

2026 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



Creating spaces where
every child can
learn, play & lead

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Message From The Founders



Dear friends,

For more than three decades, Shaishav has walked alongside children, creating spaces where they can learn, explore, express themselves and shape their own futures. What began as a commitment to children's rights and holistic development has grown through years of learning, experimentation, successes and challenges.

The year 2025–26 was another step in this journey. Across Bhavnagar and the Dediapada region of Narmada district, we continued to work with children and adolescents through programmes that support learning, life skills, emotional well-being, leadership and their overall development.

We are proud of what we have been able to build together, but we are equally conscious of how much remains to be done. Every year reminds us that meaningful change takes time, patience and the willingness to keep learning. Most importantly, it requires us to listen to children and recognise them not simply as beneficiaries, but as active participants in shaping their own lives and communities.

We are grateful to the children, families, educators, volunteers, partners and supporters who continue to walk this journey with us. This report is a reflection of that collective effort—and of our continuing commitment to making space for every child to learn, play, grow and lead.

Sincerely,

Parul & Falgun Sheth

About Shaishav

Shaishav, meaning childhood, is a civil society organisation established in 1993, dedicated to empowering children from marginalised and underprivileged communities. We work **alongside children to co-create child-friendly participatory learning spaces** that unlock children's potential for a liberated childhood and their holistic development.



"If we are to reach real peace in this world, we shall have to begin with children."

Mahatma Gandhi



Our Vision

A loving, safe, equitable, enabling & self-driven childhood for every child.

We see children not as mere beneficiaries, but as **active participants in shaping their own solutions**. Our **holistic, rights-based approach**, recognises that a child's **learning, safety, well-being & development are deeply interconnected** and must therefore be addressed together..

Where we work



OUR PROGRAMMES

BALSENA | BHAVNAGAR

Gujarat's 1st and longest running Democratic Children's Collective

AARANYAK | NARMADA

Participatory education model for underserved tribal children

SETU | PAN INDIA

Child Rights Training & Resource Centre - Scaling up models for child protection & development

Our Journey

1995 | Landmark Survey

Identified 12,813 working children in 106 occupations in Bhavnagar city

The Early Years | The Starting Point

Tackling child labour & reintegrating them into formal education

1995 & 1996 | Launched Balghar & Multipurpose Mobile Resource Centre (MMRC)

2003 | Formation of Balsena

Gujarat's 1st Democratic Children's Collective

2008 | Launched SETU

Child Rights Training & Resource Centre

2018 | Launched Aaaranyak

Participatory Tribal Education Model in Narmada

2023 | Completed 30 years

2026 | Launched Baldost Fellowship

In 3 decades, Shaishav has transformed the lives of over

7,00,000 children

78%

Reduction in
child labour

90%

Reduction in
substance abuse

95%

children continued
higher education

100%

escaped child
marriage

Bringing Learning to Where Children Are

The Multipurpose Mobile Resource Centre (MMRC)

For years, Shaishav envisioned bringing its Multi-Purpose Mobile Resource Centre (MMRC) to tribal children in Narmada. The vision drew from the success of the “yellow bus” in Bhavnagar, where the MMRC became a familiar and much-loved presence. As Reena, a former Balsena member who is now part of the Shaishav team, fondly recalls:

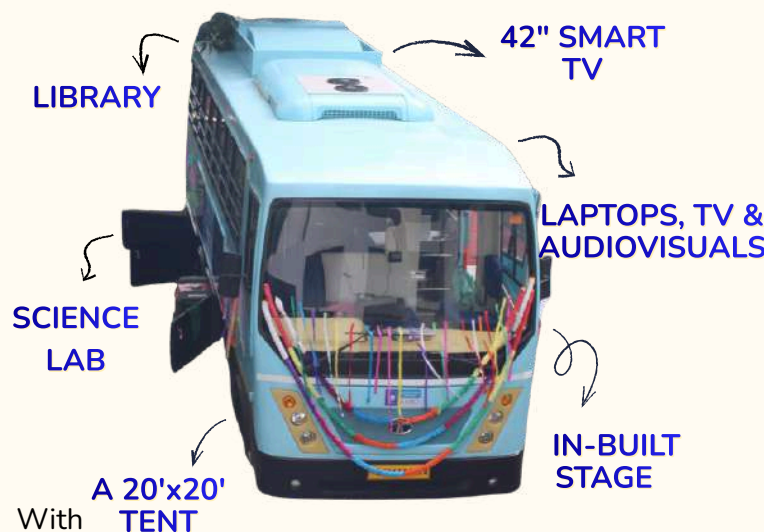
“The yellow bus transformed our lives. It opened up new possibilities for us—and inspired us to become part of Shaishav.”

On 2 July 2025, this vision became a reality. With support from ASED (Action Solidaire pour l'Éducation et le Développement), Shaishav launched its first MMRC in Dediapada, Narmada, bringing this fun-filled experience to thousands of tribal children.

A heartfelt thank you to our esteemed Chief Guests — Shri Minalben Dave, professor and author, and Shri Bankimbhai Sheth, Managing Trustee of SEWA Rural — for gracing the occasion and joining us in marking this important milestone.

The MMRC takes learning beyond the classroom, bringing books, computers, science, sports and new learning experiences directly to children wherever they are—making learning fun, meaningful and accessible.

MMRC is so more than a bus



International Day of Play and Children's Play Manifesto

What happens when children get to express *what play means* to them?

Last year, the **International Day of Play (11th June)** also became an opportunity for children to contribute to **Bachpan Manao's National Children's Play Manifesto campaign**, bringing together more than **4000 children's experiences**, needs and expectations around sports and play from across **22 organisations across 10 States** to shape wider conversations with society and policymakers.

Children Share Their Vision for Play

Shaishav brought **1,292 children from Bhavnagar and Narmada** together to explore why play matters, what their dream playgrounds would look like, and what children need to participate, including children with special needs. Through discussions, surveys, conversations with parents, drama, theatre and drawing, they explored how play and physical activity build teamwork, discipline and cooperation.

What makes it possible—or difficult—to play?

Children identified challenges including shrinking play spaces, excessive use of technology and mobile devices, and safety concerns, especially for girls.

Their findings and recommendations culminated into **Bachpan Manao's National Children's Play Manifesto** - bringing the perspectives of children from Bhavnagar and Narmada into a wider national conversation on sports and play.



The National Play Manifesto

1,292
children
from Shaishav
participated

4,000
children
22 organisations
10 states

Voices of Play



6 Pillars
explored by children

1. Play places that makes us feel safe
2. Playgrounds that aren't broken
3. To play without being scolded
4. To play our own way without adults leading us
5. Play spaces for children of all abilities
6. More time to play in school and at home
7. Girls and boys to be able to play together
8. Permission to play everyday, not just sometimes
9. Everyone to feel like a winner in play
10. Adults to listen to us when we talk about play

Launching a New Initiative: The Bal Dost Fellowship

Over three decades of working with children, Shaishav has recognised **the importance—and the challenge—of finding skilled professionals** who can work holistically with children. In response, we spent the last year developing a two-year scalable fellowship model to **build a cadre of skilled tribal youth** capable of building **child-friendly spaces** that can enhance overall **quality of education**.

Shaishav collaborated with Teach For India, Parul Sheth, Director of Shaishav participating as a TFIx Fellow, working closely with Ms. Neha Gujar on the design and development of the fellowship. Shaishav also partnered with Lokbharti University, a 73-year-old Gandhian university, enabling fellows to pursue an M.A. in Education alongside their fellowship.

With the programme and partnerships in place, Shaishav is all set to welcome its first cohort of Bal Dost Fellows in April 2026, marking an important step towards strengthening its work with children.

Fellowship goals



Who is it meant for?

Tribal youth in Narmada District keen to become skilled educators and work with local children in Aashramshalas (residential schools), schools and villages

What fellows will teach?

- Foundational Literacy & Numeracy (FLN)
- Life Skills, Values & SEL
- Children's Rights & Participation
- Adolescent Empowerment & Protection

Expected Outcomes

- Stronger local systems with active childrens' participation
- Reduced risky behaviours
- Integration of the model into public systems like ICDS & ICPS
- Scalable, globally replicable model

Who is a Bal Dost Fellow?

A trained grassroots facilitator skilled at creating child-friendly learning spaces that support their holistic development while strengthening local systems for their participation and growth.





Sharing Life Skills Practices Across Organisations

Life-skills development has been central to Shaishav's work since its inception. In May 2025, Shaishav conducted a **four-day State-Level Life Skills Training Camp** in Ahmedabad. The camp brought together **29 representatives from 13 organisations** across Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Participants explored life skills through a variety of activities and games, ending with a shared commitment to continue such learning exchanges regularly.

This training has given me **resources and tools** to make the trainings I conduct **more engaging and effective.**"

Vijay Kumar
NISHTHA, HP

Really loved how **life skills** were connected to everyday lives through **games and movie clips**

Moses Harish

Rays of Life Foundation, Maharashtra



Closing with a train of **Compliments**



thinking **differently** with the **Mobius strip**



Balsena

Gujarat's 1st and longest-running autonomous children's collective

Started in 2003 from an idea that came from children themselves, Balsena has entered its **23rd consecutive year**. At its core, Balsena is built on **unity, solidarity, and friendship** values that transcend barriers of caste, class, gender, and religion. Despite changing times, it has remained a constant in the lives of children from marginalised slum communities of Bhavnagar—offering a safe space to build confidence, leadership, solidarity and agency.

To date, Balsena has reached over **20,000 children**, helping them challenge issues affecting them such as child labour and child marriage, address gender inequality,.

Balsena in numbers



446
slum children
from 16 communities



1471
school children
from 13 schools



2 Residential
Camps



10 One-Day
Camps & Sports



8 Bal Melas
Children's fairs



45 Exposure
Visits



92 Festival
Celebrations



10 Wenlido Self
Defence Trainings



3 Networking Events
Represented by children



973
Adolescent Girls
empowered



3363
Parents Engaged

Building Friendships and Networks Beyond Borders

Since 2008, Shaishav and its children's collective, Balsena, have brought together children representing child-led organisations from across India through National Conventions of Child Representatives. These gatherings eventually led to the formation of the **National Forum for Child Participation**. Facilitating these national & state-level networks and keeping them active has been integral to our efforts, as we see this continued exposure and exchange as vital to building children's leadership and agency.

National Leadership Camp

 Bhopal

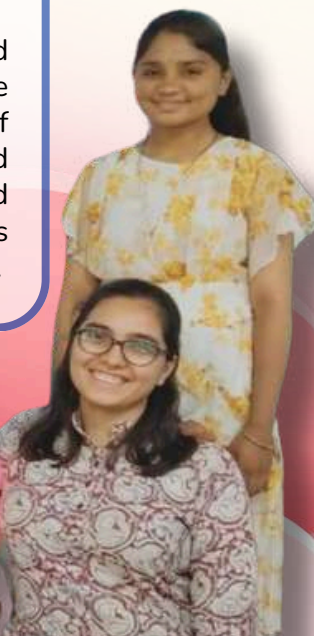
Bal Sena representatives also participated in a national leadership camp in Bhopal, organised by Concern for Working Children, providing another platform for children to learn, connect and share experiences.



Gujarat Bal Manch

 Ahmedabad

Gujarat Bal Manch, A State forum for child participation was held in Ahmedabad from 4–6 June 2025, four Bal Sena children and two Shaishav staff members joined children in discussions on child protection and recommendations for Gujarat's Child Protection Policy. The children's recommendations were submitted to the government through UNICEF.



6th National Children's Convention

📍 Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Organised by Shakthi Vidiyal in Madurai, Tamil Nadu from 22–24 May 2025, this event brought together children and representatives from child rights organisations from 12 states from across India. Four Balsena children and two Shaishav staff members participated. Children explored **the Constitution of India and its values and principles**, discussed **online safety**, and exchanged experiences and innovations from their work. The gathering also gave them an opportunity to visit Madurai and Rameshwaram.



Leadership Training Camps

Shaishav's Leadership Training Camps give children opportunities to explore important issues beyond the classroom while building confidence, leadership and a sense of social responsibility.

Last year, **60 active Balsena members** took part in a three-day residential camp on the environment, exploring waste segregation, harmful chemicals in cosmetics, junk food and wider environmental challenges. A second residential camp brought 38 children together to explore the Constitution of India, its Preamble and constitutional values through interactive activities and discussions.

Alongside these, eight one-day camps engaged 369 children around environmental awareness and child rights. A Heritage Walk also helped children connect with and appreciate Bhavnagar's history and cultural heritage.





Democratic Leadership and Elections

In Balsena, children don't just learn about democracy—they also get to practise it. Every year, children take part in elections that give them first-hand experience of how a healthy democracy functions.

Across Balsena's **16 slum communities in Bhavnagar**, children elect a Captain and Vice-Captain in each community. These elected representatives form the Balsena Council, which then elects its President and Vice-President through a transparent process. Equal representation of girls and boys is maintained throughout the election process. Children are trained in democracy, governance, citizenship and the responsibilities of elected representatives, enabling them to participate meaningfully and lead responsibly.

On 5 September 2025, **six children contested the Council elections** in the presence of noted journalist, mountaineer and traveller Shri Jigneshbhai Thakar.

The Winners



Dikshita - President
Region: Khara

Anuj - Vice-President
Region: Fulsar



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Annual Summer Vacation Camps (Bal Melas)

For children growing up in slum communities, summer vacation can mean long periods without the structure and learning. With increasing access to screens and limited spaces for safe, constructive engagement, Shaishav uses vacation camps as a means to keep children learning, connected and having fun while on school break.

In Bhavnagar, vacation camps (Bal Melas) brought together over 300 children from 13 communities through the month of May 2025. Through board games, hands-on construction and LEGO-based activities, children developed logical thinking, creativity, teamwork and confidence while exploring scientific concepts.

They also watched Poorna, the story of the first tribal girl to climb Mount Everest. The camp concluded with children showcasing their talents through cultural performances.





Celebrating India's Unity in Diversity

The 22nd Annual Celebration of Balsena, held on 25 December 2025, brought together children from 16 communities to explore what it means to be united while celebrating India's diversity. With the theme 'Unity in Diversity', children engaged with the Preamble, Constitutional Values and national symbols through a rally, flag hoisting and group discussions.

Each community represented a different Indian state through dance, theatre, presentations and audio-visual displays, bringing alive its culture, food, traditions and distinguished personalities. The celebration also recognised children who had represented Balsena at state and national levels, along with schools that collaborate with Shaishav.

Chief guest Shri Nitinbhai Dave, Trustee of the Vivekananda Research and Training Institute, spoke about the importance of unity in diversity. The event was supported by the management of Shri Dolat Anant Valiya School Campus.



Learning About Their Rights

Like every year, Balsena celebrated Child Rights Week from 14 to 20 November. Through discussions and interactive activities, Balsena helped bring children's rights into everyday conversations across schools, communities and public spaces. This year, Balsena took these conversations beyond schools and into the wider community, reaching children and adults across different spaces.

Child Rights Week reached:

- 3,006 children and 51 teachers across 12 schools
- 744 children and 122 adults across 16 communities
- 66 children and 122 citizens through activities in public spaces



Me & My Identity

On 28 December 2025, 141 adolescent girls came together for Shaishav's **Annual Adolescent Girls' Conference**, themed "Me and My Identity." Through interactive activities, the girls explored who they are.

Girls created Dream Trees of their future, built "Beautiful Me" flowers of their talents, and debated values — all sparking real, honest conversations.

The conference was led in the presence of **Ms. Nimishaben Desai**, women's rights activist and Trustee of Olakh, Vadodara. It was an opportunity for girls to build confidence, understand themselves better and see their own potential.



Adolescence Awareness and Safety Programme

Building knowledge, confidence and safety through peer-led learning

Shaishav works with adolescent girls and boys to build their understanding of changes during puberty, develop healthy relationships, avoid risky behaviour and make informed decisions. The programme uses a peer-led approach, training girls with leadership potential as peer educators who support other girls in their communities with guidance from Shaishav staff. Shaishav has also developed a child-focused Wenlido self-defence curriculum, adapting the approach to make self-defence skills accessible to children.

In 2025–26, 31 girls were trained as peer educators, who went on to reach 406 adolescent girls across six communities. In addition, Shaishav staff conducted 88 community sessions reaching 973 girls, while seven sessions across four schools reached 344 adolescent girls.

In Wenlido Self Defence Training, 78 girls aged 8–12 participated in four basic self-defence training programmes, while introductory sessions in five schools reached 193 adolescent girls.



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From the Streets to School

How Two Girls Went from Begging to Building a Brighter Future

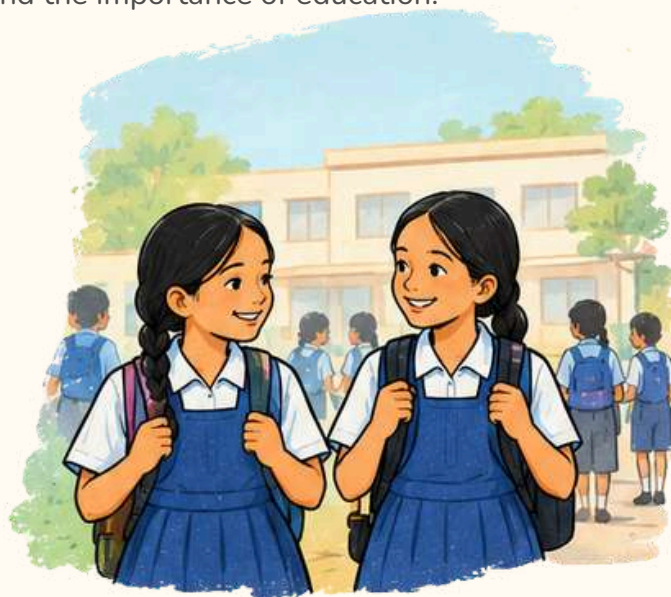


In a community in Bhavnagar, two young girls were regularly taken by their grandmother to beg on the streets.

Recognising their need for support, Shaishav's team began working with the family through patient counselling and regular follow-ups, helping them understand children's rights, safety and the importance of education.

Gradually, the family began to recognise the value of schooling. Today, both girls attend school regularly and continue their education, encouraged by other children in their community.

Their journey reflects how sustained engagement with families and communities can help children move away from begging and claim their right to education.





Aaranyak

Building a participatory & holistic education model for tribal children

Launched in 2018, on Shaishav's 25th anniversary, Aaranyak is Shaishav's effort to build an education model that is relevant to realities, cultures and contexts of children in Narmada's tribal communities. Through participatory learning, life skills, creativity, nature-based learning and play-based experiential approaches, children learn at their own pace and explore topics connected to their lives and everyday experiences.

Today, Aaranyak has reached around **8,000 children across 16 Ashramshalas** (residential schools) and village communities, while Shaishav continues to strengthen and refine the model for wider adoption.

Aaranyak **in numbers**



2475

children engaged



1182

Girls



1293

Boys

Ashram
schools

16

Foundational Education

A daily intervention in 3 Aashramshalas



176

children engaged
3 Aashramshalas

Learning Outcomes

Grades 1-3

10% - 85%

recognised
colours & shapes

15% - 70%
basic arithmetic

Grades 4-5

20% - 80%
logical reasoning

20% - 75%
mathematics

20% - 94%
Reading simple
texts

Adolescent Empowerment

A weekly intervention in 16 Aashramshalas



1890

children engaged
16 Aashramshalas

What changed?



50%

can identify child
rights violations in
daily lives.



60%

were able to
identify & name
their emotions

Other Themes & Activities



Life
Skills



Computer
Education



Child Rights
Awareness



Sports



Library



Film shows



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Daily academic support in Ashramshalas (residential tribal schools)

Shaishav provides daily support in 3 Ashramshalas, reaching 176 children in Grades 1–5 across two schools, along with Grade 9 students in a third. Working alongside teachers, facilitators use activity-based and participatory methods to strengthen literacy, numeracy, mathematics, language and science, while creating space for children to ask questions, participate and express themselves. For children living away from their families, this regular engagement also provides a trusted space to build confidence, stay engaged in learning and navigate residential school life.



Life Skills Education

Aaranyak integrates life skills into everyday learning through games, group activities and participatory learning. Through regular interventions, children explored self-expression, confidence, communication, listening, decision-making, problem-solving and interpersonal relationships—building skills they can apply in everyday situations and relationships.



Adolescence Education and Safety

For students in Grades 5 to 8, special sessions were conducted on physical changes during adolescence, mental and emotional development, personal safety and the science of growing up. These sessions created a safe space for children to ask questions, understand the changes they are experiencing, and approach adolescence with greater knowledge, confidence and comfort.

Computer-Based Learning Through Laptops

The Mobile Resource Van introduced children to laptop-based learning, opening up opportunities that were new to many of them. One memorable experience was a series of online computer sessions led by Arihna, a school student from the USA, who volunteered her time to teach the children. For children in Ashram schools, learning and interacting with someone from another country was both an unfamiliar and enriching experience.



Expansion to Additional Ashramshalas

Shaishav also extended its outreach to 250 students in two additional Ashram schools that are too remote for regular visits and the Rajpipla CCI. Through visits every two to three months, children participated in thematic fairs, film screenings, educational exhibitions, friendship games and interactive learning activities. These outreach visits helped extend opportunities for learning, exposure and engagement to children in schools that are otherwise difficult to reach regularly.



Vacation Camps

In Dediapada, Narmada District, we organised *Bal Melas* (children's fairs) across village communities, **with 987 children** participating in science experiments, DIY learning, papercraft, drawing, street theatre, educational songs, friendship games and life skills activities. Sessions on eliminating superstition encouraged children to question, explore and think critically.

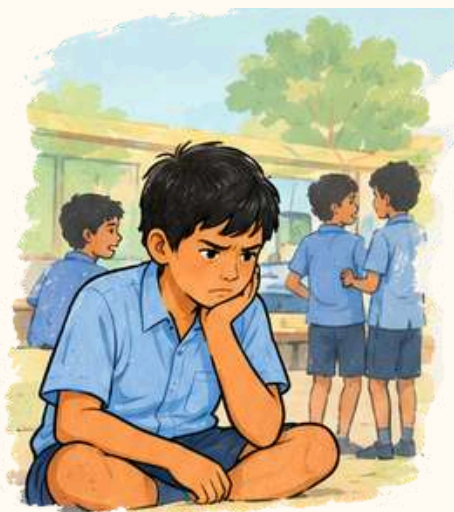
Across both programmes, the camps created spaces where children could learn through experience, discover new interests and build confidence beyond the classroom.



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The Power of Being Trusted

How Rohan Found a New Direction



Rohan, a fourth-grade student at an Ashramshala, often struggled to sit still, disrupted activities and bullied other children. Instead of excluding him, Shaishav's facilitator chose to approach him with trust and understanding.

Rohan was given responsibilities, from gathering children for activities to distributing learning materials and helping implement programmes. For the first time, he felt trusted and valued.

Gradually, his disruptive behaviour decreased. He became calmer, more focused and enthusiastic about participating in activities. His academic performance also improved significantly.



Rohan's journey shows that when children are trusted, included and given meaningful responsibilities, they can discover their strengths and make positive changes in their lives.



Child Rights Training & Resource Centre (CRTRC)

Scaling up participatory child-centric learning and development models

Also known as SETU—meaning bridge—Shaishav's Child Rights Training & Resource Centre was created to make Shaishav's expertise, resources and child-centred approaches accessible to others working with children. Through Training of Trainers, resource sharing and capacity building of professionals and institutions, SETU supports wider adoption of participatory, child-rights-based and child-friendly approaches.

To date, SETU has collaborated with **200+ organisations**, strengthening the capacity of NGOs, educators and other practitioners working with underprivileged children.

SETU in numbers

Capacity Building

Training of trainers



14

staff trainings



16

NGOs

141

NGOs Staff

1557

Children

5

Key Themes



Life Skills



Adolescence & Safety



Self-Defense



Friendship & Team-Building

Volunteers



8

Volunteers



2

Online Volunteers
(International)

Networks

100+

Meetings (Online & Offline)

Shaishav co-founded the **Child Rights Collective Gujarat (CRCG)**, which evolved into **Gujarat Bal Manch**, and is a founding member of the **National Forum for Child Participation**. Our founder serves on the Executive Committee of the **National Action and Coordination Group (NACG)**, the **National Board of the Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL)**, and the **Right to Education (RTE) Forum**. Shaishav is also an active participant in other networks including the **Life Skills Collaborative**, **South Asian Coalition**, **Dasra**, **Teach For India**, **Aspire** and **Catalyst 2030**.

77+

Child-friendly Resources
created during the year

Themes

Indian Constitution (7); Life Skills (40); Biodiversity (5); Know Your States (15); Adolescent Awareness (5); Foundational Literacy & Numeracy Resources

Reimagining Our Future with **TFIX**

In July 2025, Shaishav was selected for the TFIx – Teach For India Fellowship, opening up a new space for reflection, learning and organisational growth. As part of an inspiring cohort of social entrepreneurs, we have been exploring new ways to strengthen leadership, partnerships and systems that can take community-led change to many more children.

The fellowship has encouraged us to question assumptions, think beyond existing possibilities and deepen our focus on community leadership and young changemakers—while staying true to the vision that has guided Shaishav for over three decades.



Capacity Building with **ATMA**

AN ACCELERATOR FOR EDUCATION

Over the past three years, Shaishav has been part of ATMA's Accelerator Programme, creating valuable space to step back from day-to-day work and strengthen our organisational foundations. The journey has supported us in improving monitoring and evaluation, digitising processes, developing programme systems, strengthening performance and financial management, and sharpening our strategy for growth.

Through this process, we have been learning to build systems that are practical, sustainable and suited to the realities of a grassroots organisation—strengthening Shaishav for the journey ahead.



Other Highlights

Learning Through Networks and Exposure

SETU continued to create opportunities for Shaishav staff and children to learn from others through meetings, workshops, camps, study visits and sector networks. During the year, staff visited Eklavya Organisation and Muskaan Organisation in Bhopal and participated in platforms focused on child rights, education, child participation and self-defence.

Volunteers @ Shaishav

In 2025–26, Shaishav welcomed volunteers, fellows and students from India and abroad across its Bhavnagar and Dediapada programmes. Their contributions included activities with children, online computer education, English language training, sports and social work placements. Volunteers included Aashni, Dekyi, Arihana Shah, Arvindbhai Patel, Ashish (Daani Foundation), and students from Shamaldas Arts College, MKES College, Suryoday MSW College, Shri Nandkuvarba Mahila College and J.K. Sarvaiya College.



Aashni, Grade x Student, USA



Volunteers Mr. Arvindbhai Patel & Ashish with the Shaishav Team

VOLUNTEER

Diaries



"My time at Shaishav was a great learning experience. I know it will serve as an **important foundation for my career**

– Dekyi Sharshitsang | AIF Fellow 2026



"I had a great time teaching the children—they were very enthusiastic and ready to learn!"

Arihana, Grade 9 Student, USA



"Every moment felt **purposeful** and deeply meaningful."

– Zeel MKES, MUMBAI

"A truly enriching and **joyful learning** experience."

– Labdhi, MKES MUMBAI



"This journey has built my confidence and communication skills, while also giving me the opportunity to learn how to conduct sessions on child rights and handle diverse topics in a simple, yet comfortable way."

– Ashish, DANI SPORTS FOUNDATION



Other Highlights

Shaishav Achieves GuideStar Platinum Certification



Shaishav has officially earned the GuideStar Platinum Champion Level Certification. This highest level of recognition demonstrates our commitment to transparency, accountability and trust.



Launched Khel Khel Mein

Shaishav's new quarterly digest, sharing stories and updates from our work.

Our new website goes live!



ABOUT USPROGRAMMESCHILDREN'S VOICESRESOURCESGET INVOLVED

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32 years of children leading change

Shaishav's journey began in 1995 when a landmark survey in Bhavnagar revealed that over 12,800 children, some as young as seven, were engaged in 106 forms of child labour. What started as an effort to bring children out of labour and into school has since evolved into a broader movement for children's rights.

For over three decades, Shaishav has worked to ensure children have access to education, protection, participation, and equality. Through child-centred, participatory approaches and children's collectives like Bai Sena, children develop leadership, confidence, and voice.

Today, Shaishav works in Bhavnagar city and the tribal regions of Narmada district, reaching over 7 lakh children and creating spaces where they can learn, grow, and shape their own futures.

Every child is valued, respected & accepted as they are.

Children are at the core of everything we do.

We see their needs holistically, recognising that their development and well-being are shaped by many interconnected factors. Our work focuses on **creating safe, enabling spaces** where children can learn, grow and flourish. Through a **participatory, child rights-based** approach, children themselves take the lead in identifying their needs, expressing their voices and shaping their own futures.

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Finding Her Voice

How the Mobile Resource Centre Helped Meera Grow in Confidence



Meera began to participate in Shaishav's activities when she was Grade 6.

Although academically bright, she was extremely shy, spoke very little and felt uncomfortable expressing herself, particularly around boys.

She often hesitated to participate or take on leadership roles.

Through regular participation in the Mobile Resource Centre (MRC), Meera gradually discovered new ways to learn and express herself. She enjoyed watching educational videos, using laptops, solving puzzles and performing on the mobile van's foldable stage.

By Grade 7, Meera was confidently sharing her opinions, interacting with groups of boys and girls, and participating enthusiastically in activities. She particularly enjoyed challenging puzzles and often became the first to solve them.



Meera's journey shows how accessible learning opportunities, safe spaces and encouragement can help children find their voice, build confidence and participate more actively.

Our Supporters

We are immensely grateful to the individuals, trusts and organisations whose generous contributions supported our work with children and communities during 2025–26.



Major Institutional Grants 2025-26



India Development Service
Making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people in India for the last four decades.



The Greencliffe Foundation

Anand Engineers Pvt. Ltd

Village Uplift



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INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL DONORS 2025-26

No.	Donor / Organisation	Location	Contribution
1	Meraki Communication Private Limited	Bangalore	₹11,00,000
2	Rameshbhai Kacholiya	Mumbai	₹10,00,000
3	Pentagon Charitable Foundation	Mumbai	₹6,48,000
4	Ghatkopar Education Society	Mumbai	₹3,00,000
5	Steelcast Limited	Bhavnagar	₹2,00,000
6	Lilavati R. Shah Medical Relief Trust	Mumbai	₹2,00,000
7	Shachi Falgunbhai Sheth	Bhavnagar	₹1,50,000
8	Kishorbhai P. Mistry	Vadodara	₹1,00,000
9	Gauriben Babubhai Patel	Ahmedabad	₹45,000
10	Mahendrabhai Jashvantray Parekh Charitable Trust	Mumbai	₹25,000
11	Fulchand P. Tamboli Charitable Trust	Bhavnagar	₹25,000
12	Ramchandrabhai Pancholi	Sanosara	₹15,000
13	Bhaichand M. Mehta Charitable Trust	Mumbai	₹15,000
14	Harsukh B. Mehta Charitable Trust	Mumbai	₹15,000
15	Nileshbhai K. Barot	Bhavnagar	₹11,111
16	Rekhaben Pankajbhai Shah	Mumbai	₹11,000
17	Parul Falgun Sheth	Bhavnagar	₹11,000
18	Manojbhai D. Anandpur	Ankleshwar	₹22,000
19	Dr. Bharatbhai N. Panchal	Ahmedabad	₹10,000
20	Radhikaben Himatlal Patel Charitable Trust	Vadodara	₹10,000
21	Dr. Bharatbhai M. Shah	Ahmedabad	₹5,000
22	Yagneshkumar A. Patel	Godhra	₹5,000
23	Sadhnaben R. Shah	Ahmedabad	₹2,500
24	Arvindbhai Desai	Valsad	₹1,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025-2026

EXPENDITURE	As on 31.03.26	As on 31.03.25
Establishment Expenses	4,70,815.39	3,49,707.65
Legal Expenses	1,00,000.00	1,48,000.00
Contribution to Charity Commi.	-----	50,000.00
Expenses on the Object of the Trust	10,523,173.52	91,82,641.85
Income Tax	13,066,51.00	11,000,00.00
Amts. Tr. to reverse or specific Fund	2,87,727.32	3,10,459.77
Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet	24,89,438.14	10,67,494.65
Total	1,51,77,805.37	1,22,08,303.92
INCOME	As on 31.03.26	As on 31.03.25
Interest	35,56,998.53	35,36,459.00
Donation	1,403,611.00	3,23,000.00
Grant	10,085,691.84	82,27,439.92
Training & Workshop fees	1,31,504.00	1,21,405.00
Other Misc. Income	-----	-----
Total	1,51,77,805.37	1,22,08,303.92

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	As on 31.03.26	As on 31.03.25
Trust Funds or Corpus	15,70,581.00	15,70,581.00
Other Earmeeeked Funds		
(a) Building Fund	1,12,78,343.40	1,12,78,343.40
(b) Non, Recurring	1,20,56,440.00	1,19,85,850.00
(c) Un Utilized Fund	31,75,036.65	28,87,309.33
(d) Aaranyak Project Fund	70,29,977.81	59,31,191.81
(e) Balsena Project Fund	78,14,764.12	80,27,414.12
Other Liabilities	43,88,171.86	42,68,813.86
Income & Expenditure Account	3,99,46,555.47	3,82,31,002.56
Total	8,72,59,870.31	8,41,80,506.08

ASSETS	As on 31.03.26	As on 31.03.25
Immovable Properties	99,35,903.00	99,35,903.00
Furniture & Fixture	11,418,684.00	93,47,342.00
Loan & Advance	6,300.00	6,300.00
Income Receivable	3,31,011.00	14,50,964.51
Cash & Bank Balance	6,55,67,972.31	6,34,39,996.57
Total	8,72,59,870.31	8,41,80,506.08

IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS FOR CREDIBILITY OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

(A) Registration

- Name of the organization
- Registered Address
- Address of work place
- Public Organization Registration No.
- Society Registration No.
- 12(a) registration as per income tax act
- 80(g) certificate as per income tax No.
- PAN a/c No as per income tax
- Foreign Aid Registration no.
- C.S.R. Registration no.
- Address of main bank

- For Foreign Donations

(B) Clarification of the Organization's Mission/Approach and Commitment

- Organizational structure and presentation in various report presentation
- Transformation into programs and activities
- Clarity and acceptance in activists, locals and children

(C) Administration and Management Members/trustees of the governing body

(D) Targets, Review and periodic Monitoring for each Activity

(E) Advisory Group

(F) Vision - Mission

(G) Various policies for HR, Governance and Committees

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- AABT50865NF20214
- AABTS0865N
- 041980028
- CSR00000942
- Bank of Baroda Mokhadaji Branch Bhavnagar
- IDBI Bank Waghawadi Road Bhavnagar
- State Bank of India New Delhi Branch
- Clear and firm
- Present well
- CONCIOUS EFFORTS
- The list of trutees is given separately
- More than 50% Women members in board
- Senior workers of the organization are permanently invited in board of trustees
- Local representatives are permanently invited in board of trustees
- There are two trustees in the Board of Trustees.
- Any trustee of the board are not paid any kind of allowances as a trustee
- 3 meeting of the board of trustees were held during the year 2025-26
- Sharing of quarterly, half yearly, annual planning and review work, accountability and orderly execution, more emphasis on quality, regular reporting by entire staff every year
- Regular Review of programs by outside Experts
- Formed / Untimely meetings are held
- The vision/ mission statement of the organization is reviewed regularly
- There is a guide of rules for the employees of the organization

(H) Human Resources

- No. of Employee

- Current employee's services in the organization

- Appointment letters
- Benefits like P.F/Graduate, Holidays
- Personal accident policy
- Staff welfare activity
- Meetings

- Capacity building, professional development of workers

(G) Accountability and Transparency

- Publications
- Annual accounts
- Website

- There is child protection policy / gender policy / volunteer policy
- Policies and implementation regarding account, purchase, store, dead stock etc.
- Women's protection committee (POSH), disciplinary committee, Child protection committee have been constituted and its members change from time to time
- Distribution of employee according to their pay scale (As on March 2026)

Wage standards	Full time	Part time	Male	Female	Total
Up to 15,000	7	1	3	5	8
15,000 to 25,000	13	0	6	7	13
More than 25,000	7	0	4	3	7
Total	27	1	13	15	28

Years in the organization	Male	Female	Total
Below 3 years	8	10	18
3 to 5 years	2	1	3
5 to 10 years	0	3	3
More than 10 years	3	1	4
Total	13	15	28

- Given to all
- Given to all as per rules
- Taken for all
- Various staff welfare activities is being done
- Co-ordination meetings every week
- Weekly meetings of each department
- Almost every month all staff meeting
- Encourage to participate at all levels in training at regional, national and international levels, workshops, and conferences
- Various training of workers for capacity building as per annual plan
- Work changes according to interest and experience and responsibilities in new work / development opportunities are given
- Annual Report Published every year
- Published every year
- www.shaishavchildrights.org is there and updated

(H) Financial Aspects

- Board meeting, annual budget
 - Accounting system
 - Financial transactions
 - Accounting Monitoring
 - Evaluation by external experts/organizations
 - Legal compliance of various ACTS Like IT/ Assets / FCRA / Trust, etc.
 - Acceptance of various awards
 - Air travel
- The annual budget and financial review are discussed in each meeting
 - Implemented as per standard rules
 - Accurately executed with receipt/bill regarding every financial transaction
 - Monitoring is done every month. Quarterly and Annual Audit is done by CA and accounts are published Auditor: Shri Dilipbhai R shah & Co A/21, Ajanta Commercial Centre, Second floor, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad.
 - Five times external evaluation has been done so far
 - Shaishav is registered with Give India/Guidestar has membership
 - The laws in this regard are strictly followed to a great extent.
 - Accounts are regularly given to Government
 - Acceptance on behalf of the organization
 - National air travel has been made in this year and it has been spent under the organization's project.

Trustee

Shri Falgun Sheth

Dr. Pankaj Shah

Shri Sanjay Desai

Shri Parul Sheth

Dr. S. Sridhar

Shri Sangita Karkera

Shri Nimisha Desai

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- Donations to Shaishav are eligible for tax exemptions u/ Sec 80G(S) of the Indian Tax Act.
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