

# MUSKAN FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES



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## Our Vision

Every child with multiple disabilities should be able to live an independent, confident and happy life.

## Our Mission

To maximize the potential of children with multiple disabilities, by providing a nurturing environment, that offers customized, comprehensive and cost effective services and equips parents with the knowledge and confidence to sustain the child's development.

## Social Statement

Muskan foundation addresses the lack of services, awareness and support that hamper mainstream opportunities for children with multiple disabilities with visual impairment (MDVI).

## NEWS AND UPDATE

### 13th Annual Day Celebration by Muskan

Muskan celebrated its 13th Annual Day on 8th February, 2020 at MIG Hall, Bandra. Our CSR partners supported our Annual Day celebration by being present as Chief Guest- Mr. Subhendu Bal from SBI Life and Guest of Honor-Mr. Vasant Jadhav from Hapag-Lloyd. Muskan took this opportunity to unveil our Annual Report by our Trustees and CSR partners. Our children showcased their talents through a group dance performance, poem recitation, a skit on yoga. The celebration was a visual feast to our eyes.



### Annual Parent-Teacher Meeting by Muskan



Parents and Teachers are partner in the overall development of a child. When a child is disabled the teacher becomes the second parent to the child. At Muskan Foundation, Parents and Teachers meet on a regular basis. They not only share notes on child's progress but also shares their sorrows and joyful moments. We have Annual meeting of all parents and teachers to discuss about what parents expects of Muskan and the kind of cooperation Muskan expects from parents. This year the Annual Parents-Teachers meeting was held on 1st February, 2020.

## **Our Founder-Director Mrs. Dipti Gandhi presented a paper at West Asia Conference on Visual Impairment and Deafblindness**

West Asia Conference on Visual Impairment and Deafblindness was jointly organized by ICEVI West Asia and Sense International India and was hosted by ICEVI Nepal and ADRAD-Nepal from 16th to 18th February, 2020. Our Founder-Director Mrs. Dipti Gandhi presented her paper on the 'Role of Parents in Education of Multiple Disabilities' which emphasizes on the participation of parents in the execution of educational plan and importance of parent-teacher partnership to sustain the child's development.



## **Muskan's staff attended seminar on Inclusive: Independent Living- Space Technology**



On 20th February, 2020 our special educators along with our program coordinator attended Inclusive: Independent Living- Space Technology organised by Newz Hook, at Lemon Tree Premier Hotel. For Muskan's staff the seminar was very beneficial since Muskan deal with children who are multiply disabled. The seminar shed light on the need to create awareness about the kind of facilities to be provided to the people with disabilities and their rights. Our program coordinator gave us the feedback, "We learnt that providing facilities for disabled individuals is their basic rights."

## **Our Founder-Director Mrs. Dipti Gandhi attended panel discussion on "Beyond CSR: The rise of Corporate Purpose"**

On 21st February 2020, leaders and practitioners in the Social Impact sector came together to launch their third edition of Demystifying Social Impact Careers conference series in collaboration with Arthan, Amani Institute and The International Innovation Corps at ISDI-School of Design & Innovation. Our Founder-Director Mrs. Dipti Gandhi attended the panel discussion on "Beyond CSR: The rise of Corporate Purpose". The esteemed panel enlighten the participants about the new trend rising within the corporate sector which is the Social Impact Sector.



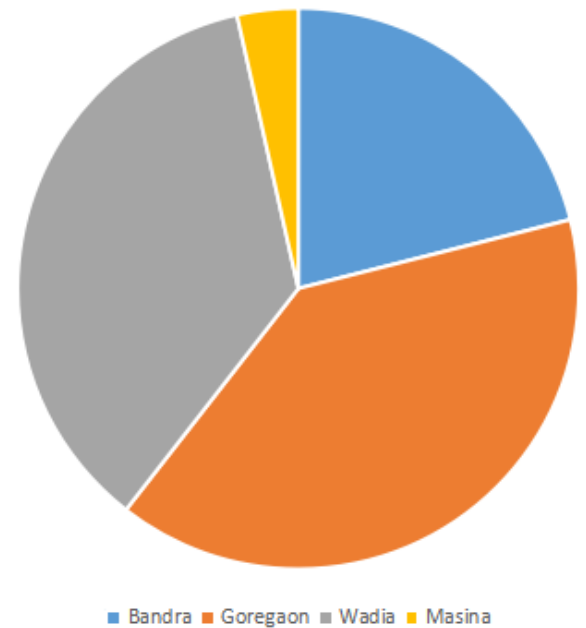


## OUR STATISTICS

We pledge that together we shall bring that muskan and last month we were able to bring a smile to 114 children.

No. of Students	
Bandra	24
Goregaon	45
Wadia	41
Masina	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

No. of Students



## Did You Know?

India has the highest number of preterm deliveries in the world and hence, greater risk at Retinopathy of Prematurity

What is Retinopathy of Prematurity?

Retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) is a potentially blinding eye disorder that primarily affects premature infants weighing about 2¾ pounds (1250 grams) or less that are born before 31 weeks of gestation.

Causes of ROP

- ROP occurs when abnormal blood vessels grow and spread throughout the retina, the tissue that lines the back of the eye.
- These abnormal blood vessels are fragile and can leak, scarring the retina and pulling it out of position. This causes a retinal detachment
- Retinal detachment is the main cause of visual impairment and blindness in ROP.

Normal Retina



Premature Retina



Treatment for ROP

- The most effective proven treatments for ROP are laser therapy or cryotherapy.
- Both laser treatment and cryotherapy destroy the peripheral areas of the retina, slowing or reversing the abnormal growth of blood vessels.
- Recent research indicates that early treatment of severe forms of ROP is effective in decreasing the amount of permanent eye damage.

## HELP US CHANGE A STORY

Your contribution can change the dreams of our children to reality.

Help them in various ways:

- Sponsor the education of a child in need
- Sponsor for therapies of the children in need
- Sponsor our events.
- Sponsor for the latest equipment and infrastructure facilities
- Volunteer for Muskan



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