

Friends Society
C/o N M Petit Library
Fatehgunj Main Road, Vadodara 390002
Half yearly Activity Update
(July-Dec 2022)

Dear all,

Season's Greetings!

Friends Society activity year is from July to June. We completed our half year journey for the year 22-23 in December 22. We are happy to share the half yearly activity update below.

Cheer up: 10 visits conducted by Cheer up volunteers at Samaj suraksha sankul situated at Pensionpura. On an average five volunteers visited each time. They conduct and participate with the inmates of Sankul in various games, singing and other recreational activities to break monotony and boredom in their institutionalised life.

Sunday school: Activities were conducted for 23 Sundays. Music therapy, art therapy and physiotherapy sessions were conducted regularly. On an average 20 beneficiaries and 10 FS volunteers attended on each Sunday apart from the expert and support staff. Several festivals celebration was organized like Rakshabandhan, Dahi handi, Gandhi Jayanti, Diwali. Activity recording books of beneficiaries were reviewed to assess their progress with the therapies extended to them. Several beneficiaries participated in PRERANA event organised by students of faculty of technology and engineering and won prizes in various competitions/events.

Blood donation: Blood donation camps were organised at Petit Library, Techno Led Company and Samsara apartments resulting in to total collection of 98 blood units.

Balwadi: Balwadi was run for 122 days during the half year for three hours each day. 41 children are currently registered. Apart from normal Balwadi syllabus activities, various festivals such as Ganesh Chaturthi, Dasshera, Diwali and Christmas were celebrated at Balwadi.

Program for Future Leaders: Volunteers worked out minute planning details for Shaurya, an open Vadodara sports event for children with disability, in several meetings held between September 22 and December 22. They worked on fund raising, logistics, sponsorship, venue arrangement, publicity etc. There were 723 registrations from 28 different schools and on the day of the event 476 children participated. Games such as Dabba Fod, 100 m running, Ball throw, Basket the ball, Dart, 50 meter race, Goal the ball, Long jump, Football, Hit the can, Identify the objects, Material race, Badminton, Shot-put were conducted. The event was conducted at the Rosary school ground on 18th December 22.

Program for University Youth: 19 sessions of Excel workshop was conducted by Aman Sharma for FSites. 9 participants took advantage of these sessions. Each session was for duration of an hour. This was aimed at enhancing participants' efficiency to use excel in their day to day working.

PUY started uploading book reviews on FS instagram page. Four videos of book review are uploaded.

Online session on Cyber Security (Data Protection) was conducted by Mr. Rajesh Sapkal, IT Security Infrastructure expert was conducted. It was attended by 25 participants and lasted for an hour.

A debate competition was organized on the topic of Reservations in India.

Youth Club: Youth Club activities were conducted for 134 days for two hours during evening hours 5 pm to 7 pm. On average 16 beneficiaries participated and on an average 6 volunteers conducted the activity. Apart from conducting activities of regular games and academic support, sessions on good touch- Bad Touch, Social etiquettes were organised. YC children participated in the Independence Day at Petit Library premises and showcased their Dancing skills, Skit etc.

They also celebrated Dahi handi, rakhi festival, Ganpati festival. One week long Art workshop was conducted by Fine arts students who are FS volunteers.

Library: Library was operated for 72 days during past six months (Two hours in the evening on alternate week days) Total members registered as on December is 48 and average attendance per week is 8 readers. With the help of some members and FS volunteers massive record updation of library books is undertaken. The plan is to digitalize the record and enable the readers to have trouble free easy identification of books.

Sewing and Vocational training classes: 22 trainees registered at sewing class. 18 appeared for qualifying examination. The trainees learnt pillow cover making, Fancy bags, simple petticoats, undergarments, market bag, V neck coat etc. they also visited winter Fest on 11th Dec 22

Educational Assistance to persons with disability: Provided Educational Assistance to 3 beneficiaries with visual disability and 2 Sunday school beneficiaries under Individual assistance programme

Other activities and events:

Independence Day was celebrated. Ms. Hemali Shah, a self-taught and director of HeMiK Art Academy, winner of Kala Ratna award, was the chief guest. Beneficiaries of various FS projects performed dance and singing on the occasion.

Membership:

As of December 22 we have 116 registered members.

We welcome Amita Hathila, Nikita Mirchandani and Aman Sharma as our new life members. Life members as of 31st December 2022 is 42.

General Information: Friends society is Vadodara based voluntary youth organization for community service. Donations to friends Society are exempted from Income Tax under section 80(G) 5 of Income Tax act, 1961. Cheque may be issued in the name of Friends Society. For online transaction the details are given hereunder.

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