



TRANSFORMING SMILES AND LIVES THE CHITRAKOOT DENTAL CLINIC

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We are thrilled to update you on the inspiring progress of the Nanbai Valji Gorsia Dental Project in Chitrakoot. This initiative, deeply rooted in SEWA UK's commitment to bringing quality healthcare to underserved communities, has transformed lives and restored hope in countless families across 500 surrounding villages.

From Hope to Reality

The Nanbai Valji Gorsia Dental Project has grown far beyond its original vision of providing dental care. The facility now also offers cleft lip and palate surgeries and a wide range of medical services to those in need. The dental surgery and village outreach identifies children with cleft lip palate deformities and dedicated medical doctors from the UK travel to India twice a year to carry out life changing surgeries for these patients .



The project began with a Puja ceremony at the start of our Rickshaw Run in 2023, symbolising both a spiritual blessing and the launch of our collective effort. At the time, the clinic was an emerging dream, supported by passionate clinicians and donors who envisioned a brighter future for the community. Fast forward to today, and the clinic stands as a testament to what dedicated support and collaboration can achieve.

A MODERN MIRACLE IN RURAL INDIA

The clinic has blossomed into a top-tier facility, featuring eight surgery rooms, an operating theatre, and cutting-edge equipment such as laser machines, bleaching tools, and advanced endodontic systems for root canals. Dr. Varun Gupta, head of the dental department, proudly shared how the clinic now rivals the best facilities in the West while being accessible to rural communities.



One standout moment for our volunteer was witnessing a team of UK dentists, volunteering through Medics4Sewa, treat over 60 patients in a single morning. Their dedication and skill reflected the clinic's commitment to excellence and service.

In the waiting room, a heartfelt tribute adorned the walls, acknowledging the indispensable support of SEWA UK and its donors. It symbolised the clinic's journey from a vision to a thriving hub of medical care, standing confidently on its own while continuing to serve the region with unwavering dedication.



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH DENTAL CARE

The clinic's work goes beyond surgeries; it's about restoring dignity and opportunities. A poignant example shared by Dina, head of communications at SEWA UK, was meeting a mother whose child had received essential dental care. The gratitude and relief on her face spoke volumes about how access to quality healthcare is changing the lives of families who previously had no hope of affording such services.

Post-Operative Care: The True Lifeline

While the surgeries themselves are life-changing, post-operative care and education are equally critical. On the back of the dental care, it was identified that to provide children with Cleft lip needed support. Children with cleft lip and palate require months of specialised therapy to learn how to eat, speak, and breathe effectively. The clinic also places a strong emphasis on parental education, empowering families to actively participate in their child's recovery. This holistic approach ensures that the surgeries deliver lasting benefits, transforming lives in the truest sense.





A FUTURE FULL OF POSSIBILITIES

The Nanbai Valji Gorsia Dental Project is more than a healthcare facility—it's a lifeline for communities in need. Its rapid expansion, from four rooms to eight, and the addition of modern equipment are proof of the transformative power of your support.

As the clinic continues to grow, our mission remains clear: to provide accessible, high-quality healthcare to those who need it most.

Remarkable Achievements in 2024

The first half of 2024 has been a period of significant growth for the Dental Department. Between April and September, the clinic:

Registered 11,217 patients, a remarkable increase of 1,944 patients compared to the same period in 2023.

These figures highlight not only the clinic's growing reach but also its ability to deliver high-quality, sustainable care to those who need it most.



EXPANDING SERVICES AND OUTREACH

The clinic's comprehensive services include everything from minor treatments to advanced surgeries. In the last quarter alone, the clinic achieved:

- **435 fillings** and **465 root canal treatments (RCTs)**.
- Performed **197 minor and major surgeries** and completed **125 dentures**.
- Treated **1,893 extractions** to address severe dental issues in the community(2023 to 2024 perspectively)

Additionally, through **37 outreach camps**, **1,213 individuals** received dental care, while another 903 people participated in community health education sessions. These outreach activities ensure that even the most remote communities benefit from modern dental care





A VOLUNTEER'S PERSPECTIVE

One of our volunteers shared their experience visiting the clinic during the Rickshaw Run in 2023, reflecting on its transformation from inception to its current thriving state:

"I saw firsthand how a team of UK dentists treated over 60 patients in just one morning. The gratitude on the faces of patients was unforgettable. This clinic is a testament to what dedication and community support can achieve."

They also highlighted a touching moment with a mother whose child's cleft lip and palate were treated at the clinic, restoring not only the child's smile but also the family's hope for the future

How You Can Help

Donate: Your contributions fund surgeries, therapies, and the clinic's continued expansion.

Volunteer: Join us in making a direct impact on the lives of rural communities.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey. Together, we are not just transforming smiles—we are changing lives.



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