



# **Happy International**



On this International Friendship Day, we celebrate the power of connection, compassion, and community. The girls at Sabarmati Ashram Trust remind us that Maitri (friendship) is one of the greatest assets that we have.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, this spirit of Maitri is not just an idea — it is a living, breathing force that transforms the lives of girls who now have a place to call home.

**BE A MAITRI MAKER** 

## Friendship Blossoms in a Nurturing Home

We recently received a powerful reflection from the girls of the Sabarmati Ashram Hostels, and they wanted to share it with you — their silent companions.



They wrote, "Thanks to your unwavering support, our hostel is not just a place to live; it has become a true home. A home where unknown girls slowly become friends. Where hesitations turn into hugs. Where strangers become sisters."

Here, friendship is not taught; it is lived. You have helped nurture an environment where deep bonds are formed in the simple, everyday moments:

They create together: "Whether it's working together on an art and craft project, helping each other fix a torn dress, or simply sharing glue and colours. We learn what it means to create together, think together, and grow together."

They share together: "We eat together — often from the same plate. One extra bite, a shared laugh, or a simple 'You have more, I'm full!' — these tiny gestures turn into big memories of care and love."

They grow together: "In our Gun Darshan sessions, we don't see each other's mistakes — we see each other's goodness. A friend becomes someone you admire, someone you support, someone you trust. It's a bond beyond judgment."



They celebrate together: From the joy of dance to the unity of celebrating Diwali, Eid, and Holi, every festival and prayer becomes a bridge that connects them as one family.

When a new girl arrives, she is met with a smile and an open heart, and in that moment of welcome, the foundation for a lifelong friendship is laid.

# A Ripple Effect of Friendship

This spirit of Maitri extends to all living things. A mentor, Jayesh bhai, once taught the girls about friendship with nature. This lesson inspired one student to befriend a tree, finding peace and companionship. She passed this wisdom to a junior, who shared it with another, creating a beautiful chain of Shrushti se Dosti (friendship with nature) that continues to ripple through the community.



## **Your Friendship Makes It** All Possible

Your belief in our mission has fostered a space where friendship is born, healed, and celebrated every single day. As the girls beautifully stated, "Because of you, we are learning what it means to truly live with values, grow with love, and walk together — as friends, as family, as one."

With your help, hundreds of girls are not only receiving an education but are also discovering their voices, building lasting relationships, and stepping into the world with confidence and hope.

Thank you for being a pillar of strength on this journey. Together, we are not just changing lives — we are creating future leaders with love and purpose.

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