Charotar Gas Co-operative Society

The Gujarat state co-operative societies had great interest and enthusiasm for the socio-economic development of the state. The first Dudh Mandali was established in Kheda district. Similarly, a new kind of co-operative societies was started again in Gujarat. In 1999, Shri Chimanbhai Patel came with the novel idea to supply cooking gas from door to door on a cooperative basis. Today, "Charotar Gas Cooperative Society Ltd." is doing amazing work in Anand. These is the Asia's first co-operative society distributing PNG and CNG gas at cheap rates on dated 24th June 1999 with registration No. 3276. The Main aim of this societies to provide the gas requirement of the citizens coming under the area of the society as well as Gas production, gas collection, gas transportation, gas distribution etc. services are to be effectively purchased and sold.

A long gas pipeline was laid from a private well of Bavla, Ahmedabad district and gas supply was started. But, within two years, the CNG gas flow stopped. In 2001, under the leadership of Mr. Kiranbhai Patel as the new office bearer took challenges to start the gas supply again from Hazira to Kalol passing through Gana village and made arrangements to get gas from GSPC by presenting to Energy Minister Mr. Saurabhbhai Patel.

People continued to work unworried, and faced challenges to take the organization to a new peak. At present the network of Charotar Gas Cooperative Society has reached 40 villages. And distribution of network in other 10 villages is going on. Women have also got employment through this society. Around 60 women work in all positions including gas filling, e-security officer, accountant, cashier and also try to get skilled in plumbing, pipe fitters, etc, for that an industrial training center has been started at Bakarol. A fitter trade has been introduced in ITI under NCVT.

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