

## Key Highlights for the Month

- ▶ Preventive Health Care through 3 Mobile Health Vans & Awareness on COVID-19
- ▶ Project Vriddhi - Improved health and nutrition status of children and adolescents
- ▶ Skill Development Centre
- ▶ ASMITA Project- Women Empowerment through improved access to credit and livelihood initiatives in 20 villages
- ▶ Reviving Cotton Production and increasing Growers' Income in India through eco-friendly PB Knot Technology
- ▶ Project Sahyog
- ▶ Improving Learning Outcomes in 135 Govt. Elementary Schools

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### HEALTH, HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase access to quality healthcare</li> <li>Improve Preventive healthcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Around 1,00,000 people will be treated by Mobile Health Vans and health camps</li> <li>50 % decrease in primary healthcare issues within MMU outreach</li> <li>Setting up of a hospital</li> <li>10,000 people will be benefitted from Blood Bank Project</li> <li>Support Government, District Administration, Municipal Corporation, farmers and communities during COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ul>

### WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Financial and legal literacy</li> <li>Livelihood Promotion</li> <li>Develop women entrepreneurs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 7,500 women will be covered through the program</li> <li>&gt; 3,500 women will have undergone financial and legal literacy training</li> <li>&gt; 3,250 women will have better livelihood opportunities and income generating activities</li> </ul>

### RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening rural infrastructure through need based interventions</li> <li>Strengthening drainage network to improve sanitation facilities in the villages</li> <li>Farmers empowerment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening rural infrastructure specially drinking water and toilets &amp; rural roads.</li> <li>Strengthening of drainage network around plant location</li> <li>Need based farmer empowerment programs</li> </ul>

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impart Sustainable Agricultural practices</li> <li>Environmental Sustainability through Conservation of Natural Resources</li> <li>Environmental and health consciousness through stewardship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will benefit over 50,000 new farmers through DSR, PB Knot &amp; other CSR projects on Agriculture</li> <li>1.8 trillion liters of water will be saved using DSR</li> <li>Avg. ₹7,500/Acre will be saved in the cost of paddy cultivation</li> <li>Promote product stewardship</li> </ul>

### QUALITY EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve age appropriate learning levels</li> <li>Improve attendance</li> <li>Setting up an Educational Institution</li> <li>Improve youth's employability through skill development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% Increase in class appropriate learning levels</li> <li>~15,000 students will be covered through the program</li> <li>Train ~550 underprivileged youth and help them obtain jobs</li> </ul>



## Providing Access to Affordable, Quality Rural Healthcare Services through Mobile Health Vans

**PI Foundation in collaboration with GVK-EMRI is implementing Swasthya Seva through 3 Mobile Medical Vans that support more than one lakh population from 64 remote villages of Jambusar.**

PI Foundation and its partners continuously organise awareness sessions on precautions against COVID-19 and waterborne diseases around Jambusar and Panoli. Mobile Health Van staff spread the messages among community members and beneficiaries come to avail the health services by providing updated information.

Screening of ~75 labourers is happening once a week around our plant in Jambusar.



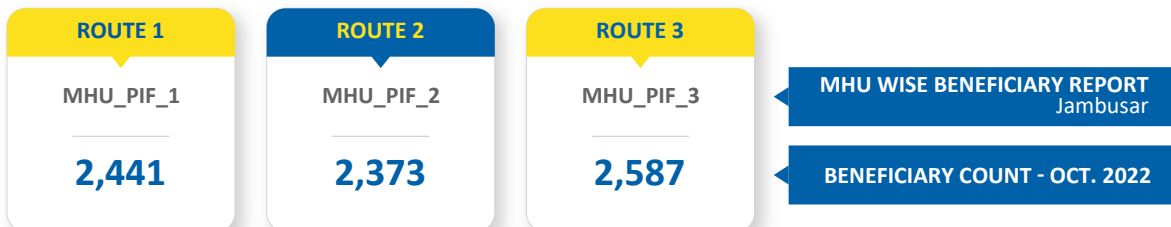


## Highlights of the ongoing activities for the month:

COVERAGE	
Mobile Health Unit in field	3
Villages Covered	64
<b>Population Covered</b>	<b>1,18,851</b>

OPERATIONS	
Total Beneficiaries treated (2020-21)	80,985
Total Beneficiaries treated (2021-22)	90,287
Total Beneficiaries treated (YTM FY'23)	50,403
Total Beneficiaries treated in October 2022	7,401
Total working days in October 2022	23

PERFORMANCE	
Average Beneficiaries / MHU/ Day	107
Average Villages visited/MHU/Day	3





## Project Vriddhi - Improved Health and Nutrition Status of Children & Adolescents

**PI Foundation in collaboration with Institute for Global Development (IGD) has been implementing Project Vriddhi to create an integrated model for improved health and nutrition status of children and adolescents based on a continuum of intensive care approaches in Jambusar block of Bharuch district.**

### Objectives:

- Identify and intervene with vulnerable children and adolescents for health and nutritional impact.
- Involve adolescents and peer groups to bring about behavior change with a special focus on health and nutrition.
- Enhance the knowledge and skill sets of all caregivers, healthcare providers, ICDS functionaries, and school teachers towards improving the health and nutritional status of children and adolescents.

- Facilitate educational institutions to promote health and nutritional guidance.
- Promote peer leadership to spread health awareness among the target group affecting social behavioral change and its application.
- Engage with all key stakeholders including parents and community members through advocacy and liaison for appropriate social and behavioral changes in different activities of health and nutrition.



## Highlights of the Month

- During the month the focus has been majorly on household visits, group visits, and adolescent group meetings to create awareness on health concerns for children. Rehabilitation for SAM & MAM children and Health & Hygiene education for adolescent girls and boys was covered.



S.No.	Particulars	No. of Beneficiaries	Cumulative (Till Oct. 2022)	Household Visits
1	No. of SAM Child	17	74	02
2	No. of MAM Child	81	238	10
3	No. of Infants	08	83	28
4	No. of ANC	91	293	26
5	No. of PNC	98	214	33
6	No. of Adolescents	249	296	00
7	Other / General	00	68	00
8	Children	00	1032	00

Anganwadi visits	28
Household visits	65
Group meetings	3 in 13 villages





- Apart from Anganwadi visits and household visits, there were group meetings. The group meetings covered 2 villages - Tundaj & Vedach and were conducted with ANC / PNC and adolescent girls. Sessions on menstrual health & hygiene concept, importance of IFA tablets consumption, general changes in anatomy during teenage, awareness on anaemia as well as the benefits of PM- Janarogya Card were organized. Girls were also advised to visit sub-centre / PHC / CHC / Mobile Health Van for Iron & Folic Acid tablets. A total of 17 girls were covered during these sessions.
- Child Malnutrition Treatment Centre (CMTc) was visited to understand how SAM and MAM children are treated at the Centre. Medical Officer met the team and explained the process of treatment. During the interaction, it was observed that most of the time parents are unwilling to admit their children at the Centre for a period of 14 day treatment since they are mostly daily wage labourers.





## Responsible Management of Used Plastic Containers

Today's farmers lack awareness on how to dispose of agri-packaging like fertilizer sacks, agrochemical cans, plastic containers etc. and the effects of resorting to harmful practices like burning. To facilitate the safe disposal and responsible management of these plastic containers, PI along with Bayer has initiated the '**Plastic Take Back Programme**'. The technology-powered initiative aims to reduce the impact of farm-based plastic on the environment through proper collection, recycling and incineration of non-recyclable plastic waste. Recykal is already working with us on this project to provide the solutions (both digital and physical) to ensure safe disposal.

### Program updates (Guntur & Nashik)

- Recykal invited 33 registered farmers and conducted a collection drive with the help of partner aggregators in Guntur and Nashik.
- Action taken for the local kabadiwalas aligned with existing Recykal aggregator / recycler and collection drives planned in the middle of the month.



**2010 kgs**

of material was collected by the aggregator in September 2022 via door-to-door collection mechanism





### Nashik Collection Activity - 4 (Gulwanch & Niphad)

Quantity of material collected from the farmers

S.No.	Date	Quantity of waste in Kgs	Location
1	Sept. 2022	203.5	Gulwanch
2	Sept. 2022	43	Niphad



*Awareness & Training Program  
Gulwanch & Sinnar - Nashik*



*Onboarding the dealers  
on Smart Center App to  
support the initiative*





## Reviving Cotton Production and Increasing Growers' Income in India through Eco-friendly PB Knot Technology



PI Foundation in collaboration with the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC) has been implementing an innovative and multi-stakeholder 'PROJECT BANDHAN: A Knot of PBW Protection' to embrace cutting-edge innovation by tagging the environmentally-friendly PB Knot technology to protect the cotton plant from devastating PBW (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).

### Project Bandhan displays PB Knot Technology during Kisan Mela at Bathinda, Punjab

PI Foundation's Project Bandhan held demonstrations to mimic live field conditions of PBW infestation at the Kisan Mela 2022 organized by Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) held at PAU's Regional Research Station, Bathinda. A mega exhibition of PB Knot technology attracted cotton farmers from in and around Punjab and showcased the success of Project Bandhan PB Knot mating disruption technology demonstrated in 3 clusters at Bathinda,

Fazilka and Mansa. PB Knot exhibit displayed & demonstrated PBW life cycle, live samples of moth, larva and pupa & multiple generation feeding during the cotton growth and significance of management of cotton stalks & leftover for effective management of PBW in field situations to farmers, officials and visitors of Kisan Mela. Dr. Dilip Monga, Advisor of South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC) and Shri Vijaypal Singh of PI Industries inaugurated PB Knot exhibition along with participation of key personnel and local representatives of PI Industries.







## Mega Field Day hosts interaction of CICR Director & AIRCP on Cotton with PB Knot Farmers at Mansa Cluster

Dr. YG Prasad, Director of ICAR-Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur, Dr. AH Prakash, Coordinator of All India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton, Coimbatore; Dr. SK Verma, Head of CICR RRS, Sirsa and Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist of CICR Regional Research Station, Sirsa participated in the Mega Farmer's Field Day at PB Knot Mansa, Punjab cluster. Dr. YG Prasad inaugurated the program and interacted with Mansa PB Knot cluster farmers, monitored and inspected PB Knot treated fields for rosette flower and green boll damage. Dr. Rishi Kumar of CICR RRS Sirsa sampled the green bolls randomly in PB Knot cluster with other CICR officials for assessing the



green boll damage caused by pink bollworm. All stakeholders clearly observed the noticeable difference of PBW infestation in PB Knot treated and control plots and appreciated the efforts in transfer of innovative mating disruption of PB Knot technology to farmer's field.

## Project Bandhan celebrates World Cotton Day

Led by PI Foundation & South Asia Biotechnology Centre, Project Bandhan celebrated World Cotton Day on October 7, 2022. Multiple programs and field activities were organised for the benefit of those involved in the cultivation of this amazing natural fibre, supporting them with know-how, innovation and technologies to improve income and livelihood.







### Engaging Farm Input Dealers and RAWE students in PB Knot Field Demonstration at Telangana

Project Bandhan, in its Jammikunta PB Knot cluster, conducted field demonstrations and on-the-field-training for RAWE students and engaged with farm input retailers of Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) from Karimnagar and Siddipet districts. Project Bandhan imparted learning on innovative mating disruption PB Knot technology to control devastating Pink Bollworm in cotton crop.



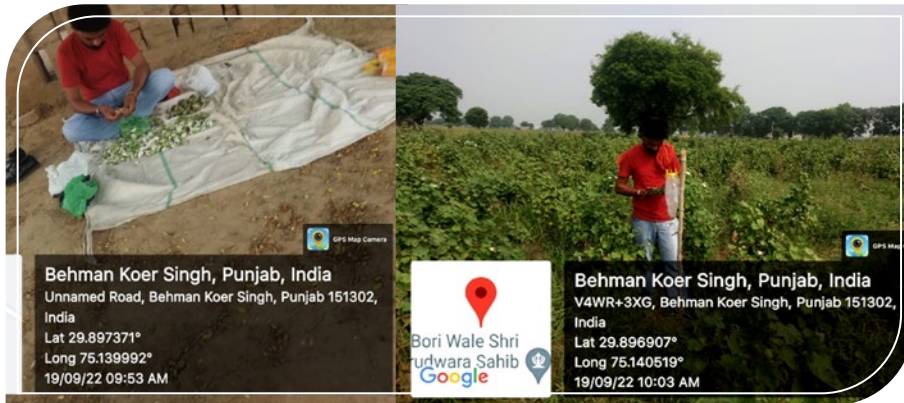
### Project Bandhan intensifies Field Interaction, Monitoring and Data Collection on Pink Bollworm

All PB Knot clusters in North, Central and Southern India have been under close supervision and technical guidance of expert teams led by PI Foundation in collaboration with South Asia Biotechnology Centre and local partners across 3 cotton growing zones. The teams have been regularly visiting each PB Knot plot and have trained manpower at each cluster with collection of multi variant dataset including the recording of moth catches of PBW from installed pheromone traps, weekly rosette flower, locule damage and green boll damage. The analysis of primary moth catches data indicates robust performance of PB Knot technology and reported negligible presence of PBW moth in treated plot in comparison to control plots in all PB Knot clusters across India.





## ACF Field team visit at Amreli Cluster (Village Piyava)



## ACF Team recording Green Boll damage at Bathinda cluster

Monitoring and data collection intensified in each of the 19 PB Knot clusters under the supervision of experts led by Dr. Dilip Monga, Dr. Narava Ramana and Dr. Deepak Jakhar and close coordination with State coordinators and field staff to ensure due diligence and field level participation on weekly basis. Interaction with the cluster farmers for their feedback on efficacy of PB Knot technology against PBW was a critical part of weekly assessment.







## Sahyog - Advocacy, Awareness & Training of Farmers and Applicators on the Safe Usage and Spraying of Agro Chemicals

**Project Location:** Punjab and Haryana

PI Foundation in partnership with Roots Foundation launched Project Sahyog, a unique initiative that focuses on Advocacy, Awareness & Training of Farmers on the benefits of proper application of agrochemicals. Distribution of 100 Boom Sprayers was done free of cost for progressive and entrepreneurial farmers of Ludhiana and Kurukshetra.

The project also includes making available efficient spraying equipment to farmers (Boom Sprayers), training them in the appropriate use of such equipment and entrepreneurship development.

Additionally, more than 5,000 farmers and applicators in selected districts of Punjab and Haryana will be indirect beneficiaries who

will be made aware of the benefits of this equipment. The Foundation has been working with over 7 lac farmers pan India and promoting good agriculture practices since 2012-13 to adopt best practices and ensure long-lasting behavioural changes.

“Project Sahyog is about ensuring reduced agro-chemical related health hazards to farmers and end consumers to reduced adverse impact on soil and the environment”. The Project also aims at ensuring increased incomes with entrepreneurship opportunities among these farmers as they lease out the equipment and transfer knowledge to other farmers. Senior leadership of







PI Industries, represented by Mr. Dushyant Sood and Mr. Manoj Bhandari, highlighted the role of PI Industries as a responsible corporate with concrete commitments towards the preservation of the environment and livelihood enhancement of the farming community. State government officials appreciated the contribution of PI Foundation in the domain of agriculture and farmers' welfare while underlining various government initiatives that aim to maintain a balance between increased agricultural productivity and environmental conservation. Dr. Amarjit Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ludhiana and Dr. Mahesh Kumar Narang, Principal Extension Scientist, Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering also participated in the event.

Various findings have pointed out the lack of awareness and training on the safety measures and non-adherence to recommended dosages by farmers during agro-chemical application on crops. This requires advocacy, awareness, training and the availability of efficient spraying equipment, its proper calibration and the know-how for farmers to use them.

Project Sahyog aims to undertake this with Punjab and Haryana farmers.



### A. Farmer selection for Boom Sprayer Distribution

Entrepreneurial farmers shortlisted for Boom Sprayer distribution under the guidance of PI team

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|---------------|-----------------|
| a. Karnal: 33 | c. Ludhiana: 32 |
| b. Hisar: 13  | d. Bhatinda: 12 |


### B. Mega Farmers Meets

1. 📍 Ludhiana, Punjab 📅 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

#### Chief Guests:

- Dr. Amarjit Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ludhiana
- Dr. Mahesh Kumar Narang, Prin. Extension Scientist, Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, Punjab Agri. University, Ludhiana
- Mr. Dushyant Sood, Marketing Head, PI Industries
- Mr. Manoj Bhandari, Crop Manager, Agri. Marketing
- Mr. Ritwik Bahuguna, General Secretary, Roots Foundation



2.  **Kurukshetra, Haryana**  12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Chief Guests:

- a. Mr. Aditya Pratap - Deputy Director Agriculture, Karnal
- b. Mr. Anil Chouhan - Plant Production Officer, Kurukshetra
- c. Mr. Sheesh Pal - Quality Control Inspector, Kurukshetra
- d. Mr. Jitendra Mehta - SDAO, Kurukshetra
- e. Mr. Dushyant Sood – Marketing Head, PI Industries
- f. Mr. Manoj Bhandari – Crop Manager, Agri Marketing
- g. Mr. Ritwik Bahuguna – General Secretary, Roots Foundation

Both the events were covered by various media houses, farmers, representatives of the state government and agriculture universities and other stakeholders. Mega Farmers' Meets will also be organised in Bhatinda and Hisar in the first week of November.

### C. Boom Sprayers Delivery

1. 24 Boom Sprayers in Haryana and 5 in Punjab have been delivered till date
2. All 90 Boom Sprayers are expected to reach the respective farmers soon
3. Training to operate the Boom Sprayer will be provided to all the farmers with demonstrations on the field once the delivery is complete

### D. Information Dissemination

1. Regular updates of Project Sahyog on all social media platforms i.e., LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook
2. Banners, standees, flyer and training material of Boom Sprayer prepared in English, Hindi and Punjabi language





## ASMITA Project - Women Empowerment through Improved Access to Credit and Livelihood Initiatives in 20 Villages

ASMITA project is being implemented with an aim to form and strengthen Self Help Groups (SHGs) of women for creating a sustainable base for microfinance activity in 20 villages- 15 villages of Jambusar (Sarod, Nodhna, Uber, Vedach, Samoj, Kavali, Nahar, Kangam, Amanpur, Tundaj, Kareli, Kahanva, Piludra, Nobar & Bhodar) and 5 villages of Panoli area (Panoli, Sanjali, Kapodara, Bakrol & Umarwada).

### Highlights of Jambusar

- Strengthening of SHGs:** Monthly meetings of 125 groups out of 126 were conducted and 1133 SHG members participated in the meeting. SHGs were counselled for registering in National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for availing their benefits and progressing towards developing enterprises. They were also informed that training for making candles as a part of skill training for income generation is being organized.
  - 16 new members joined the existing SHGs.

- Saving:** Members of 126 SHG deposited their savings amounting to ₹2,46,343 in Jambusar during the month.
  - Total savings of 126 Groups (till date): ₹96.89 lacs
  - Internal lending of Loan: ₹37.18 lacs
  - Total Cumulative Saving in FY 2022-23: ₹13.19 lacs

Number of Villages Covered	20
Total SHGs Created	208
Jambusar	126
Panoli	82
Total Women Impacted	2100+





## Highlights of Panoli

- Monthly meetings of 80 SHGs out of 82 groups were conducted covering 877 SHG members. Members of SHG were counselled on timely payment of loan availed from NRLM and its regular recovery. The process for cash credit loan was discussed within the SHG members. They were also informed to gather documents for Cash Credit Loan. Discussion was held for encouraging SHG members to establish local market for housekeeping products such as phenyl, dishwashing liquid and similar items.
- **Saving:** Members of 80 SHG deposited their savings amounting to ₹1,13,100 in Panoli during the month.
  - Total savings of 80 Groups (till date): ₹26.84 lacs
  - Internal lending of Loan: ₹7.97 lacs
  - Total Cumulative Saving in FY 2022-23: ₹6.68 lacs

## Formation of Village Organisation

- **Jambusar:** Bank account of Sakhi Self Help Group from Vedach village has been opened and their documents submitted in NRLM department

- **Ankleshwar:** Total 2 Village Organisations have been formed in Umarwada and Sanjali village with 30 SHGs covering 221 SHG members



## Skill Training for Income Generating Activities

25 women from Sanjali village in Ankleshwar were provided training for making jewellery in collaboration with SRTI. 10 women from Bakrol, Ankleshwar received training for making phenyl and dishwashing liquid.

SHG members setup a stall at Jambusar plant on October 21 2022 to display and sell their products to PI employees.

## Linkages with Govt. Schemes

Documents from 99 SHG women were collected and submitted to the concerned govt. department for linkage to rights entitled to them in Jambusar & Ankleshwar. All 99 got approvals for the same.

SN	Name of Scheme	Documents Collected	Documents Submitted	Scheme Approved
1	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Suraksha Bima Yojana	36	36	36
2	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana	20	20	20
3	Sukanya Samridhi Yojana	8	8	8
4	Ganga Swarupa Yojana	3	3	3
5	Ayushman Bharat	5	5	5
6	E-Shram Card	27	27	27
<b>Total</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>





## Economic Empowerment of Women Smallholders and Workers through Improved Agriculture and Inclusive Dairy Value Chain Promotion

PI Foundation along with CARE India is implementing a project titled 'Improved Agriculture and Inclusive Dairy Value Chain Promotion' (IAIDVC-II) in 59 villages of Jambusar block of Bharuch district in Gujarat. The project is working with 3,369 women smallholders through 293 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and 6 cluster-level federations. The goal of the project is to enhance economic empowerment of women smallholders and landless workers through improved agriculture, livestock, and inclusive dairy value chain promotion.

### Highlights of the Month - Strengthening of SHGs and Federation

**SHG Meeting:** Field team, Cluster level federation members and volunteers participated in monthly savings meetings of 186 SHGs with the purpose of observing the functioning of the SHGs. Team ensured discussion on importance of internal loaning and regular repayment of the loan, federation structure and vision.

Also, Entrepreneurs (Sangini, Beautician, Pashu Sakhi, Tailor, Jewelry making etc.) promote their products and services in the saving meetings. Moreover, SHG members plan the trainings and meetings for the month with the support of SHG guides.

4 Inactive SHGs have been activated with the efforts of male champions and federation members of the villages at Madafar, Naada, Karmad and Chhidra.

**Federations:** Monthly meetings of all 6 cluster level federations were organized in the respective clusters. The committee members of the respective cluster level federations along with the SHG members of the villages participated in these meetings. Committee members shared updates on the activities of cluster level federations as well as block level federation. Participants discussed ideas for economic activities, social norms and more.





One cluster level federation has been formed in Umra village and registered as a Village level organization with GLPC.

The assessment of 6 existing cluster level federations has been conducted and action plan developed for each cluster level federation.

**Legal registration process for Block Level Federation:** The process of establishing Block Level Federation has been initiated for last 4 months. Series of sessions, meetings & interactions have been done with women members. The committee members have been identified as per criteria.

The registration process of block level federation under society and Trust Act has been initiated, the documents have been submitted at charity commissioner under the name of "Jambusar Mahila Vikas Mandal".

### Certificate Distribution program by Tirth Sakhi Sangh

One of the cluster level federations, Tirth Sakhi Sangh established tailoring training unit and successfully completed two batches. They organized a certificate distribution program in Thanava village. Certificates were distributed to 15 trainees by the Chief Guests - Mr. Kanubhai, Thanava Sarpanch, Ms. Hemlataben Parmar,

President of block Social Justice Committee and the committee members of block level federation. The male champions of the village were felicitated in this program for their continuous support to the women.

Tirth Sakhi Sangh has started the third batch of the training center in village Nahar in which 27 trainees have been enrolled. The Sangh has managed 4 sewing machines by themselves and has set up a training center in another village to expand outreach.



## Flour Unit Established by Malpur Sakhi Sangh

A flour unit was established by Malpur Federation in the village of Malpur. IAIDVC Project supported the flour machine. The role and responsibilities were decided among members to run the unit. They also started a processing and packaging unit for spices with purchase of raw materials and necessary equipment. They have introduced masala samples in various pack sizes and have distributed samples to every cluster-level federation and business managers. For the forthcoming season, they intend to produce 1,000 kg of masala powder and promote it under the name of Malpur Sakhi Sangh.



## Partnering with other NGOs by Federation:

**Cluster level federations:** Maa Sakhi Sangh and Maalpur Sakhi Sangh collaborated with the NGO Gram Vikas Trust to provide SHG women the benefit of free skill trainings on tailoring and beautician. Federation members have facilitated the establishment of such centers and the master trainers of the village are providing training in these centers.



**Internal Loans:** ₹3,47,500 has been accessed by 27 SHG members as an internal loan. The purpose of taking loan was mainly to purchase agriculture input material, cattle feed, goat purchase, starting small petty shop, medical help and children education support.



**Bank Linkages:** 2 cluster level federations and 8 SHGs opened their bank account with Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank Jambusar and Bank of Baroda. Documents of 24 SHGs have been submitted to the respective banks for processing of Cash Credit Limit while documents of 20 SHGs submitted for opening Savings Bank Accounts. Regular follow up is being done by cluster level federations with the respective banks.

### Capacity Building Trainings

SHGs, cluster level federations and block level federations are undergoing various training to strengthen their skills and enhance their capability to lead them towards sustainability. Advance level financial and functional literacy trainings were conducted with the members of 6 cluster level federations on digital literacy and management. The block level federation members were trained on basic level advocacy training.

### Strengthening Linkages with Government Departments

Committee members of block level federation visited District Development Manager (DDM) of NABARD Mr. Anant Vardhan and District Livelihood Manager (DLM) Mr. Pravin Bhai Vasava to enlist their support in establishing micro enterprises such as

sanitary pad production, tuver daal processing unit and private milk collection center through cluster level federations.

DDM of NABARD offered training support while DLM suggested Maa Sakhi Sangh to get registered as Village level organization with GLPC and apply for the community investment fund.





## Agriculture Activities

500 POP farmers who have been nominated for the Best Farmer Award were given diaries to track their POP adoptions. These farmers were provided support by agri leaders and SHG guides to maintain the diaries and adoption of POPS at every stage of crop. Nutria gardens have been established in 15 Anganwadi / School of the project villages facilitated by SHG members and Agri leaders engaging school children and teachers.

## Milk Collection Centre - Center of Excellence

SHG women have been successfully running Milk Collection Centers (MCCs) for the last 4 years. They have been adopting best practices towards becoming centers of excellence. Their efforts have been recognized and the award for the best performing MCC for the quarter was given to Madafar MCC.

**Strengthening Pashu Sakhi Intervention:** 45 Pashu Sakhis have been trained to provide animal care services in the project villages. To track their progress and develop a customized plan for every Pashu Sakhi, team members visit listed Pashu Sakhi in a month and interact with them to understand their challenges.





## Employability-linked Skill Development Centre at Jambusar

PI Foundation along with Rural Shores has been running Skill Development Centre in Jambusar. At the centre, unemployed and underprivileged youth are trained with vocational training courses across various sectors to generate employment. A new 'electrician' course has been introduced with an annual intake of 480 students replacing the earlier course of 'food & beverage service stewards' basis the post-covid assessment of low potential employment opportunities in nearby areas. These are 3 monthly courses with min 500 hours per trainee.

PI Foundation Skill Development Centre has been running smoothly with strict adherence to COVID-19 protocol. Total 312 students were enrolled in 2022-23. 191 students completed their course and 136 students got placement. 121 students are continuing their courses in 'Advanced Excel', BPO, BFSI and Electrician trade.

Type of Courses	No. of Students	No. of Students completed the course	No. of Students placed
Advanced Excel & C++	141	77	54
Electrician	83	48	39
BPO	38	38	27
BFSI	50	28	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>136</b>



## Improving Learning Outcomes in 135 Govt. Elementary Schools of Jambusar

PI Foundation in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation has been implementing a CSR project to improve learning outcomes of over 12,000 children enrolled in Govt. Elementary Schools located in 82 villages of Jambusar block. The project envisages age & grade-appropriate learning standards for students in 135 schools of Jambusar taluka in Bharuch district.

### Highlights during the month

SN	Activity	Coverage
1	Light Activities with Grades 1 & 2 in 18 focused schools	923 Children
2	Learning Camps with Grades 3-5 in 18 focused schools	1427 Children Assessed 616 Children Targeted
3	Children's group activity in the community	2541 Children
4	Science Workshops for children in Grades 6-8	2667 Children
5	Science Fairs for children in Grades 6-8	8136 Children Visited 2234 Children demonstrated Models

### Basic Learning Camp



- 40-day Learning Camp started in 18 schools for Std. 3 to 5.
- 10-day third Learning Camp completed in 15 schools and 10-day second Learning Camp completed in 3 schools.
- Under Learning Camp, 3 hours of Language & Math activities are running with targeted children by Community Instructors.







## Light Activities



- Light activities are running with total of 932 children in Std. 1 & 2 in 18 schools. Community Instructors organize these activities for an hour
- Basic Math and Language activities are being organized with all children under Light activities
- Community Instructors also organize Balgeet and fun activities with children

## Library Group Activities



- Library groups are running in 82 villages through volunteers
- Total of 503 groups actively participated in Library activities. Total 2541 children covered from Std. 3 to 8. 1231 children covered from Std. 3 to 5 and 1310 children covered from Std. 6 to 8
- CIM provided day wise material to all 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 Library groups and also visited the groups on daily basis to support children's and volunteers

## Advance Learning Camp



- 30-day advance Learning Camp started in 35 schools with Std. 6 to 8
- Community Instructors organize the Learning Camp activities based upon CAMaL methodologies. CIM is also organizing Math and Language activities with Std. 6 to 8 children for practice





## Science Assessment



- Oral Assessment finished in Std. 6 to 8 in 80 schools. Language Oral testing completed with 2667 childrens
- Pen Paper Assessment completed with 1865 Para-Story Level childrens in 80 schools
- Practical Assessment completed with 800 childrens in 80 schools. CIM selected randomly 10 childrens per schools for Practical Assessment
- 2 science topic Magnet and Microscope are covered under practical assessment





The underlining theme of PI's CSR philosophy is to create equity in society with its actions. Keeping **Caring, Sharing** and **Growing** at the core, the goal is to ensure that economic growth is **socially** and **environmentally sustainable**.

## NOVEMBER UPDATES COMING SOON

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