

Featured Story

Empowering Young Minds Through Chess



At Animedh Charitable Trust, we believe every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and discover their potential.

Our partnership with Chess4Change, a student-led initiative founded by four young chess players, shows how young people can create real social impact.

Together, we introduced structured chess coaching across several government schools in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, giving children professional coaching, equipment, and regular mentoring.

The partnership reached a milestone with the DNH Buddhibal Pratiyogita 2026, the region's first inter-government school chess tournament, bringing together **103** students from **12** schools, many playing their first-ever competitive game.

Beyond the tournament, the collaboration has built confidence, discipline, and resilience in children, creating opportunities that reach far beyond the chessboard — one move at a time.

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A Fresh Financial Year, A Renewed Promise

The first quarter of the new financial year was about building strong foundations. We formalized a landmark partnership with the Health Department, opened new community spaces to life, and deepened our reach into the tribal hamlets we serve across Dadra & Nagar Haveli. From a signed MoU and a "Rainbow Island" summer camp to the region's first inter-school chess tournament, this season was defined by momentum and by the trust our communities continue to place in us.

Impact at a Glance

₹30.9L+

Income Generated by **184**
Artisans under Livelihood Programs

282

adolescents & youth surveyed
on mental wellbeing

3,616

women of reproductive age
visited for health support

734

children (0–6) enrolled in growth &
nutrition monitoring

4,232

homes mapped across tribal
communities

52

children with multiple delays and
disabilities
supported this quarter

Impact Reporting

Every contribution helps us build stronger, healthier communities. Here's a snapshot of our work across livelihoods and health programs this quarter.



LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS

This quarter, the team focused on sampling and preparatory work for upcoming production while delivering targeted upskilling in advanced tailoring techniques — sharpening artisans' technical skills, product quality, and readiness for higher-value work. Beyond the workshop floor, ACT invested in the holistic development of women artisans through sessions on time and goal management, first aid and emergency response, and financial literacy — equipping them with essential life skills and the confidence to make informed financial decisions, from accessing government social security schemes to understanding long-term savings and investment.

Quarter Highlights

- ₹30.9L+ income generated by **184** women artisans
- **1,04,352** pieces produced across **73** new product lines

At the community level, ACT's Study Centres continued to offer a safe, nurturing space where children received academic support, attended life-skills and child-protection sessions, participated in creative learning, and enjoyed an engaging summer camp. These programs strengthened learning outcomes, creativity, confidence, and wellbeing; while reassuring working mothers that their children are growing in good hands.

HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

This quarter marked a turning point: we signed an MoU with the Health Department, strengthening referrals and joint action across Amboli, Kherdi, Khanvel, Rudana, Mandoni and nearby villages. With technical support from SNEHA, our Community Health Workers stayed at the heart of it all, visiting homes, tracking growth, and counselling families on nutrition, breastfeeding, and anaemia prevention.

Quarter Highlights: Improving Maternal & Child Health and Nutrition:

- **3,228** women reached through reproductive-health surveillance
- **187** mothers-to-be supported with antenatal care
- **201** new mothers covered through postnatal visits
- **95%** growth-monitoring coverage of eligible under-2s
- **299** at-risk children tracked closely, **~3.6** visits each

Behind the numbers: **106** children moved between "normal" and "malnourished" status this quarter — a reminder that nutrition is a journey we walk alongside families, visit after visit..

Project Mantrana

Strengthening Community Mental Health

As Mantrana entered its 2.0 phase, we opened a brand-new Youth Centre in Khanvel, a welcoming daily space (12:30–4:30 PM) with a library, quiet reading corner, games, and an on-site Mental Health Worker for guidance and counselling. On average, 8 young people visit every day.

Case Story: A Way Back to School

Roshan (name changed), from a disadvantaged family in DNH, dropped out in Class 8 and had been out of school for nearly two months, avoiding teachers and refusing to leave home. His household was under deep strain; his father's severe mental illness brought aggression and conflict, while his mother, a daily-wage labourer, was the family's only earner.

Our Mental Health Worker first connected with the family while supporting Roshan's sister. Through steady weekly visits and conversations about his interests, trust slowly grew. The worker also counselled his mother to seek psychiatric care for his father at Silvassa Hospital, treatment that eased tension at home.

As his confidence returned, Roshan began opening up freely. One morning, he announced he was ready and walked to school on his own that day. He has since returned to regular attendance, and his mother speaks with relief about the change in her son.

Rainbow Island Summer Camp

Supported by **Hindalco Industries Ltd.**, our themed camp (May 18–29) brought **50** youth- **35** girls and **15** boys from Chouda, Khanvel, and Khutli together for two weeks of identity, friendship, nature, and belonging. Participants left with stronger confidence, communication, teamwork, and leadership.

Alongside this, **66** home visits delivered individual counselling to high-risk youth, and every identified case was successfully followed up and closed.

Project Nanhe Kadam

Supporting Early Childhood Development

Our Child Development Associates (CDAs) carried early intervention right into homes and villages this quarter.

Quarter Highlights:

- **353** initial home visits to connect with and orient families
- **708** children (0–3) monitored through GMCD developmental visits across **14** villages
- **182** children (3–6) assessed for developmental milestones
- **823** home therapy visits, with parents increasingly joining in, asking questions, and leading their child's progress
- **69** sessions across **12** schools, blending value-based games with seasonal drawing themes
- **42** children supported by a visiting physiotherapist
- **10** children referred to specialist facilities for further care

A growing partnership between parents and CDAs is quietly transforming what's possible for these children.





Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Focusing on Rudana, Shelti, and Umarvani, this quarter we continued to strengthen early childhood development and disability support through **3,283** promotional visits and **27** awareness meetings. Fortnightly visits enabled our Early Childhood Champions (ECCs) to work closely with families, monitor children's developmental progress, tailor play-and communication-based activities, and build caregivers' confidence in supporting their children's growth.

Across the wider program, **1,283** children are now in the categorisation program, and **748** are enrolled in the DNH ECC program. Community awareness meetings brought parents, caregivers, and community members together to strengthen understanding of early childhood development, encourage early identification and referral of developmental concerns, and promote a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every child can grow and learn.

With heartfelt gratitude,

We thank our donors, volunteers, interns, and all stakeholders who make this work possible.



Case Story

Restoring Two Children's Right to Education

In Velugam village, two siblings had been out of school for nearly two years. After their parents separated, their mother moved away with the children and all their documents; when their grandparents later brought them back to Velugam for a stable home, the children couldn't be re-enrolled because their birth certificates and Aadhaar cards remained with their mother, who initially refused to cooperate.

Our CDA team, led by Ranjanaben, rallied community support, involving the village Sarpanch and respected members to counsel the mother on how vital these documents were to her children's future. Through patient, persistent follow-up, she reconsidered and voluntarily handed over every required record.

With the documents in hand, both children were successfully enrolled and are now attending school regularly. More than an admission, it was the restoration of their fundamental right to education — and a renewed chance at a brighter future, made possible by timely intervention and strong community collaboration.



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