

# APPEAL FOR DONATION AMRAPALI UTKARSH SANGH, NAGPUR

## Introduction

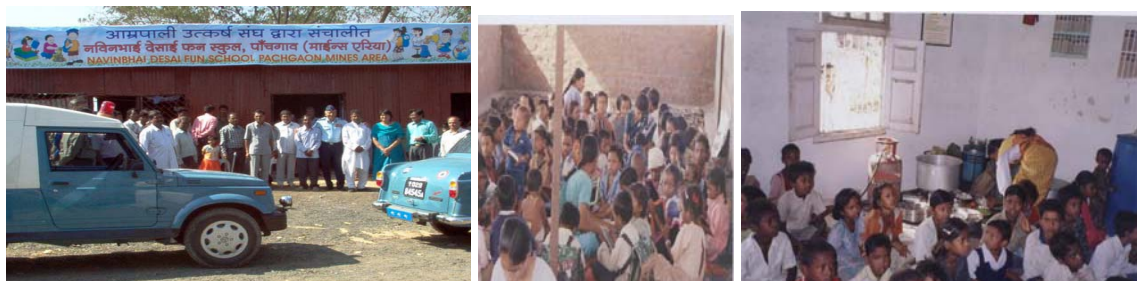
1. Amrapali Utkarsh Sangh, Nagpur is a Voluntary Development & Educational Organization; promoted and formed by committed people. It is an organization which believes that people have a capacity to transform their situation provided they are made aware of their own situations and at the same time to generate awareness in them about their own potentials and capacities. The organization works with people from under privileged communities with education and healthcare being their prime focus. Various projects undertaken by Amrapali Utkarsh Sangh which need financial support are briefly described below.

## Vimlashram Gharkul



2. “Vimlashram Gharkul” the brain child of Mr. Ram Ingle dates back to the year 1980. After prolonged but unsuccessful struggle to rehabilitate the commercial sex workers of Nagpur, it was conceived that if the habits, tendencies & mind set of the sex workers are changed, they won’t drag their innocent children into this flesh trade. After frequent meetings and intense deliberations, the rehabilitation centre for children of commercial sex workers, named as “Vimlashram Gharkul”, came into existence in the year 1992. It started its activity with four adopted children of the commercial sex workers with limited financial resources and with responsibilities of providing food, shelter, healthcare and education to these children. In the beginning “Vimlashram Gharkul” had to face stiff opposition from the society for this project of running a home for children of sex workers. “Vimlashram Gharkul” had to change rented accommodation seven times till it had a structure of its own. “Vimlashram Gharkul” is proud to state that some 50 children that were adopted in different difficult circumstances have groomed well. Some of them have become graduates, some are taking professional social work education, some got married and some are pursuing higher technical education such as polytechnic, engineering courses. At present 38 children are staying at Vimlashram Gharkul and undergoing education at various levels. Funds donated to Vimlashram Gharkul are used towards expenditure for their food, clothing and education.

## Fun School



- The children from “Vimlashram Gharkul” under the guidance of Mr. Ram Ingole started Sunday school for children of these laborers. The word “School” did not exist in the dictionary of these children. The Sunday school started at Panchgaon was initially under a tree. Later it started functioning in a shed on daily basis with children being provided mid-day meal for motivation to come to school. Vimlashram Gharkul organized regular health camps for these children and their parents. The project is unique because it is being run by children who came out of unfavorable socio economic conditions and got opportunity to lead a respectful life. Such informal school called Fun School, helps in spreading awareness about education, health, hygiene and develops basic skills in these children. Though subsequently a Free Residential School has been established, this Fun School is functioning to accommodate children who cannot be admitted to Residential School. It also serves as feeding institution for Residential School. It has at present 34 children who attend this day school with mid-day free meal. Funds are required for operational expense for this school.

### **Navin Desai Residential School**



- The attempt to educate labourers’ children made by Vimlashram Gharkul on a very small scale received an unexpected and unusual support. Air Marshal Mr. P.K. Desai (Retd.) PVSM, AVSM, VSM along with his wife Mrs. Neena Desai were associated with “Vimlashram Gharkul” from 1999. They continued the association and also involved their brother Mr. Navin Desai, an NRI settled in USA. Mr. Navin Desai was highly impressed by noble work done by Mr. Ram Ingole and his associates and assured financial help for a residential school for stone quarry children. Unfortunately Mr. Navin Desai passed away following a massive heart attack very shortly after returning to USA.
- Despite this unfortunate happening, the dream of late Mr. Navin Desai was decided to be fulfilled by his friends, mostly Americans, and family. In this direction their first initiative was a financial help for purchase of land and part construction of school/hostel building in Panchgaon. The school was decided to be named “Navin Desai Residential School” in the loving memory of late Mr. Navin Desai by the functionaries of “Vimlashram Gharkul”. Four batches of students have joined the school from Jul 2007 to Jul 2010. 34 children of higher standards are also enrolled in the school for boarding and lodging. They will be joined by another 50 children in July 2011. At present four batches of students, approximately 200 boys and girls are receiving free education, boarding, and lodging at the school. It is planned to take it up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade giving education to approx 600 children of below poverty line population. The purpose of the residential school is not only to offer formal education to the children, but to develop vocational skills which would help them in improving their employability. Towards this end one Vocational Training Programme of 1 month duration was conducted in year 2008 for 287 grown up poor children of the area and at present another project to conduct 6 month vocational training courses for 40 children in each of six

bathes over a period of 3 years is in progress at the school under grant from Dorabjee Tata Trust. Donations are required under following code heads for this project:

- (a) **Infrastructure.** There are one time capital funds required for building up infrastructure for the school and hostel. Completion of present building is estimated to cost Rs 7,200,000. Out of this approximately Rs 4,000,000 are already available. If present building is completed, it will be possible to go up to 8<sup>th</sup> standard. For further growth up to 12<sup>th</sup> standard, efforts are in hand to raise the funds under Corporate Social Responsibility from certain corporation through help of Collector, Nagpur. There will also be requirement to acquire school and hostel furniture and other requirements to provide boarding and lodging facilities.
- (b) **Operational.** For operational expenditure for education of the children, funds are required towards teacher and other staff salary, food, uniform, books etc. You can donate Rs 12000 for one year stay and education of one child towards this expense.
- (c) **Healthcare.** Expenses are regularly incurred towards healthcare of children.
- (d) **Dairy Project.** For generating resources, a dairy project has been initiated. 23 cows and 11 buffalos have already been procured. You can donate Rs 20,000 towards buying one cow/buffalo or donate for cow shade/operational expenses for this project.

### **Vocational Training**

6. From the experience gained during vocational training conducted under the patronage of Sir Dorabjee Tata Trust, and in keeping with the objective of imparting vocational training to the children of Navin Desai Residential School; it has been felt that there is a need to develop permanent infrastructure and training aids for vocational training. You can donate towards this project.

### **Conclusion**

7. Your generous help is sought through this appeal for this organization which is trying to upgrade the children of less privileged section of the society through imparting basic education and human values. While all donations are to be made to Amrapali Utkarsh Sangh, you are requested to mention the project/code heads given above for which you wish your donation to be utilized.

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