

ANNUAL REPORT OF GREEN THE BLUE CHARITABLE TRUST

April 2022- March 2023



GREEN THE BLUE
CHARITABLE TRUST

I. INTRODUCTION

Green the Blue Charitable Trust is involved in Environmental Education for Action, Youth Empowerment and Innovative teaching and learning to bridge the learning gaps. From the classroom to the garden and from art to filmmaking, we practice multiple approaches to equip students, youth & communities to mitigate Climate Change.

Vision:

- We envision a future driven by a cleaner environment, integral education of the children and youth from the marginalized communities creating positive change in society.

Mission:

- Network with individuals, institutions & communities for the conservation of the environment.
- Foster creative and effective solutions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.
- Inspire, Engage & Enable young minds through Innovative Education & Skill Development programs.

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I. Introduction

The Green the Blue Charitable Trust successfully implemented the following projects during this financial year:

- 1. Bridging the Learning Gaps (Community Learning Centres)
- 2. Born with wings – A youth empowerment project
- 3. LEAF program (Leadership in Environmental Action Force)
- 4. Exhibitions & Workshops
- 5. Eco Audit & Sustainable Practices

GBT effectively implemented all the above programs reaching out to tribal children and youth with skill development programs, action based environmental education programs and innovative educational programs. Numerous children and youth benefitted from the above projects. This report gives a brief documentation of the projects.

II. Projects completed:

1. Project Title: Bridging the Learning Gaps (Community Learning Centres)

- *Project duration: 01/01/2022 - 31/03/2023*

The project "Bridging the Learning Gaps," initiated by Green the Blue Charitable Trust, aimed to address the educational setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in rural Gujarat. The project, which spanned from January 2022 to March 2023, established Community Learning Centres (CLCs) in ten tribal villages, offering an alternative learning environment where over 600 children could engage in innovative educational activities. These included hands-on science, math, and environmental projects, as well as art and storytelling sessions, all aimed at fostering creative and experiential learning. The project's success was ensured through bi-monthly volunteer training, weekly supervision, and active community involvement, with CLC animators regularly monitoring progress.

The initiative not only helped children regain lost learning opportunities but also emphasized environmental awareness and personal development through teamwork and creativity. CLC sessions provided a platform for holistic education beyond rote learning, promoting communication and motor skills through interactive methods like origami and art. Despite some challenges, including difficulties with volunteer engagement in specific villages, the project's outcomes were well-received, and sustainability was ensured through the establishment of children's libraries and ongoing community support.

Bardipada
parish

- 1. Haripura - **Konkani Archit M.**
- 2. Karnjkhed - **Konkani Sumitra M.**

Unai parish

- 3. Andharvadidur(Dolwan Taluka) - **Gamit Monika**
- 4. Khambhla (Vansda Taluka) - Bhoja Vibha S. (Absent due to pregnancy)

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- 5. Andhatri, Mahuva taluka (Surat Dt.)- **Chaudhari Priyanka R.**
- 6. Bajipura, Valod taluka, (Surat Dt.) - **Chaudhari Nitaben R.**

Zhankvav
Parish

- 7. Chitalda, in Umarpada Taluka(Surat Dt.) - **Vasava Seeta H.**
- 8. Ranikund (Surat Dt.) - **Lalitaben**

Ashadeep

- 9. Palol, Borsad taluka, Anand Dt. - **Bhupendra Makwana**
- 10. Khanpur, Borsad Taluka, Anand Dt. - Karunaben)

The villages where Community Learning Centres were set up and the Animators who were instrumental in running the sessions.

Photos of the Animators' Training Program:

GBT organized a monthly training program for the CLC animators to help them effectively use innovative teaching and learning methods. We ensured that a minimum of ten activities were demonstrated to the teachers so they could implement them throughout the month. Additionally, our supervisors visited each center weekly to monitor progress. The Animator's training program was one of the key strengths of the CLC programs.





Community Learning centres



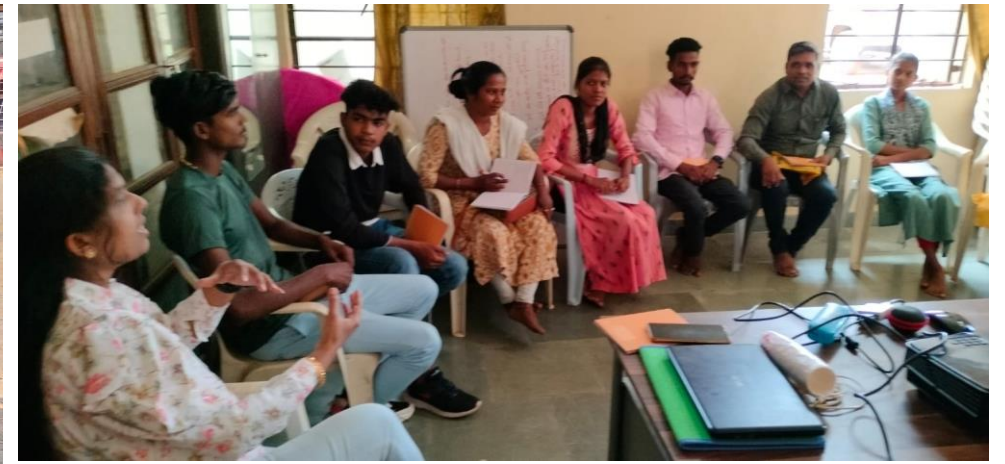
Innovative Teaching and Learning programs



Students engaged in activities

2. “Born with Wings” - A youth empowerment program for the tribal youth

- The "Born with Wings" project, initiated across Dolvan Taluka & Vansda taluka successfully adapted to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The youth animators led relief efforts, remedial classes, and life skill development programs, engaging youth in activities like eco-spirituality, competitive exam training, and entrepreneurship exposure visits.
- This year we completed the following programs:
 1. **Street Play Competition** to address issues like unemployment and Adivasi culture.
 2. **Youth Day Celebrations** in 12 cluster villages, featuring cultural performances, group games, and motivational talks.
 3. **Youth Training Programs** including orientation for competitive exams & entrepreneurship training for school dropouts. These initiatives aim to foster youth engagement, provide skills development, and strengthen community bonds, helping local youth address challenges and work towards sustainable solutions.



GBT Team trained youth animators to work with the rural and tribal youth. The youth animators visited the villages and counselled the youth in career guidance motivated to them to pursue higher studies. Youth animators mobilized the village youth for meaningful training programs.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF JIVAN JYOT HOSTEL, UNAI



ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF JIVAN JYOT HIGH SCHOOL, BARDIPADA

On 25.06.2022, Jivan Jyot High School, Bardipada organized an orientation program for high school students. More than 200 boys and girls participated in the program. We covered three topics during the workshop: Memory techniques, Study techniques and Career development. In order to make it interesting and effective, we included creative activities in each session. Similar workshop was held on 26.06.2022 for the hostel students of Jivan Jyot, Unai too. We believe that these orientation programs will help motivate the students in their studies and career development.



GBT Team engaged the hostel students throughout the year with soft skill development programs.





Art Therapy



Photos of the workshop

3. LEAF PROGRAM

GBT began its flagship environmental education program in 2014 and continued it till March 2023 training more than 2500 young leaders for environmental conservation. We present you the last two batches from Vidhyadeep Community College and Rosary High school. We present you here some of the workshops conducted as part of the Library program.

LEAF students harvesting vegetables from their kitchen garden .



LEAF student along with the Manager of the College installing the name plate with information about herbal plants in their herbal garden.



Vidhyadeep community College has included LEAF program as part of its curriculum. So when Vidhyadeep opened its doors for the students, LEAF program too begun to be organized every month. Students took active part in all the workshops. We present here some information on the LEAF workshops held during the past three months at Vidhyadeep Community College, Bharuch.

A workshop on Sustainable Life Style



On 11th July a workshop on Sustainable life style was conducted for the students of Vidhyadeep College at Bharuch. Each group focused on the points like how we the human being are the cause for environmental destruction of the earth, a throwaway culture, consumerism, consequences of climate change and lack of concern for human life and the poor. Some students shared their views and ideas that how we can take care of our common home. We engaged them in Flaxgon activity. In the 2nd session we screened a film on 'Women care to heal the world'. Sr. Laveena and Archana shared their views regarding the film since they were part of the film.

LEAF WORKSHOP IN GLOBAL WARMING & CLIMATE CHANGE

On 10th September, 2022 workshop was conducted on Ecology for Vidhyadeep students. 114 students participated in the workshop. The first session was on Global Warming. Through PPT Mr. Jothi taught the students the difference between climate and weather and causes of climate change. The students learnt the impact of global warming and how it is harmful to the earth as well as humans. Web of Life activity was conducted by Archana. Each student participated and responded well. It teaches about Ecosystem and how the living beings are connected to each other. We need to take and protect the cycle of ecosystem. Through mind map chart the students were taught the solution to stop global warming. A short film on global warming named 'Carbon' was shown to them. After the film there was a discussion on it.



Green Tradition (Rakhi making activity)

11.08.2022

Vidhyadeep Community College,
Bharuch



On 11th August Green Tradition workshop was conducted for Vidhyadeep College. 116 girls participated in this workshop including the staff. The workshop began with Earth Prayer. The earth prayer was beautifully conducted by Mrs. Archana. Each one could feel the love and care which mother earth showers on us. During the prayer they could admire the beauty of the nature and got inspired to keep the creation beautiful. The next session was on Environment and Youth. After the film screening the girls were given questions for a group discussion. Being a youth they came out with inspiring answers. In their answers they clearly presented that as a youth what type of future they want to create and what can be done to preserve the mother earth. The next session was on Rise And Shine. It was about the creation of all living beings. It was about how the spiritual relationship with people and the environment began. We also celebrated Green Tradition in which the students prepared eco friendly Rakhis and tied to the trees. They conveyed the message to the people that as the nature loves and care for each one of us, it is our responsibility to care for our Common Home.

Plastic pollution & Ways of Recycling

Date: 15.03.2023

Title of the program: Eco-spirituality program

Participants: 110 girls

Venue: Vidhyadeep, Bharuch

At Bharuch, the Valedictory function for the LEAF students of Vidhyadeep Community College was held on March 15, 2023 in collaboration with the GBT. Mr. Shashi Darshan from Tarumitra, Patna was the Chief Guest as well as the main resource person. 110 girls who received certificates of participation pledged to implement meaningful environmental activities in their villages. The students shared their learnings and impressed one and all with their in-depth understanding and their commitment to eco-action showing that LEAF was a transforming environmental education program. Vidhyadeep has decided to institutionalize the LEAF program into the curriculum and is committed to continue the program in the coming years.



Plastic pollution & Ways of Recycling

15 MARCH 2023



Vidhyadeep Community College,
Bharuch





Circular organic nutritional garden was created by the LEAF students of Vidyadeep Community College.



On organic farming - familiarize with the best practices and networking

Date: 03.12.2022, Participants: 105 girls, Venue: Vidhyadeep, Bharuch

On the 3rd of December, 2022, we conducted a workshop on organic farming at Vidhyadeep Community College. 105 students participated in the workshop. The workshop involved awareness and training on organic farming, preparation of composting and organic liquid pesticide preparation. We also had purchased vegetable saplings and provided them for the students to plant. All the students were divided into different groups and planted vegetable saplings such as onion, cauliflower, cabbage, brinjal, tomato and chilly. We also sowed seeds of leafy vegetables and creepers. The last session was dedicated to screening of two short films to learn about multi-layer farming through which how a farmer is able to earn 15 lacs of rupees from his 3 acres of land using multi-crop technique. During the discussion, Mr Jothi emphasized the importance of producing rather than consuming. Sr. Shaly, Sr Asha and teachers encouraged the students to plant, cultivate, harvest and consume the vegetables. Second year student such as Sneha brought seeds from home and made beautiful bed of leafy vegetables. Giving below the photos of the workshop. The workshop was animated by Nikunj and Jothi.





LEAF students learning through activities the importance of water conservation





Eco-spirituality session such as Cosmic walk, Prayer through the five elements are conducted as part of the LEAF program. Recently Eco-Rangoli also was organized.

Waste Management & Campaign against plastics

- 25 Feb 2023
- Rosary High School, Vadodara



Environment Exhibition, Rosary High School, Vadodra

Date: 01 March 2023 to 02. March 2023

Main Resource person: Jothi Xavier, Archana M & Nikunj M

Brief Report: Environment exhibition at Rosary High school, Vadodara

An Environment exhibition was hosted by Rosary School, Vadodara on March 1-2, 2023 thanks to the support of Fr. Patrick Arockiam, the Principal. The Rosary LEAF group and the Rosary Green teachers helped in making the Exhibition more interactive and enriching for the students. The exhibition, visited by all the students of the school, included working models on Water harvesting, Solar Energy, and Seed banks as also paintings of eminent artists on various environmental themes. Students were involved in explaining these working models to their colleagues.

The exhibition was curated by Mr Jothi Xavier and assisted by Archana & Nikunj. Students from Std 3rd to 11th spent half an hour each in the exhibition.





Herbal Garden at Rosary High School, Vadodara



GBT set up a herbal garden at Rosary High school. The material cost such as garden mud, coco peat, cement pot was shared by the school. GJEM sponsored plants and vermi-compost. Fr Patrick took a keen interest in setting up the medicinal garden and he plans to make it a garden for experiential learning. We have installed 30 cement pots in which we planted 20 species of medicinal plants. The support staff and teachers took an active part in installing the garden.

IV. Other workshops

1. Workshop on Care for our common home World Environment Day celebration with women

05.06.2022

Unai Holistic Health Care centre, Unai

100 women participants from 25
villages



World Environment Day Celebration

A hundred women who are involved in the protection of the environment came together to celebrate World Environment Day on the 5th of June 2022 at Vedruna Holistic Health Care Centre, Unai. The program was organized by Sr. Lissy and her team in collaboration with Green the Blue Trust

The training program on women's contribution to the betterment of the environment was conducted by Mrs. Archana Macwana, Jothi Xavier, Sr. Lissy Paul and Team. The main theme of the program was "Women Care to Heal the World". A film with the same title was prepared by GBT and was screened for the participants. The film features women who have dedicated their lives to the cause of the environment. Eco-Spirituality, Women & Environment, Herbal medicine for holistic health were some of the topics dealt with during the training program. The program was a joint effort by Vedruna Holistic Health Care centre, Unai, GBT. We thank Sr. Lissy Paul and her team for the fruitful collaboration.



2. ECO-SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS OF SOCIAL WORK

Stanislaus Pinto, Director of Rajpipla Social Service Society invited Lancelot D’Cruz, Archana Macwana & Jothi Xavier to conduct a one-week Eco-spirituality workshop for the students of TFT (Training for Transformation) from 13 to 18 February. The themes that were dealt with during the workshop included, creation, interconnectedness, introduction to basic ecological concepts, waste management, global warming and climate change, field botany visits, organic farming, tribal medicine, water and energy conservation, art and indigenous people. Aimed at giving a ‘transformative experience’ to the girls, the sessions, were designed so as to encourage maximum participation and interaction. Earth prayer, cosmic walk and an Eco-Eucharist enabled the students to understand our origin, our place in the history of the cosmos and our duty to protect the fragile earth, our only home. During the workshop, the girls had an opportunity to visit the Dolar organic farm and learn about sustainable agriculture. Activities such as paper bag making, mud painting, Leaf printing & Bark printing helped them develop ecological aesthetics.



3. Webinar on Organic Farming & Sustainable Living, Opportunities & Challenges in the Marketing of Organic farm Produce

Date:16.01.2023, Main Resource Person: Ishteyaque Ahmad (Senior Sustainable Agriculture) & Om Prakash Chaudhary (Manager – Operations, Zero Budget Natural farming
Moderator: Shashi Darshan, Number of Participants: 36, Third webinar on Organic Farming

GJEM organized its third webinar on 16.01.2023. Forty-three people attended the webinar. The title of the webinar was, “Opportunities & Challenges in the Marketing of Organic farm Produce.” Expert speakers Ishteyaque Ahmad, Senior Sustainable Agriculture Campaigner at Greenpeace-India and Om Prakash Chaudhari, Back to Village were invited to address the participants. Some of the salient points discussed during the webinar are:

- Organic Agriculture has been gaining traction in India. People have become conscious about eating organic food, especially after Covid. Globally, there is a gradual increase in the sales of organic products. In India, many companies are selling organic food.
- 86% of farmers in India are small and medium-scale farmers; they will need our handholding and support through training and awareness programs, certification, packaging, creating a marketing network and strengthening supply chains.
- The global shortage of chemical fertilizers will force the government to cut subsidies which will drive farmers to adopt natural farming shortly.
- Changing the mindset among customers to buy organics will boost organic agricultural production.
- Climate change and its impact on the weather will force farmers to adapt to climate-resilient crops in which organic agriculture will perform better than chemical agriculture.

The Indian organic market is at its nascent stage. India can take advantage of growing opportunities in the Organic sector. We, the civil society organizations should partner with the government to help the farmers overcome the above challenges and take advantage of the emerging opportunities. The complete proceedings of the webinar will be available on our GJEM’s YouTube channel shortly.

The recordings of the webinar will be edited and uploaded into GJEM’s YouTube channel before we organize our third webinar.

Date: 24.11.2022

Participants: 40 persons

Venue: XTI Campus,
Sevasi

GBT organized the planting of a mini-forest on the 24th of November 2022 at XTI Campus, Sevasi. Around 35 people participated in the program. It began with the planting of hundred tree saplings with more than 35 species. Here are some of the highlights of the program: We thank all the people who took time out to come and participate in the meaningful memorial moments.

4. Miyawaki Mini-forest plantation



5. One Day workshop on ecological transformation for youth:

In April, GBT conducted two eco-spiritual programs for students and youth. Sixty-five girls studying in Navrachana higher secondary, Sagbara visited Martinwadi on 2nd April 2022. Through guided walks in the herbal garden and XTI campus, we familiarised the students with herbal plants, trees and sustainable practices related to energy and water conservation.



6. YOUTH WORKSHOP

We also organized a similar program for the youth from Vadodara on the 24th of April, 2022. The program for SJPY youth began with Earth prayer in the herbal garden which lasted more than an hour. Praying with Leaf, mud, water, fire made the prayer meaningful and interactive. The youth discussed concrete plans to work in the city for waste management, plastic recycling & bio diversity conservation. The youth felt inspired to be with nature and thanked the organisers for allowing them to pray with creation.



ECO-AUDIT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



GBT Team conducted Eco-audit of the 11 educational institutions in Gujarat with an aim to promote environmental practices. GBT designed and developed a checklist for eco audit of five sectors namely Energy, Water, Waste Management, Land and Food. It also tried and tested it in two institutions.

GBT has successfully conducted eco audit of eleven educational institutions in Gujarat.



United way Baroda invited GBT Team to conduct papermaking workshops for the children in government school near Umeta.



XTI students made eco-bricks by recycling the plastics generated on the campus and installing them as garden boundaries.



GBT's Eco-education team creating a herbal nursery at Martinwadi, XTI Campus, Sevasi



Some photos of our herbal and butterfly garden



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