaps for FY 2024-25 (as on March 20<sup>th</sup>)

- ☐ Sponsorship of the annual cost of 90 students (@Rs 30,000 per student.)
- ☐ Sponsorship of 5 Vidyavan Community Learning Centers. (@ Rs 2 lakhs per center with an avg. of 25 students each)

#### **Additional Needs:**

- ☐ 3 Smart Panels @ Rs 1.41 lakh each & 1 TV @ Rs 21,000
- ☐ Maruti EECO Vehicle for medical emergencies, local logistics and commuting: Rs 7.40 lakhs
- ☐ Table Tennis Table with Set: Rs 20,000
- Robotics Lab for 2025-26 (starting June): Rs 3.75 lakhs

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