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#### Navsarjan Empowers Citizens Through Legal Awareness Camps

Navsarjan organized legal awareness camps to educate the public about the legal system and their rights as citizens. These camps were conducted in four areas: Kamarunagar, Lakshminarayan, Hayatnagar, Tadkeshwar and Udhana 9. A total of 91 residents attended these informative sessions. The camps covered a wide range of essential legal topics, including: The importance of marriage registration, The process of marriage registration, Rights related to marriage, Rights of women after marriage, Right to maintenance and protection of women.

Through these camps, the participants gained valuable knowledge about the legal system and their fundamental rights as citizens. Women were particularly encouraged to register their marriages, as this is an important step in securing their legal rights.

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## Empowering Adolescents: Health and Wellness Camp for Teenage Girls

Navsarjan organized adolescent camps specifically tailored for teenage girls from the Marutinagar, Nargisnagar, Navakamela, Anandnagar and Shivshakti areas, with 79 enthusiastic participants. The primary focus of this camp was to educate and empower girls on crucial topics such as menstruation, physical and mental well-being, education, and marriage. The camp emphasized the significance of proper nutrition, hygiene practices, and regular exercise in maintaining overall health. Key discussions revolved around essential subjects including understanding menstruation - its what, how, and why, preserving physical and mental well-being, the importance of education and career planning, cultivating responsible decision-making skills, and practical tips for leading a happy and fulfilling life.



### Bhagyalakshmi Credit Co-operative Society

Bhagyalakshmi Credit Co-operative Society Limited remains a crucial support system for its members. In the present month, the society disbursed a total of Rs 3,25,000 in loans to 9 members to address diverse financial requirements. These loans proved instrumental in assisting members with essential expenses like school fees, house taxes, installments, and medical bills, contributing significantly to their financial stability and well-being. Moreover, the society has added four new members this month, enhancing its members ship base. This growth not only bolsters their financial foundation but also positions them to extend their services to a broader community in the future, ensuring continued support and empowerment for a wider range of individuals.



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#### Spreading awareness among people about document proof

Navsarjan conducted an awareness campaign in 6 Economically Weaker Section (EWS) colonies in Surat city. The campaign focused on educating residents about the importance of having proper house document proof. During this campaign, Navsarjan distributed informative leaflets to 474 EWS households. The leaflets explained the significance of having the right house documents, the types of documents that should be available, and the steps to be taken to address any issues with the documents.





Legal guidance to people regarding housing Pragya Nagar Housing in the Panas area and Bhimnagar Housing in the Bhestan area of Surat received a notice from the Surat Municipal Corporation. The notice is served under section 268 required the residents to vacate their residential buildings within seven days. The people living in these housing settlements were alarmed and concerned after receiving this notice. They approached Navsarjan for help and assistance. In response, Navsarjan's team held meetings with the residents of both Pragya Nagar and Bhimnagar Housing. During these meetings, Navsarjan provided legal guidance and support to the people. As a result, the residents formed an organization to collectively address this issue. The members of the Bhimnagar Housing organization submitted a petition to the Municipal Commissioner and Collector, accompanied by signatures from the affected people.

#### Navchetana meeting cum training

A meeting of the members of Navchetana was held on June 22, 2024. The meeting was conducted by the president of Navchetana, and a total of 38 members participated. In this meeting, the members presented their experiences regarding the memorandum they had submitted to the Municipal Commissioner, requesting that all 415 slum areas in Surat be officially notified as slum settlements. The members also discussed plans for providing legal training to the Navchetana members. Additionally, training was provided on the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) policy with respect to the right to housing. Through this training, the members became aware of the PPP policy and understood their responsibilities in this area. The meeting was conducted under the leadership of the Navchetana president, who facilitated the discussions and ensured the members' active participation.





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### Petition by Navchetna Trust with regard to notify all the slums under municipal corporation to Municipal Commissioner.

There are 415 slum zones in Surat, but just 13 of them have received official notice, according to the petition. Members of the Navchetna Trust have petitioned the Municipal Commissioner to designate all 415 of these impoverished villages as slum zones with notice.

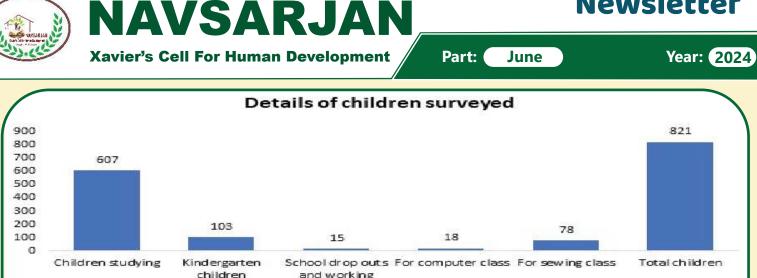
Making sure the people living in these slums have access to government assistance programs and basic services requires first giving them notice. The local authorities will be required to provide the slum inhabitants the necessary infrastructure and facilities if they formally recognize these communities.

## **Migrant People – Protection and Guidance**



Around 49 laborers at 3 labor markets, 32 people in 3 slum areas, and 20 people in the Bhestan Rainbasera were provided information about the Migration Helpline. Additionally, 32 people from 2 construction sites were made aware of the protective equipment that should be provided by the contractors. Navsarjan representatives met with the labor officer and discussed the cases reported to the Migration Helpline. The labor officer stated that if there are no issues related to safety or wages of the migrant workers, they will work together to resolve the cases. In the month of June, a total of 6 cases were brought to the Migration Helpline for assistance

Type of Case	No of case
Cases relating to wages	3
Regarding Evidence	1
Regarding access to information	2
Regarding decees to internation	-



children

## A survey of children

A survey of children in the slums was conducted at the beginning of June in preparation for the new academic session. A total of 821 children from the Rasulabad, Bhatena, Shivshakti, and Udhana 7/9 slum areas were surveyed. This survey aimed to gather information about the children's educational needs and backgrounds, in order to better support them as the new school year commenced. By understanding the specific circumstances and challenges faced by these children, Navsarjan can tailor its educational interventions, and support programs to ensure they have the resources they need to succeed.

## **Pravesh Utshav**

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The Pravesh Utshav was conducted to welcome children to the new academic session and commence it with happiness and merriment. Initially, the children organized a rally in the area to raise awareness about children's education. Children enthusiastically participated in the rally with banners, placards and drum beats during the Pravesh Utshav.

A total of 201 children, 42 parents, and members of Mahila Mandal actively participated in the event. The women from Mahila Mandal extended a warm welcome to the children as they entered the classroom. Through the rally, the children made more than 1000, people aware about education.

## Children from the local community in Surat have taken the initiative to appeal to the authorities

regarding the tragic fire incident in Rajkot, where 27 people lost their lives.

Deeply affected by this incident, children from three different areas held a meeting and decided to take action. They prepared three separate application forms and petitions, which they then submitted to the Municipal Commissioner, Collector, and Police Commissioner. In these petitions, the children have requested the authorities to take necessary steps to ensure that a similar incident does not occur in Surat city. They want the authorities to learn from the Rajkot tragedy and implement stricter safety measures and regulations to protect the lives of citizens, especially children.



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#### Visit to health center

A group of 63 children from the Bhathena, Rasulabad, and Nagshennagar areas visited a local health center near their communities. The purpose of this visit was to raise awareness about various diseases and the importance of disease prevention. During the visit, the children learned about the different departments and services offered at the health center. They received information on common diseases like Tuberculosis (TB), HIV, Malaria, and Filaria, and were educated on the precautions to take to avoid contracting these illnesses.





#### One Day Workshop – Values Education, Gender Equality and Indian Constitution

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A one-day workshop on Value Education, Gender Equality, and the Indian Constitution was organized for a total of 45 children from the Rasulabad, Bhatena, and Nagsennagar areas. During the workshop: Mr. Samirbhai Macwan led a group activity to give the children an understanding of the Indian Constitution. Mrs. Sangitaben Thakur showed and discussed a video on gender equality, making the children aware of instances of gender discrimination and the importance of gender equality. Mr. Sunil Vatas and Mrs. Hinaben Patel explained the significance of values in life, providing examples to illustrate the key values that are important to uphold.

Through this comprehensive workshop, the children gained valuable insights into the Indian Constitution, the principles of gender equality, and the essential values that should guide one's life.

#### **Parent Meeting**

A meeting was held with a total of 40 parents from the Rasulabad, Bhatena and Nagsennagar areas. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the activities conducted with their children during the period of February to June 2024.During the meeting, the parents shared their experiences and feedback on the progress their children have made. The parents expressed happiness at the positive changes they have poserved in their children.



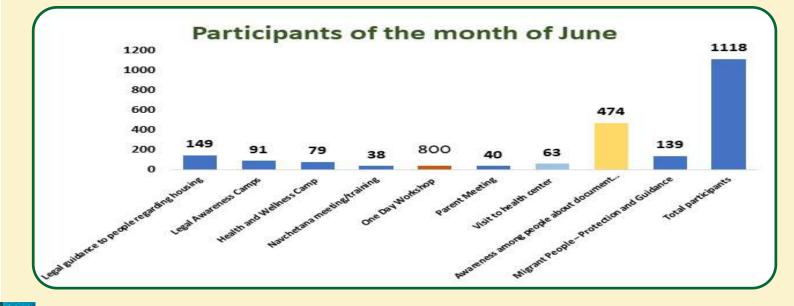




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#### **Review meeting**

A review meeting was held on June 28 and 29, in Surat as part of the Urban Housing and Migrant Labour program. Fifteen members from St. Xavier Social Service Society and Navsarjan, Surat, participated. Both organizations presented their work reports for the last three months, highlighting their achievements and challenges. The discussion focused on current issues in housing and migration, with participants identifying key problem areas and potential strategies to address them. Specific action plans were developed for the upcoming months.



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