

# LJ PRAYAS



Prayas aims on upbringing the under-privileged children by providing them quality education as well as social values. Prayas is an NGO which primarily focuses on educating under-privileged children. Through Prayas the children that belong to deprived society can be endowed with the opportunities to secure their future.

The team Prayas comprises of the students of LJIET who voluntarily invests their time for teaching kids belonging to underprivileged society. The volunteers teach these kids daily for an hour before college. Etiquettes are set of norms one must follow in order to be decorous and gentle. Prayas is a place where kids will not only learn how to be good at academics but will also be taught the basic moral values.

## Our Mission

- Every child possesses unique talent and a different personality. And every child has a right to gain equal opportunities, education, knowledge and social values. But some of them are caught in inevitable circumstances.
- Prayas is on mission of upbringing and educating the children who wants to come forward but are trammelled under the deprived society norms.

## History

This initiative is based on an idea that came through a random incident. Three girls of LJIET were passing through the college outskirts and noticed some children were playing and asked them about their studies. They found that the children were lacking some educational facilities which is mandatory for every child of their age group. The three girls came with an astounding idea of trying to provide those educational facilities to these children. They decided to discuss this idea with their communication skills faculty, Prof. Sushma Jacob. The faculty appreciated their idea and to implement it, the students and the faculty represented their idea to the college management. The college management also appreciated the idea and provided resources to execute the idea. This way Prayas was initiated and the students of LJIET also voluntarily provided their supported by contributing their efforts.

There was a time when Prayas was about to demolish due to the lack of volunteers. But there were three volunteers who maintained the consistency & integrity of Prayas by their valuable efforts. And due to all these appreciation and efforts the Prayas is contributing towards upbringing and educating the underprivileged children since last many years (12 years).

# **Activities**

## **Teaching**

Prayas was initiated for upbringing and betterment of children belonging to underprivileged society by educating & fostering them. Prayas understands the importance of education and Prayas believes that it is everyone's right to gain basic education and morals. Etiquettes are set of norms one must follow in order to be gentle and decorous. Prayas not only aims to provide academic knowledge, it also encourages the of basic moral values and ethics.

Volunteers of Prayas teach the kids during the regular college days, before the college starts. They teach the kids for 1 hour during weekdays and events are conducted usually on weekends. To start with, whenever a new student is admitted to Prayas, the progress report is made of that student about how much that particular student knows and what that student needs to learn. If a student doesn't know anything and has to start with basic then volunteers of Prayas teach them digits and basic operation so atleast if they run a small shop then they can keep account of money. Different subjects are assigned to different volunteers, according to their knowledge and skills. Everyday attendance of kids as well as the volunteers is taken. Daily student progress report is being noted of each and every student.



## **Computer Training**

Computers have changed the way we work, be it any profession. Computers play a vital role in each and every field. They aid industrial processes; they find application in medicine; they are the reason why software industries developed and flourished. Considering the use of computer technology is almost every sphere of life, it is important for everyone to have at least the basic knowledge of using computers. Computer education plays an important role in students' career development. Computer with the internet is the most powerful device that students can use to learn new skills and more advanced version of current lessons. Computers and the internet not only help students to explore creativity and imagination but also help to understand technologies. Students are future of the nation. So, for the education

development, it is really important to teach students about computers, internet and its benefits. So it is really important to give students the knowledge about advance and upcoming technologies. Prayas conducts computer sessions at some specific intervals for kids so that they can learn about new upcoming technologies. LJIET provides labs and required resources for this computer sessions. The kids enjoy learning about computers, internet and many more technologies related to computers.



## **Parent Meeting**

Conducting effective parent-teacher conferences can boost family involvement in your classroom and help promote positive outcomes for you, your students, and your school. This is a meeting between parents and the teacher to talk about child's learning and progress. They might be called parent-teacher interviews, parent-teacher conferences or even learning conferences. Prayas conducts parent teacher meeting to discuss child's overall growth and development for being a better person in life. Through these meetings, parents are aware about their child's behavior as well as their performance.



# **Participation in Events**

## **Lumina**

"LUMINA"-LJIET's very own cultural festival which is celebrated once in a year. The Prayas children are also given an opportunity to perform on the stage and showcase their talents. Every year Prayas children represent unique performances on the stage under the guidance of the volunteers of Prayas.



## **Foundation day celebration**

Prayas was initiated on 23rd march, 2008 by the students of LJIET under the guidance of Prof. Sushma Jacob, faculty of LJIMS with the support of college management as well. Prayas mainly focuses on upbringing and educating under-privileged children. Along with the education, extra-curricular activities as well as moral values are also encouraged in Prayas. Every year the children and volunteers celebrate Prayas's birthday by representing Prayas through the performances and cake cutting ceremony. The dignitaries, faculties, alumni as well as the director of the college are invited to be a part this celebration with us. They do appreciate the efforts by giving their time.



## Diwali Celebration

“Diwali” – a festival in which people of different age groups celebrate and enjoy the festival uniquely but together with their family & friends. Everyone is eagerly waiting and excited too, for the festival of lights. But there are some families who cannot enjoy and celebrate this festival as everyone else does, due to some circumstances. The student of Prayas also belongs to these families and volunteers of Prayas tries their best to fulfil their wishes. Prayas volunteers organise a Diwali celebration event every year for their children. Here, the children of Prayas are being surprised with the different gifts like clothes, sweets, food, footwear, etc. Prayas children are also being acknowledged to celebrate the Diwali without fire crackers because of their adverse effect on our environment.



## Let's Go Shopping

By hearing the word “Shopping”, not only the children but everyone gets excited and start preparing their wish-list i.e. list of the things they would like to buy. Unfortunately, there are some wish-lists which are never being fulfilled completely. So, to complete those lists every year Asmaan Foundation organises an event called “Let's Go Shopping”. Prayas with support of Asmaan Foundation tries to accomplish those incomplete wish-lists and give the children a real-time shopping experience. On the day of event, children are given pseudo money (fake money) through which they buy the things they like or they need. Children learn to buy, barter and bargain judiciously. Along with learning, they also enjoy shopping experience.



## Independence Day Celebration

**Independence Day** is annually celebrated on 15 August, commemorating the nation's independence from the Britishers on 15 August 1947, the day when the provisions of the Indian Independence Act 1947, was passed by the British rulers, which transferred legislative sovereignty to the Indian Constituent Assembly came into effect. Independence Day is the National Festival of our country. As a citizen of India, everyone should be aware about importance this day. Every educational as well as business firm celebrates this auspicious day of independence with immense patriotism and enthusiasm. Prayas celebrates this day together with the children and volunteers including some faculties as well as the alumnis of Prayas. On this day activities like flag hoisting, acknowledging the children about history through short films, storytelling, speeches, movies, etc. are encouraged. Children do enjoy by playing small games, singing, dancing, etc. Also, a drawing competition is arranged for the children, for which they are given different prizes.



## Picnic

Picnic is the most joyful and adventurous part of schooling. Every student in their schooling period wishes to go on a picnic with their friends. Many of them can often go to the picnics organized by their schools but not all children are such fortunate to enjoy and experience those joyful moments with their friends. Students of Prayas belongs to the deprived society and they might not able to go to such picnics. Every year Prayas organizes a picnic for these children. The picnic is arranged at places where the children can enjoy their trip and also learn something beside books. Kids are taken to places like Akshardham where they can learn about peace, harmony and Indian history; Adalaj stepwell so that they can know our ancient talent of carving; Gandhi Ashram so that they can understand thi lifestyle of Mahatma Gandhi, etc.



## **Sports Day celebration**

Sports is an important aspect for students as well as adults. Everyone is not interested in sports but as far as health is concerned everyone should do regular exercise to stay fit. Each and every school organizes sports day events for encouraging students towards sports. Also, the government supports the sports activities enthusiastically. Hence, Prayas also motivates their children towards sports by organizing sports day once in a year. Games like relay race, kho-kho, kabbadi, trileg race, etc. are arranged on the sports day. Volunteers and children of Prayas together play some of the games. After the completion of all the games prizes are distributed amongst winners. As soon as the prize distribution is done, the children are given food packets and drinks for their fruitful efforts. Children enjoy playing different games and also maintain the discipline & follow the rules of any particular game. Hence, they learn while playing and enjoying.



## Charity Cricket Match

A cricket match is something that excites many of us. It is considered to be the most popular sport in our country. So, we thought of doing something exciting and hence, organized a cricket match which was named as "LJPCCM (LJ's Prayas Charity Cricket Match)". It was an college level cricket match which was being played from 15th March, 2020 till 17th March, 2020. Around about 24 teams enrolled with just a minimal amount of ₹ 500 per team. Every team played with their best efforts and commendable sportsmanship. Our college also supported this innovative initiative which was initiated for the betterment of the Prayas Children.



# Achievements

For this noble cause, Prayas was awarded by GTU with Innovative Student's Co-Creation Award under the nomination category of Leadership and Excellence on account of 5th GTU Innovation Sankul Day (14th February, 2016). School level academic education is not enough for anyone to fulfil their dreams and achieve their goals. For being an experienced professional in any field everyone needs more knowledge, opportunities and a right direction to work. And Prayas also encourages the students studying in Prayas to develop and achieve their own goals. A Prayas student named Ranjit completed his schooling with appreciable grades and has joined ITI with the endorsement of Prayas.

## GTU Innovation Council

5<sup>th</sup> GTU Innovation Sankul Day

(14<sup>th</sup> February, 2016)

**Innovative Student's Co-Creation Award for  
Leadership and Excellence (i-SCALE) 2016**

**“PRAYAS (for better tomorrow)”**



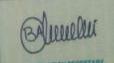
### **Team Members:**

1. Nandish Vasavda- B.E. Semester -8 Civil Engineering
2. Kavita Morad – B.E. Semester-6 Computer Engineering
3. Reeya Vani - B.E. Semester -6 Computer Engineering
4. Ankita Sadhu - B.E. Semester -6 Computer Engineering
5. Arsala Kadri - B.E. Semester -6 Computer Engineering
6. Neel Vadaliya - B.E. Semester-8 Automobile Engineering

## Kishan's Excellent Work in Board Examination

Recently our one of the students "Thakor Kishankumar Chandaji" cleared the Board examination with first class. Prayas endorsed him to climb this wonderful step of his life which would give him many great opportunities for achieving all his dreams and a great success in life.



Gujarat Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Board, Gandhinagar (Examination Wing, Secondary) 0665735					
STATEMENT OF MARKS					
This is to certify that THAKOR KISHANKUMAR CHANDAJI has appeared following grade in the Secondary School Certificate Examination					
MONTH & YEAR OF THE EXAM.	SEAT NO.	CENTRE NUMBER	SCHOOL/RIDGE NO.	SL. NO. OF STATEMENT	
MARCH-2019	A4107307	065	51 009	0139479	
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01 GUJARATI FL	44	21	065	SIX FIVE B2	
10 SOCIAL SCIENCE	41	24	065	SIX FIVE B2	
11 SCIENCE & TECHNO.	28	23	051	FIVE ONE C1	
12 MATHEMATICS	22+1	10	004	FOUR ZERO C2	
14 HINDI SL	41	24	065	SIX FIVE B2	
16 ENGLISH SL	24	19	043	FOUR THREE C2	
Total			229		
GRAND TOTAL OF MARKS OBTAINED			THREE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE		
PERFORMANCE IN THE SUBJECTS OF SCHOOL BASED EXAMINATION					
NAME OF THE SUBJECT WITH CODE NO.	GRADE	CO-SCHOOLISTIC EVALUATION		GRADE	
24 COMPUTER EDU. -T	C2	Values :		B	
51 COMPUTER EDU. -P	B1	Skills :		B	
GRADE	PERCENTILE RANK	S.I.D. No.			
C1	60.52	195-51-0138			
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## From Prayas to ITI

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## **Girl Education**

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## **COVID-19**

As we all know about the lockdown situation caused by Covid-19 due to which many people were facing the shortage of regular meals. So, we had decided to contribute towards this crisis situation by collecting funds and arranging meals with the help of "LJ AAPNE" for the 25 families who earn on daily wages residing near LJ Campus. We got fund around 12,000 Rupees and was given to "LJ AAPNE" which serves meals to the needy people every day. We decided to aware kids about the crisis situation of Covid-19. We sent them videos which show the prevention for Covid-19, also told them to wear a mask, washing their hands for atleast 20 seconds as per WHO guidelines. One of a kid made a video of "Home Made Mask" in which she shows that how one can make a mask at home.

# Media Coverage

As everyone says- "There is no need to give recognition to a good cause or deed, it always reflects." And hence here is a live example. Prayas got featured in Ahmedabad Mirror for more than once due to its appreciable and consistent work towards betterment of developing our society. This way many people came to know about the efforts and never-ending contributions of Prayas.

<https://ahmedabadmirror.indiatimes.com/ahmedabad/cover-story/their-prayas-touches-countless-lives/articleshow/37231626.cms>

<https://ahmedabadmirror.indiatimes.com/ahmedabad/others/campusupbeat-paying-it-forward/articleshow/66872473.cms>

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## INNOVATIVE CREATIONS BAG TOP HONOURS

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Nine teams of students from colleges affiliated to Gujarat Technological University (GTU) were adjudged winners under four categories at GTU Innovation Award-2016. Mirror takes a look at four innovations of the nine awarded under i-SCALE awards for start-ups and social impact and IZI awards for leading innovation and solving through technology.

**PROJECT SALAMAT MATRUTVA**  
COLLEGE: SAL Institute of Tech & Engg Research, LJ Institute of Engg and Tech

THE TEAM of eight students developed a mobile application that can help keep a track on a pregnancy. Designed keeping in mind increasing number of risky pregnancies in rural areas, the app was developed at the behest of Banaskantha DDO and Ahmedabad DDO and allows ASHA workers to collect data of pregnant women. The app also allows the workers keep track of the pregnant women's medical report with instructions in Gujarati.

**PROJECT AMRUTAM**  
COLLEGE: Anand Pharmacy College

WHAT STARTED off as a college initiative to create awareness about tobacco de-addiction turned into a 3-layer program of raising awareness about de-addiction, tuberculosis and diabetes. The team has counselled nearly 200 people and helped 25 overcome tobacco addiction. They have also adopted a village near Nadiad to raise awareness of de-addiction and adopted a tiger using money collected from students, by students.

**PROJECT BACHPAN**  
COLLEGE: G. H. Patel College of Engineering and Technology, Vallabh Vidyanagar

In 2011, a bunch of college students registered an NGO to help save child labourers. The team of students started approaching parents of these children to educate them about the requirement of basic education and also raised funds for the children. Till date, the team has got 57 child labourers enrolled in school and paid their fees ranging from Rs 2,000 to Rs 12,000 per year. The team has covered seven slums in the city and also provides tuition to 600 children in these slums. One of the kids has secured admission in a Maharashtra school.

**PROJECT PRAYAS**  
COLLEGE: LJ Institute of Engineering and Technology

A TEAM of 45 dedicated volunteers and students reach college early on a daily basis to educate underprivileged children living in the surrounding areas. They identify children who are weak in studies and provide tuition to them to improve their skills. The eight-year-old project has seen 45 kids being educated. Apart from the academics, the children are also taught moral science, hygiene and other important habits for life.

## OUR PROMINENT LEADERS



**BARKHA BHAGIA**  
"Co-Founder"



**NEEL PATEL**  
"Former Head"



**NANDISH VASAVDA**  
"Former Head"

(ALUMNI STUDENT OF LJJET)

Faculty Co-ordinator



**PROF. SUSHMA JACOB**

**OUR TEAM**

