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APNA GHAR SAMVAD



STORIES & UPDATES FROM MUMBAI & VASAI ASHRAM

Dear Friends,

At Apna Ghar Ashram, every day is a story of courage, care, and hope. We're delighted to share these glimpses of life at our Mumbai & Vasai ashrams with you.

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A glimpse into our Ashrams, sharing stories of compassion, festive celebrations, heartfelt reunions, and the everyday joys that bring dignity, healing, and belonging to every Prabhuj. Each story is a reminder of how love and care can transform lives.



HOLISTIC CARE

Rehabilitation, dignity, and family reunions bring healing, belonging, and renewed hope, helping every Prabhuj rebuild life with love and respect.



SHELTER & SUPPORT

A safe home with free food, medical care, and compassionate service that nurtures body, mind, and spirit, ensuring no Prabhuj feels abandoned.



COMMUNITY & CELEBRATION

Festivals, togetherness, and love create joy, bonding, and the feeling of family, turning every moment into a celebration of life and dignity.

About Apna Ghar Ashram

Apna Ghar Ashram was founded on June 29, 2000, by Dr. B.M. Bhardwaj and Dr. Madhuri Bhardwaj in Bharatpur, Rajasthan. Established with the vision of serving those who are abandoned, destitute, or physically challenged, the Ashram offers free food, shelter, medical care, and love to people we lovingly call Prabhujis. Beyond immediate care, Apna Ghar focuses on healing and rehabilitation, helping individuals recover their dignity and, wherever possible, reunite with their families.

Over the years, Apna Ghar has grown into a movement of compassion with 65 Ashrams across India, serving more than 12,000 Prabhujis every day. Guided by the belief that no life is unwanted, it continues to transform suffering into hope, creating homes where every person is valued and cared for.

Apna Ghar Ashram Mumbai Shishu Welfare Trust of India (Women's Ashram)

Apna Ghar Ashram Mumbai, inaugurated in June 2025, provides a safe home for abandoned and distressed women. Run by the Shishu Welfare Trust of India, it offers Prabhujis medical care, nutritious meals, and above all, respect and love.

Unique to Mumbai is its focus on personalized, family-like care, ensuring every woman feels valued. With festivals, creative activities, and wellness support, the Ashram restores joy and dignity. Many are reunited with families, while others find lifelong sisterhood within this compassionate community.

Apna Ghar Ashram Vasai Rama Ganesh Charitable Trust (Men's Ashram)

Apna Ghar Ashram Vasai, inaugurated in November 2023, is managed by the Rama Ganesh Charitable Trust and offers shelter and dignity to abandoned men. Along with daily care and medical attention, Prabhujis here enjoy vibrant celebrations of festivals that bring joy and belonging.

What makes Vasai special is its community participation, with volunteers and locals actively supporting the Ashram's mission. For some, it becomes the bridge to family reunions; for others, it is a permanent home where they are respected, cared for and celebrated.



International Yoga Day

On Yoga Day, our Prabhujis and staff came together for a session of simple yoga asanas and breathing practices. The guided exercises created a sense of calmness and positivity, showing how even gentle steps towards health can uplift mind and body.

*Nayi Umeed:
Life at the Women's Ashram*

Recent Highlights from Apna Ghar Ashram - Mumbai

The past three months at Apna Ghar Ashram - Mumbai have been filled with blessings, joy, and togetherness. Each occasion brought new energy into the Ashram, making our Prabhujis feel loved, respected, and cared for. Here is a glimpse of these memorable times:

Inauguration - A Beginning of Hope

A proud milestone was reached with the inauguration of Apna Ghar Ashram - Mumbai. The ceremony was graced by Shri Satyanarayanji Choudhary (IPS) and Smt. Nidhi Choudhary (IAS). Their kind words and blessings inspired everyone. It was not just the opening of a space, but the beginning of a home where our Prabhujis can live with dignity and affection.

Rotary Team Visit - Caring Through Togetherness

We were delighted to welcome the Rotary Team, who spent valuable time with our Prabhujis. Their thoughtful interactions, encouragement, and generous support created a day of warmth and connection. For the Prabhujis, it was a reminder that they are deeply valued by the community.

Rakshabandhan - Threads of Love

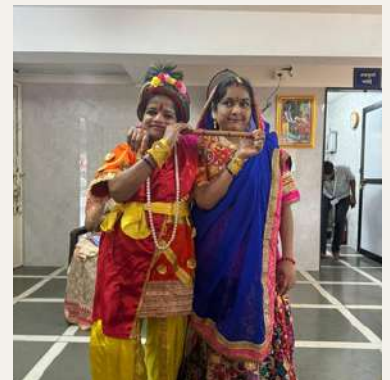
Rakshabandhan was celebrated with joy and affection. Sisters tied rakhis on the wrists of our Prabhujis, and the Ashram family shared sweets together. The festival beautifully highlighted that bonds of love and protection are not limited to family by birth but are also built through compassion and care.

Janmashtami - Celebrating Krishna's Joy

The celebration of Lord Krishna's birth brought devotion and festivity to the Ashram. The halls were decorated with flowers and lights, and bhajans were sung with great enthusiasm. A special moment was when two of our Prabhujis were lovingly dressed as Radha and Krishna - their smiles and innocence filled every heart with joy and devotion.



*79th Independence Day
of India*



Janmashtami



Yoga Day



Rotary Team Visit



Rakshabandhan



Silver Jubilee Celebration

Jeevan ke Rang: Life at the Men's Ashram

Recent Highlights from Apna Ghar Ashram - Vasai

25th Year Celebrations - Silver Jubilee of Bharatpur Ashram

On 29th June 2025, the Bharatpur Ashram marked a glorious milestone - its 25th year of service. To celebrate this silver jubilee, a lively orchestra program filled the evening with the melodies of old classics. Many Prabhujis hummed along and a few even joined in dance, their faces glowing with joy. A special festive meal was served, bringing flavors different from the everyday routine. For the Prabhujis, it was a day of music, laughter and togetherness - a celebration that made them feel truly cherished.

Rakshabandhan - A Bond of Love

On 9th August 2025, the spirit of Rakshabandhan lit up the Ashram. Sisters tied rakhis to all the Prabhujis, while those unable to gather due to health were visited in their rooms by dedicated sewasathis, ensuring no one was left out. For many, it was an emotional moment - memories of their sisters stirred tender feelings, bringing tears to their eyes. The day was made sweeter with a festive spread of kheer, puri, pakoda and malpua, enjoyed wholeheartedly by everyone. It was a day of love, remembrance and family bonds rekindled.

Independence Day - Pride in the Tricolour

On 15th August 2025, the Ashram came together to honor the nation's Independence Day. The Prabhujis assembled in the ground as the tricolour was hoisted by volunteer Kedarnath Mahtre, a long-time sevak of the Ashram. The sight of the flag waving high filled everyone with pride and emotion. For the Prabhujis, it was a day of respect, unity and gratitude for the freedom and dignity they enjoy, a reminder that they too are a proud part of the nation's journey.

Janmashtami - Joy of Krishna's Birth

On 16th August 2025, the Ashram celebrated Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna, with devotion and cheer. A Prabhujis sang heartfelt Krishna bhajans, filling the air with devotion. The highlight was the Dahi Handi - a clay pot hung high at ten feet, which the Prabhujis tried to break while blindfolded. Laughter, cheering, and claps echoed across the grounds as the pot finally broke, showering joy on all. For the Prabhujis, it was not just a festival but a moment of playful celebration that brought childlike happiness to their hearts.

With music, prayers, food and togetherness, our Prabhujis find family and happiness in every occasion at Apna Ghar Ashram.

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Rakshabandhan

Success Story: Family Reunion of Prabhuji Sharda

Basic Details

Prabhuji's full name is Sharda Kanvar, a 29-year-old woman from Itwari, Post-Paharia, Parsada, Janjgir, Champa, Chhattisgarh. She was admitted to Apna Ghar Ashram, Mumbai on 26th June 2025, after being rescued with the help of Naigaon Police Station.



Life at the Ashram

At the Ashram, Sharda received counselling, along with medical support prescribed by the doctor. Over time, her emotional state improved significantly - she became more social, started communicating with sevasathis and office staff, and even participated in festival celebrations by singing songs. These small steps reflected her journey of healing and regaining confidence.

Family Tracing & Reunion

With the details shared by Sharda, the Ashram team contacted the local police station in her native area. Through their assistance, her brother Khilendra Kanvar and mother Geeta Devi were located. When the family arrived at the Ashram, the moment was filled with joy and relief. Both Sharda and her family expressed immense happiness, as they embraced each other after a long separation.



Background & Circumstances

When Sharda was rescued, she appeared extremely quiet and withdrawn, with a noticeable swelling on her right hand. Initially, she did not speak, but with time, she began interacting by asking personal questions to staff members. Gradually, she revealed her real name and shared important family details, including her brother's name Khilendra and her daughter Vandana, who is 8 years old.



This case is a reminder of the power of compassion and family in restoring dignity to every life.

Success Story: Family Reunion of Prabhuji Sharda

Handover Process

Before the handover, the Ashram verified the family's identity using Aadhar and Ration Card details. No legal clearance was required for the reunion. Sharda's medical and social information was explained to her family to ensure continued care after she returned home.

Reflections & Impact

This reunion beautifully reflects Apna Ghar Ashram's mission of "Seva and Samarpan" - to bring dignity and belonging back to every life. It reinforces the message that family bonds are irreplaceable and no one should be left alone in pain and despair.



Family Member Quote:

"We are grateful to Apna Ghar Ashram for bringing our Sharda back to us."

Ashram Seva Saathi Quote:

"Every reunion reminds us why we serve - with compassion and hope."



As Sharda steps back into the arms of her family, her story becomes a reminder to all of us of the deep impact compassion can create. In her time at Apna Ghar Ashram, she was cared for, respected, and given the dignity every human being deserves. This reunion is more than just the return of one family member — it is proof that kindness and humanity can bridge even the longest distances. Through her story, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to ensure that no one is left unseen, unheard, or unloved.

Success Story: Family Reunion of Prabhuji Savitri Devi

Basic Details

Prabhuji's full name is Savitri Devi, a 40-year-old woman from Khutra, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand - 825319. She was admitted to Apna Ghar Ashram on 8th June 2025.

Background & Circumstances

Savitri Devi was rescued by the Apna Ghar Ashram Rescue Team in a vulnerable state. When she arrived, she was completely silent and did not speak a word. Gradually, through games and activities like bhajan and yoga, she began opening up. Over time, she started singing songs and bhajans and even recalled her phone number, although her address came in fragments. She shared that she has two daughters, a husband in Jharkhand, and her parents live in Dhangaon, Bilaspur.

Life at the Ashram

Savitri Devi enjoyed singing and regularly participated in bhajans. During her stay, she fell ill with fever three times, but with proper medical care, she regained her health. Her behavior improved, and she became calm and well-mannered. She often spoke about her daughters, Ganga and Dhara, and displayed a natural talent for music, making her beloved among residents.

Family Tracing & Reunion

The family was identified through Savitri Devi's own memory and the information she gradually recalled. Her husband, Dharmendra Bhuiya, and nephew, Karan Kumar, came to take her home. The family was overjoyed and relieved to find her after one year of separation. Savitri Devi was filled with happiness at the thought of reuniting with her daughters.



Reflections & Impact

The Ashram views this reunion as a significant step in fulfilling its mission of "Seva and Samarpan." It reflects the power of patience, love, and rehabilitation in restoring lives.

Handover Process

The handover process was carefully completed after verifying Aadhar and PAN cards of Savitri Devi and her husband, along with a witness. No formal legal clearance was required for the reunion.



Family Member Quote:

"We had lost hope, but today we feel blessed to have her back. Thank you, Apna Ghar Ashram, for making this possible."

Ashram Seva Saathi Quote:

"Every reunion gives us strength to continue serving with compassion. Seeing Savitri Devi smile again is our true reward."

It is a testament to how family and empathy can renew the dignity every life deserves.

Our Profile

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ASHRAMS

ORGANIZATION NAME	SHISHU WELFARE TRUST OF INDIA	RAMA GANESH CHARITABLE TRUST
ADDRESS	Shishu Bhavan, Valentine Complex, Off. Gen A. K. Vaidya Marg, Malad East, Mumbai 400097.	S. No. 4, H. No. 8/3, Parab Wadi, Near Bhajanlal Dairy, Kaman Bhiwandi Road, Chinchoti Naka, Vasai-Virar, Maharashtra - 401208.
REGISTRATIONS	Registered Under: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bombay Public Trust Act 1950, (E-9931)• 80-G & 12-AA under Income Tax Act Order No. AAATS1207PF20213• NITI Aayog Regi. MH/2017/0172058• CSR Reg. CSR00087611	Registered Under: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, (E-24151)• 80-G & 12-AA under Income Tax Act Order No. AACTR1655GF20212• NITI Aayog Regi. MH/2021/0297030• CSR Reg. CSR00016317
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