

## Respected Rameshchandra Trivedi (Management of Kocharab Ashram)



(first ashram established by Mahatma Gandhi )

Born on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1939, Rameshchandra just turned 80 years. He started his education journey by having primary education at Gramdakshina Murti at Aambala, and secondary education at LokBharati, Sanosara. Established by well-known educator and independence activist Nanabhai Bhatt, both institutes are based on the vision and message of Mahatma Gandhi of a strong and self-sufficient rural India.

Rameshchandra attained his post-graduation degree in rural economics from Gujarat Vidhyapith, which was founded in 1920 by Mahatma Gandhi.

After completing his post-graduation, Rameshchandra started his professional career as a lecturer at Gujarat Vidhyapith and worked for 34 years.

After retiring as Lecturer in 2002, *he took over* the management of Kocharab Ashram, which was the first ashram established by Mahatma Gandhi after he came back from South Africa in 1915.

Rameshchandra led the creation of a museum depicting Gandhiji's lifestyle and values. Today, Kocharab Ashram is a hub of many activities and programs, such as "Live like Gandhi For a Day", charkha workshops, and other activities that keep the gandhian principles and values alive.

A constant support to Rameshchandra in his endeavors is, his wife, Ranjanben and two daughters, Archana (Canada) and Jigna (United States) and their families.

Having studied and spending his career in gandhian institutes, Rameshchandra lives by Gandhiji's values and philosophy.

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