

## **Gujarat Journey 2020 - NL 8 Chitrad and Mundra Aga Khan Schools**

While in Malia Hatina, Razia went to Chitrad for a day and Nusri stayed behind to train teachers of Girnar School. Many of our students study at Aga Khan School in Chitrad. Prince Aly Muhammad has taken a keen interest in this school and visited it last year. This has led to many positive changes being implemented. Razia was warmly received by the school principal and was given an extensive tour of the school. It is noteworthy that this school has diligently adopted “best practices” as prescribed by the Aga Khan Education Services (AKES), India. Razia was invited to the Climate Emergency Wake Up Call Exhibition, however, due to time constraints she was not able to attend.



Aga Khan School, Chitradav

Aga Khan Education Service, India

**“ Climate Emergency... Wake up Call!”**



**Aga Khan School, Chitradav invites  
you for the student led exhibition**

Date: Sunday, 23rd February 2020

Time: 12:00 PM onwards

Venue: Aga Khan School Campus

CHIEF GUEST

**DR MOHAN RAM**

INDIAN FOREST SERVICE  
DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, SASAN GIR

GUEST OF HONOUR

**MR PYARALI VADSARIYA**

SCHOOL CONVENER  
AGA KHAN SCHOOL, CHITRADAV

Climate Emergency Wake Up Call Exhibition Poster.

In addition, Razia has been in touch with AKES Chairperson Mr. Sama in Rajkot. He arranged for us to visit the Early Childhood Aga Khan school in Nagalpur and the school in Mundra. We were impressed with the teaching methods and practices of the center.



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After that, we were warmly welcomed by the Principal of Aga Khan School Mundra. This school also implements AKES's best practices. Besides discussing various

education-related issues, we took the opportunity to discuss the welfare of our sponsored students, specifically, Alina. She has been featured in our newsletter previously. Her parents are differently-abled, the father is blind, and her mother is paralyzed from the waist down. During our visit last year, the parents had expressed concerns about Alina's safety since the area where they live is not safe for young girls. The parents, with their disabilities, would not be able to assist if need be. Alina is their helper and support and therefore, to send her away to a boarding school is a difficult decision for the family to consider. This year our plan was to place her in a hostel. However, when Razia shared her concerns, the principal agreed to partner and reassured us that he would get the school counsellor and other staff to keep her after school for extra tutoring. This will buy us at least another year.



Alina Bhagat

Nazira, a member of The Gujarat Team, visited sponsored welfare families living in Kutch. Most of them have been in the Gujarat program for many years. Effects of age, circumstances and challenges of life have taken a toll on many of them. Generous and kind-hearted sponsors have helped reduce some of their worries and concerns. Let us all pray for their wellbeing and burden-free days ahead. Our social workers in Kutch have been our eyes and ears and have identified in the past, families that need our intervention, but did not seek any new help during this visit.

Stay tuned for news on Mundra Hostel.

**The Gujarat Team**