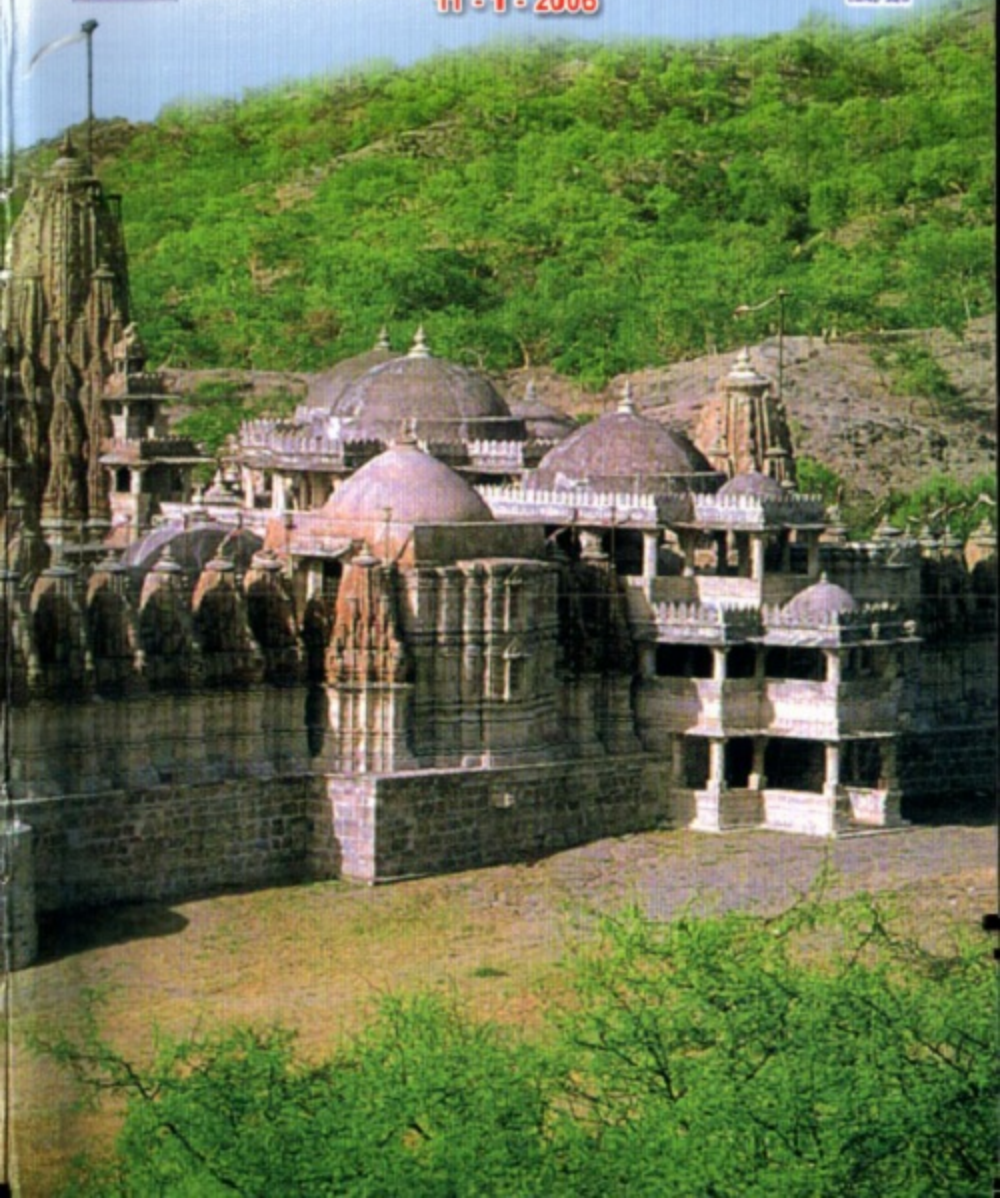




**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION, CHENNAI**  
**TENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY**  
**11 - 1 - 2006**



## **BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION**

### **A PROFILE**

In each corner of our country, there exist selfless souls whose sole aim is to make the lives of the marginalised better. They desire neither riches nor fame. The reward they seek is a smile, a thank you or a boost in confidence from those they are working for. A smile alone can tell them that their good work has borne fruits.

The world needs to know of these dedicated humanitarians so that more and more will be willing to give of their time and resources for those in need. With the aim of bringing such humanitarian work to light, Sri N. Sugachand Jain founded the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation in 1994, with late Sri C. Subramaniam as the Chairman. **Sri Ram Nivas Mirdha, former Member of Parliament and Union Minister, Government of India** as Chairman of the Foundation guides the same with his valuable inputs. The Foundation has instituted the Mahaveer Awards to recognise public service rendered by institutions and individuals.

There are three awards for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the fields of Non-violence & Vegetarianism, Education & Medicine and Community & Social Service. A citation, a memento and a cash component of Rupees five lakhs make up the award. Through relevant procedures, the Foundation had ensured that the individual awardees are exempted from income tax on the award till last year, under 10(17-A) (i) of the Income Tax Act. The process for renewal of the same has been initiated. This enables the awardee to utilise the award money in full for the cause that he works for. An increase in the award money or number of awards is on the cards.

Nominations in the prescribed format are invited from around the country, enlisting the help of district administrators, legislators, bureaucrats, educationists, media, social workers and parliamentarians. The selection jury consisting of seven members and headed by **Justice Sri M.N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India** evaluates the nominations to decide on the awardees.

As the seventh Mahaveer awardee for Excellence in Non-violence and Vegetarianism Dr. Nemichand breathed his last before he was presented with the award, an Endowment Fund has been created with the amount. With the proceeds of the Fund, authors whose work on Vegetarianism and Non-violence merit recognition are rewarded.

Since inception, the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation has felicitated twenty three institutions and individuals.



**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER**

## **नमोकार महामंत्र**

नमो अरिहंताणं  
नमो सिद्धाणं  
नमो आयरियाणं  
नमो उवज्झायाणं  
नमो लोए सव्वसाहूणं

एसो पंच नमुक्कारो, सव्व पावण्यासणो  
मंगलाणं च सव्वेसिं, पढमं हवइ मंगलं



## **NAMOKAR MAHAMANTRA**

Namokar Mahamantra is one of the earliest mantras known to man. It is the invocation to the Supreme being recommended by the Dharma of the jains, one of the oldest known religious denominations of the world.

Salutations offered through this Mahamantra provide the reciter with great spiritual and material success, remove evil and negative tendencies of the mind, destroy various aspects of misery and give divine peace of mind while removing any obstacles that may come in the way of the individual's spiritual and material growth. Thus the Mahamantra is attributed with powerful healing and curative properties.

Considered the sacrest amongst the sacred, this Mahamantra can take man to the pinnacles of spirituality and holiness.

## A PRAYER

### मैत्री भाव जगत में मेरा

मैत्री भाव जगत में मेरा,  
सब जीवों से नित्य रहे।  
दीन-दुखी जीवों पर मेरे,  
उर से करुणा स्त्रोत बहे।  
गुणी जनों को देख हृदय में,  
मेरे प्रेम उड़ आवे।  
बने जहाँ तक उनकी सेवा,  
करके यह मन सुख पावे।

Let my attitude be always friendly towards all living beings and let the milk of kindness flow from my heart towards the helpless and the sorrowing.

Let my heart be filled with love towards the good and the virtuous and let me get maximum pleasure by serving them.

## OUR BEACON LIGHT



*(Late) Sri I. Nathmal Singhvi*  
(1917 - 1991)

'A man of deeds' is how I would like to describe my father, who I am proud to add is my role model. Be it business management, ethics, hard work, inter-personal relations or philanthropy whatever I learnt is from him. He showed us the way not by words, but by deeds.

His was a practical wisdom that had been obtained through years of hard work and dedication. For, he never attended school, but learnt the basics of arithmetic and language to conduct his business. He was always alert since a customer was likely to walk in any time. For friends and relatives, he was magnanimous to set up the same business as his; he believed in co-existence and not competition. He was honest in all his dealings. I imbibed all these attributes by observing him. The two occasions on which I deviated from the business ethics I learnt from him, I had to pay a heavy price. Ever since, I have followed his footsteps in all my dealings.

My father had an intrinsic generosity. He kept a *hundi* in his shop to which he added every day without fail. Even on days when business was dull, he followed this practice religiously. When I was ten I started visiting the shop after school. And at that young age, I

was thought to be contributing to the business. Because the one *anna* that my father put in the *hundi* increased to two *annas*. He gave not because his financial resources were in abundance; but because he knew that there were millions who needed money more than him. An austere man, he led a simple life thus maximising his contribution to others.

In his childhood, extended family members showered him with affection to make up for the loss of his parents. As Siyat village in Rajasthan, his birthplace, did not hold much hope for him, he settled in Chennai. Far from home and loved ones, he put his heart and soul into his business. His efforts bore fruit and his business flourished. He showed his gratitude to those who brought him up in his own way; by grooming various nephews, nieces and cousins. Soon he had a family of his own. But it was a hard blow when my mother Jadav Bai was taken from us. Having lost his parents at a very young age, he understood his children's feelings. So he did all he could in his capacity to make us feel secure. But for the emotional support he gave us, we would not have reached where we are today.

The best tribute I can pay my father would be to set myself as an example for the others to emulate - just as he did.



**CHIEF GUEST OF THE DAY**



**Sri TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI**

*His Excellency, The Governor of Karnataka*



## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

**by**

**Sri N. Sugalchand Jain**  
**MANAGING TRUSTEE**

With pleasure I welcome you all for the Tenth Mahaveer Awards Function. It is a delightful honour that our Chief Guest His Excellency Sri T. N. Chaturvedi, honourable Governor of Karnataka consented to grace this occasion amidst his busy schedule.

Sri Chaturvedi started his career as an academic. His joining the Indian Administrative Service in 1950 marked the beginning of an illustrious career. Prior to assuming the office of the Governor of Karnataka in 2002, he served in various capacities in the state and union governments. These include the National Academy of Administration, State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation and Indian Institute of Public Administration among others. He has served as member in various committees including the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Defence, Joint Committee on Patents, Committee on External Affairs and Committee on Official language. His stints in institutions of varied fields took him to Paris as the Executive Board Member of UNESCO. Whatever portfolio he held, he handled it with ease and poise. An able administrator to the core, and a perfectionist, he fine-tuned the working of each department that he served. He has authored two books titled 'Transfer of Technology among Developing Countries' and 'Comparative Public Administration', both of which won international acclaim. He has co-authored various publications on administration as well. He has been conferred an honorary doctorate by the Lal Bahadur Shastri Deemed University. I welcome him on behalf of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation.

While we are very happy to receive increased number of nominations each year, it becomes all the more challenging to select the awardees. This year we received 355 nominations that met the Foundation's selection criteria. It is 143 more than last year's nominations. This gives us immense satisfaction because of the wider reach, besides coming to know of more

people who are striving towards a better tomorrow for the less fortunate citizens. It is humbling to read about the services of the nominees. They give their heart and soul to their cause, expecting nothing in return, unmindful that the world around them becomes increasingly materialistic. They affirm the cause of the Foundation and inspire us to become selfless too. We are also happy that our efforts in recognising their services allow the society to turn its attention on their indomitable spirit.

As you are aware, Dr. Sharadkumar Diḱsheet and Dr. S. S. Badrinath have been chosen for the Award for Excellence in the sphere of Education and Medicine this year. And Sri Rajmal Jain was the ideal choice for the Award for Excellence in the sphere of Community and Social Service. The services being rendered by the awardees are featured in their respective profiles in the brochure. The decision to give two awards in the category of Education and Medicine was taken as the nominations received for the field of Non-violence and Vegetarianism did not match the criteria set by the Foundation. With each nomination deserving equal merit, it proved to be a demanding job for the jury members. But as always the choices were unanimous.

We appreciate the unbiased work of jury members and thank them for their kind cooperation. We are grateful to Sri M. N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India for his guidance as the Chairman of the Selection Jury. We are honoured that Sri Ram Nivas Mirdha, former MP and Union Minister of the Government of India guides us as the Chairman of the Foundation, besides being a member of the Jury. In the month of October, Sri Venkatachaliah, Sri Ram Nivas Mirdha, Sri D. R. Mehta, Dr. L. M. Singhvi, and Prof B. M. Hegde met at New Delhi for the selection of awardees. The other jury members, namely Sri M. S. Swaminathan, Sri Dipchand Gardi, Poojya Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj, wished to be at the selection venue but could not because of prior commitments. However they sent in their recommendations.

We thank the nominees and laud them for their exemplary work. Please be assured that each nomination was carefully scrutinised before the awardees were selected. The selection of awardees does not belittle your services. Each of your works deserves merit and no one else can fill your position. We do pray that you will carry on with renewed energy.



The nominators need special mention and appreciation, but for whom we could not have had this overwhelming response. We request you to continue your support. At this juncture, I wish to inform that we are taking steps to ensure that we receive nominations from each and every state. It is our desire that all the states are equally represented. All good deeds need to be brought to light, even if they are being done in some remote corner. We would be creating awareness about the Foundation and the Mahaveer Awards through vernacular dailies in all the states.

Each nomination we receive takes me back ten years when the seed for this idea was sown in my mind. It was a small news item about the Nobel Prize that caught my attention and set me thinking about the private and public awards in our country. It induced in me a strong desire to institute awards for those institutions and individuals who light up the lives of the downtrodden. Thus was born the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation. Here, while thanking the media for turning their spotlight on the awards function, I wish them constructive results from their work. Because it was a news item written by one of them that has resulted in ten years of existence of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation. This being the Tenth Mahaveer Awards function, I wish to place on record our gratitude for our founder-chairman late Sri C. Subramaniam and our former advisors Sri M. Gopalakrishna and Sri P.V. Krishnamurthy. We owe our success to the strong foundation laid by them. I thank the trustees and staff members of the Foundation who took care of all the procedural works related to the awards. I thank the public and my sons Sri Prasanchand Jain and Sri Vinodhkumar and other members of my family for their constructive suggestions and cooperation.

Together let us honour each and every individual involved in humanitarian service. Let us pray that their likes multiply by the day. Thank you.



## **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR**

### **Inception:**

Sri N. Sugalchand Jain, businessman philanthropist hailing from Rajasthan and settled in Chennai established the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation in 1994. Registered as a public charitable trust, the Foundation has instituted the Mahaveer Awards to reward institutions and individuals in community service.

### **Trustees of the Foundation:**

Sri N Sugalchand Jain  
Sri G N Damani  
Sri S Prasanchand Jain  
Sri S Vinodhkumar

### **The Awards:**

The awards are given for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the fields of

- (i) Non-violence and Vegetarianism
- (ii) Education and Medicine
- (iii) Community and Social Service

Donations to Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation are exempt from Income Tax under section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

## **SELECTION JURY - TENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS 2004**

The Foundation received 355 eligible nominations from all over the country for the Mahaveer Awards for the year 2004. The Selection Jury met on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at New Delhi and selected the Awardees for the year 2004.

### **Selection Jury**

**Justice Sri M N Venkatachaliah**

Chairman – Selection Jury

Former Chief Justice of India

**Sri Ram Nivas Mirdha**

Chairman – Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation

Former M.P. and Union Minister, Govt. of India

**Sri Dipchandji Gardi**

Bar at Law & Philanthropist

**Poojya Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj**

Eminent Sanyasini & Social reformer

**Padma Bhushan Dr. L M Singhvi**

Former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) &

Former Indian High Commissioner in U K

**Sri D R Mehta, I.A.S. (Retd.)**

Former Chairman, Securities & Exchange Board of India

**Prof. B M Hegde**

Chairman

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mangalore Kendra

**Prof. M S Swaminathan**

Chairman

M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

## **RECIPIENTS OF THE TENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS**

### **Award for Excellence in the Sphere of Education & Medicine - 2004**

**Dr. Sharadkumar Dicksheet, M.D**

Dr.Sharadkumar Dicksheet Charitable Trust (India)

C/o Dimplex International

1, Kamalbaug

1062, Gokhale Road

Pune - 411016

Maharashtra

**Dr. S S Badrinath**

President & Chairman

Sankara Nethralaya

18, College Road

Chennai 600006

Tamil Nadu

### **Award for Excellence in the Sphere of Community & Social Service - 2004**

**Sri Rajmal S Jain**

Village Bisalpur

Jawai Dam Station

Dist. Pali 306126

Rajasthan



## EARLIER RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARDS

### **Mahaveer Awards 1995**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

"Veerayatan" a socio religious  
institution off Rajgir, Bihar

### **Mahaveer Awards 1996**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence, Truth &  
Vegetarianism

Sri S Jagannathan &  
Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan  
an Octogenarian couple of  
Gandhigram, Dindigul, Tamilnadu

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama  
Bastar District, Madhya Pradesh

### **Mahaveer Awards 1997**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Vegetarianism

Sri Ratanlal C Bafna  
'Nayantara' Subhash Chowk, Jalgaon  
Maharashtra

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

Sri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon  
Siddhi, Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra

### **Mahaveer Awards 1998**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence & Vegetarianism

Sadhu Vaswani Mission  
10, Sadhu Vaswani Road, Pune 411001  
Maharashtra

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

Sri Avinashilingam Education  
Trust Institutions, Coimbatore 641043  
Tamilnadu

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

Dr. Prakash Murlidhar Amte  
Dr. Mandakini Prakash Amte  
Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora  
PO: Anandwan, Via Warora 442914  
Maharashtra

### **Mahaveer Awards 1999**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence & Vegetarianism

Mrs. Maneka Gandhi  
People for Animals  
A-4, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi 110065

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

Dr. G Venkatasamy, Chairman  
Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate  
Institute of Ophthalmology  
1, Anna Nagar, Madurai 625020, Tamilnadu

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata  
Samiti, Sawai Man Singh Hospital  
Jaipur 302004, Rajasthan

### **Mahaveer Awards 2000**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence & Vegetarianism

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

### **Mahaveer Awards 2001**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence & Vegetarianism

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

### **Mahaveer Awards 2002**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

### **Mahaveer Awards 2003**

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence & Vegetarianism

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of  
Social & Community Service

Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal  
586, Sadashiv Peth, Laxmi Road  
Pune 411030, Maharashtra

Cancer Institute (W.I.A.)  
18, Sardar Patel Road  
Chennai 600020, Tamilnadu

Tripura Adivasi Mahila Samithy  
(Mrs. Anurupa Mukherjee)  
Krishna Nagar, Agartala 799001, Tripura

Late Dr. Nemichand Jain  
65, Patrakar Colony, Kanadia Marg  
Indore 452001, Madhya Pradesh

Dr. H Sudarshan  
Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra  
B R Hills, Yelandur Taluk 571441  
Chamarajanagar Dist., Karnataka

Bharat Sevashram Sangha  
Rivers' Meet Road, Sonari West  
Jamshedpur 11, Jharkhand

Vivekananda Rock Memorial &  
Vivekananda Kendra  
Vivekanandapuram Post  
Kanyakumari 629702, Tamilnadu

Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh  
Vidyawadi, Kimal 306115  
State Rani, Dist. Pali, Rajasthan

Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao  
Director General – Prema Hospital  
14-3-18, Maharaniipeta  
Visakapatnam 530002 Andhra Pradesh

Sri Siddha Raj Dhaddha  
1088, Dhaddha Bhawan, Chaura Rasta,  
Jaipur 302003 Rajasthan

Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi  
Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan  
Jakhn Devi, Mall Road  
Almora 263601 Uttaranchal

Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement  
Hanchipura Road, Saragur 571121  
H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District, Karnataka



## AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SPHERE OF EDUCATION & MEDICINE - 2004

### **Dr. SHARADKUMAR DICKSHEET**

Dr. Sharadkumar Dicksheet is a living testimony to the fact that the power of positive attitude can do wonders even in the face of insurmountable problems.

Dr. Dicksheet was born in 1930, at Pandharpur in Maharashtra. A brilliant student right from his school days, he finished his medical education at Nagpur. With a job offer from Army Medical Corps and another for an internship in USA, he chose the latter so as to enhance his knowledge. Having imbibed Gandhiji's philosophies and principles at a young age, he felt that service to mankind was service to God. So he had a strong desire to come back to India. When he told his friends of his intention, they gave him an advice that has brought smiles to many faces in India. Because, in the sixties, plastic surgery was unaffordable even by the financially sound. Acting on his friends' suggestion, Dr. Dicksheet decided to go back to the USA, save money and return for a few months to fulfill his heart's desire. Thus was born the Free Indian Plastic Surgery Projects and in 1968, the first camp was held. And it was not easy even to undertake medical philanthropy. With Dr. Dicksheet as well as cosmetic surgery being unheard of, people were reluctant to subject themselves to surgery. But the success of his surgeries resulted in multitudes thronging his subsequent camps.

For ten years his annual pilgrimage to India continued. Then in 1978, a car accident left him paralysed on the right side. Undeterred he started operating with his left hand. And he decided to further his skills while he was recuperating. So he learnt cosmetic and plastic surgery in Mexico and body sculpturing in Switzerland under eminent surgeons. Four years later it was



found that he had cancer in the throat. The sweet voice that had won many a prize and the voice that through All India Radio had enthralled millions of music lovers was no more as Dr. Dicksheet's voice box had to be removed. Dr. Dicksheet is a shining example that if one has the will, one could even defeat terminal illness. The doctors who treated him for cancer in 1982 gave him just two more years. One cannot but be awestruck that in two years he not only learnt to speak through his oesophagus but twenty odd years later, he is actively doing corrective surgery for the needy. After three heart surgeries, Dr. Dicksheet is undeterred by a heart that functions at only 17% its capacity - which is less than the minimum capacity required for a person's survival. He has set himself as an example in two aspects, namely his humanitarian contributions and his dedication to reconstruct as many faces as possible in spite of his various health problems.

People with cleft lips, facial scars and squint eyes carry a big burden. In addition to the trauma of their physical problems they have to face the taunts of the society. With low self-esteem, education, job and the very livelihood becomes a problem. And to these outcasts, Dr. Dicksheet is a godsend. His deft fingers make magic & literally bring smiles to the affected. The boost in confidence levels after a corrective surgery speaks volumes for the efforts of Dr. Dicksheet.

His exemplary service has been recognised through the Diwaliben Award, Sheikh Hamdan Ruling Family of UAE Award and Kellogg's Hannah Neil World of Children Award, the Merrill Lynch Award and the Vijay Ratna Award. That Dr. Dicksheet was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize six times shows how he is revered and respected internationally. The Indian government honoured him with a Padma Shri in 2001. We, at the Foundation laud his determination to overcome personal ailments and of his pioneering effort in changing the faces and lives of tens of thousands. His service is unparalleled and his positive attitude is a shining example to others.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is pleased to confer the Mahaveer Award in the field of Education and Medicine on Dr. Sharadkumar Dicksheet, in recognition of his service and hopes that it would inspire others to emulate him.

## CITATION

*Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another's pain, life is not in vain*

**- Helen Keller**

Dr. Sharadkumar Dicksheet is incomparable in his dedication and determination and is a godsend to the hapless in need of reconstructive surgery.

'Service above Self' is how his work can be described. Because his single-minded focus to alleviate the social stigma attached to birth defects saw him overcoming health setbacks and turning them into an advantageous situation. When a car accident left him paralysed on the right side, he enhanced his cosmetic and plastic surgical skills on his road to recovery, so that he could continue his life's mission. With his left hand wielding the scalpel, soon he was back doing what he was best at - setting right the faces of his brethren.

He is unfazed by the loss of his sweet voice that enthralled music lovers to cancer and a heart that functions at 17% its capacity after three surgeries. A wheelchair is all that he needs for his deft fingers to work magic. He spends close to six months in India so as to carry out as many surgeries as possible. The rest of the year he practices in the USA to financially facilitate the surgeries in India. His gratuitous corrective surgeries, that number close to 80,000, not only change their faces but their lives as well.

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## **AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SPHERE OF EDUCATION & MEDICINE - 2004**



**Dr. S. S. BADRINATH**

Dr. Sengamedu Srinivasa Badrinath's name is synonymous with vision restoration. A doctor by profession, a humanitarian at heart, a small step taken by him has brought about a silent revolution, benefiting people by the lakhs.

Born in 1940, he graduated in Medicine in 1963 from Chennai and studied and worked in New York and Boston. He became a Fellow of Royal College of Surgeons, Canada and obtained the Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. On his return to India, he offered ophthalmic consultancy till his desire to serve took shape as Sankara Nethralaya.

A visionary, he established the non-profitable Medical Research Foundation in 1979 which has since been doing yeoman service in vision care. Sankara Nethralaya, the hospital wing of the Foundation has grown into an ophthalmic centre par excellence, attracting patients from all over the country and the world. Under his tutelage, the Foundation has grown in its stature with eighteen offshoots such as the Ophthalmological Medical and Post Graduate Centre, Vision Research Foundation, CU Shah Eye Bank, Elite School of Optometry, etc. Each unit is excelling in its sphere of study, research and treatment. The Medical Research Foundation ensures the use and dissemination of latest know-how and technology by its affiliation to various national and international medical bodies of repute. The hospital serves rural areas through its 'Outreach Camps' organised twice a month.

Dr. Badrinath has single-mindedly popularised eye donation in India. His persistent efforts have borne fruit, with many citizens donating their eyes,



thus giving vision to those lacking it. The fact that the number of eyes received by the eye bank has risen from 8 in 1980 to 1041 in 2004 speaks volumes for Dr. Badrinath's perseverance. Besides, he has pioneered 'Vitreo Retinal Surgical Practice' in our country. He is also credited with introducing 'Optometry' as a special stream of study.

His principles have helped Sankara Nethralaya retain its non-commercial approach to ophthalmic care. The hospital spends close to Rupees One Crore a year to treat those in the fringes of society. Dr. Badrinath has been awarded with numerous awards including the Helen Keller Award, Dhanvantri Award, Rameshwardasji Birla Award and Dadabhai Naoroji Memorial Award. He has also been decorated by the government of India with Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is pleased to confer the Mahaveer Award in the field of Education and Medicine on Dr. S. S. Badrinath, in recognition of his service and hopes that it would inspire others to emulate him.

## CITATION

*If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path*

*- Buddhist saying*

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Gaining knowledge and experience in his chosen field, Dr. Badrinath came back from the USA to serve the needy here. Under his tutelage, the Foundation has grown in its stature with eighteen offshoots such as the Ophthalmological Medical and Post Graduate Centre, Vision Research Foundation, CU Shah Eye Bank, Elite School of Optometry, etc. The hospital serves rural areas through its 'Outreach Camps' organised twice a month.

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**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE  
SPHERE OF COMMUNITY &  
SOCIAL SERVICE -2004**



**SRI RAJMAL. S. JAIN**

Sri Rajmal Jain's is a towering presence in the rural districts of Rajasthan where his initiative has seen a tremendous improvement in community welfare. Though his family was making cloth on power looms, his mind delved on the poverty looming over the marginalised in the society. Drawn by the plight of the less fortunate, he focused on alleviating their misery. As a first step towards seeing smiles on the faces around him, he founded the Shree Bhairav Netra Samiti in Bisalpur of Rajasthan.

Through numerous eye camps, Sri Rajmal Jain has been instrumental in restoring the sights of more than a lakh of people, who would otherwise have been unable to afford it. Realising the need for a full-fledged eye hospital, he established the Shree Bhairav Eye Hospital with the help of Sight Savers International. Though located in one of the driest areas, the hospital's surrounds have turned sylvan with the efforts of Sri Jain. The excellent care at the hospital brings patients even from 400 kilometres away. As part of Sight Savers International's three millionth surgery in India, Shree Bhairav Eye Hospital was featured in a BBC documentary.

With a strong belief in the importance of health in a person's well-being, he has been running the Shri Nakoda Bhairav Free Dispensary for four decades. He has also established a multifacility hospital in Sumerpur where treatment costs of 60% of the patients are borne by the hospital. Sri Jain believes in early intervention. Hence he organises regular screening for school children for vision related problems. Students who need surgery are brought to the hospital and treated.



He has left no stone unturned in ensuring the overall improvement in each individual's life. Be it eye surgeries, health screening for school children, dental camps, camps for the physically challenged or digging of wells, he looks into every aspect necessary for people's welfare. This has resulted in tremendous improvement in the health scenario.

His efforts in eradication of tuberculosis took the form of TB camps. After the camps, the Samiti reviews the patients' progress every month and provides free medication throughout the year.

Sri Rajmal Jain has established two schools with residential facilities for the hearing and speech impaired.

Besides various welfare programs for tribals, the Samiti distributes warm clothing in winter and food and other essential items during drought. His commitment has encouraged a few others to establish NGOs and follow in his footsteps.

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**- Meri Bhavna**

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## SINGHVI CHARITABLE TRUST

The Singhvi Charitable Trust is associated by the public with dental-cum-eye camps as the Trust conducts nearly 35 camps each year. For the camp, the suburban and rural locations within a 100 kilometre radius of Chennai are carefully chosen. The periodicity is also such that the Trust covers as much area as possible. The Trust was established in 1974 by Sri N. Sugachand Jain to serve the underprivileged of the society, especially in healthcare and education.

Initially, the Trust worked for the welfare of the physically challenged through financial contribution and supply of aids. Realising the need for dental and eye care, the Trust shifted focus to this area a few years back.

Patients for whom medicines and vitamin supplements are prescribed by the doctors at the camp, the same are provided free of cost at the venue. Spectacles are supplied within a fortnight to those who require it. People who need eye surgery are checked for their physical fitness to undergo surgery. Then they are referred to various reputed hospitals.

Spectacles distributed free of cost by the Trust has enabled 1, 12,360 persons to have a better vision. Medicines and spectacles costing Rs. 176 lakhs have benefited 38,649 people. 25,287 patients have been referred to various reputed hospitals for eye surgery.

For the economically weak who have to undergo heart surgery Rs. 50,000 per month is allocated and is spent on a maximum of twenty patients.

The Trust also runs a service oriented non-profit Singhvi Diagnostic Centre in Triplicane, Chennai. Equipped with the latest diagnostic equipments, the centre caters to all sections of society.

Scholarship and educational assistance are also being provided to fulfill the educational dreams of many deserving students belonging to the Trust's constituent schools as well as other schools in the city.

Donations to the Trust are exempt under section 80G and 35AC of the Income Tax Act.



## **VIDHYA JYOTHI TRUST**

With the aim of making quality education affordable and available to all sections of the society the Vidhya Jyothi Trust was established in 2000 by Sri N. Sugalchand Jain.

The Trust runs the following institutions that were established by the Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Trust:

- (i) Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Vidhyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School( Standard VI to XII ), G.M Street, Chennai-5
- (ii) Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Nursery & Primary School (KG to Standard V), K.M.M Street, Chennai-5
- (iii) Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Nursery & Primary School(KG to Standard V), Big street, Chennai-5
- (iv) Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Nursery & Primary School(KG to Standard V), Ponnappa Lane, Chennai-5

Started as a primary school in the Matriculation stream with eleven students in 1984, the other units were subsequently added due to increasing demands from parents. The fee is nominal. The nominal fee, dedicated teachers and good infrastructure attract students from all sections of society.

With spacious and well-ventilated class rooms, the schools provide an ambient atmosphere. Well-equipped science and computer laboratories help enhance the academic skills of students. A closed arena allows the students to indulge in outdoor games. Latest educational toys for the kindergarten section ensure development of motor coordination and intelligence.

A team of seventy trained and skilled teachers attending to a student strength of 1400, the teacher-student ratio is very low. This enables the teacher to attend to each of her wards individually.

Donations to Vidhya Jyoti Trust are exempt under section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

## JAINSINDIA TRUST

As religion gives many answers to today's problems faced by the world, Jainsindia Trust was started as a religious charitable trust to propagate the philosophy, principles, literature, heritage, etc. of the ancient religion of Jainism. Sri N. Sugalchand Jain founded this Trust in 2000. Contribution of the Jains to the economy is considerable, besides their contribution to education, healthcare, literature and culture. The Trust plans to bring the contributions made by Jains in each of these spheres to light. In 2004 the Trust published a book about the educational institutions established by Jains who have made Chennai their home.

Contrary to public perception, there are quite a number of Jains who struggle to make ends meet. Many were seeking help to educate their children. Sri Sugalchand observed that people felt at ease with the philanthropy of institutions than that of individuals. Majority among the community are financially sound; so they decided to pool their resources for the upliftment of the needy among their brethren. With donations from Jains, Jainsindia Trust was instituted by the community for the community.

Be it education in school, college, healthcare, surgery or destitution the community's affluent members extend their full financial support through the Trust. This is an inherent attribute of the members as the elders in their native villages always ensured that no one lacked for food. More than two hundred educational scholarships help students go to schools and colleges. Nearly fifteen widows are offered monthly pension. Whatever be the need of the less fortunate, the Trust gives a helping hand to make sure that they get a chance to establish themselves.

## **GANADHIPATHY TULSI'S** **ENGINEERING COLLEGE, VELLORE**

Ganadhipathy Tulsi's Engineering College was founded in 1999 by Sri H. Mittalal Surana. It was established and managed by the Saayarbai Educational and Charitable Trust. With a keen interest in education, Sri N. Sugachand Jain joined hands with the Trust recently to develop the institution further.

With the college offering courses that are highly in demand, excellent infrastructural facilities and track record, there has been a five-fold increase in student strength in the six years since inception. The new management is working towards the objective of making the college a premier one and increasing the student strength to 5000 by 2010. This would be achieved by adding new streams of study like biotechnology and traditional ones like civil and mechanical engineering.

Dedicated faculty and the college spread over 35 acres of verdant land provides a conducive environment for the students to excel in their studies. The authorities take pride in the fact that all the students of the first batch to graduate from the college have been placed with reputed organisations. With many university rank holders among the students, the college ranks third among engineering colleges in Vellore district.

As the management believes in the overall development of each student, they are encouraged to involve themselves in various cultural programs and sports. Many students volunteer themselves for the social service activities of the Trust.

To ensure that each student possesses all the requisite skills for an excellent career, the administration takes measures to equip the students in various aspects.

To ease the financial burden of economically weak students, the Trust arranges for government scholarships.





## NINTH MAHAVEER AWARDS - 2003

### AWARD WINNERS



Left to right : Sri N. Sugalachand Jain, Dr. L.M. Singhvi, Dr. Lalit Pande, Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan (9th Mahaveer Award Winner - Education & Medicine), His Excellency Sri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sri Siddharaj Dhadda (9th Mahaveer Award Winner - Non-violence & Vegetarianism), Sri Ram Nivasji Mirdha, Dr. Anil, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (9th Mahaveer award Winner - Community & Social Service)

### JURERS



Left to right : Sri D.R. Mehta, former Chairman of SEBI, Sri Dipchandji Gardi, Bar at Law & Philanthropist, Dr. L.M. Singhvi, former MP (Rajya Sabha), Sri N. Sugalachand Jain, BMF Managing Trustee, His Excellency Sri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sri Ram Nivasji Mirdha, former M.P. and Union Minister Govt. of India & Chairman - BMF and Prof. B.M. Hegde, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mangalore Kendra

The Picture below gives a beautiful view of the Jain temple  
-Daran Vihar Mandir at Ranakpur.    *Courtesy : Tirth Darshan*

