

# Bridge of social consciousness

## Sari Library

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Sari library, a place not just to borrow sari, but a space where we built a community for cultivating social consciousness and sensibilities. Thinking is easy, acting is difficult, and to put one's thoughts into action, an initiative is the most difficult thing in the world. Last January, at Rahpura cluster, located at a distance of 20 km from Ahmadabad, thought were converted into act and act into initiative and hence as a result Sari library was inaugurated. There we again witnessed true examples of selflessness when few sisters in this cluster, despite their economic and social limitations, contributing in various service activities organized by the ESI in Rahpura. Some sisters prepares breakfast and lunch for the children and volunteer friends and some of them have showcased the beautiful art of lippan work (mud work) on school floor as well.



13th February, birthday of the reverend Vasudhaba, the source of inspiration for E.S.I. and whole ecosystem, was the perfect occasion to show our gratitude towards the kindness and selflessness of these sisters. Our 11 altruistic sisters, including 4 widows joined us for the celebration, they were hesitant to dress up for the occasion due to the conservative social and cultural norms. But with each other's support they gained confidence, these sisters were invited to the sari library to select a sari for themselves which add up to these alluring memories. Once all our

sisters dressed beautifully, there were taken to Sughad.

Our sisters had a cordial welcome at Sughad and were given a tour of the institute during which they learned about hygiene, sanitation and environment. The very same day we planned a visit to the famous Jalaraam temple in



Gandhinagar. They were interacted with Vasudhaba and other family members of the ecosystem, which was a delighting experience for them. It was a very rejuvenating and joyful day for all the sisters.

Thus, Sari Library, share and care, E.S.I. and Gramshree became a medium to bring a little pleasure and an amusing experience to our sister's everyday life. This initiative also raised awareness about the use of sari library instead of spending unnecessarily on new sari in the current wedding season. It also gave a new perspective to the villagers for sari library program. We believe no problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it. The key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness, we are determined to build a bridge of social consciousness with love, share and care.

