

NAVIN DESAI RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Progress Report: May 2009

Introduction

May 21, 2009 signifies the 5th anniversary of Navin's departure from us and the continuation of his eternal journey. His vision to support this noble cause, to this day, is being carried out by the friends, family and lots of well wishers of these children.

Since last progress report of 10th June 2008 and Vocational Training Program report of 26th June 2008, (please visit www.navindesai.org) submitted by Air Marshal Prakash Desai (Retired), Navin Desai Residential School has come a long way.

Progress

1. **46 students, who had joined first batch in 2007, advanced to second standard.**



Kids learning "Pranayama" Yoga

2. **The school has received recognition to provide education up to 4th standard under the Mahatma Fule Assurance Scheme.** In July 2008, second batch of 50 students were enrolled for first standard. Additionally 34 students of higher class have been provided free boarding and lodging at this school with arrangements to receive free education at another school.



3. The school building construction is progressing as needed.



Front View of Building



Rear View of Building

4. Dairy Farm Project to support the school is progressed in steps.



Future Plans

Following future plans have been crystallized by Amrapali Utkarsh Sangh which manages Navin Desai Residential School as well as Vimlashram Gharkul – project to rehabilitate children of commercial sex workers.

- **Take Navin Desai Residential School up to 12th Standard**
- **Open more Fun Schools to cover larger number of children**
- **Continue to support children of commercial sex workers for professional education, vocational training and social rehabilitation**
- **Continue community development and healthcare activities to imbibe good value amongst all children**
 - **Establish multi-skill vocational training Program**
 - **Establish Mobile Health Care Clinic**

Forecast of Funds Required

Future forecast of funds required by Amrapali Utkarsh Sangh is as follows:

Figures in Rupees Thousands (US\$ in Thousands)

Description	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Vimlashram Gharkul	650.4 (13.0)	851.4 (17.0)	1017.6 (20.3)	1187.9 (23.8)
Navin Desai Residential School	577.5 (11.5)	766.0 (15.3)	1066.0 (21.3)	1262.0 (25.2)
Fun Schools	284.0 (5.7)	336.0 (6.7)	409.0 (8.2)	529.0 (10.6)
Community Development & Health Programs	208.6 (4.2)	255.0 (5.1)	316.0 (6.3)	407.0 (8.1)
Establishment and Other Expenses	282.5 (5.7)	295.7 (5.9)	393.0 (7.9)	474.4 (9.5)
Total	2003.0 (40.1)	2499.1 (50.0)	3201.6 (64.0)	3860.3 (77.2)

**** AN URGENT APPEAL ****

Natural Calamity

There is urgent requirement for extending the class room and hostel facility for third batch to be enrolled in July 2009. Cost was estimated as Rupees 500,000 (\$ 10,000 Approx). While efforts were in hand to source the funds for this requirement, natural calamity has occurred disrupting the entire planning for the school.

Due to unusually severe summer temperatures in Nagpur area (48° C – 118° F), the water level in Panchgaon area, where the school is located, has gone down and there is no water in the wells in all villages in that area. School has been forced to send the children temporarily to their parents due to lack of water. Some goats which were given to the school by some donors have died and cattle in the dairy farm are barely surviving on water being bought from far off location. This has created a crisis requiring immediate action. There is need to explore deep level boring to find water. There being no guarantee to find water wherever boring is carried out after survey, risk of some wasteful expenditure cannot be ruled out. **However it is inevitable that these efforts are initiated immediately. Funds to the tune of Rupees 500 Thousand (\$ 10,000 Approx) are required to overcome this unexpected human crisis. We, therefore, appeal to all Donors of Navin Desai Memorial Fund to generously donate to meet this immediate need to take forward the Project.**

If you would like to help for this emergency and the noble cause, please write a check to “Arpan Foundation” and include “Navin Desai Residential School” in the memo field. Arpan Foundation is a 501-C3 organization and your donation will be tax deductible. Please mail it to:

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