



Prerna

ALWAYS A NEW BEGINNING

HASHU ADVANI - प्रेरणा स्रोत

Post partition era in India, 1947 – 1957, refugee camps were set up for Hindu Sindhis, many of who had abandoned their fixed assets and crossed newly formed borders with the trauma of sudden loss and poverty. The loss of a homeland though, has had a deeper, more lasting effect on these people. The responsibility of rehabilitating the Hindu Sindhis was an unbelievably humongous task. Rationed food, improper sanitation, no roads or transportation, poor living conditions were all problems that were faced by them. The conditions were appalling; the nights were harsh with no sign of light in sight. Hindu Sindhis with insecurity and fear in their eyes came to a barren land, an old military barrack of Chembur – A refugee camp.

Sindhi refugees struggled to survive after the shock of the Partition: the poor surroundings had a negative impact on their physical and mental well-being.

Further, devastating attacks from an epidemic of flu created severe discomfort for the refugees. People were worried. With no doctors, medicines or hospitals, saving lives was a priority but not a plausibility. In the midst of all this panic, a great Messiah Pracharrak Hashu Advani, conquered the hearts and minds of millions of refugees.

Born on the 22nd of February 1926 in Hyderabad Sind to parents Chaturibai and Parsram Manganmal Advani, Hashu Advani had two brothers, Narain and Gopal and a sister Mohni Ramchand Malkani. His father Parsram Advani was a rich businessman of Spain. Instead of joining his father's business and leading a life of comfort in Spain, Hashuji preferred serving the refugees and accepting the challenge of reviving the standards of living of his Sindhi fellow members.

Hashuji who was just 22 years took control of this crisis and lead the Sindhi youth to take charge of situation & inspired them to help one another. The voluntary youth movement started & they received basic first-aid training with which they started nursing their fellow members. Work was assigned in night & day shifts. Each and every patient was visited and proper treatment was delivered.

Hashuji initiated a 'Yuvak Mandal' comprising of youth, all ready to serve the community. He was an active member of the RSS and represented the refugees' problems to British Collector of Bombay, Mr. Boman. With his support, Hashuji was able to provide adequate help for the refugees.

'Work for the common cause individually and collectively with diverse ideology' was Hashuji's Mantra for the Sindhi revival.

Impressed by Hashuji's selflessness towards the society & the community, The Collector had set aside an accommodation for him, but Hashuji converted that room into an office to run the social activities and a multi purpose hall for reading and playing indoor games.

Hashuji was a pillar and a source of inspiration for the volunteers. For the community, he was a great Social worker, Educationist and a Karam Yogi. He chose to enter politics to uplift the social standards of the dispersed community who had been uprooted from their mother land, Sindh.

Hashuji started facilities like libraries, book-banks, sports club, reading rooms and even arranged weekly Health workshops. Weekly meetings were arranged to hear and understand the problems of the people and to devise solutions.

In 1954, another crisis struck the Sindhi refugees. The Maharashtra Government announced an auction of the houses in the Chembur camp and ordered the refugees staying at Old Military barracks to shift to New barracks or multi-storey buildings. Thousands of residents took to the streets shouting and screaming for fear of losing their homes as new places were unaffordable. This led to a revolt in the area. Entire lanes were blocked

and the roads were flooded with thousands of people calling for justice. Hashuji managed to pacify the crowd got the police and the violent crowd to maintain the peaceful nature of the protest.

An intelligent & confident Hashu Advani met government authorities and formatted an acceptable plan of auctioning of the refugee's accommodation. He advised system of paying in Installments and managed to convince the government of implementing it. And with that, a new leader was born.

A trust, an emotional bonding was formed between Sai (Hashuji) and every Sindhi. This bond was so strong with the people that, at his funeral, both men and women cried like children. From a RSS Pracharrack to a Social worker, a Guardian, a Public Leader and a Guide to the youth.

HASHU ADVANI TRULY WAS AN AJATSHATRU LEADER

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“**S**ILENT NATIONAL ANTHEM OF INDIA” has been seen by practically everyone in India and also by people in Foreign countries. It was shot in December 2010 and was widely shown in Cinema Halls, TV and Media. This Silent National Anthem came out to be such a Powerful expression of Patriotism that audience used to literally cry while watching it. It has been performed live in front of Luminaries like Dr. A.P.J. Kalam (Past President of India), Mr. Amitabh Bachchan, Ms. Madhuri Dixit, Mr. Narayan Murthy etal. And the effect was same. **Their eyes were wet.**

And the performers, or should we call them actors, in this Silent National Anthem are differently abled young children who are deaf by birth and as a result of that are dumb too.

Differently Abled Children!!!! From where????

From our own Rochiram T. Thadani High School for Hearing Handicapped. 50% of the children who participated in this Silent National Anthem are our Students. Smt. Sangeeta Gala who is herself deaf, created this Anthem and our Teacher Ms. Bhagyashri Vartak played a key role in its creation.

Not many, or should I say, no one knows this fact and the actual Heroes – our own Students – who played the most important role in Creation of this Silent National Anthem remained unsung Heroes. We definitely want to change this situation. We want to Publicize this Fact. And thus we are carrying a write up about it in our very first issue of “**PRERNA – The News Letter of CCYM**”.

Within our midst, there exists another unsung Hero – an unsung Organisation known as “**CCYM – Chembur Colony Yuvak Mandal**”. Through “**PRERNA – The News Letter of CCYM**”, we shall strive to bring to you the significant contribution, CCYM has made to the Society since its inception in the year 1953, its achievements, and Individual Achievements of its Students & Teachers. You may get a feeling that we are Blowing Our Own Trumpet. Yes, that is True, we are. **Otherwise how can we make You feel Proud of Your Decision to get associated with us and be a part of CCYM.** And moreover, if we have a Trumpet, and that too a Great one, why not Blow it.

Apart from bringing to you information about our Activities and Achievements, our sincere efforts will be to make PRERNA a wholesome News Letter which will carry Humour, Motivational and Spiritual Quotes, Poems, short Stories of Value, invited articles and of course a column for Readers Suggestions where You would be able to guide us through the improvement of PRERNA and we shall eagerly look forward to Your such a guidance.

Now that You have the first issue of our Trumpet ... sorry, **PRERNA – The News Letter of CCYM**, in your hands, we are confident, you will enjoy it and shall look forward to receiving next issue.

Ashok Vasandani
Chief Editor

THINK ABOUT IT

- Life is not about what you couldn't do so far, it's about what you can still do.
- After a whole day of work, working-out for hours at the gym seem alright but helping out your mother at home seems like a burden.
- Praying to God for 3 minutes seems too much of Time, but watching a Movie For 3 Hours doesn't.
- We wait a whole year for valentine's day but we always forget mother's day.
- Two poor starving kids sitting on the pavement weren't given even a slice of bread but A painting of them sold for lakhs of rupees.
- Power does not mean you can treat people the way you like, it means people cannot treat you the way they feel
- Conversation is and Exercise for the Brain, Gossip is a Brainless Exercise for the Tongue
- Education is not learning of Facts, it is the Training of Mind to Think

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Narender Kalra
President

Greetings to All,

Continuity gives us roots, change gives us branches. We at CCYM are committed to the growth agenda, particularly with respect to ensuring start of new course B.Ed.(L.D) in college, financial discipline, good governance, reforms in administration of school and other activities of trust.

Welcome new academic year 2014-15, School and College has just begun. As we begin this year, I am confident that 2014-15 will be bigger, better in terms of imparting education to special children. I ensure, at the end of schooling, these children are no less than the normal children.

I am happy and satisfied that professors, teachers and members at college, school, vocational centre and other activities, are working hard to achieve their targets set by them.

I am excited to release this first newsletter of CCYM as promised at the time of fund raising and celebration of diamond jubilee of the institution.

Great appreciation is expressed to each trustee, volunteer, teachers, staff, newly formed committee members, on working hard during for fund raising and celebration of diamond jubilee of the institution.

We have achieved many milestones as below, but I have much to accomplish for the betterment of institution. I have miles to go before I sleep.

I pay homage to Friend, Philosopher, Guide and Founder President of this Trust, Late Shri Hashu Advani on the occasion of his 19th Punyatithi.

Narender Kalra
President

MILESTONES



Empowerment Unit for Children with learning disabilities (Ankur)	2012
Center for Audiological Interventions (CAAI)	2011
Anil Asrani Vocational Training Institute	2010
Hashu Advani Smarak • Hashu Advani College of Special Education	1997
Vyayamshala, Aakar Health Center • Vivekanand Yoga Kendra • Publication Division	1993
Rochiram T. Thadani High School for hearing handicapped	1987
Library of College Books • Library of Literary Books for public	1958
Book Bank for poor and needy Students	1957
Stopped Auction of Homes of under-privileged persons, widows, destitutes	1956
Reading Room for College Students	1955
Settlement of Claims of displaced persons	1954
Assistance to displaced persons • Foundation of Chembur Colony Yuvak Mandal	1953

OUR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS MAKE US PROUD



Congratulations!!



Successive 10th year of 100% Result

Six Students from Rochiram T. Thadhani High School for Hearing Handicapped have appeared for S.S.C. Examination 2014. Out of Six, one student got distinction 73.80%, rest Five students got 1st Class. This year students have appeared with English language and regular Maths of Standard 10th, which is very Creditable.

Ms. Jyoti Gupta	73.80
Ms. Shakila Hashmi	68.48
Mast. Imran Shaikh	68.20
Mast. Ibrahim Sayyed	66.60
Ms. Jasmin Shaikh	65.40
Ms. Suman Mourya	62.60

WE ARE ALWAYS ACTIVE

Rochiram T Thadhani High School For Hearing Handicapped

■ Affiliated to Maharashtra State Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination Board, Rochiram T. Thadhani High School for the Hearing Handicapped is widely acknowledged as one of the benchmark special schools of the Board.

Anil Asrani Vocational Training Institute

■ An Institution dedicated to empowering the specially abled, believed that imparting education is only half the journey, the other half is covered by making the children economically independent.

Hashu Advani College of Special Education College

■ Hashu Advani College of Special Education since 1997, provides meritorious contribution towards educating special teachers. The College offers one year post Graduate B. Ed. (Special Education, Hearing Impaired) recognised by Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi - a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment, Government of India and affiliated to the University of Mumbai.



Chembur Colony, Yuvak Mandal Building, Collector Colony, Chembur, Mumbai

College Students' Reading Room

■ Reading Room is highly popular amongst the student community, especially by those appearing for professional exams. It provides the most congenial atmosphere and tranquility.

Aakar Health Centre

■ Aakar Health Centre started to bring wellbeing in an individual. It promotes and supports the health and fitness concept strongly for the youth. It has hi-tech gymnasium with special feature like steam bath & massage roller.

Vivekanand Yoga Kendra

■ The Yoga Kendra was started on 1st May, 1993 with just 10 persons. Now it has 8 batches with 200 persons benefitting daily. Every month, special discourses are conducted by Health Experts. The Kendra aims to develop the physical, mental and spiritual well being of the individuals through yoga and meditation.

Yuvak Mandal Vyayamshala

■ Vyayamshala was started on 9th May 1993 in Chembur Colony. It is very popular among the youth specially catering to the middle and lower middle class people of the area.

Sapta Sindhu Sangam

■ Sapta Sindhu Sangam is a cultural wing, of Chembur Colony YuvakMandal and it organizes annual event like Cheti-Chand-jo-Melo along with other programs such as Sangeet, Dance, Drama.

Centre For Audiological Assessment And Intervention (CAAI)

■ CAAI with modern Audiological infrastructure aims at identifying and intervening children with hearing impairment at very early age which helps them with an opportunity to acquire language.

Ankoor

■ Ankoor is committed to facilitate and provide academic support to children with learning disability with proactive & positive participation of teachers, families and community

charging very nominal fees

Publication Division

■ It was felt that the hearing handicapped students do not have study books suitable according to their specific needs. So a group of teachers have designed work-books and educational kits for use by these students at the pre-primary level.

Pushpananjali - Shelter Home for Cancer Patients

■ CCYM in collaboration with Shradha Foundation provides affordable accommodation to the underprivileged Cancer Patients and their caretaker visiting the Mumbai city during their medical treatment.

Hashu Advani Senior Citizen's Association

■ This Association arranges the get together, weekly meeting, and social interaction of Senior Citizens. Also activities like festivals, functions organized to bring great pleasure and joy to these group.

PARENTS GOD'S OWN CREATION ON EARTH

A long time ago, there was a huge apple tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it every day. He climbed to the treetop, ate the apples, and took a nap under the shadow. He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him. Time went by, the little boy had grown up and he no longer played around the tree every day.

One day, the boy came back to the tree and he looked sad. "Come and play with me", the tree asked the boy.

BOY: "I am no longer a kid, I do not play around trees anymore" the boy replied. "I want toys. I need money to buy them."

TREE: "Sorry, but I do not have money, but you can pick all my apples and sell them. So, you will have money."

The boy was so excited. He grabbed all the apples on the tree and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples. The tree was sad.

One day, the boy who now turned into a man returned and the tree was excited.

"Come and play with me" the tree said.

"I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?"

"Sorry, but I do not have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house." So the man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily.

The tree was glad to see him happy but the man never came back since then. The tree was again lonely and sad.

One hot summer day, the man returned and the tree was delighted.

"Come and play with me!" the tree said.

"I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat?" said the man.

"Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy."

So the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and never showed up for a long time.

Finally, the man returned after many years.

"Sorry, my boy. But I do not have anything for you anymore.

No more apples for you", the tree said.

"No problem, I do not have any teeth to bite" the man replied.

TREE: "No more trunk for you to climb on."

"I am too old for that now" the man said.

"I really cannot give you anything, the only thing left is my dying roots," the tree said with tears.

"I do not need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years," the man replied.

"Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest, come sit down with me and rest." The man sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears.

This is the story of all of us. The tree is like our parents. When we were young, we loved to play with our Mum and Dad.

When we grow up, we leave them; only come to them when we need something or when we are in trouble.

No matter what, parents will always be there and give everything they can just to make you happy.

You may think the boy is cruel to the tree, but that is how all of us treat our parents.

We take them for granted; we don't appreciate all they do for us, until it's too late.



LETS PRACTICE

Treat parents with loving care:

For we will know their value, when we see their empty chair.

We never know the love of our parents for us; till we have become parents.

SILENT NATIONAL ANTHEM

Hello. I am glad to meet you all through “Prerna”. This is because I got an opportunity to express my happiness regarding “The Silent Indian National Anthem”.

Since our students are hearing impaired they are unable to express themselves clearly. But all these students are very patriotic and nationalistic. They have tremendous love for their country like all Indians. They want to make all of us their friends and want to be an integral part of our society.

They don't want to stop just by saying “Mera Bharat Mahaan”. But they also want to be patriotic by expressing themselves through signs. This expression is through a national song called “The Silent Indian National Anthem”. (The Silent Anthem)

On 5th December, 2010 Mudra Communications through Chrome Pictures shot for this Silent Anthem in Don Bosco High School. There were 250 students who participated in this Silent Anthem out of which 129 students were from our Rochiram.T.Thadani High School for Hearing Handicapped.

Smt. Sangeeta Gala who is herself deaf, created this Anthem. I played an important role in this creation.

Me and my students were invited by SHRM company to perform our Silent anthem in the opening ceremony of their international conferences held at Delhi and Goa.

Lions Club and Cosmo Hyderabad also invited me and my students to perform The Silent anthem in Hyderabad.

The Silent Anthem also received 1 silver and 2 bronze medals in the recently concluded Cannes Film Festival at France.



Our Students with Past President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Rotary Club, Lions Club, Art in Fashion, Red Arrows, Vivekananda Management College, Shruti Sandhan etc. In all these establishments our students have performed The Silent Anthem.

Our students have also performed The Silent Anthem before such prominent personalities like Past President Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, Shri Lalkrishna Advaniji, Dr.

Narayan Murthy, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Ministers like Shri Harshavardhan Patil, Dr. Patangrao Kadam, Shri Ganesh Naik, Shri Subhash Dandekar who have liked and appreciated this effort and have also shown keen interest in the working of our school.

Amitabh Bachchan, Madhuri Dixit, Shabana Azmi and Harsha Bhogle sang The Silent Anthem along with our students on 15th August, 2012 which was telecast on CNN-IBN channel.

CNN-IBN TV Channel saw the potential in our Silent Anthem and broadcasted it before such luminaries like Salman Khan, Bharat Dabholkar, Anupam Kher, Rajdeep Sardesai which was telecast by them in March, 2014.

Via Business Achievements Awards, our students performed The Silent Anthem before distinguished luminaries like President Pranab Mukherjee, Smt. Chanda Kochchar and Shri Rahul Bajaj. This program was held in Delhi.

This national anthem was shown in all BIG Cinemas, TV channels which had the tag line.....

“PATRIOTISM HAS NO LANGUAGE”

Mrs. Bhagyashri Vartak

Supervisor,

Rochiram T. Thadani High School for Hearing Handicapped.



Our Student with Ms. Mandira Bedi, Mr. Amitabh Bachchan, Ms. Shabana Azmi, Ms. Madhuri Dixit and Mr. Harsha Bhogle



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