



Annual Report



2022-2023

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Foreword

Pagdand is an independent, non-government organization originally established as a biodiversity conservation initiative.

A coming-together of committed individuals, a meeting of minds, a synthesis of intention and action, and a mission to walk the eco-talk, most of our members and contributors voluntarily contribute their precious time and energy to work with us.

Welcome to Pagdand.

And thank you for walking with us.

About PAGDAND

'Pagdand' is a Vadodara-based NGO working in the field of biodiversity conservation since 2016. Pagdand is registered under the Trust Act, 1950 (Bombay Act No 29 of 1950) with registration number E/80481/Vadodara.

Pagdand's Purpose

Pagdand is, in essence, a thought, an idea. a conscience-call even. It's not a structured concept, with well-defined edges & established parameters.

Like all thoughts, it promises to be organic, leading from one thing to another, encompassing one cause after another, as our steps take us further & farther into biodiversity conservation. So, while its true scope can only be determined over time, & its direction can only be ascertained by our future thoughts & actions, here is the first step towards articulating our purpose:

- **To Mainstream Eco-consciousness**
- **To Highlight Co-existence**
- **To Engender Eco-awareness**
- **To Sensitize, Educate & Energize Communities**
- **To Stimulate Public Thought, Dialogue & Action.**

Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of universal responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life.

-Dalai Lama

Pagdand's Core Agenda

- **Urban Forestry & Farming**
- **Water Conservation**
- **Environment Education**
- **Policy Advocacy**

Activities from April 2022 to March 2023

Pagdand is a Vadodara-based NGO, dedicated to enhancing our urban and rural neighbourhood through a diverse array of initiatives. At the core of our mission lies the principle of environmental management, which we enthusiastically support by active participation in activities like tree-planting projects that aim to enrich the greenery & overall well-being of our natural world.

Our persistent commitment extends to aiding individuals in need by providing essential resources & educational programs. We believe in the transformative potential of education, determined to empower those we serve. Beyond these community-driven initiatives, we actively engage in advocating for policies that enhance the overall quality of life for our citizens.

Pagdand is driven by the vision of creating a better, more inclusive city through endeavours that promote empathy, creativity, & community well-being.

Painting Competition on World Environment Day

5 June 2022

Participation & Selection

In June 2022, Pagdand held a Drawing & Painting Competition on World Environment Day, focusing on 'Ecosystem Restoration.' Participants of all ages across the country highlighted their deep commitment to nature.

Event Highlights

Embracing the digital age & breaking the regional boundaries, contestants from various regions entered the Competition on World Environment Day. This year the theme was 'Ecosystem Restoration'. The virtual exhibition of select artworks expanded our reach. To acknowledge the winners & participants, prizes & certificates were awarded, making the initiative a success.

Impact

- Raised awareness for urgent ecosystem restoration & environmental conservation.
- Provided a platform for artists to express environmental concerns.
- Fostered a sense of shared responsibility for nature among diverse participants.
- Encouraged budding artists with feedback from field experts.

The 2022 World Environment Day Drawing & Painting Competition by Pagdand highlighted art's advocacy power for the environment. The overwhelming response & resolute jury reaffirmed our commitment to ecosystem restoration & biodiversity conservation. This event demonstrated how art can promote environmental awareness & drive positive action in society.

Congratulations to all 2022 Winners

Group A
Age group 5 to 10

Winner
Bhavya Chintan Vaidya



First Runner Up
Reet Ankit Dharamshi



Second Runner Up
Aadit Mankad



Congratulations to all 2022 Winners

Group C
Age group 19+

Winner
V Mythili



Second Runner Up
Alka Karandikar



First Runner Up
Alisha Bhate



Appreciation for environmental Art

Dr. Viral Mehta



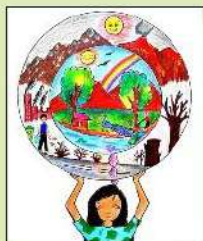
Congratulations to all 2022 Winners

Group B
Age group 11 to 18

Winner
Devashree D Vala



First Runner Up
Harishree S Patel



Second Runner Up
Aadhya Nadig





Highlights of Painting Competition 2022

Distribution of Stationery & Bags

In July 2022, to encourage environmental awareness, Pagdand distributed stationery and bags worth INR 1,00,000/- at one of our regular eco-club schools.



	<p>નગર પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ સમિતિ વડોદરા સંચાલિત, સ્વામી દયાનંદ સરસ્વતી પ્રાથમિક શાળા (બપોર) ન.પા.શહેર વિભાગ શા.નં - 28 એકતાનગર</p>	
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દાતાશ્રી,

વિષય : સદર શાળામાં બાળકોને ધો મુજબ નોટબુક , ચિત્ર પોથી , પેન્સિલ , રબર , કંપાસ , કલર બોક્સ , આપવા બાબત

જયભારત સહ ઉપરોક્ત વિષયે જણાવવાનું કે, સદર શાળા નગર પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ સમિતિ, સંચાલિત સરકારી શાળા છે. સદર શાળામાં અભ્યાસ કરતાં બાળકો આર્થિક રીતે પછાત છે. સામાજિક રીતે અવ્યવસ્થિત છે. હાલમાં મારી શાળાની રજીસ્ટર સંખ્યા નીચે મુજબ છે.

ધોરણ 1 થી 2 અને બાલવાડી માં પેન્સિલ , ખાનાવાળી નોટબુક , લીટીવાળી નોટબુક , રબર , કેયોન

ધોરણ 3 થી 5 માં લીટી વાળી નોટબુક, સ્કેચ પેન , પેન્સિલ , રબર, ચિત્ર પોથી

ધોરણ 6 થી 8 પેન, કંપાસ , પ્રયોગ પોથી, ચિત્ર પોથી , કલર બોક્સ

ધોરણ	વિદ્યાર્થી સંખ્યા	જરૂરી નોટ બુક ની સંખ્યા	કુલ જરૂરી નોટબુક	ચિત્રપોથી	પ્રયોગપોથી	પેન્સિલ /પેન , રબર	કંપાસ	કલર બોક્સ / સ્કેચ પેન /કેયોન
બાલવાડી	60	2	120	0	0	120	0	60
1	72	2	144	0	0	432	0	72
2	78	2	156	0	0	468	0	78
3	72	3	216	72	0	432	0	72
4	68	4	272	68	0	408	0	68
5	73	5	365	73	0	438	0	73
6	60	7	420	60	60	60	60	60
7	52	7	364	52	52	52	52	52
8	60	7	420	60	60	60	60	60
કુલ	595		2477	385	172	2298 નંગ	172	595

આપેલ સંખ્યા એ ગે.હ. વિદ્યાર્થીઓને કાઢીને આપેલ છે. રજીસ્ટર સંખ્યા 585 + 85 = 670 છે

Pagdand's Participation at the Eco-Bazaar

21-22 Jan 2023

The Eco-Bazaar was conducted by a network of NGOs that are active towards environmental causes in the city of Vadodara. The initiative was led by Upaj.

Pagdand's active involvement in the Eco-Bazaar event on the 21st & 22nd of January 2023 displayed our unwavering commitment to environmental causes. We passionately advocated for a range of eco-conscious initiatives, each designed to make a positive impact on our community & environment.

Promoting Tree Banks

One of our key focuses was on raising awareness about the importance of Tree Banks. We emphasized the role of these tree banks in preserving our green heritage, highlighting how they contribute to a healthier, more sustainable ecosystem.

Fostering Eco Clubs

Pagdand encouraged the formation of Eco Clubs within communities, and how we could help with the same. These clubs serve as vital hubs for promoting environmental consciousness & action. Through these initiatives, we aimed to inspire & engage individuals in actively contributing to a greener & more sustainable future.

Highlighting Rainwater Recharge Systems

Our participation also brought attention to the significance of High-Volume Rainwater Recharge Systems as a sustainable approach to water conservation. By displaying the benefits of these systems, we aimed to encourage their adoption within our community.

Through our active involvement in the Eco-Bazaar, we sought to ignite a sense of responsibility in individuals to become stewards of the environment.





પગદંડ
"PAGDAND"
a biodiversity conservation initiative

TREE BANK

A concept where plants are maintained till they attain 7-8 feet height

- Help increase biodiversity
- Develop neighbourhood flora
- Add value to the environment

ECO CLUB

Hands-on learning opportunity for children to learn about the environment via activity based programs in 10 schools across Vadodara



HIGH VOLUME RAIN WATER RECHARGE SYSTEM

Inassociation with GACL & Vadodara Marathon, we initiated the water recharge activity at four public places of Vadodara.



- Conserve and preserve water resources
- Increase & Improve quality of ground water
- More than 1 crore liters (1, 000,00,00) of water recharge per year through Injection recharge well
- Reduces salinity and flouride contents in the bore well

We aim to create 100 more systems at road side and Government premises, we are looking forward for support from Corporates, NGOs and other Government departments.

TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GREENER & SUSTAINABLE CONTACT:
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Highlights of Pagdand attending Eco-Bazaar

Eco-club Sessions in Government Schools

February 2023

In February, we continued our vital mission of environmental education in Government schools across the city. Our efforts aimed to nurture a strong bond between young minds and nature. We conducted these sessions at the following schools:

- School No. 24 – Gadapura (Morning School)
- School No. 49 – Gadapura (Afternoon School)
- Kumar Shala (Boy's School) No. 21- Gotri
- Kumari Shala (Girl's School) No. 21- Gotri
- School No. 45 (Rajaram Mohan Prathmik) – Saiyed Vasna

Nurturing Eco-consciousness

The primary objective of our visit was to nurture eco-consciousness among students. By engaging & interactive sessions, we aimed to help them develop a deep appreciation for the natural world that surrounds them.

Exploring Flora & Fauna of Gujarat through Interactive Learning

Our educational initiative immersed students in the rich biodiversity of Gujarat. Through engaging in activities, discussions, and visual aids, we nurtured their curiosity about the environment. This interactive approach made learning not only informative but also enjoyable, fostering a deep appreciation for the diverse flora and fauna within the state.

It was encouraging to see how many of these young students had rich knowledge about the flora and fauna of Gujarat, and native species of India.

Promoting a Sense of Environmental Responsibility

By embracing a sense of responsibility & care for the environment, we encouraged students to take on active roles to protect & preserve nature.

Conducting eco-awareness activities in government schools was aimed at sowing the seeds of environmental guardianship and helping these students to become champions for a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.



Eco-awareness Sessions in Government Schools

Annual Function at Shree Saraswati Prathmik School, Vasna

29 March 2023

On March 29, 2023, Pagdand was privileged to attend the Annual Function at Shree Saraswati Prathmik School. This event stood as a remarkable tribute to the extraordinary talents & accomplishments of the students and their teachers, highlighting the cohesive spirit within the school community.

The day was marked by remarkable performances by the students and recognition of academic excellence (teachers & other individuals). The event also focused on fostering a sense of unity in diversity, resulting in a memorable celebration of the school's vibrant culture.

Student Performances

The highlight of the function was the incredible performances put on by students from classes 1 to 8. The students had choreographed these performances themselves; the skits & dance routines were an indication of their creativity & dedication.

Honoring Distinguished Figures

The event also provided a chance to recognize former teachers and distinguished individuals in the field of education. Recognition of their contributions underscored the importance of nurturing & promoting educators who shape the future.

Scholarships

A moment of immense pride was when scholarships were awarded to class 8 students who had excelled in their exams, these students had taken their exams along with students from private schools.

Certificates of Excellence

Besides academic achievements, certificates of excellence were distributed to children who had demonstrated outstanding performance in both academics and sports. This recognition enabled a comprehensive approach to education and personal growth.

Acknowledgment of Pagdand's Support

Pagdand received a certificate of appreciation during the event. This recognition affirmed our commitment to the school and its students' growth and development.

The Annual Function was not only a celebration of accomplishments, but also a reflection of the values of education, community, and support. It highlighted Pagdand's commitment to fostering education and the potential of young minds, leaving a heartwarming moment on the school's journey of excellence.



**Highlights of the Annual Function
at Shree Saraswati Prathmik School, Vasna, Vadodara**



॥ सा विद्या या विमुक्तये ॥
नगर प्राथमिक शिक्षण समिति, वडोदरा, संयालित
स्थापना वर्ष : 15-06-1970



माँ सरस्वती प्रा. शाळा (सवार) गदापुरा

न.पा.सयाजुगंज शाळा नं.-24, गदापुरा, वडोदरा.
कायस कोड : 24191302401

ભ્રાણ સ્વીકાર

પરમ શ્રદ્ધેયશ્રી પ્રમુખશ્રી પગદેડ સંસ્થા

શબ્દ શોધતાં સંહિતા નીકળે, ખાડો ખોદો ત્યાં સરિતા નીકળે.
અજીબ તાસીર છે આ ભૂમિની, મહાભારત વાવો ને ગીતા નીકળે.
અહીં જનક જેવા હાંકે હળ તો, હજુ એ ભૂમિમાંથી સીતા નીકળે.

જો સમાજ ઉત્કર્ષ કાજે કેળવણી ની વાત આવે ત્યારે
આપ જેવા દાતાશ્રી હર હંમેશ તત્પર રહે છે.

આપશ્રી એ જ્ઞાન પ્રયોજન અર્થે આપેલું દાન સર્વશ્રેષ્ઠ દાન છે. એ ઉકિતને સાર્થક કરીને
આપણી સોની શૈક્ષણિક સંસ્થા માં સરસ્વતી પ્રાથમિક શાળામાં જે દાનની સરવાણી વહેવડાવી છે. તેના
માટે અમો સો શાળા પરિવારજનો આપનો હૃદયપૂર્વક આભાર વ્યક્ત કરીએ છીએ.

આપશ્રી ના દાનનો ઉપયોગ આપણી સંસ્થા તથા બાળકોના હિતમાં તેના સર્વોચ્ચ વિકાસમાં જ કરી
આપના શુભ આશય ને પરિપૂર્ણ કરવા અમો કટિબદ્ધ રહીશું.

પોતાના માટે વપરાય તે પૈસો,
પરિવાર, સ્વજન, મિત્રો માટે વપરાય તે ઘન,
પણ સમાજ તથા શિક્ષણ માટે વપરાય તે લક્ષ્મી.

આપશ્રીનો સહયોગ અમો સોના હૃદયમાં પ્રેરણાદાયી સ્ત્રોત પૂરો પાડશે તથા
સંસ્થાના ઉત્કર્ષની ઊર્જા અર્પણ કરશે.

આપણા ઝાલાનુરાગી
મુખ્ય શિક્ષકશ્રી તથા શાળા પરિવાર
શાળા વ્યવસ્થાપન સમિતિ

માં સરસ્વતી પ્રા. શાળા (સવાર)

ન.પા.સયાજુગંજ શાળા નં.-24, ગદાપુરા, વડોદરા.

સ્થળ : વડોદરા

તારીખ : 29/3/23

Certificate of Appreciation

Partner with Us

We welcome you to partner with us.

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Donors can avail tax benefits under 80G by donating to Pagdand's Projects and Activities.



PAGDAND Bank Details

Name of Party	PAGDAND
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Phone Number	9904378866, 8511123869
Name of Bank	Axis Bank Ltd.
Bank Branch Address	Vardhman Complex, Opp, G.E.B., Racecourse, Vadodara.
Bank Branch Name	Racecourse
Account Number	916020044018375
IFSC Code	UTIB0000013
MICR Code	390211002
Branch Code	013

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