

METHOD OF PAYMENT

I wish to make a single payment of £_____ OR

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To: _____ Bank

_____ Branch

Address: _____

A/C No: _____ Sorting Code: - -

Account Name: _____

Please Credit the amount shown below:

To: HSBC Bank Plc 90 High Street Thornton Heath Surrey CR7 8XE U.K.	Sort Code: 40 - 44 - 15
	Account Name: RAMVIJ CHARITY FUND
	Account No.: 91519697

Amount: £

Start Date:

Frequency: Monthly

Expiry Date: T.B.A

Quoting Reference Name:

Provide E-Mail Address: _____

Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary under the above reference.

Authorised Signature _____

Date _____

**Kasturba Sevashram Maroli
Chaswad, Kevadi & Ambawadi**

Amrut Mahotsava

Date of Establishment: 01 - 12 - 1930

Proposed Celebration: 01 - 12 - 2005



AT THE TIME OF LAYING FOUNDATION STONE.

Shri Gandhiji asked Mithuben ! Do you understand the responsibility of your request by asking me to lay this first stone to build the Maroli Ashram ????????????

Mithuben replied: "YES BAPU I am going to be Buried here" and TRULY she was buried in the soil of Maroli Ashram

Introduction

Shri Kapilaben
Mangaldas Mehta



Kasturba Gandhi

Kalyanjibhai Mehta

Mithuben Petit

KASTURBA SEVA-ASHRAM MAROLI:

A trust (foundation) started and established in the remote tribal villages of South Gujarat in the year of 1930.

Organised by a lady, late Pu.Mituben Petit which was dedicated to late Pu. Kasturba (wife of Pu. Gandhiji).

All four ashrams are managed by people who offer their unconditional services and SEVA to ashramites without any kind of expectations in return, also provide the infrastructure for lodging, boarding, health & hygiene, education and etc for the 900 orphan and needed children

FOUNDER TRUSTEES

Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Shri Mithuben Hormasji Petit
Shri Kalyanjibhai V. Mehta
Shri Mangaldas Manchharam Pakvasa



Five year old Child



Girls Sleeping Area



New Laundry Area



Girls helping to clean Vegetables



Entrance to Girls Toilets



Garba Entertainment



New Shower Cubicles for Boys



Boys playing Cricket



Boy's Old Sleeping area, Ambavadi



Boys Toilet @ Kevadi



Old Boys Toilets



Girls shower room



Old Girls Toilet



Kitchen/Store Room at Kevadi



Old Girls Shower Rooms

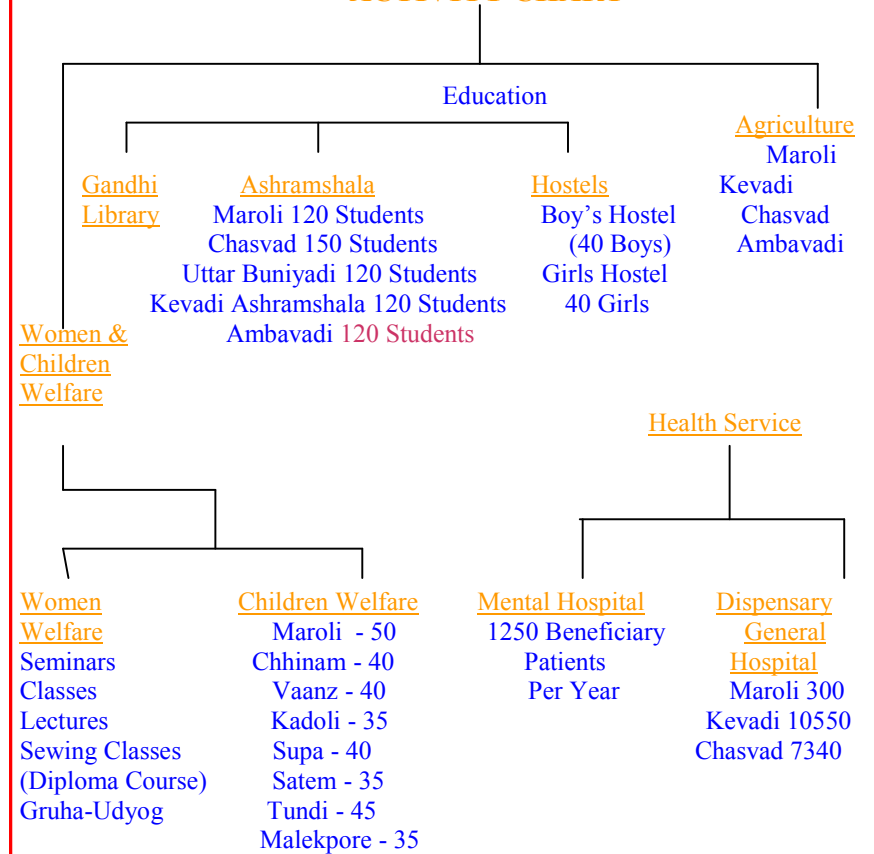


Current Sleeping Area

PRESENT TRUSTEES

Shri Jamshed N. Gazdar
 Shri Vimalaben Siddharthbhai
 Shri Dr. Jayantbhai S. Patil
 Shri Jayrajbhai M. Naik
 Shri Ushaben H. Gokani (grand-daughter of pu. Gandhiji)

KASTURBA SEVASHRAM ACTIVITY CHART



Kasturba Seva Ashram in Maroli has completed 76 years, since its inception in 1930. However the building structures at all four ashrams are very old, ranging from 41 years to 76years of age, they all need repairs, renovation, demolition and reconstruction as well.

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS OF FUND

These are approximate figures for Repairs & Reconstruction.

	<u>Rs. In Lakhs</u>	<u>£</u>
Buildings:	77,00000.00	110,000.00
Reserve Funds:	30,00000.00	42,860.00
Mental Hospital & Dispensary Equipments:	3,00000.00	4,285.00
Water, Fencing & Agricultural Equipments:	20,00000.00	28,570.00

PHASE ONE						
Ashram Names	Number of Sectors	Number of Bathrooms	Number of Toilets	TOTAL COST		
				Rs	£	
A	Kevadi	1	4	4	2,20,000.00	3,145.00
	Kevadi	2	3	3	1,65,000.00	2,360.00
	Kevadi	3	8	0	2,20,000.00	3,145.00
	Kevadi	4	12	0	3,30,000.00	4,715.00
	Kevadi	5	4	4	2,20,000.00	3,145.00
	Chasvad		0	10	2,20,000.00	3,145.00
	TOTAL		31	21	13,75,000.00	19,655.00
				Currency @ Rs70 to £1		
B	Chasward Kevadi Maroli	Dining Area Kitchen Store Room & 3 x Canteen Halls	Total Areas:(2205 Sq.Ft) Dining Area 55' x 21' Kitchen 19' x 21' Store Room 19' x 21' & 3 X Canteen 19' x 21'	20,00,000.00 Per Unit (£28,570.00)		
	TOTAL COST FOR 3 UNITS				60,00,000.00	85,715.00
C	Ambavadi Kevadi Maroli	School Residence Laboratory & Office	School 105' x 21'	7,53,000.00	10,758.00	
			Front Lobby 105' x 10'	3,75,000.00	5,358.00	
			Back Lobby 105' 10' Including Laboratory & Office	3,75,000.00	5,358.00	
			15,03,000.00 Per Unit			
	TOTAL COST FOR 3 UNITS				45,09,000.00	64,441.00

JOB ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

The Ashram helps to fund the education of children between the ages of 5 and 16. The children work hard to gain qualifications such as SSC and HSC in order to enhance their job prospects which would in turn give them security and a chance to break the Poverty Cycle/trap.

However, due to a lack of funding, qualified children are left alone to search for jobs. Without any additional support, it proves very difficult for them to obtain an appropriate role relative to their skills. Their only option is to then return to their village family home where they end up carrying out unskilled work, despite their education that the Ashram has supported.

The following strategy plan would provide them with the support they require to secure relevant full time skilled employment, after which they would be in a position to live life independently, and most importantly, they would be in a position to provide their children with the same educational opportunities (A positive start to breaking this seemingly never-ending Poverty Trap).

- (1) **Suitable Accommodation & Nutritious Food**
- (2) **Transport Facilities**
- (3) **Fees for further education/training courses**
- (4) **Assistance to Secure a Suitable Job**

Each phase is only possible if we can secure further funding. Your participation means creating and promoting positive opportunities for the unfortunate. Opportunities that every child deserves. This would secure and provide light to their otherwise bleak future, for themselves and their families.

Finally, I would like to leave you with a deep thought which can be aptly named the **"1% world"**

If you were to give up **1%** of your annual income, would your life materially change?

If you were to lose **1%** of all your assets, would the quality of your life deteriorate?

Just imagine what a tremendous difference we could make to the lives of others, by contributing **1%** of our income.

FOR ALL DONATIONS, PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:

RAMVIJ Charity Fund or fill in the standing order mandate on the last page and post the form to:

110 Purley Downs Road, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 0RR, U.K.

IMPORTANT FACTORS:

U.K. currency is calculated @ 70 Rs to a £1.

These figures quoted are approximate and for illustration purposes only.

PHASE 1: BUILDING STRUCTURES

As you can see from the pictures on page 10 and 11, the buildings in all four ashrams need **URGENT** attention, and they do not meet with the current building regulations. The government of India has issued a notice of closure by mid next year (approx. Jun 2008). Alternatively, we can raise the funds required to refurbish the buildings up to Govt. Standards and liveable conditions. See page four Phase 1 for total costs.

If enough funds are not raised, the consequences would be, 900 homeless children, resorting to begging on the streets & prostitution. Your support and donations would make a difference to 900 vulnerable lives.

PHASE 2: HEALTH & HYGIENE

Phase 1 is inevitable and prevents the Ashram from closing. Another important phase and necessity of life is Health & Hygiene. All children need calcium and nutrition to grow and develop physically and mentally. They also deserve to live in a clean environment which prevents diseases and illnesses. A sad fact is, they have cold showers everyday, despite the temperatures which can range from -2 to 30 degrees. (see page 5 for breakdown)

PHASE 3: EDUCATIONAL PROVISION

This phase is to provide and support their education. (See table on page 6 for breakdown of provisions). Without these provisions, the children cannot be educated to their full potential or be prepared for suitable employment which ultimately will secure their future and break the poverty trap.

PHASE 4: BEDDING PROVISION

A peaceful, restful sleep is essential for every human and even more importantly for children. At present, the children sleep on concrete floors with torn bedding. Completion of this phase will provide them with clean and comfortable bedding which would be a major improvement compared to how they sleep now.

RAMVIJ CHARITY HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP COLLECT FUNDING TOWARDS ALL THE ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.

PHASE TWO (YEARLY COSTS)					
	PER DAY		PER MONTH		PER YEAR
	Rs	£	Rs	£	Rs
1	1,122.00	16.00	33,660.00	480.00	3,36,000.00
	Milk for Students at Ambavadi, Kevadi & Chasvad (51 litres per day, Rs22.00 per Litre, 510 students)				4,800.00
2	900 Students occupying in all 4 Ashrams				
	(A) Soaps for Laundry & Cleaning				32,000 Soaps 4 Cleaning
	(B) Soaps for washing hair				10,000 Soaps for Bath
	(C) Soaps for taking Bath				15,000 Soaps & Dettol
					TOTAL COST
					5,67,000.00
					8,100.00
3	2 Pairs of Uniform for each 900 Students	PER PAIR	400.00	4.76	900 X 2 = TOTAL 1,800 PAIRS
	School Uniform for Boys & Girls in all four Ashrams				7,20,000.00
					10,286.00

PHASE THREE (EDUCATIONAL RELATED ACTIVITIES)							
PER ASHRAM							
			Rs	£		Rs	£
1	Laboratory Rooms, Furniture & Equipments, Charts & Books	For all 4 Ashrams	1,00,000.00	1,429.00	X 4 =	4,00,000.00	5,716.00
2	Projector & Screen, T.V., DVD Player (to show educational & recreational programs, & exposure to world programs)	" " "	1,25,000.00	1,786.00	X 4 =	5,00,000.00	7,144.00
3	Computer equipments and introduction programs	" " "	50,000.00	715.00	X 4 =	2,00,000.00	2,860.00
TOTAL COST						11,00,000.00	15,720.00

PHASE FOUR															
BEDDING	MAROLI			CHASWAG			KEVADI			AMBAWADI			TOTAL QUANTITY	TOTAL REQUIRED	
	Quantity	Rs	£	Quantity	Rs	£	Quantity	Rs	£	Quantity	Rs	£		Rs	£
Twin Mattress Rs.500.00 each	150	75,000.00	1,071.00	150	75,000.00	1,071.00	150	75,000.00	1,071.00	60	30,000.00	428.00	510	2,550.00	3,643.00

Wire Fencing @ Kevadi:	100 feet in length @ Rs70.00 per feet	70,000.00	1000.00
To build a wall in front of school at Ambawadi	100 feet in length and 4 feet in height	70,000.00	1000.00

UPDATE 1

We would like to thank you all for your support so far and share some good news with you. After all, without your support, we would never have managed it.

Together with your support, we have finally managed to successfully complete our first project. We have supplied 300 mattresses and 300 pillows with covers to the Kusturba Seva Ashram for kids.

We drove to down Ambavadi and Chasvad on 23 January to donate the bedding to the Ashram and the kids were all waiting their cheeky grins on their faces. I was so disappointed that I had forgotten my camera as I was unable to capture the expression of happiness in their faces. The girls were still their usual shy selves, not wanting to be in the limelight and you guessed it, the boys were still as bold and as energetic as ever.

The Ashram provided us with a little lunch and this was followed by a small disco party in the playground.

As you can see from the photos below, all the kids are having a fabulous time.

































