

**SMT. JYOTIBEN DALAL**  
**DISABLED WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**  
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## **PREAMBLE**

Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Disabled Women Empowerment Project is a bold attempt to conquer a new outpost in humanitarian venture aiming at to assuage understandable anxieties of these women. A USA-based Dalal Family Foundation known for its strategic philanthropy, empathised with humility and modesty associated with such women, readily agreed to shoulder the responsibility of financing the project by a generous donation.

Committed to a worthy cause, the project should prove an agent of long term change as it has significance beyond immediate. ‘Do-it-yourself’ culture imbibed in the project will go a long way to blowing fresh life into dusty archives and will prove a game-changer under watchful eyes of the executor – the PNR Society.

Such projects are easier conceived than accomplished with success. The report of work done affixed after launching the project in May, 2016 does conclude that it is still a long haul to realizing the mission but all indications are that the project will emerge as path-breaking initiative in preventing the society to leave these disabled women to fend for themselves.

Finally, one must keep in mind that simple figures do not always explain the complexities of facts. The executor does not believe in short-hand at the expense of long hand. By this singular step the sponsor the Dalal Family Foundation, USA expects that the executor attains 360 out-reach of the Bhavnagar district and come out with a model strategy that may encourage others in the field to emulate.

**Anant Shah**  
Secretary  
PNR Society

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## Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Family Disabled Women Empowerment Project

### 1. Condition of Disabled Women in Indian Society

Discrimination against women is evident in a large country like India. The condition of disabled women in rural area is even more pitiable as they have to face problems for education, training, earning for livelihood from society, family, etc. Disabled woman is considered a liability of lifetime and on account of this they get stepmotherly treatment.

Inspite of best efforts to empower them to earn their livelihood they are failed due to such a belief. These women also started believing that they are a liability to their families. Under the circumstances they live in very miserable condition.

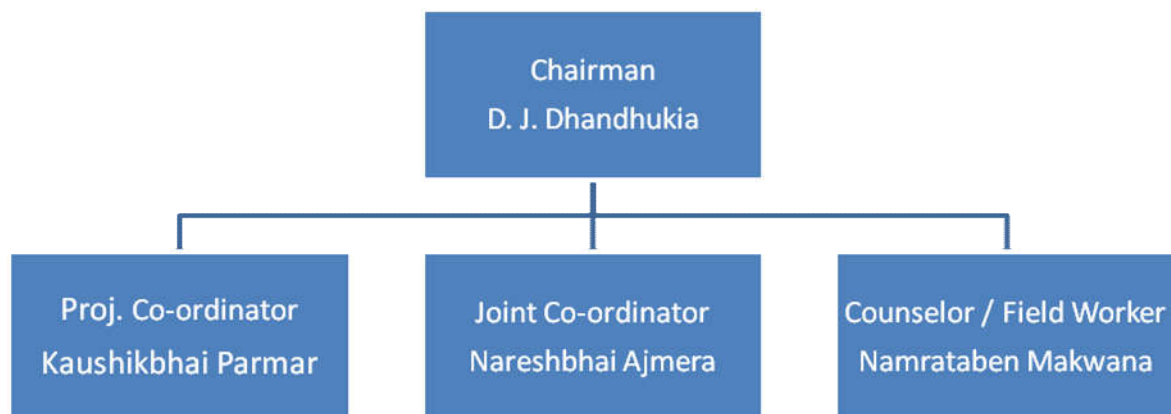
### 2. Project for Empowering Disabled Women

In order to take them out of such precarious condition developing confidence in them assumes prime task. For making disabled women economically independent a project “Disabled Woman Empowerment Project” financially supported by the Dalal Family Foundation, USA” has been under execution by the PNR Society.

### 3. Main objectives of the Project

The main aim is to take out these disabled women from pitiable condition and make them live with self-esteem. For this purpose the project envisages training, assistance and guidance to make them self-reliant by making them aware of various schemes, trades and above all their potential.

### 4. Structure of Implementation



This structure executes project with the guidance of Shri Parasbhai Shah, Asst. Chief Executive and Shri Anantbhai K. Shah, Secretary.

## **5. Advisory Committee**

An Advisory Committee has been formed drawing experts from different disciplines. This committee reviews the progress and renders suggestions at different interval.

## **6. Project Preview**

It covers 800 villages and small and big 9 towns of Bhavnagar district in which about 10,000 disabled women live.

## **7. Target of Project**

To empower 100 disabled women every year. In the first year it is proposed to empower 50 disabled women.

## **8. Method of Implementation**

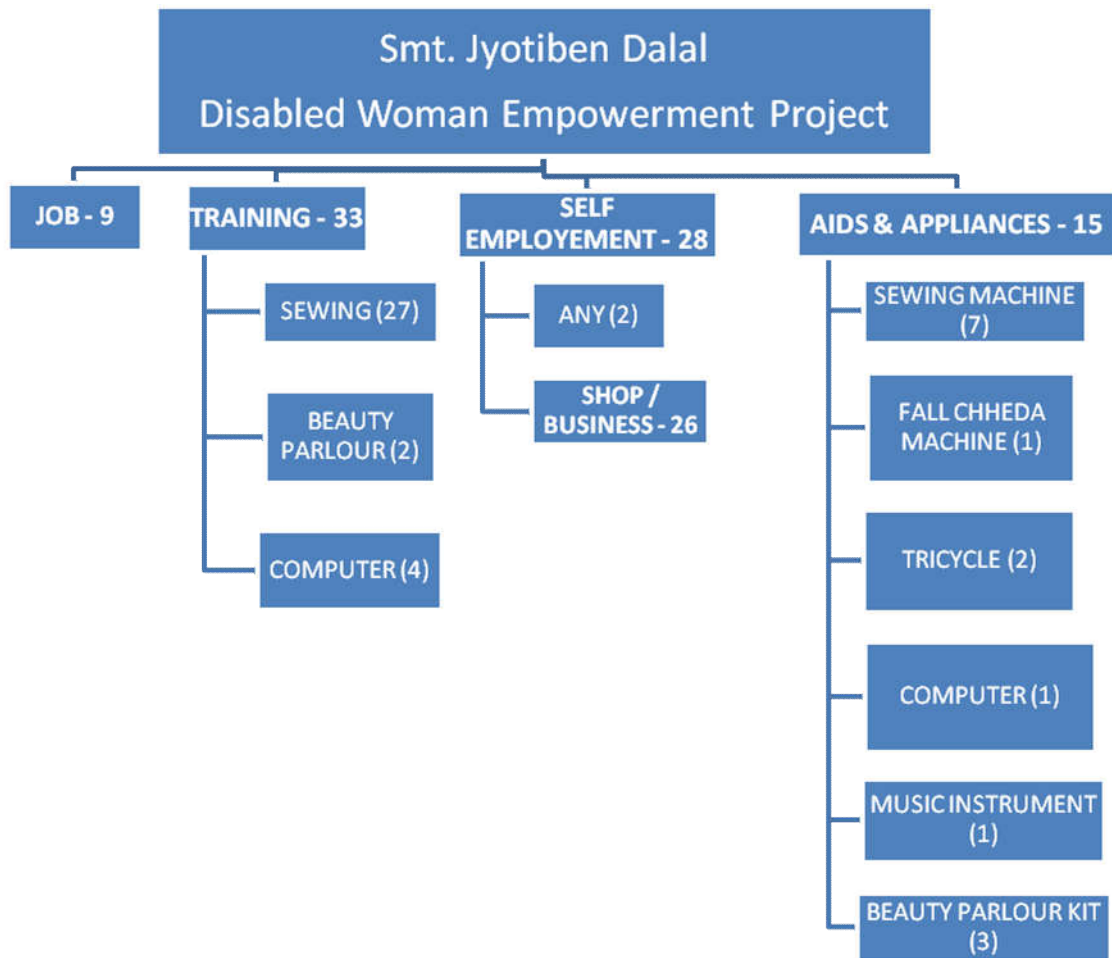
The condition in which the disabled women live in the society at present is the main hurdle. It is a challenge for us to awaken them and inspire confidence and plant hope in these women. It is therefore essential that they and their families are enthused for a change through one-to-one contact.

- (a) On the basis of evaluation of hidden potential, inclination and interest the counseling is done. After training there will be need of appliances. Mostly the advice is tendered for jobs that need very few aids. The team surveys market and arrives at need of jobs / work which are in demand. Accordingly, they are guided for training and business.
- (b) Assistance is rendered to obtain loans from banks and / or under schemes of the government.

## **9. Present Status of the Project**

A total number of 85 disabled women have been identified with the co-operation of four Resource Centers and Prevention Department of the PNR Society. They have been classified based on capacity and needs. The same is furnished here under.

**(a) Classification of Disabled Women**



**(b) Counseling**

Out of 85 forms received, there are 20 from Bhavnagar under Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Empowerment of Disabled Woman Project and they were visited and counseling was done according to their interest. The rest residing in villages are being contacted.



Photo of Craft Training

### **(c) Training**

Under this project 5 women were rendered sewing training for 21 days and one was rendered computer skills. The sewing training was arranged at SBI Training Center where they were given meals, tea, coffee, snacks, etc. free of charge. They were issued certificates at the end of the training. Now they can earn having learnt sewing at their places.

### **(d) Seminar and Workshop**

Under On 20 October 2016, a seminar was organized at Nataraj College. A total number of 24 disabled women attended the seminar.

### **(e) Aids & Appliances**

#### **(i) Sewing Machine**

Those who took training in sewing before were unable to purchase appliances. They were therefore assisted for procuring sewing machines.

#### **(ii) Beauty Parlour Kit**

Two kits were supplied to two disabled women.

10. About 10000 disabled women are there in Bhavnagar district. An effective mechanism is now ready to proceed. Agencies imparting training have been identified and work is on for arranging training to be given to identified disabled women. Efforts are on way to empower such women on continuous basis. We are hopeful that we could see them working and living respectable life.

11. That we have been able to raise 'hope' in these women is our prime achievement at present.

### **SUMMARY OF BENEFICIARIES**

1. In the first phase a total number of 85 disabled women have been identified and their inclination for different jobs has been obtained.
2. A total number of 6 disabled women were rendered training for sewing and computer.
3. At present 17 disabled women are under training of sewing and 13 are under training of Beauty Parlour.



## FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM BENEFICIARIES

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**1. Name : Ranjanben Ramjibhai Khasia**

Education : XII<sup>th</sup> Std. passed

Disability : Locomotor Disabled

Village : Bhadbhadiya, Taluka : Bhavnagar

Dist. Bhavnagar

Cell No. 9574737764

I am Ranjan of a joint family of 18 members. Became locomotor disabled at left leg after a polio attack in childhood. I am newly married and presently staying in in-laws' house whose economic condition is weak. My husband is also disabled. I had cherished desire to start some business so that I can support our livelihood. It is at this time Smt. Namratiben of **Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Disabled Women Empowerment Project** run by the PNR Society happened to organize a meeting with disabled women at Bhadbhadiya Village, which I attended with interest. My joy knew no bounds after learning in the meeting that there is a helping hand for disabled women like me to go for own business after learning some skill for which training is being organized under this project.

Without wasting any time I joined the SBI Training Center for Sewing under this project. I also took craft training in C.P. School run by the PNR Society. '**When there is a will, there is a way**' proverb was realized in my life. I have now confidence to start Sewing Business in my place and earn, and support the family.

I cannot resist my happy temptation to record here my grateful thanks to the persons behind the **Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Disabled Women Empowerment project** and the executor – the PNR Society.

There are three more disabled women of this village who were imparted sewing training. They are to soon start their business.

Other beneficiaries of this village are :

1. Jyotiben Chhaganbhai, Locomotor disabled and Deaf
2. Jivuben Babubhai, Locomotor disabled
3. Liliben Vikabhai, Locomotor disabled

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## BENEFICIARIES

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### 2. Name : Ushaben Maganbhai Makwana

Education : VI<sup>th</sup> Std.

Disability : Locomotor Disabled

Village : Akwada,

Dist. Bhavnagar

Cell No. 9624942744

I am Ushaben of Akwada village staying in family of 7 members in which there are 4 sisters and a brother besides parents.

It was a breath of a fresh air when I learnt about **Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Disabled Women Empowerment project** run by PNR Society of Bhavnagar. I jumped at the opportunity and joined training of Dress-designing at SBI, organized under this project. Our economic condition has been very poor and there was an urgent need of additional income for livelihood. Now that I am fully trained, I have confidence to begin my own business, the income of which should prove an asset to our livelihood.

I am indebted to **Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Disabled Women Empowerment project** sponsored by USA-based Dalal Family Foundation, the PNR Society and SBI Training Centre. I thank profusely to the staff engaged in the execution of the project.