

Date: 22nd February 2026

To,
Ms Ritu Prakash Chhabria
Managing Trustee
Finolex

Dear Ritu Madam,

Greetings from Samerth!

We are grateful for your support in enabling Samerth to construct a 50,000-litre water tank in Narsar hamlet of Jatavada-GP of Rapar block of Kutch and connect it by pipeline to the Narmada supply to meet the daily water needs of the most vulnerable — particularly the Parkara Koli community, whose women previously spent many hours every day fetching water. I am pleased to report that the work is complete, and the new system has already brought significant relief to the hamlet.

We also thank the Finolex team for their constant guidance and monitoring, which not only strengthened implementation but opened opportunities for further interventions in education, health, and local governance. During the project, the Gram Panchayat of Jatavada actively participated and was sensitised to the community's needs; they revived a defunct 20,000-litre tank located 800 metres from the new structure, using Rs. 2,52,000 allocated under the 15th Finance Commission to extend water access to the far end of the hamlet.

The families' joy has been immense: a fundamental daily need has been resolved, and the community is now looking ahead. Parents are exploring early childhood education options, attending Gram Panchayat planning meetings, and preparing demands for livelihoods, education, Anganwadi services, and other entitlements. The Gram Panchayat is increasingly responsive, and with Samerth's facilitation the community's voice is being heard more clearly.

This grant has been a true tipping point. We intend to replicate this approach across other hamlets — of which there are 161 with similar needs — creating community collectives and bringing government stakeholders into the process, while Samerth plays a facilitation role. MMF and Finolex's support will remain crucial as we scale this work.

Thank you once again for believing in and funding our interventions. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the years ahead.

With warm regards,



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Founder & Managing Trustee
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