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Shri Kanhaiyalal Viramdas Patel

Education is like the lifeline for children

Shri Kanhaiyalal Viramdas Patel, fondly known as KV has created his own identity in the educational field through his innovative ideas and their implementation. In 2002, KV joined the Bharada P Centre School at Dhrangadhra taluka of Surendranagar district. While working as a teacher he was given the post of CRC Coordinator of the District Primary Education Programme's Cluster Resource Centre at Dudapur. He was selected for this post owing to his innovative ideas and work in the field of education. He contributed in writing training module for teachers and has been constantly working for teachers' training and its programmes at various centres in the state. Besides this, he has been active in his official duty of spreading the importance of education in his allocated locality. For

this purpose he made a plan of forming small groups in every village. To increase the scope of rural education he made personal contact so that there is more awareness among the rural areas. He created special modules according to local resources and provided training to committee members.

In the earthquake of 2001, there was vast devastation and the school facilities were also destroyed to a great extent. In absence of basic facilities education was not possible. Apart from villagers and children's social and emotional disturbance, the schools needed many repairs, and in fact new school building was needed. At this time, KV requested for co-operation from his personal contacts through his relations. He made special arrangements to construct new classes and school. He was successful in building new schools, new rooms in schools by contacting

various NGOs and through special government projects.

KV was selected as a member of core team in the ADEPTS programme that provides direct support to teachers. ADEPTS means advancement Educational Performance To Teachers Support Programme. He has also worked as an active member of training module for UNICEF. In the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan he been successful in doing innovative work. After Surendranagar, KV was transferred as teacher at Bahucharaji taluka of Mehsana district. In short time he was once again selected as CRC Coordinator of the district's Cluster Resource Centre. He has done commendable writing for Acharya Navsankar Training Module, Pragna Training Module and non-Pragna Training Module. KV has played an active role in various modules for teachers' training, has been master trainer and resource person in various training schedules. He has also contributed for books like 'Apdo Jillo Mehsana' and 'Mehsana Jillo' besides creating children's literature like rhymes and stories. KV has more than 20 publications to his credit.

He has also worked to spread environment awareness among children. For this purpose, he made childrens' teams in every village called 'yuva green' that organised various programmes during non-school hours and holidays. Through children he formed Eco-clubs and adopted the motto 'Yes We Can'. These yuva green clubs have been very socially active in various programmes specially in times of difficulty.

KV had organised to bring child innovators from 14 states in the year 2016 with coordination from SRISTI and HoneyBee Network. With guidance from SRISTI he also organised the national idea competition. One of these children also received an award from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam during the IGNITE award. Apart from this he has been the resource person for Childrens' Activity Workshop organised by SRISTI. KV has also worked to spread awareness about harmful effects of open defecation, by composing several songs which were recorded and used in several awareness programmes. KV's innovations have been recognised by IIM too. He has

also been honoured by neighbouring states of Rajasthan and Maharashtra. He could contribute as an expert in the Childrens' Activity Workshop conducted during FOIN at New Delhi. He was given a special award

by the state education minister during the State Innovation Fair at Saputara by GCERT.

In this way KV has spread his new ideas in the field of education in the entire state and in other states too.