

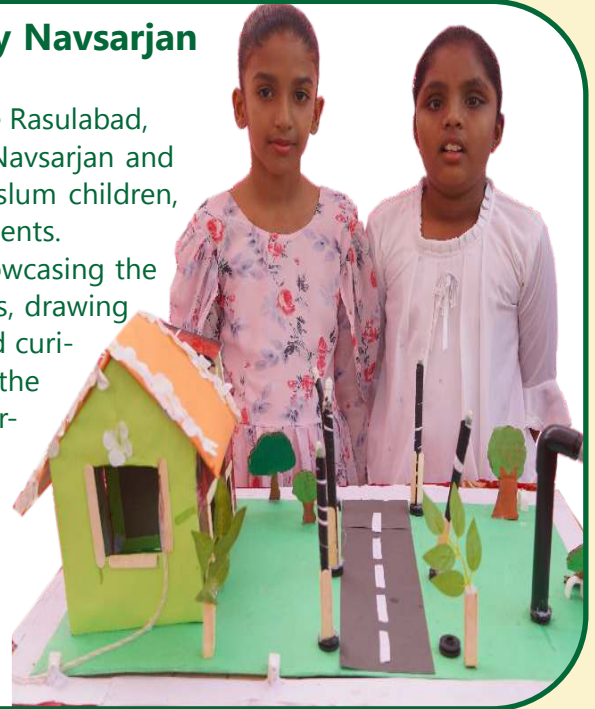


### Slum Children Shine at Science Fair Organized by Navsarjan and Mahila Mandal

Bustling with excitement and innovation, science fairs erupted in the Rasulabad, Shivshakti, Bhatena, and Udhana 9 slums of Surat. Organized by Navsarjan and Mahila Mandal, these events ignited a passion for science among slum children, offering them a unique platform to learn through interactive experiments.

From each area, 6-7 captivating science projects were unveiled, showcasing the children's ingenuity and dedication. The enthusiasm was contagious, drawing in not only the children themselves but also their proud parents and curious neighbors. A palpable sense of joy and community spirit filled the air as young minds proudly displayed their talents on their own doorstep.

Local residents, school principals, teachers, and students from Surat Municipal Corporation schools actively participated, lending their support and encouragement. This inclusive environment fostered a love for learning and exploration, proving that brilliance can blossom anywhere, even in challenging circumstances.



### Young Designers Showcase Talent at Sewing Art Exhibition

Creativity took center stage as the students of Tailoring classes proudly presented their "Sewing Art Exhibition"! Featuring a dazzling array of dress patterns and sewn samples, the event showcased the students' skills and passion for design.

The exhibition attracted an enthusiastic crowd of 1450 to 1500 children and adults, all eager to admire the young designers' handiwork. From intricate embroidery to bold silhouettes, the diverse range of sewing styles offered something for everyone.

This wasn't just an exhibition; it was a celebration of creativity and learning. The students' dedication and talent shone through in every stitch, inspiring others to explore the world of sewing and design.



### Annual planning

Every year, Navsarjan Xavier's Cell for Human Development organizes an annual planning session. The staff went to Saputara from January 18 to 20 to conduct the annual planning. During the three-day session, the core staff team presented their department's planning, and the annual planning was done after a group discussion on new initiatives that could be implemented in their department..



### Celebrating Republic Day

Across 9 areas served by Navsarjan, over 1400 people enthusiastically celebrated Republic Day, reinforcing national unity and love for their country. The festivities commenced with a vibrant community rally, followed by a collective prayer and a resounding reading of the Indian Constitution's preamble in each location. Youngsters took center stage, their voices ringing out with five insightful sentences about national leaders, patriotic songs, and energetic dances. The dedication of young learners in sewing and computer classes was then recognized through certificates, sparking pride and joy among parents and community members. As the preamble resonated deeply, the celebration culminated in a powerful wave of shared national identity and love for their country.

### Bhathena Residents Face Housing Uncertainty as Demolitions Begin

Demolition notices shook the Bhathena area as a team from the Limbayat zone arrived to remove bay shore houses. Approximately 150 homes, within 5-10 feet of the water, faced demolition, sparking concern and action from the local community.

The Bhathena Women's Association, along with community leaders and residents, rallied in support of those affected. However, discussions with SMC officials revealed a disheartening reality: only residents whose entire houses were demolished would receive replacement housing. Those losing balconies or bathrooms would face displacement without compensation.

This news cast a shadow over the community, raising questions about fair treatment and alternative solutions for partially affected families. Efforts are likely underway to advocate for a more equitable outcome for all displaced residents.





### Joyous Skies and Soaring Spirits: Children Celebrate Kite Day!

265 children and their parents from 5 different areas soared with excitement under the "Capacity Building through Education" program's Kite Day celebration. The program transformed ordinary skies into a vibrant tapestry of color as children painted, crafted, and flew their kites with infectious enthusiasm.

Laughter filled the air as young artists showcased their creations – each kite a unique expression of their imagination. The spirit of collaboration bloomed as children proudly explained the cultural significance of Kite Day to their peers, fostering a sense of community and shared tradition.

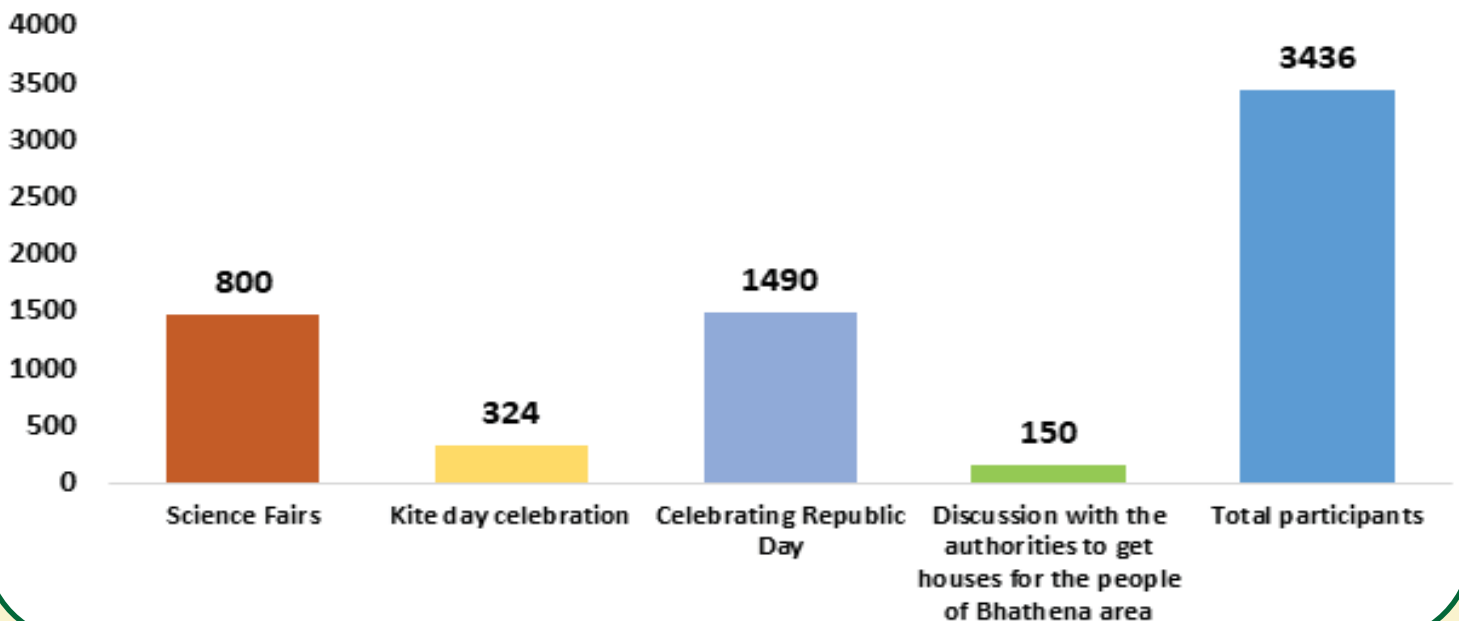
A heartwarming lunchtime brought children and parents together, strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories. As the afternoon unfolded, colorful kites danced on the wind, each flight carrying dreams and aspirations higher and higher.

This wasn't just a celebration; it was a testament to the joy of learning and creating together. Children and parents alike returned home with hearts brimming with happiness and memories that would take flight long after the kites landed.

### Bhagalakshmi Credit Co Op-erative So. Ltd.

Bhagalakshmi Credit Co-operative Society Ltd. empowered its members this month by disbursing a total of Rs. 4,40,000 in loans. These loans, spanning school fees, house taxes, installments, and medical expenses, provided crucial financial support, alleviating burdens and improving members' well-being. Additionally, welcoming 19 new members broadened the Society's reach and strengthened its financial capacity, paving the way for continued growth and service to the community.

### Participants of the month of January





## Photo Gallery



Celebration of Republic Day



Celebration of Kite Day



Science Fair