

Gangaba Gaushala

Historical Role:

Bochasan village participated in the Nakar struggle of 1930. In order to prevent the government from confiscating their property due to non-payment of land revenue, the students studying in Gujarat Vidyapith kept a camp there under the leadership of Mr. Shamalbhai Patel to relieve the confusion of the villagers when they went to the boundary of village Rudel in Vadodara Gaikwad government area near the village. Some sisters of Sabarmati Ashram under the leadership of Sri Gangaben Vaidhya also camped there. In the year 1931, after the Gandhi Irwin Pact, a treaty was signed with the government. As a result, the villagers left the camps and went back to their homes in the village. Students and sisters also returned to Ahmedabad.

With a view to preserving the memory of camp life, Gujarat Vidyapith accepted the demand for setting up a village people's organization and implemented the Gramseva Scheme. Thus Vallabh Vidyalaya came into being. On 6th May 1931, the foundation of the school was laid by Mahatma Gandhi and on 8th June 1931, the school was inaugurated by Shri Morarji Desai. In the month of December 1934, with the inspiration of honorable Gandhiji, Sri Gangaben Vaidya came to Bochasan for village service from Sabarmati Ashram. She had two tasks.

1. Nursing the patient.
2. Stitching clothes of small children

Honorable Gandhiji gave Gangaben Vaidya a *Jatwan* cow from the ashram and recommended her to serve it. The institute's cowshed started with a cow. Gangaben managed the cowshed till she was 85 years old. She dedicated her entire life to Cow welfare. As a result, some of the cows of her cowshed even brought prizes in the milk production competition of the Gujarat State Animal Husbandry Department.

Initially the cowshed was near the hostel and the kitchen. So keeping considering the health, the cowshed was constructed in the land of the institution within the outskirts of Rudel village. People gave 65000/- which was spent in building the cowshed houses. Due to Shri Shivabhai Patel's efforts, 18 acres of land were given by the villagers at a low price for maintaining the cowshed. He retired in 1964 after worrying about the cowshed for 30 years. From the year 1965 to the year 1974, Manjubaben took over the cowshed. Since 1975, the cowshed is running under the supervision of Gujarat Vidyapith.

Gangaba Cowshed (Present Status)

1. Cowshed Houses:

Worker Residence – 4

Office - 1

Milking house - 1

Cowsheds – 7

Equipment Room – 1

Penda making furnace – 1

Wooden room – 1

Granary – 1

Storehouse for grains – 1

8 *Ghankut* gas plant – 1

Water bore for cowshed requirement – 1 1/2 HP electric submersible motor

Drinking water cistern – 1

Water bore for irrigation – 1

A paddock for free movement of cows – 1

Compost manure pits - 4

2. Gangaba Cowshed Equipment

Massey Ferguson Tractor 35 HP - 1

Chaff cutter - 1

A set of penda making tools – 1

A set of milking equipment-1

3. Cows

Gir breed – 5

Sankar breed – 8

Heifer - 5

Taurus - 2

4. Milk production (July 2024) Milky cows – 10

Milk sold through coupons – 186.5 litres

Milk used in Penda 653.0 liters

784.0 liters of milk sold in Kumar Hostel

Milk sold in Rudel Dudh Mandali 525.7 liters

Total 2149.2 liters

Penda production 162.8 kg

Milk production for the year 2023-2024 is 21004 liters

5. Land

9 Acres (in the name of Registrar, Gujarat Vidyapith Ahmedabad)

6. Gangaba Cowshed Cultivation-Crops

Summer Crops : Summer millet, APBN-1, Hybrid Napier

Monsoon Crops : Monsoon Millet, Paddy, APBN-1, Hybrid Napier,

Lilo Padvas – Ikkad (Natural Farming)

Winter Crops : Wheat, Raydo, APBN-1, Hybrid Napier



