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In 2014, the Adani Foundation Mundra embarked on a mission to transform the lives of Divyangs through the Swavlamban project. This initiative, driven by a profound commitment to social welfare, has since become a pillar of hope and empowerment for the Divyang community.

Swavlamban, which means "self-reliance," was designed to empower Divyangs by providing them with the necessary tools, resources, and opportunities to live dignified and fulfilling lives. Over the years, the project has made significant progress in enhancing the quality of life for its beneficiaries through various impactful initiatives.

**"Empowerment is not about making people strong. People are already strong. It's about changing the way they see their own strength."**



## Message from the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Department of Social Justice  
and Empowerment



Shri. V. J. Rajput, IAS

It is truly admirable to witness the impactful work being carried out by the Adani Foundation in supporting Divyangs. This book, which thoughtfully highlights their initiatives and shares the inspiring success story of Divyangs, showcases the foundation's strong dedication to building an inclusive society where everyone has the chance to succeed.

The Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gujarat appreciates and recognizes the Adani Foundation for its significant contributions to improving the lives of the Divyang community. By focusing on education, skill development, and livelihood opportunities, the foundation has aligned its efforts with the state's goal of inclusion and empowerment. Their work serves as an example of meaningful corporate social responsibility, reflecting Gujarat's commitment to progress and social equality.

The stories in this book are a powerful reminder of the determination and courage of the Divyangs, as well as the positive change that supportive initiatives can bring. They inspire us to continue working together to create opportunities and remove barriers.

I congratulate the Adani Foundation for this valuable initiative and their consistent efforts to uplift Divyangs. This book will undoubtedly motivate others to contribute toward a more inclusive and fair society.

Wishing all the Best!

## Message from the Project Head

### Kutch Copper Limited

It gives me immense pride to be part of this remarkable initiative by the Adani Foundation to publish a book that shows our collective efforts in empowering individuals, especially those who need it the most. This publication is not just a compilation of initiatives; it is a testament to our commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society.

At Kutch Copper Limited, we firmly believe in the transformative power of opportunities. The Adani Foundation's relentless efforts in supporting people with disabilities, fostering education and encouraging sustainable livelihood programs exemplify the values we hold dear. This book stands as a beacon of hope, reflecting the positive change we can bring when communities and organizations come together with a shared purpose.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, team members, and partners who have contributed to these life-changing endeavors. Let this publication inspire many more to join hands in building a future where every individual can thrive with dignity and independence.



**Johnrosary Frankmorais**

## Message from the Executive Director APSEZ - Mundra



**Rakshit Shah**

The journey of the Adani Group in Mundra began in 1996 with a vision to transform the region by integrating development in Ports, Power, and the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) with the upliftment of local communities. This vision has always been grounded in the belief that true progress must create opportunities and improve the quality of life for everyone, including the most underserved members of society.

Among the various social initiatives, the Adani Foundation has placed special emphasis on empowering Divyangjan. Recognizing their potential and unique challenges, the foundation has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for education, skill development, and sustainable livelihoods. Programs like vocational training, assistive technology support, and community-based rehabilitation have opened new doors for many individuals, enabling them to live with dignity and independence.

Education has been a cornerstone of these efforts, as it lays the foundation for a brighter future. The foundation's work extends beyond classrooms, creating accessible spaces, and providing tailored learning solutions that cater to the needs of Divyangjan. These initiatives reflect the core belief that every individual deserves the chance to thrive and contribute meaningfully to society.

This book is a tribute to the remarkable journeys of Divyangjan and a testament to the dedication of the Adani Foundation team, whose unwavering commitment has made these achievements possible. Their work is a shining example of how corporate social responsibility can drive transformative change.

As we continue this journey, our commitment to inclusivity and empowerment remains steadfast. It is our hope that the efforts highlighted in this book will inspire many more to join hands in building a society where growth is truly inclusive, and #GrowthWithGoodness becomes a reality for generations to come.

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## Envisioning An Inclusive Future

At the heart of Swavlamban is a vision of a society where every individual, regardless of their physical abilities, has the opportunity to thrive. The project envisions a world where diversity is celebrated, and Divyangs can contribute meaningfully to their communities. By promoting inclusive livelihoods and holistic empowerment, Swavlamban aims to create sustainable happiness and break down the barriers that often isolate Divyangs from the rest of society.

This vision is driven by the belief that every person has inherent value and potential. Swavlamban seeks to unlock this potential by providing the necessary support and opportunities for Divyangs to lead fulfilling lives. The project's inclusive approach ensures that no one is left behind, fostering a sense of belonging and community among its beneficiaries.

## Laying The Groundwork For Success

The journey of Swavlamban began with thorough planning and preparation. Adani Foundation's team underwent extensive training to understand the challenges faced by Divyangs. This training included insights from the **'Shrimasta Maharishi Ashtavakra community-based Divyang rehabilitation project'**, which provided valuable knowledge about the daily struggles of the Divyang community.

Additionally, the team participated in training sessions at KCRC, Ahmedabad, where they learned about the various medical categories of disabilities and the relevant government regulations. This comprehensive training equipped the team with the empathy and expertise needed to effectively support Divyangs and bridge the gap between them and the available government resources.

The foundational preparations also involved building a strong network of support within the community. By engaging with local leaders and stakeholders, the team was able to create a collaborative environment that facilitated the successful implementation of the project. This groundwork was crucial in ensuring that the project's initiatives were well-received and effectively addressed the needs of the Divyang community.

**"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."**

**– Ryunosuke Satoro**

## Comprehensive Approach To Empowerment

The implementation of Swavlamban has been both strategic and compassionate. The project started with a modest budget dedicated to the well-being of Divyangs. The initial focus was on identifying Divyangs within the Mundra Taluka, which involved close collaboration with local Panchayat bodies. Through these collaborations, the team gathered valuable information and connected with local leaders who were instrumental in locating Divyangs in the region.



## Identifying Needs And Building Partnerships

The identification process involved house-to-house visits, during which the team documented the percentage and types of disabilities faced by individuals. This thorough understanding of their unique needs allowed the project to tailor its support effectively. Knowledge of government schemes was crucial in this phase, as it enabled the team to guide beneficiaries through the process of accessing government assistance without raising false expectations.

By working closely with the Panchayat and local leaders, the team was able to build trust within the community. This trust was essential in encouraging Divyangs and their families to participate in the project's initiatives. The collaborative approach also ensured that the project's efforts were aligned with the needs and priorities of the community, leading to more effective and sustainable outcomes.

**"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."**

**– Henry Ford**

## Fostering Key Relationships For Greater Impact

Building strong relationships with social service officers was another key aspect of the project's implementation. These relationships ensured that the team was well-informed about new government initiatives and could secure the necessary support for large-scale impact. For instance, in 2017, the government introduced the ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India) scheme, which aimed to provide equipment assessments for Divyangs at the Taluka level. The Adani Foundation's established trust with the Taluka Health Office facilitated the registration of 242 Divyangs, making it the largest registration at the district level.

The project's success in fostering these relationships highlights the importance of collaboration and partnership in achieving meaningful impact. By working together with government officials and other stakeholders, the Swavlamban project was able to leverage additional resources and support, amplifying its reach and effectiveness.



## Raising Awareness And Celebrating Achievements

Awareness campaigns have been a cornerstone of the Swavlamban project since 2016. The Adani Foundation has cultivated a strong partnership with the Taluka Health Office, ensuring early notification of health camps and spreading awareness about the necessary documents for those in need. The active participation of the Foundation in these events has led to significant outcomes, such as 90% of Divyangs in Mundra Taluka now holding medical certificates obtained through government camps.



## International Divyang Day Celebration

The annual celebration of International Divyang Day is another highlight of the project. Each year, the Foundation organizes events to uplift and support Divyangs. From providing mobility aids like tricycles and wheelchairs to organizing talent hunt competitions and employment fairs, these celebrations have created platforms for Divyangs to showcase their talents and secure sustainable livelihoods. Here's a detailed look at Adani Foundation's initiatives over the years:

### 2016 & 2017: Enhancing Mobility

In 2016 and 2017, the Adani Foundation concentrated on improving the mobility of Divyangs by providing essential aids. We distributed:

- Tricycles
- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Calipers
- Bus I-D cards

These aids significantly enhanced the mobility and independence of many Divyangs, enabling them to navigate their daily lives with greater ease and confidence.





## 2018 & 2019: Celebrating Talents

Continuing our commitment to support the Divyang community in Mundra Taluka, Adani Foundation expanded its efforts to the district level in 2018 and 2019. A major initiative during these years was the organization of a zonal-level Talent Hunt competition. This event featured captivating folk music and painting activities, providing a platform for Divyangs to showcase their talents. An impressive 675 Divyangs actively participated in this competition, revealing and celebrating their unique abilities.

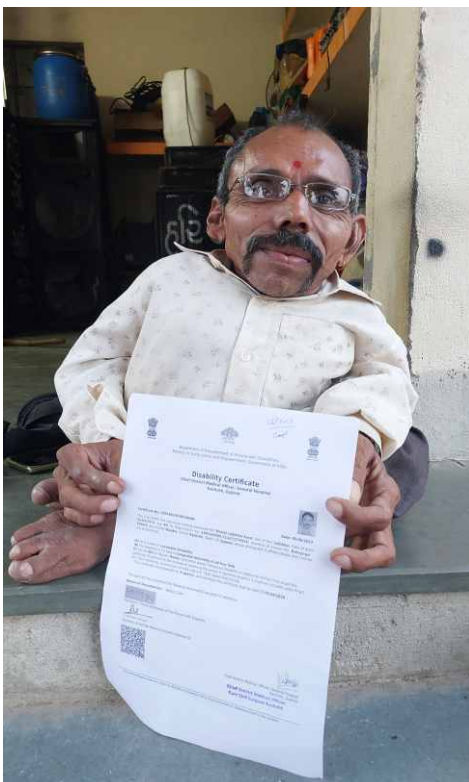
## 2020: Adapting to Challenges

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic in 2020, the Adani Foundation ensured that awareness of the government portal "E-samaj kalyan portal" reached all Divyangs. This portal allowed them to access government scheme benefits by submitting their documents from the safety of their homes. Our efforts ensured that the Divyang community continued to receive the support they needed during these difficult times.

**"Disability is not a barrier to success. It is a unique perspective that can lead to extraordinary achievements."- Adani Foundation**

These awareness campaigns and celebrations serve multiple purposes. They not only provide practical support and resources to Divyangs but also raise awareness about their rights and capabilities within the broader community. By highlighting the achievements and potential of Divyangs, these initiatives help to challenge stereotypes and promote a more inclusive and accepting society.

**"With awareness comes responsibility and choice." – Amanda Lindhout**





## Creating Opportunities: The 2023 Employment Divyang Employment Fair

One of the most significant achievements of the Swavlamban project has been the Divyang Employment Fair held in 2023. The preparation for this event involved creating a comprehensive list of Divyangs, contacting them through various NGOs, and filtering candidates based on their age, education, and disability. The Foundation then reached out to different companies, urging them to create job vacancies for Divyangs and participate in the fair.

The employment fair, held at the Adani Field office in Mundra, saw over 250 participants and 22 companies conducting interviews. As a result, 105 Divyangs were successfully shortlisted for jobs in reputable companies, marking a significant milestone for the Adani Foundation and the Swavlamban project.

The success of the employment fair underscores the importance of creating opportunities for Divyangs to participate in the workforce. By facilitating connections between Divyang job seekers and potential employers, the Swavlamban project is helping to break down barriers to employment and promote economic independence among its beneficiaries.

**"Opportunities don't happen. You create them." – Chris Grosser**





## Reflecting On Achievements And Future Goals

The Swavlamban project stands as a testament to the power of vision, dedication, and collaborative effort. By focusing on long-term goals, understanding relevant government schemes, building positive relationships with governmental bodies, and maintaining constant consistency, the Adani Foundation has created a substantial impact on the lives of Divyangs. To date, the project has benefited 1227 Divyangs and provided assistance for around 2267 services.

The project's achievements are a reflection of the hard work and commitment of the team, as well as the support and collaboration of the community and other stakeholders. By continually striving to improve and expand its initiatives, the Swavlamban project is making a lasting difference in the lives of Divyangs and their families.

## Charting The Path Ahead

As we look to the future, the Swavlamban project remains committed to its mission of empowering the Divyang community. With a clear vision, strong foundational knowledge, and dedication, the Adani Foundation continues to stand by the side of Divyangs, striving to create a world where everyone can thrive.

The path ahead involves not only sustaining the current initiatives but also exploring new opportunities for growth and impact. By staying attuned to the evolving needs of the Divyang community and remaining open to innovation and collaboration, the Swavlamban project aims to continue its journey of empowerment and inclusion.

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."**

**– Eleanor Roosevelt**





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# From Hardship to Hope

~The Story of Bharatbhai Makwana

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny."

- C.S. Lewis

Bharatbhai Makwana, a determined and hardworking individual from a Bhimasar village of Rapar, now residing in Mundra, has overcome significant challenges to achieve a better life for himself and his family. Despite being a 12th pass and suffering from polio, his determination and hard work have led him to a brighter future.

Previously, Bharatbhai worked at a Primary Health Center (PHC) in Kukma, earning Rs. 9,000 per month. Although this job provided some financial support, it left him with little time to pursue further studies. His responsibilities were immense, especially with his father being blind and his mother having passed away.

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."

- Nido Qubein

However, Bharatbhai's life took a positive turn when he attended a job fair organized by the Adani Foundation. There, he secured a position in the Admin CMR department, significantly increasing his monthly income to Rs. 12,500. This new job not only provided him with better financial stability but also allowed him the time to prepare for competitive exams, a dream he had long aspired to achieve.



Reflecting on his journey, Bharatbhai said,

"The Adani Foundation is like a boat in the ocean, saving us from drowning. This opportunity has given me hope and the means to support my family while also pursuing my dreams."

# A Journey of Courage

~Damyanti's Path to Independence

"Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them." - Albert Einstein

Vinzoda Damyanti Nagshibhai, hailing from Siracha village in Mundra taluka, has shown strength and determination in the face of adversity. Despite a life-changing accident at the age of three that resulted in the loss of her leg, Damyanti has never let her disability define her.

Graduating with a BA in Psychology and currently pursuing her PGDCA from Kachchh University, Damyanti has always been driven by her passion for education and self-improvement. Her journey took a significant turn when she attended a job fair organized by the Adani Foundation. There, she secured a position as a receptionist at Adani Power, earning Rs. 12,000 per month.

"Disability is not a tragedy, ignorance is. Everyone deserves a chance to shine, regardless of their abilities."

This job has been a game-changer for Damyanti. It not only provides her with financial independence but also allows her to continue her studies without relying on her father, who is a farmer supporting a middle-class family.

**Expressing her gratitude, Damyanti said,**

**"I am thankful to the Adani Foundation for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. It has enabled me to fulfill my dream of pursuing further studies and becoming self-reliant."**

Damyanti's story is a powerful impact of opportunities and support for individuals with disabilities. Her perseverance and the support from the Adani Foundation have empowered her to overcome challenges and work towards a brighter future.



# Finding the Right Fit

~Mayursinh's Journey with Adani Foundation's Support

Zala Mayursinh Ghanshyamsinh, from Nani Khakhar, has faced numerous challenges due to his leg disability, which has affected him since birth. Despite these obstacles, Mayursinh completed his 12th grade and earned an ITI certification as a computer operator. However, finding a job that matched his qualifications proved difficult.

Initially, Mayursinh worked at a weighbridge, earning Rs. 10,000 per month. Although this job provided some income, it did not align with his educational background, leaving him unsatisfied and yearning for a more suitable opportunity.

**"The right job can transform a life, especially when it aligns with one's skills and passions."**

His fortunes changed when he connected with the Adani Foundation and attended a Divyang Fair organized by the foundation. There, he was selected for a position as a computer operator in the gate pass section near the Rangoli gate of the Adani Group. This new role not only matched his qualifications but also significantly increased his earnings to Rs. 21,500 per month.

Expressing his gratitude, Mayursinh said,

**"I am immensely thankful to the Adani Foundation for providing me with this opportunity. It has allowed me to secure a job that aligns with my education and skills and has greatly improved my financial stability. This support has been life-changing, and I am deeply appreciative of the foundation's belief in my potential."**



**"Great leaders create more leaders by giving deserving individuals the chance to shine."**

**– Adani Foundation**

# Empowered by Opportunity

~Rabari Vibhabhai's story

**"The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it."**

Rabari Vibhabhai Bhachubhai's life took a significant turn when the Adani Foundation organized a job fair specifically for Divyangs. Born in the village of Bhachau and later moving to Mundra, Vibhabhai had always faced the challenges of living with leg polio. Despite completing his 12th grade and earning an ITI certification in computer studies, he often felt that his disability made him a burden to his family.

The job fair was a hope for Vibhabhai. It provided him with an opportunity to showcase his skills and qualifications. His determination and hard work paid off when he was selected for a job in DG House at Mundra Port as a Computer Operator that matched his educational background. This moment was a turning point in his life, filling him with a sense of worth and accomplishment.

Now employed, Vibhabhai is a contributor to the family's income, earning Rs. 12,500 per month—double what he was earning before joining Adani. His job has given him the confidence to continue his studies while working, proving that his disability does not define his capabilities. He often reflects on the words of Helen Keller:

**"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."**

Vibhabhai's story is a powerful reminder that with the right opportunities and support, anyone can overcome their challenges and achieve their dreams. His journey from feeling worthless to becoming a valued member of his family and community is truly inspiring.

Reflecting on his journey, Vibhabhai shares his heartfelt appreciation:

**"I am immensely grateful to the Adani Foundation for their remarkable support. They have not only offered me employment but also instilled in me the confidence to believe in my abilities. Today, I am proud to be financially independent and able to support my family."**



# A New Beginning

~Govind Bhai and Gauriben's Transformation

**"Challenges reveal your true strength, and perseverance unlocks the doors to opportunity."**

Govind Bhai Maheshwari and his wife Gauriben, residents of Mota Kapaya village in Mundra Taluka, have faced numerous challenges throughout their lives. Their journey is a powerful example of how, no matter the circumstances, maintaining a positive attitude can lead to resilience and success. Govindbhai, with only one functioning leg, and Gauriben, lost the vision in one eye, have encountered many struggles. Together, they have raised their 8-year-old son, but their physical limitations often made it difficult to find stable work. Despite their education and willingness to work, opportunities were limited due to their disabilities.

Looking back, Govindbhai recalls the struggles: "Even when we found jobs, they wouldn't last long, and soon we'd be unemployed again. We never stopped trying though, and that's what kept us going."

Their perseverance paid off when they attended a job fair specifically organized for people with disabilities by the Adani Foundation. Despite their limitations, the couple impressed the panel with their skills. The Adani Foundation offered Govindbhai a role as a computer operator at Adani New Industries Limited in Mundra with a salary of Rs. 32,000 per month, while Gauriben, with her background in education, was offered a teaching position at Adani Vidya Mandir in Bhadreshwar for Rs. 19,000 per month. 'It feels like we have finally been given a chance to prove ourselves,' Govindbhai says, smiling with pride and tearful eyes.

**"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."**

– Eleanor Roosevelt

This opportunity has brought newfound hope and joy into their lives. With their steady income, they have been able to send their son to a prestigious English-medium school, ensuring a bright future for him.

Reflecting on the support they received, Govindbhai says,

**"The Adani Foundation's help has changed our lives. We have the best we could ever hope for—stable jobs, a good education for our son, and the virtue to live our lives with respect."**



# The Unyielding Spirit

~Devalben Gadhvi

"The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure."  
– Vince Lombardi

In a small village, Devalben Gadhvi emerged as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Born into a family where only two out of eight siblings were fully able-bodied, she faced immense challenges. Despite financial hardships, Devalben was determined to learn and grow. She began her education with limited resources, driven by a belief in the transformative power of knowledge.

As she grew older, Devalben supported her family by tutoring local children and selling farm produce. Her dedication to both her family and education was unwavering, leading her to earn a

Bachelor of Education degree. Recognizing that education was just the beginning, she pursued a Master's degree while working to support herself and her family.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Devalben attended a job fair organized by the Adani Foundation and secured a position as an Uthhan Assistant (Teacher). In her new role, her passion for teaching and empathy for her students shone brightly. She walked several kilometers to school each day, arriving early and ready to inspire. Her dedication extended beyond the classroom, actively participating in community initiatives and government programs.

"Dedication sees dreams come true." – Kobe Bryant





# Against All Odds: A Journey of Hope and Success

~Jeshabhai Bhimabhai Rabari



In his quest for stability, he reached out to the Adani Foundation. Recognizing his potential and drive, the foundation provided him with a shop near the Adani Solar Company. He began selling tea and snacks, and through sheer hard work and dedication, his business flourished. He soon earned around Rs. 45,000 per month, a significant improvement from his previous struggles.

**"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."**

With his newfound success, he invited his two brothers to join him in the business. Together, they expanded the shop's offerings, increasing their income and securing a better future for their family. Jeshabhai's journey from adversity to prosperity became inspiration to many.

Reflecting on his journey, Jeshabhai expressed his heartfelt gratitude:

**"I am deeply thankful to the Adani Foundation for their steadfast support. They believed in me and provided the opportunity that changed my life. Today, I am independent and happy, and I owe it to their unconditional support."**

**"The best way to predict the future is to create it."**

**– Peter Drucker**

Jeshabhai Bhimabhai Rabari from village of Vandh was born into a life that would soon be marked by extraordinary challenges. At just two months old, a tragic accident left him paralyzed on one side, a condition that even surgery could not fully remedy. Despite this, his spirit remained unbroken.

As he grew older, Jeshabhai sought ways to support himself. He found work as a tractor driver, but his physical limitations led to safety concerns, and he was eventually asked to leave the job. This setback could have been devastating, but his determination only grew stronger.

# Brighter Future Against All Odds

~Raysi Maheswari

"Sometimes, the most beautiful chapters in our lives are written in the most challenging times."

In Mota Kapaya village, the Maheshwari family welcomed their first baby boy, Raysi. At age two, polio left 75% of one of his legs paralyzed. When he was seven, his uncle encouraged his father to enroll him in the Disabled School run by Kutch Vikas Trust in Rajanpar village. Though the first few days were tough, Raysi soon connected with his classmates and teachers.

A pivotal moment came when he saw blind students avoiding a pit. Inspired, Raysi realized he could overcome his limitations through hard work. He focused on his studies, completed high school, and began searching for a job. Despite the challenges, he took up smaller jobs, got married, and had two children.

In 2021, Raysi attended Adani Foundation's Divyang Job Fair and secured a job as a Gate Operator at

Rangoli Gate, Adani Port, starting at Rs. 13,000, which soon increased to Rs. 18,000 due to his dedication. The foundation also provided him with Divyang medical certificates, a government bus pass, and continuous support. His wife received a wheelchair, making household tasks easier and allowing her to focus on their children's studies.

"When empathy is extended with care, it not only brings joy but also reshapes the future of those it touches."

After three years with Adani Port, Raysi has built his own home and enrolled his children in a good school. Reflecting on his journey, he says,

"The Adani Foundation came into my life like a friend, enabling me to provide for my family. Today, I work with dignity and have the courage to envision a bright future for my children."



# From Hardships to Happiness

~Hiruben Karsanbhai Tharu

**"Every challenge is an opportunity to discover your inner strength."**

In Nani Bhujpur, 35-year-old Hiruben lives with her parents. Her life is a witness to how determination and the right support can overcome even the biggest challenges.

At 1.5 years old, Hiruben was paralyzed by polio. She spent her childhood watching other children play and go to school, feeling confined and dependent on her family. By 23, her father fell too ill to work, and her mother became a laborer to support the family. Hiruben wanted to help but lacked a clear path.

**"When you believe in your abilities, the world opens doors to success."**

Hiruben heard about a stitching training center started by the Adani Foundation. Encouraged by the foundation, she joined despite her challenges. They provided her with a wheelchair and calipers to attend classes. After completing the three-month course, she earned her certificate but needed a sewing machine to start earning. The foundation stepped in again, providing her with a sewing machine, a medical certificate, and a bus pass for welfare schemes.

Today, Hiruben runs a home-based boutique, earning around Rs. 10,000 monthly. Her parents, once worried about her future, are now proud of her achievements. Hiruben has become an inspiration in her village, teaching other women stitching and helping them become independent.



Reflecting on her journey, Hiruben says,

**"I've learned that disability is not in the body but in the mind. Stitching and the support from the Adani Foundation gave me a new life."**

# From Temple Duties to Entrepreneur

~Umed's Journey to Independence

"We rise by lifting others." - Robert Ingersoll

"Turn your wounds into wisdom."  
- Oprah Winfrey

Umedgar Shambhugar Goswami, from Siracha village, has transformed his life with determination and the support of the Adani Foundation. Born with a leg disability, he faced significant challenges from an early age. Despite these obstacles, he completed his 10th-grade education and assisted his father with puja at the local Shiv Mandir.

His life took a positive turn when he reached out to the Adani Foundation, expressing his desire to start a business. Recognizing his potential and readiness, the Adani Foundation provided him with a shop at the Adani Group's labor colony near his village. With this support, Umed began offering money transfer services, xerox and printing, mobile recharges, and daily necessities.

Today, Umed earns an average of Rs. 45,000 to Rs. 50,000 per month, significantly contributing to his family's well-being. This newfound financial independence has boosted his self-confidence and sense of autonomy.

Expressing his gratitude, Umed said,

**"I am very much thankful to the Adani Foundation for believing in me and providing this opportunity. It has given me the confidence to be self-reliant and support my family."**



# A Vision Beyond Sight:

~Devang's Journey to Success!

**"Falling down is an accident, staying down is a choice."**

Devang Gadhavi, a 24-year-old from Mota Bhadiya village, grew up in a humble farmer's family with his parents and three brothers. Devang was a joyful and mischievous boy, the heart of his family. But when he was just three years old, a tragic accident changed everything. While playing fearlessly, Devang accidentally injured one of his eyes with a sharp stick. His family rushed him to the hospital for treatment. His mother even sold her jewelry, but it was still not enough for the necessary surgery, and, unfortunately, Devang permanently lost 100% of the vision in one eye.

As he grew up, his school life was filled with painful memories. Classmates bullied him, often saying he would never achieve anything. Despite this, Devang didn't lose hope and focused on his studies. He completed an ITI course studying FITTER branch and began studying for a degree in Economics while searching for jobs.

The challenges for Devang did not end there. When he appeared for his first job interview, the experience was heartbreaking; he was rejected because of his vision impairment. This was the first time he felt that his abilities were overshadowed by his disability. He said, "The panel saw my disability, not my education or skills." Disheartened, Devang began to believe he would never achieve his dreams.

Months later, he heard about a job fair for differently abled individuals organized by the Adani Foundation on International Divyang Day. At the interview, he experienced a warm and inclusive environment where his skills and education were recognized. He landed his first job as a Storekeeper at Adani Solar, with a respectable salary of Rs. 20,500.

A year into his job, Devang saw a major transformation in his life. At work, he had opportunities to learn new skills, and he felt respected both at home and in his community. Those who once doubted him now use his story as an example for their children.

**Devang says,**  
**"I am very much thankful to the Adani Foundation, my family's life and mine have transformed. In my village, my family is now seen with respect, not pity. Because of the Adani Foundation now I live the dream I once only imagined".**



# Wheels of Hope and self-reliance

~Jiluben and Amrutaben

Life has not been easy for Jiluben, a 70-year-old woman who has faced numerous challenges. Widowed at a young age, she has spent decades caring for her family, including her son, who suffers from continuous illness, and her daughter, Amrutaben, who has been divorced for 20 years. Despite these hardships, Jiluben's spirit remains unbroken.

Amrutaben, Jiluben's daughter, has been the family's sole breadwinner, selling vegetables from an old, heavy pushcart. This cart, worn out from years of use, made it difficult for Amrutaben to move around and sell her goods efficiently. Yet, she persevered, driven by the need to support her family.

Their lives took a turn for the better when an employee of the Adani Foundation visited their village and spoke with the sarpanch, Havaben. Moved by the family's plight, the Adani Foundation decided to step in and provide a new pushcart for Amrutaben.

"A small push in the right direction can lead to significant changes."

With the new pushcart, Amrutaben's ability to work improved significantly. The lighter, more efficient cart allowed her to sell more vegetables and increase her income. This newfound self-reliance brought a wave of relief and happiness to the family.

Amrutaben expressed her gratitude, saying,

"This new pushcart has changed our lives. I can now work more efficiently and support my family better. We are deeply thankful to the Adani Foundation for their support." Jiluben, too, shared her joy, "Seeing my daughter able to work with ease and provide for us brings me immense happiness. We are forever grateful for this help."

"Every act of support plants a seed of hope"



# Paving the Road to Self-Reliance

~Bharatbhai Kanji Maheswari



repair to support his family.

During a Gram Sabha meeting, villagers brought his situation to the attention of the Adani Foundation. With limited mobility and an old tricycle, Bharatbhai's work was confined to his immediate surroundings. Recognizing his potential, the foundation provided him with a new tricycle, enabling him to expand his business beyond his neighborhood.

**"True progress begins when someone sees potential where others see limitation."**

With the new tricycle, his mobile puncture repair shop flourished. He could now reach customers in busier areas, significantly increasing his earnings and improving his family's financial stability.

Reflecting on his journey, Bharatbhai shared,

**"Sometimes, all it takes is a small push to change the direction of your life."  
– Adani Foundation**

In Lakhapar village, Bharatbhai Kanji Maheshwari lived with his family, facing the challenges of a disability affecting both legs. Forced to leave school after the 7th standard, he took up bicycle puncture

**"Before, I was bound by my limitations. This tricycle has given me the freedom to dream bigger and work harder. It's more than just support—it's my chance to stand tall in my own way."**

# Stitching a New Life for Bhanuben

~Bhanuben Gangji Patariya

**"It's not what you face but how you face it that defines you."**

In Bhujpur, the largest village in Mundra, Bhanuben lived with her widowed mother and two brothers. As the sole breadwinner, she worked as a laborer to support her family, putting her education on hold.

A tragic accident left her physically disabled, but her determination remained strong. She passed the 10th standard through external studies and continued to seek ways to support her family.

**"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."  
– Nido Qubein**

The Adani Foundation provided her with a sewing machine and a wheelchair, helping her start a home-based stitching business. With their support, she now earns around Rs. 10,000 per month, which is double what she earned before, continuing to be the family's sole provider.

Reflecting on her journey, Bhanuben says,

**"Despite the accident that changed my life, I never lost hope. The Adani Foundation gave me the tools and confidence to rebuild my life. With their support, I can now provide for my family and live with dignity."**





# Loyalty, Hard Work and Perseverance

~Suleman Gabha Ganchi

**"The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it."  
– C.C. Scott**

Suleman Gabha Ganchi, originally from Anjar and now residing in Mundra, has faced significant challenges throughout his life. Paralyzed in one leg and without formal education, Suleman has persevered with remarkable determination. Living with his wife and without children, he initially worked at Adani Hospital, where he earned a modest salary.

A year ago, Suleman's life took a positive turn when he began working as a peon at the Adani Field Office in Mundra. This new position brought him a more stable income of Rs. 10,500 per month. In addition to this financial support, the Adani Foundation provided support Suleman with a Divyang certificate and bus pass facilities, further easing his daily struggles.

**Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."  
– Mahatma Gandhi**



**Expressing his gratitude, Suleman said...**

**I am deeply thankful to the Adani Foundation for their constant support. They have not only provided me with a better job but also helped me with essential facilities that make my life easier. Their belief in me has given me hope and stability.**

# Unbroken Spirit: Govind's Quest for a Better Future

~Govind Pattani

"When we empower each other, we create a ripple effect that can change the world."

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

– Charles Dickens

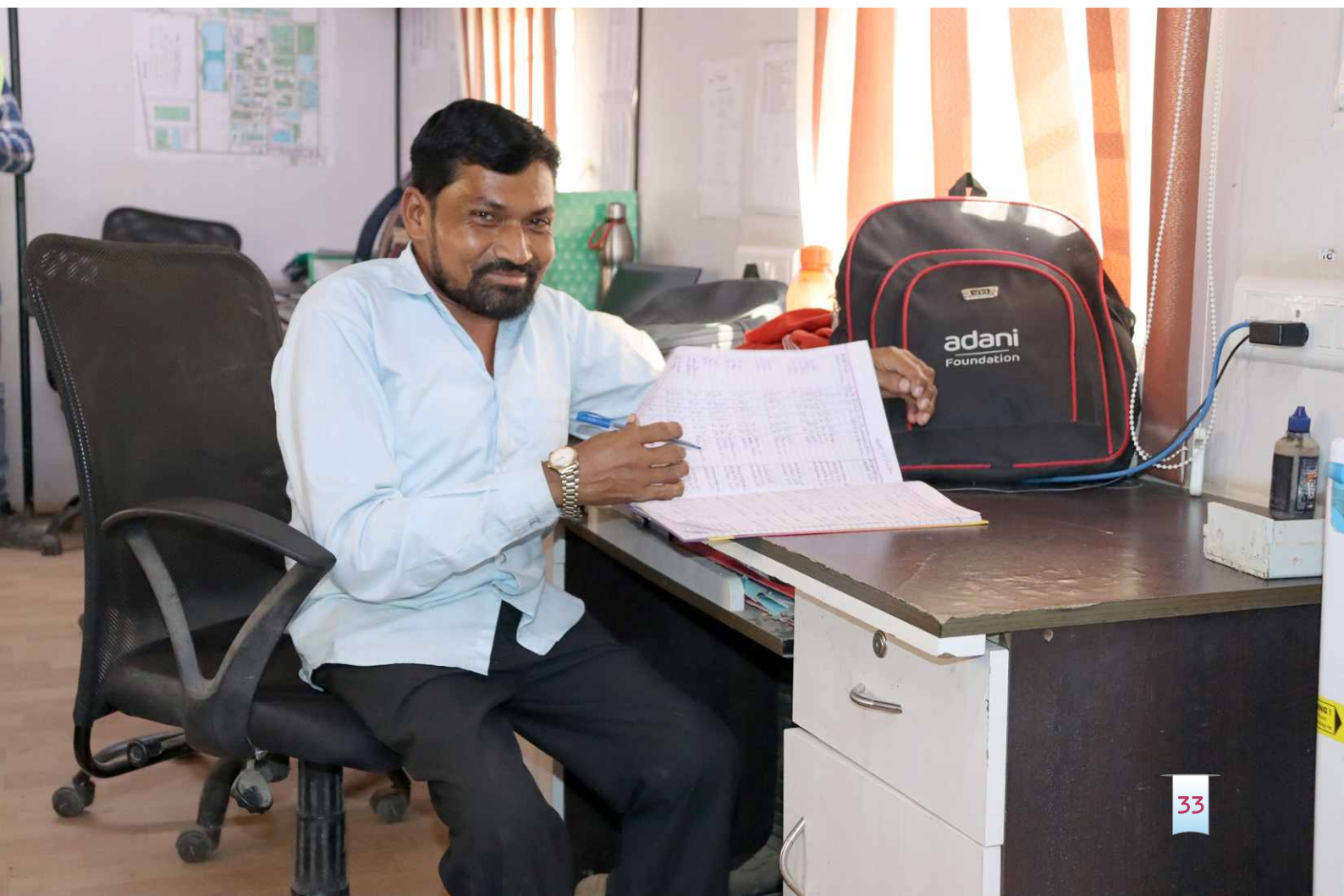
Govind Pattani, a resident of Moti Rayan in Mandvi Taluka, has faced significant challenges throughout his life. At the tender age of eight, a severe fever left him with a 60% disability. His family, unable to afford proper medical care, watched helplessly as his condition worsened.

Govind's perseverance and resilience finally bore fruit when he attended an employment fair organized by the Adani Foundation. There, he secured a position as a documentation officer at Kutch Copper Limited. This opportunity was a strong hope in his life.

Growing up, Govind grappled with feelings of inferiority due to his disability. Yet, he refused to let these feelings define him. With immense determination, he completed his Primary Teacher Certificate (P.T.C.) and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. He took on various jobs, striving to lift his family out of poverty, but often faced rejection due to his physical limitations.

Now, Govind is not only hopeful about building a bright and secure future but is also able to support his family. He expresses his heartfelt gratitude, saying,

**"I am deeply thankful to the Adani Foundation for this opportunity. It has given me the chance to prove myself and support my family."**



# Reviving Passion

~Mahadevbhai's Journey to Success

"If there is a will, there are ways."

In the village of Zarpara, evenings were a time for the community to gather and enjoy tea together. One such evening, the village Sarpanch, Shamlabhai, mentioned someone in need of help and asked if the Adani Foundation could assist. Eager to help, the foundation team headed to Hajapar in Zarpara village. Navigating narrow streets, they arrived at an old-style house where a man was resting outside. This man was Mahadevbhai Gusai, affectionately known as Guruji or Bavaji in the village. He welcomed them warmly and shared his story.

Mahadevbhai recounted how driving had been his passion since childhood. However, gangrene in both legs led to their amputation, leaving him confined to his home without work or social interaction. His life felt like a prison, and

visits from others were his only solace. Moved by his plight, the Adani Foundation provided Mahadevbhai with a tricycle, a disability certificate, and a bus pass for travel.

With the tricycle, Mahadevbhai's life transformed. He regained mobility, reconnecting with friends and relatives, and helping with household errands. His confidence revived, he rented a tea stall and taught his nephew the trade. The tea stall thrived, and he began earning a steady income. He also started driving an auto-rickshaw between Mundra and Zarpara, further boosting his earnings and breaking the monotony of his life.

Today, Mahadevbhai earns Rs. 10,000 per month, supporting his family and living a fulfilling life. Reflecting on his journey, Mahadevbhai expressed his heartfelt gratitude:



"I am deeply thankful to the Adani Foundation for providing me with a tricycle. It has improved my life immensely, giving me the mobility to meet others outside, which has helped me in earning. Their support has truly changed my life."

# From Polio to Professional

~Bhimji's job journey

**"The human spirit is one of ability, perseverance, and courage that no disability can steal away."**

Maheshwari Bhimaji D. comes from Gandhidham and currently resides in Mandvi, Kutch. Despite facing the challenges of polio since childhood, Maheshwari has always been determined to achieve his dreams. He holds multiple degrees, including a BA, MSW, LLB, and ITI, but his journey has not been easy.

For a long time, Maheshwari struggled to find opportunities for growth. Many private sectors prioritize physically strong employees, leaving little room for individuals like him. However, his life took a positive turn when he encountered the Adani Foundation. They recognized his abilities and provided him with the chance to grow and succeed.

The Adani Foundation is truly remarkable in its support for divyangs. Every year on December 3rd, they celebrate the

International Day of Persons with Disabilities by organizing a job festival specifically for divyangs. This event not only includes opportunities within Adani units but also encourages other private sectors to participate and offer jobs to divyangs.

Maheshwari attended one of these job festivals and was given the opportunity to work at Adani Wind Tech (Adani New Industries Limited). Today, he holds a good position and feels successful in his career. He said,

**"I am deeply grateful to the Adani Foundation for organizing the employment fair that opened up so many opportunities for divyangs like myself. This initiative has been a game-changer, providing us with the platform to showcase our abilities and secure meaningful employment."**



# From Setback to Sweet Business

~Meghabhai's Inspiring Story

**"The harder the struggle, the more glorious the triumph."**

In the serene village of Ratadia Ganesh wala in Mundra taluka, lived a resilient man named Rabari Megha Vanka. Despite having a disability that impaired 45 percent of his legs, Meghabhai was determined to support his family. He worked in a clothes shop in Mundra, while his wife, Pabhi Ben, contributed by making delicious sweets called "Pedas."

Three years ago, Meghabhai faced a significant setback when he lost his job. Struggling to make ends meet, he decided to sell his wife's Pedas in nearby villages. This decision marked the beginning of a challenging yet hopeful journey.

During these tough times, the Adani Foundation extended a helping hand. Recognizing Meghabhai's potential and determination, they assisted him in setting up a small home-based business.

They also helped him obtain the necessary medical documents and provided a bus pass to facilitate his business operations.

With unwavering support from his wife, Meghabhai established "Peda Home Udyog." Their hard work and dedication paid off, and they now sell an impressive 300 kilograms of Pedas every month, earning around Rs. 18,000. The upcoming bus pass will further aid their business expansion, allowing them to take orders from Gandhidham, Bhuj, Mandvi, and nearby areas, thereby saving on transportation costs. He said,

**"I am deeply grateful to the Adani Foundation for their incredible support during our toughest times. Their assistance in setting up our home-based business, obtaining necessary medical documents, and providing a bus pass has been invaluable."**





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