

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION'S

MAHAVEER AWARDS

A PROFILE

Many individuals and institutions are committed to social justice, to enhance the quality of life of the poor and seek to address and resolve social inequalities at every level of society and economic status especially among the poor and sick. They serve their fellowmen, under very difficult conditions in their self chosen task of community service without any recognition and rewards. There are still areas that continue to be neglected and people are still suffering for want of basic facilities. Therefore, there is the need for more individuals and institutions taking up social service for the growth of the nation. And it is essential for any responsible citizen to recognize such committed individuals and institutions.

With this determination, **Sri N.Sugalchand Jain** developed a strategy to identify, nurture and encourage the individuals and institutions engaged in social service, not only with a view to focusing public attention on their activities, but also to encourage others to take up community and social services as a worthwhile exercise. This initiative took concrete shape in the form of the setting up of the **Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation** as a public charitable trust in 1994 that instituted the annual awards, namely the **Mahaveer Awards** to be given away to individuals and institutions for their selfless service to the needy sections of the community that meet the exacting standards of evaluation prescribed by the Foundation.



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THE MAHAVEER AWARDS :

The Mahaveer Awards are instituted to recognize Excellence in Human Endeavour in the fields of

- **Non-violence and Vegetarianism**
- **Education**
- **Medicine**
- **Community and Social Service**

These awards carry a cash component of **Rs.10 Lakhs** (Rupees Ten Lakhs), a Citation and a memento each.

The Foundation also makes two Special Awards, **Dr. Nemichand Jain Memorial Awards** carrying a cash component of **Rs.1 Lakh** (Rupees One Lakh) each to books or other literary works on Vegetarianism in Hindi and English whether published or unpublished.



Nominations are invited from throughout the country for the Awards of Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation by advertising in National Newspapers in English and in all the regional languages. The major criteria for making the award would relate to the benefits reaching the economically and socially backward sections of the community. Individuals who are Indian Nationals and Institutions based in India, doing work of high standard in India would be eligible for these Awards. The Awardees are selected by a Selection Jury headed by **Justice Shri M.N. Venkatachaliah**, Former Chief Justice of India. The Foundation honours them at an Awards Day Function.

EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY
CHIEF GUEST OF THE DAY



SRI THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT
HON'BLE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

WELCOME ADDRESS BY
SHRI. S. PRASANCHAND JAIN
MANAGING TRUSTEE OF BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION,
AT THE EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY
ON 21st AUGUST 2015

Distinguished members of the audience,

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Once again, I am having the pleasant privilege of welcoming you all this evening on the occasion of the distribution of Mahaveer Awards to four devoted service institutions on the 18th Mahaveer Awards Day. It has been our privilege during the last two decades, identifying and nurturing institutions and individuals engaged in serving the community at large, at considerable inconvenience to themselves and even hardships occasionally.



It is our special privilege to have in our midst this evening Sri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment to give away the awards.

Let me begin with our personal relationship with Sri Gehlot. Way back in 1992, my father met Sri Gehlot for the first time and from then on our relationship continues uninterrupted over the years. We realized that he was an extremely pious man with a deeply spiritual outlook which got reflected in his personal and political life. Even though he is not a Jain, he accepted the spirit of the philosophy advocated by Bhagwan Mahaveer.

Sri Gehlot has been an experienced politician serving the Nation at large for nearly over five decades in various public

offices. These include the membership of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly; 3 terms as a distinguished Member of Parliament and a Minister in the Madhya Pradesh Government. He has also taken considerable interest in various social, cultural and literary activities over the years. He is at present serving as the Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment. We hope his participation in having agreed to give away the awards would not only encourage various entities serving the community at large, but also enthuse more and more organizations like ours to identify and recognize the services rendered by various institutions.

Probably, some of you are aware that the Sugal Group, the parent body of the Foundation had brought out a small publication “Enduring Passion” detailing the charitable activities of the Group, last year. We have taken this occasion to update the publication and are having it released later during the function as “**PASSION CONTINUES**”. I hope you will find it interesting.

Even though most of you are aware of the functioning of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, let me take a few minutes of your time and briefly tell you what the Foundation has been doing all along in the past two decades. The Founder, my father Sri N Sugachand Jain and a few of his close friends thought it appropriate to identify, nurture and encourage various institutions and individuals who have been serving the public, particularly, the weaker sections of the community such as SC, ST, the aged, women and children who were undergoing considerable difficulties in their life in various sectors. These thoughts crystalized in the setting up of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation in the year 1994 to look for and encourage such institutions and individuals and provide them some encouragement in the form of certain awards. The Foundation set up initially a single award with a cash component of

Rs.5 Lacs, which went as the first award to Veerayatan, a social service institution headed by Jain Sadhvi namely Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj in the year 1995 and the Award was given away by Sri K R Narayanan, the then Vice President. Having gained some experience in this area the Foundation has increased the award to two, subsequently to three and now to four. These awards are meant for deserving NGOs serving the community in the fields of Non-violence & Vegetarianism, Education, Medicine and Community & Social service. The Foundation has so far given away 51 awards to the entities serving in 17 States in India. The awards include a cash component of Rs.10 Lacs each, a citation and a memento.

Let me also narrate briefly the manner in which these awards are finalized. Nominations are invited from eminent members of the Nation such as Ministers, Members of Parliament and Legislature, senior bureaucrats, Vice Chancellors of Universities and the like. Nominations are also invited through advertisements in National and regional newspapers. So far, over the years, we have been receiving 300-400 nominations every year. These are evaluated by the officials of the Foundation and submitted to a short listing committee consisting of eminent and independent persons for pruning and preparing a shortlist. Representatives of the Foundation visit most of the shortlisted entities and a final shortlist is submitted before the Selection Jury headed, at present, by former Chief Justice of India, Sri M N Venkatachalaiah. The other members of the jury are

1. Sri S. Gurumurthy, writer & journalist
2. Prof. B.M. Hegde, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Mangalore Kendra, Mangalore
3. Sri T.S. Krishnamurthy, former Chief Election Commissioner of India

4. Sri D.R. Mehta, Ex-Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India
5. Sri. Prabat Kumar, IAS (Retd), Cabinet Secretary
6. Poojya Acharya Sri. Chandanaji Maharaj, an eminent sanyasini and a social reformer.
7. Justice Sri. G.S. Singhvi, Former Judge of the Supreme Court
8. Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman Emeritus, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

The awards are given away by nationally eminent persons at a function organized generally at Chennai.

During the current year 224 nominations have been received for the 18th Mahaveer Awards. The selection for the 18th Mahaveer Awards was made at Bangaluru by the Selection Jury on the 8th of June 2015 and are being distributed today by Hon'ble Minister.

I am glad to say that the cash component of the awards are exempted from Income Tax Act in the hands of the Awardees and thus enabling them to utilize fully for making their service deepen in extent and content.

Let me take this opportunity to place on record our grateful thanks and appreciations for the arduous task undertaken by the members of the Selection Jury. Notwithstanding, their other commitments they have invested adequate time and attention in finalizing the awards. The fact that these awards have achieved total credibility over the years shows the complete objectivity of the process involved in finalizing the awards.

We are also grateful to the sponsors who have taken the trouble of sponsoring these nominations in the light of their field experience of the service rendered by the NGOs.

We are taking steps to ensure that the Foundation's efforts in this regard are spread out more extensively over the other areas of the country from whom lesser number of nominations have been received over the years. These efforts include the utilization of the social media for facilitating more and more people becoming aware of the availability of the awards and the need to sponsor more deserving agencies for these awards. Hopefully, we will be getting a larger number of nominations in the coming years.

I am also happy about the excellent support provided by the other Trustees of the Foundation, particularly, my father Sri N. Sugachand Jain who has made available his broad shoulders to all of us in time and need for sustenance and support. I would also like to commend other members of my family, specially the ladies and the younger generation for their unstinted support and co-operation in the Foundation's charitable activities.

Let me also not forget the excellent work done by the Foundation's officials for their efforts in the evaluation process.

Of course, the Foundation's work would be valueless in the absence of the quality work done by the nominees in the field making the task of evaluation nail biting.

Once again, let me offer our heartfelt welcome to Sri Gehlot for his presence here notwithstanding his official and political commitments.

Let me also welcome all of you once again,
Thank you,

THE EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDEES :

The Foundation received more than 224 nominations from all over the country for the Eighteenth Mahaveer Awards. The Selection Jury met on 8th June 2015 at Bangaluru and selected the Awardees for the Eighteenth Mahaveer Awards. The details are as follows.

- *For Excellence in the sphere of Non-violence & Vegetarianism*
 - i) Visakha Society for Protection & Care of Animals**
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- *For Excellence in the sphere of Education*
 - ii) Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam**
Vedaraniam, Tamil Nadu
- *For Excellence in the sphere of Medicine*
 - iii) SEVAC**
Kolkata, West Bengal
- *For Excellence in the sphere of Community & Social service*
 - iv) Vikas Bharti, Bishunpur**
Ranchi, Jharkhand

THE SELECTION JURY FOR THE AWARDS:

Justice Sri M N Venkatachaliah

Chairman – Selection Jury

Former Chief Justice of India

Justice Sri G S Singhvi

Former Judge of Supreme Court of India

Poojya Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj

Eminent Sanyasini & Social reformer

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 Emeritus

M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

Sri T S. Krishnamurthy

Chief Election Commissioner of India (Retd.)

Sri S. Gurumurthi

Journalist & Writer

Sri Prabat Kumar, IAS (Retd)

Former Cabinet Secretary

Mahaveer Awards - State wise distribution since 1995

S. No.	States	Since 1995	Current Year	Total
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1	-	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	1	2
3	Assam	1	-	1
4	Bihar	2	-	2
5	Chattisgarh	1	-	1
6	Gujarat	1	-	1
7	Jharkhand	2	1	3
8	Karnataka	4	-	4
9	Madhya Pradesh	3	-	3
10	Maharashtra	9	-	9
11	New Delhi	2	-	2
12	Orissa	2	-	2
13	Rajasthan	7	-	7
14	Tamilnadu	11	1	12
15	Tripura	1	-	1
16	Uttarakhand	2	-	2
17	West Bengal	1	1	2
Total		51	4	55

Mahaveer Awards - Field wise distribution since 1995

S. No.	Fields	Since 1995	Current Year	Total
1	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	13	1	14
2	Education & Medicine	12		
	Education	4	1	
	Medicine	4	1	22
3	Community & Social Service	18	1	19
	Total	51	4	55

**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR THE
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE
FIELDS OF NON-VIOLENCE & VEGETARIANISM**

AWARD	AWARDEES
18th	Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
17th	Blue Cross of India Chennai, Tamil Nadu
16th	Sri Mohd Shafique Khan Sagar, Madhya Pradesh
15th	Sri Chiranjee Lal Bagra Kolkata, West Bengal
14th	Sri Dayananda Swamiji Bangalore, Karnataka
12th	Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA), At Hatapatana, Kendrapara, Orissa
11th	Sri Bharat Amritlal Kothari, Rajpur, Gujarat
9th	Sri Siddharaj Dhaddha, Chaura Rasta, Jaipur, Rajasthan
7th	Late Dr. Nemichand Jain, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
6th	Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune, Maharashtra
5th	Smt. Maneka Gandhi, People for Animals, New Delhi
4th	Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, Maharashtra
3rd	Sri Ratanlal C Bafna, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
2nd	Sri S Jagannathan & Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan, Gandhigram, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR THE
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE
FIELDS OF EDUCATION & MEDICINE**

AWARD	AWARDEES
13 th	Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu
12 th	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Maharashtra
11 th	Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin, New Delhi
10 th	1) Dr. Sharadkumar Dicksheet M.D, Dr. Sharadkumar Dicksheet Charitable Trust (India), Pune, Maharashtra 2) Dr. S S Badrinath, President & Chairman, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, Tamilnadu
9 th	Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Jakhan Devi, Almora, Uttaranchal
8 th	1) Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu 2) Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh, Vidyavadi, Kimel, Rajasthan
7 th	Dr. H Sudarshan, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Yelandur Tk, Karnataka
6 th	Cancer Institute (W I A), Chennai, Tamilnadu
5 th	Dr. G Venkataswamy, Chairman - Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai, Tamilnadu
4 th	Sri Avinashilingam Education Trust Institutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

**THE AWARD FOR EDUCATION AND MEDICINE WERE
BIFURCATED INTO SEPARATE AWARDS ONE EACH
FOR EDUCATION AND THE OTHER FOR MEDICINE
SINCE FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS**

**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR THE
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR
IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

AWARD	AWARDEES
18 th	Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam, Vedaraniyam, Tamil Nadu
17 th	Sri Sarada Ashram, Ulundhurpet, Tamil Nadu
16 th	Gandhi Vidya Mandir Churu, Rajasthan
15 th	Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Bhubaneswar, Orissa
14 th	The Indian Planetary Society Mumbai, Maharashtra

**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR THE
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR
IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE**

AWARD	AWARDEES
18 th	SEVAC, (Sane and Enthusiast Volunteers' Association of Calcutta), Kolkata, West Bengal
17 th	Dr. Sunil Sanon, Mussorrie, Uttarakhand
16 th	Dr. R. Ravi Kannan Silchar, Cachar Dt., Assam
15 th	Dr. Anant Sinha Ranchi, Jharkhand
14 th	Voluntary Health Services Taramani, Chennai Tamil Nadu

**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR THE
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE
FIELDS OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICE**

AWARD	AWARDEES
18th	Vikas Bharti, Bishunpur Ranchi, Jharkhand
17th	Smt. Phoolbasan Bai Yadav Rajnandgaon, Chattisgarh
16th	Smt. Sushila Bohra Jodhpur, Rajasthan
15th	Sri Ramakrishna Mission Hospital Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh
14th	Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust, Solapur, Maharashtra
13th	1) Sri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Gordhanpura, Kota, Rajasthan and 2) Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka
12th	Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu
11th	Acharya Dr. Kishore Kunal, Patna, Bihar
10th	Sri Rajmal S Jain, Village Bisalpur, Pali, Rajasthan
9th	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Saragur, Karnataka
8th	Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao, Director General – Prema Hospital, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR THE
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE
FIELDS OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICE**

AWARD	AWARDEES
7th	Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Sonari West, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
6th	Tripura Adivashi Mahila Samithy, (Mrs. Anurupa Mukherjee) Krishna Nagar, Agartala, Tripura
5th	Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan
4th	Dr. Prakash Murlidar Amte & Dr.Mandakini Prakash Amte, Lok Biradari Prakalp, At: Hemalkasa PO : Bhamragad, Dt.Gadchiroli. Maharashtra - 442710.
3rd	Sri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon Siddhi, Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra
2nd	Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narainpur, Bastar Dist., Maharashtra
1st	Veerayatan, Rajgir, Bihar

**EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE
SPHERE OF NON-VIOLENCE & VEGETARIANISM**



COBRA RESCUE



ILLEGAL ANIMAL TRANSPORT

**VISAKHA SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION AND CARE OF ANIMALS
(VSPCA), VISAKHAPATNAM, A.P.**

Established in 1996, by Sri. Pradeep Kumar Nath, at Visakapatnam, A.P, VSPCA has been working for the cause of animals, birds, reptiles and promotion of vegetarianism. Banning of Animal Transports & Sacrifices, implementation of programs like Animal Birth Control (ABC), cobra, monkey & parrot rescue operations, disaster & flood relief, migratory bird & sea turtle protection, providing nutritious vegan (vegetarian, also avoiding milk products) meals for the “animal friendly - poor people”, animal adoption and cattle respect projects, prevention of auctioning and illegal slaughtering of cows & oxen and usage of plastics etc. are some of its major activities.

It has two shelters for housing hundreds of cows, monkeys, parrots, dogs, cats etc., where natural fertilizers are also manufactured. The construction of the third one at about 100 kms from the city is nearing completion.

The lengthy list of huge numbers of cows, turtles, baby parrots, cobras etc. saved also include 2500 painted storks and pelicans, besides protection of 40 endangered monitor lizards, handing over of 24 lions rescued from circuses to Animal Care Center for Rehabilitation etc.

During the 2004 Tsunami and floods in the subsequent three years, the Society has extended medical aid to about 35000 animals & 30000 humans at Orissa. Since last 5 years VSPCA has provided nutritious lunch to over 50000 poor persons compassionate towards animals. At its 'Shelter/ Hospital/ Refuge centres various trees and plants, vineyards totally organic are grown as well as natural fertilizers and bio gas are produced from the rescued animals & bird's excreta etc. Banning the auction of about 20000 male calves annually by the Simachalam temple as also protection of sea turtles and legal prevention of usage of coloured plastic bags (which when eaten by cows result in their severe suffering) deserve special mention.

VSPCA was listed as one among the top ten of the World, by the Animal People Magazine.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is privileged to confer the Eighteenth Mahaveer Award on Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals in recognition of its yeomen service in the field of Non-violence & Vegetarianism inducing others to follow.

**EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR
IN THE SPHERE OF EDUCATION**



**KASTHURBA GANDHI KANYA GURUKULAM,
VEDARANIAM, TAMIL NADU**

Inspired by the father of our nation's statement "When we educate a man we educate an individual, when we educate a woman we educate a family", "Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam", was founded at Vedaraniyam, Nagapatinam district, Tamilnadu, by the Freedom Fighter Sardar A.Vedaratnam ; for the betterment of the underprivileged and orphaned girls . "They are taken care of, adopted, brought up, educated, sent for higher education / skill trained, made self reliant and married to suitable grooms". Abhayadhanam, Annadhanam, Vastradhanam, Sastradhanam, Vidyadhanam, Aushadhanam, Kanyadhanam and Gosamrakshanam are some of its major projects.

Currently, around 2000 girl students are educated free of cost (600 hostelries and 200 coming from broken families/orphans). A target population of 3 lakhs from the thirteen surrounding coastal villages of Vedaraniyam are so far benefitted by the Gurukulam which extends 'stay and study' for the socially deprived girl children, also offering higher studies to deserving students, all free of cost. Further, the Gurukulam promotes literacy as also environmental and 'AIDS' awareness by conducting various programmes.

Moreover, it also runs a Goshala (Cow Care Centre) with 70 cattles in a 30 acred land, where agriculture activities are also carried out. This NGO that also holds the Guinness World Record (2003) for planting maximum number of saplings has rushed to extend its helping hand during natural calamities like Tsunami.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is honoured to confer the Eighteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Education on Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam in due recognition of its significant services hoping that it would inspire many more to emulate it.

EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE SPHERE OF MEDICINE



SEVAC (Sane and Enthusiast Volunteers' Association of Calcutta), Kolkata, W.B.

In 1994 - 95, SEVAC was established to serve the mentally ill, focusing on treatment, rehabilitation and promoting their 'human rights' (HR). SEVAC's activities range from unchaining of mental patients languishing in temples under the name of faith-healing to working in prisons & custodial houses, extending effective treatment by providing occupational therapy and ensuring Psycho-Social rehabilitation.

It runs a licensed Mental Health Institution, besides continuing with its Day Care Centre with occupational therapy & rehabilitation activities and an Out Patients Department. Further it launched a 30 bedded Halfway Home, being used as a transit home for those who are on the way to recovery, a unit for handling violent ones, a rehabilitation centre in the 'club house model' also extending Psychiatric care to disaster victims and toiling for the cause of the marginalised including the senile.

Through its pioneering projects nomenclatured Operation Commitment, Operation Oasis, Operation Disha etc. and instruments for advocacy of HR, SEVAC is rehabilitating the mentally affected

A few thousands of mental patients have already been treated at the SEVAC's main centre at Calcutta. Further, the OPD at Dumdum Central Jail, SMM Liluah Home and the Female Vagrant Homes at Litharepada - Hooghly District have taken care of 100s of such patients. So far under Operation Oasis around 3000 persons were screened in Jails to detect and treat mentally ill. So also out of 700 mentally affected ones in the 5 Vagrant Homes about 550 were found to be mentally retarded, out of whom about 10% could only be cured.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is pleased to confer the Eighteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Medicine on Sane and Enthusiast Volunteers' Association of Calcutta in fitting recognition of their quality services anticipating it to inspire many to follow them.

**EIGHTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR
IN THE SPHERE OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICE**



VIKAS BHARTI, BISHUNPUR, JHARKHAND

Established in 1993 “Vikas Bharti” has been striving for upliftment of tribal folks in the areas of education , health, agriculture and livelihood in 24 backward districts of Jharkhand through SHGs, running education institutions like Koyleshwar and hospitals like Mobile Medical Unit.

Mr. Ashok Bhagat, its secretary revived the Tana Bhagat movement started in 1914 for propagating the concept of non-violence, by starting to live together with tribal groups. They were made aware about utilization of forest and other natural

resources, economic, cultural and spiritual requirements thereby initiating the civilization process in the tribal belt of Jharkhand

Since 2008, 28 lacs of patients have been examined through mobile medical unit and extended training for capacity building to 25,000 health workers inclusive of government officials & Angan Wadi Sevikas. While Special bridge courses for dropped out and never enrolled students have benefitted 20,000 children, vocational training helped another 20,000; SC/ST including.

Vikas Bharti's activities profoundly influenced the behavior of the primitive groups by aiding the shift from their animal hunting to agriculture practices for sustained livelihood; leading to the tribal community's empowerment. Education and Health care were introduced one by one. Transforming to new livelihood openings, trimming down violence & naxalism, the NGO has elevated them into a civilized lot, self reliant and cultured. Awareness on health and hygiene were also slowly inculcated amongst the schedule and primitive tribes. The nominee's devising novel projects, partnering with the various Government departments, reputed universities, National & International agencies and implementing them successfully; using the expertise of dedicated human force, huge financial requirements being met through Government grants,

International development relief funds and agencies such as NABARD, National Child Protection Council etc., aid paving the way for the emergence of a robust Society.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation proudly confers the Eighteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Community and Social Service on Vikas Bharti duly recognizing their pioneering services envisaging that it would certainly motivate many others to follow them.

SINGHVI CHARITABLE TRUST

Over the years, Sri N. Sugachand Jain has been assisting the weaker sections of the community through various charitable works. Singhvi Charitable Trust was founded in the year 1997, with the vision to give medical assistance to the weaker sections of the community irrespective of any caste, creed or religion. It focuses particularly on the visually challenged weaker sections in remote rural areas and urban slums, through the supply of spectacles and medicines entirely free of cost through the camps. The Trust also provides comprehensive dental treatment at the camps. Since inception the Trust has served more than 395030 poor eye patients & 56945 poor dental patients. So far, it has distributed 251935 spectacles. More than 1,500 TB cases were detected in the camps and referred to the nearest Government hospitals for further treatment.

Singhvi Charitable Trust also provides assistance for heart surgeries since 2001 and so far provided assistance of more than Rupees 70 Lakhs for poor patients. The Trust has also provided general medical assistance of more than Rupees 18.73 Lakhs to poor patients. Since 2001, it assists other Organisations with similar interests and has provided the assistance of more than, Rupees 3.50 Crores so far. It has

also provided more than Rupees 6.17 Lakhs to poor students for their school and college education. To encourage women's empowerment, Singhvi Charitable Trust has recently initiated steps to award scholarships to poor girl students taking up technical and professional courses in Colleges and Polytechnics of Tamil Nadu.

The LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS 2009 has recognized the work of the trust for the distribution of spectacles free of cost to the public in the camps conducted in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu.

The Singhvi Charitable Trust has already started the works related to establish a Palliative Care Unit termed as a Hospice at Sriperumbudhur, in the land belonging to the Trust. This Rs.10 Crore project is expected to be completed soon envisaging the unit to become operative by next year.

A beginning has been made for the distribution of warm dress kits to new born babies on 23rd July 2015 where 200 kits were distributed to new born babies at Government Kasturba Gandhi Hopital, Triplicane, Chennai.

VIDHYA JYOTHI TRUST

The Vidhya Jyothi Trust set up by Sri N. Sugalchand Jain, has taken over the various schools run till recently by the

Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Trust formed in 1984, with the objective of running educational institutions. The institutions provide quality education at modest rates. In pursuance of this object, the Trust manages three institutions having a total strength of 1600 students. The schools run by Vidya Jyothi Trust, are recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

At present, there are three schools - two Nursery & Primary Schools and one Matriculation Higher Secondary School. The schools have well equipped infrastructure in terms of land & building, science laboratory, library, computer lab, indoor playground, auditorium and faculty. The schools lay emphasis on the holistic development of the students by providing extra curricular activities like Abacus, Bharathanatyam, Table Tennis, Guides, Scouts and Junior Red Cross. The students are also encouraged to volunteer for the Road Safety Patrol, to visit orphanages & rural hospitals and participate in various competitions regularly.

The Trust has also started Mahaveer Institute of Technology and Science (MITS) at Jadan, Pali District Rajasthan closer to the birth place of its Founder Sri N. Sugalchand Jain. The college has already started functioning with more than 150 students.

JAINSINDIA TRUST

The Jainsindia Trust set up by Sri N. Sugachand Jain is a Religious Charitable Trust, to reach out to all the sections of the Jain community, especially the poor and the needy fringes in Tamil Nadu. The Trust provides various kinds of relief to the poor and needy members of Jain community.

Jainsindia Trust aims to propagate Jainism as the way of life, promotes the philosophy, literature and architecture of Jainism. It grants scholarships to the deserving school & college students of the Jain community. It also provides financial assistance to the needy widows/ deserted women and other deserving people belonging to Jain community, for the maintenance of their livelihood.

During the year 2015-16, 514 students have been benefited through scholarships, worth Rs. 84.87 Lakhs. Every year, nearly six hundred scholarships are given to the deserving students.

GANADIPATHY TULSI'S JAIN ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College has been established at Kaniyambadi, Vellore. It is approved by AICTE & affiliated to Anna University. The institution

aims to give education in engineering subjects to provide professionals of superior values to the Nation. The college has excellent infrastructure in terms of land, building, equipments, laboratories and faculty. It has strength of about 1600 at present. The College has the rare distinction of not charging any capitation fees for the students admitted to it.

The institution offers B.E. degree in Electronics & Communications, Electrical & Electronics, Computer Science, Mechanical and Information Technology. It also offers M.E in Computer Science, Computer & Communication and M.C.A.

The institution offers special scholarship programmes to encourage prospective students. Bus facilities are available to the students at reasonable charges to facilitate the student's transport even from relatively distant places. Separate hostels are available for boys & girls. A well equipped and modern science laboratory is available for the students. It has a seminar hall with all latest equipments. For co curricular activities, outdoor game & indoor game facilities are provided. A medical centre is also available for the students. The students are encouraged to involve themselves in Meditation & Yoga,

NSS, YRC & Cultural activities etc. The students are further given soft skills & technical training, In-plant training and practical exposure through Industrial visits. It also has a placement cell which helps to place its students in reputed Organizations. Plans are in hand to start an Arts and Science College in the Campus shortly.