



## Nilam Patel Bahushrut Foundation

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*Ray of Hope* 



BAHUSHRUT  
FOUNDATION

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# EVERY CHILD has a right to education

to ensure his growth and development, to fulfill his individual potential.

*...The UN Declaration on Human Rights*

## The Objectives of Inclusive Education

- To educate all the children together for their mutual benefit.
- To reduce the isolation of handicap children.
- To equip them with the competencies to face life with courage and confidence.
- To promote psychological acceptance of such children by the normal school going population
- To change attitudes towards differently abled children
- To form the basis for a just and non-discriminatory society which encourages people to live and learn together

### VISION

Every Hearing Impaired child is given an opportunity to learn and be educated in a regular school with his hearing peers and is provided with necessary support system to make inclusive education a success.

### MISSION

- To encourage early intervention and inclusive education for Hearing Impaired children.
- To encourage higher education among Hearing Impaired students by awarding scholarships, prizes and special awards every year for college education.
- To facilitate inclusion of Hearing Handicap persons in to the mainstream of the society and subsequently equal opportunity.
- To promote any other activities for rehabilitation and welfare of Hearing Handicap persons.



*The extent to which a student is "included," however, should be addressed in light of the individual child's needs and communication mode. The ultimate question to be considered in this regard is whether the environment chosen for the child will provide social and intellectual stimulation and thereby foster individual development.*



## What does Bahushrut mean?

'Bahushrut' means a learned scholar who has acquired knowledge through hearing. Hearing Impaired students who study in regular educational setup, do have to listen to their teachers in spite of their handicap. They do this through their hearing aids or cochlear implants and utilize their residual hearing to maximum potential.

## About the Foundation

Nilam Patel Bahushrut Foundation was founded on 2nd November 1993, exactly on founder's 50th birthday and has completed 25 years on 2nd November 2018. The foundation is registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. It has received income tax exemption certificate under section 80-G. The Foundation is also registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.



## Scholarships

The foundation encourages inclusion, higher education and subsequently equal opportunities by awarding scholarships, prizes and special awards every year, to hearing impaired students in Maharashtra and Gujarat. The scholarships are given at SSC, HSC, Graduate and Post Graduate levels. Besides scholarships, 7 awards are given for academic excellence to the top 7 students who secure highest and second highest marks every year. Two new 'Study Abroad Scholarships' were introduced in 2017, one each, for those hearing impaired students who are going abroad to pursue Bachelor's or Master's level degree program in any reputed college or university in any country.

Applications for scholarships are invited in the first week of July every year from Hearing Impaired students of Maharashtra and Gujarat. Application forms are available on the foundation's website. Students can submit duly filled application forms along with necessary documents during 1st July to 31st August. These are accepted at the administrative office of the trust in Vadodara by post or courier. Scholarships, prizes and special awards are strictly based on merit. They are distributed, along with a certificate of merit, to the recipients in 1st week of October.



# How can you help?

## Be our partner in creating awareness

Since hearing impairment is an unseen handicap, it has not received adequate attention compared to other handicaps from general public. The hearing handicap persons otherwise appear absolutely normal, though the problems faced by them are unique and have far reaching effect unless some measures are taken to help them in their early years.

**Do disabled children  
have to remain  
segregated all their life?**

# NO!

Today with cochlear implants, digital hearing aids and use of latest techniques in rehabilitation of the hearing handicap,

**It is possible for profoundly deaf children to learn to speak and communicate orally.**

**It is possible for them to study in regular schools with their hearing peers.**

**It is possible for them to lead normal life, just as you and me.**

Be our partner in spreading this information to all those who may need it. This way you will help in touching someone's life. Not only that, you will be instrumental in breaking a vicious circle of "Illiteracy-Unemployment-Singlehood-Frustration-Depression" resulting in permanent liability for parents of such persons. We all need to come together in improving lives of this population, which has been by and large neglected by one and all.



Together by joining hands,  
we can make this a success story



Together we can give  
voice to those who otherwise  
would remain silent.



Together we can make  
their voices heard.



Together we can restore their  
hope where there is despair.



Together we can help them  
to realize their dreams.