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UNITED FUSION STUDY FOUNDATION Students Get-Together 2023-24



UFSF Get-Together– On 16th July, 2023 first Students' Get-Together of 2023-24 was organised under United Fusion Study Foundation Program. More than 250 students from all over Gujarat attended. Smt. Ranjanben Bhatt, Member of Parliament was Chief guest and she launched UFSF Annual Magazine 'Endeavour'. This year Endeavour's theme is 'Empowering students, Inspiring Changes'. Mr. Shivinder Chawla, Ms. Nilam Acharya and Ms. Linda van der Wijk all spoke, and motivated students to dream big and to inspire others.



To help the students in their personal and professional lives, a session on **Team Management by Mr. Mehernose Daruwalla** and a session on the Importance of **Soft Skills learning by Ms. Deval Joshi** were conducted. Mr. Kunjal Patel Chairman, Mrs. Pritty Patel-Vice Chairperson, Mr. Hemant Shah- RDC Chair, Mrs. Harleen Chawla, Mr. Amit Goradia, Mr. Minesh Patel, Mr. Dhanu Patel and Mrs. Yasmine Patel also attended the program, expressing their continued support to the students

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MISSION SHIKSHA MENTORING SESSION

A Therapeutic Session under Mission Shiksha was conducted to address academic challenges and changing exam patterns for students in grades 1 to 5. Mrs. Deval, a Behavior Coach, led the session for the children of the Mission Shiksha and their parents. During the session, it was observed that 20 students were in a vulnerable academic situation and required additional support. The primary aim of this session was to encourage parents to take an active role in their children's academics. Parents were also guided on creating a conducive atmosphere at home and motivating their children to excel in their studies.



PROUD MOMENT FOR TEAM UWB!-

UWB team member **Vishal Soni, Program Coordinator- CSR** awarded with **BRAVO Award** (Behaviour that Respect and Value others) by United Way of India on 14th July 2023. Vishal's high spirit behaviour and consistent efforts to make real difference in society with his action is always a motivation for UWB team. He did exemplary work towards ITI projects, inclusivity of Specially Aabled People in Education and Sustainable Environment – Solar Run Water Purification System in rural Gujarat through innovative CSR projects. Three employees of UWB- **Mrs. Nilam Acharya- Deputy Director, Mr. Anil Jadhav- Head Account and Mr. Muktsinh Rathod- Driver**, received token of appreciation from United Way India for their 10-year of continuous service with UWB.



CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE CERTIFICATE

We're delighted to share that UNITED WAY OF BARODA has achieved **Accreditation under the Desirable Norms for five years Credibility Alliance**. UWB consistently upholds the highest standards of service, transparency, and accountability in its community engagement. Our commitment remains unwavering in maintaining integrity and advancing good governance.



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ORPHAN & DESTITUTE AND SINGLE PARENT PROJECT- EDUCATION KIT DISTRIBUTION

On the 1st of September 2023, an event was organised at the Narshi Mehta Hall of NPSS. This event was dedicated to provide educational support to orphan, destitute, and single-parent students within the NPSS community. A symbolic gathering, it brought together more than 160 students from 8 NPSS school of Vadodara, where customised educational kits were distributed. In year 2023-24, under this project, a total of 2,226 children from 120 NPSS-affiliated schools of vadodara will receive educational kits for their academics. The event was graced by esteemed individuals including Mr. Mineshkumar Pandya (Chair of NPSS), Dr. Hemang Joshi (Vice Chair of NPSS), Mr. DH Chudasama (Administrative Officer of



NPSS), Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla (Chairman of the Community Impact Committee at UWB), Mr. Minesh Patel (Vice Chair at UWB), Mr. Pinakin Shah (Trustee at UWB), Tinoo Chawla (Trustee at UWB), and Mrs. Nilam Acharya (Deputy Director at UWB), in the presence of NPSS teachers, UWB staff, and volunteers.

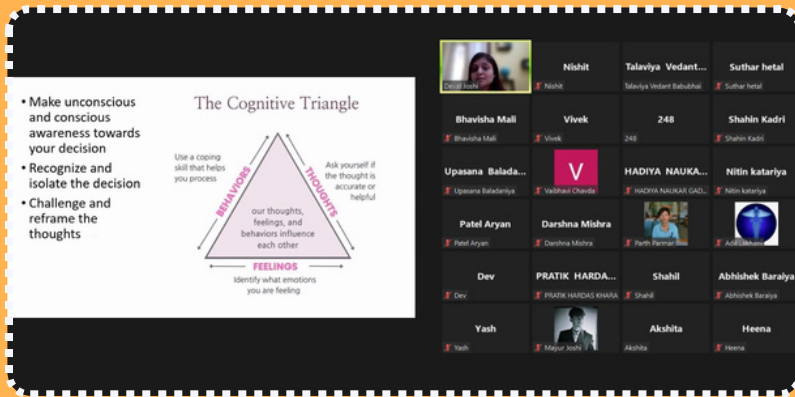
SHIKHAR SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND LAUNCH OF UMANG PROJECT



On **5th September 2023**, a momentous occasion unfolded as educational support was extended to deserving students of the Shikhar Science Scholarship and Umang Educational Project under Community Impact Projects.

A total of **190 students received Scholarships**, among them 90 students are of 11th and 12th-grade Science stream and 100 students of Primary and Secondary grades. This event is evident as **20 lakhs of Scholarships is disbursed**, which will serve as a beacon of hope for these young minds. Event was honoured to have esteemed guests in attendance, adding prestige to the event: Mr. Shivindersingh Chawla (CIC-Chair), Ms. Tinoo Chawla (UWB Trustee), Ms. Nilam Acharya (Deputy Director, UWB) and team of UWB.

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As part of the United Fusion Study Foundation Project, a one-hour Zoom session on the topic **"Endeavor Soft Skill Development Series"** was conducted, with participation from 93 students. The session, led by **Ms. Deval Joshi**, centered around the theme **"Secret of Self" (SOS)**.

During the session, the significance of self-belief and the process of self-introspection were expounded upon. The students were provided with insights into these concepts, aiming to equip them with the knowledge and tools to unlock their potential and achieve a deeper understanding of themselves, ultimately contributing to their personal and academic growth.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Alstom CSR- Hygiene Kit Distribution

Under the **Rural Rising** CSR initiative of Alstom India, the **GendHer Campaign** was initiated to promote menstrual hygiene among rural women in Hathipura and Manjusar. With a comprehensive focus on education, health, and empowerment, the CSR-driven GendHer campaign aims to catalyze positive transformations among women. Throughout the year, multiple expert sessions were organized to raise awareness among women regarding the importance of menstrual hygiene and dispelling associated myths. These expert sessions encompassed crucial topics, including Menstrual Hygiene Management, discussions on the changes our bodies undergo as we mature, the theory of menstruation, menstrual symptoms, and menopause, healthy menstrual management involving nutrition and products, as well as the debunking of myths and taboos surrounding menstruation. Additionally, constructive conversations were facilitated between mothers and daughters. As part of this initiative, **400 hygiene kits were distributed** to women and girls under the GendHer campaign, ensuring improved health and hygiene standards within the community.

Damini Vapre Management Trainee HR- Alstom, Jaisingh Chauhan -Village Sarpanch, Mr. Ram Mahavadiya CSR head and team of UWB were present in the distribution event.



Alstom CSR Kick Start Event



On 29th & 30th Sept 2023 under the CSR initiative of Alstom, "**Project Subharambh 2023-24**" was started by United Way Chapters (Bengaluru & Baroda) at Hathipura village (Anand) & Anjesar village (Vadodara). Under the "Project Subharambh" following components were inaugurated.

- Anganwadi Refurbishment at Anjesar and along with kitchen garden will also provide Teaching Learning material to Supervisors. This refurbishment will benefit 105 students.
- Setting up of Eco Park at Temple for villagers and visitors to foster healthy environment.
- 1 Anganwadi construction at Hathipura, will be equipped with Rainwater harvesting system, Solar Roof Top and Kitchen Garden. 110 children will benefit from this project.
- Certificate Distribution- 50 women received Tailoring Course Completion Certificate. These 50 women will receive Advanced Training in Tailoring and Entrepreneurial Development Program Training in the year 2023-24.
- Employee Engagement Event under theme "Beat the Plastic Pollution" & "Give Back to the Nature". 60 employees participated in volunteering event.

Event was graced by Site MD, Site Director, Manager CSR & Sustainability from Bengaluru, Site HR Head, CSR Head-UWB, Program Manager-UWBe, Gram Sarpanch, Talati shree, Youth Leaders, Team of both UW chapter & 40+ employees from the Alstom Plants (Maneja, Chhani, Savli) joined for the Event.

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Sabic CSR Project Inauguration- School Enhancement



School Enhancement Project inauguration of developed facilities at Govt. Sec & Higher Sec. School, Village: Anjesar- Savli supported by CSR partner Sabic in the FY 2022-23. The developed facilities in the Secondary School are- Digital Smart Classroom, New Toilet Block for Girls, Provision of 80 Wooden Benches & 05 Green chalk Boards. Roof Water Proofing on school building, 16 Ceiling Fan & 16 LED Tube lights and Entrance Compound wall.

183 students will be benefitted from these developed facilities and ensure the quality education to rural students. Inauguration were attended by Mr. Ram Mahavadiya - Head CSR UWB, Gram Sarpanch Shree Hasmukhbhai Patel, Mr. Jigensh Patel - Deputy Sarpanch, Mr. Nitin Upadhyay- School Principal, Panchyat Members & School members.

LM Wind Power CSR Project Inauguration

Inauguration of LM Wind Power Ltd CSR project activities in Government Model School - Dhaneshwar (Ghoghamba). UWB with network partner United Way Bengaluru inaugurated below CSR facilities:

- 2 Smart Classrooms with Smart interactive panels
- 2 RO Water Coolers to ensure access to clean and safe drinking water
- One Mini Science Lab with working models to promote STEM learning
- 25 Solar Street Lights installed in Dhaneshwar village, commitment to sustainability energy



The Inauguration event was graced by Senior Plant Director Rajesh Aithal - LM Wind Power Halol, Mini Tulasidas-Communications LM Wind Power Halol, along with dignitaries from LM Wind Power, CSR Head Ram Mahavadiya - UWB, Sunny Devnani CSR Project Coordinator - and team of United Way of Baroda. School Principal Mr. Ramsinh Rathva- Govt. Model School Ghoghamba and Dhaneshwar Village Sarpanch representative Mr. Manubhai Rathva and Dhaneshwar Deputy Sarpanch Prakash Bhai were also present.

LM Wind Power CSR - Employee Volunteering



On the 22nd of September 2023, a Teachers' Day Celebration was conducted at Model School, Halol Taluka, facilitated by Employee Volunteering in partnership with LM Wind Power. Nine employees from LM Wind Power engaged in the task of instructing students across various subjects. During this initiative, students were educated on essential facets of both academic and personal development. The event not only marked a celebration of teachers but also served as a platform for imparting valuable knowledge and guidance to the students, enabling them to make well-informed decisions concerning their future pursuits. This commendable effort yielded benefits not only for the students but also for the broader community.



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