



FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY

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BHAGWAN MAHAVEER

नमोकार महामंत्र

नमो अरिहंताणं
नमो सिन्हाणं
नमो आर्यरियाणं
नमो उवज्जायाणं
नमो लोए सच्चराहूणं

एतो पंच नमुक्कारो, सब्ब पावपपासणो
मंगलाणं च सव्वेसिं, पटमं इवइ मंगलं

STEP ASIDE – WE ARE COMING!
THE YOUNGER GENERATION ENTERS THE SCENE



Palak Jain, the granddaughter of the Founder – Shri N Sugalchand Jain and youngest of the family tree with the Thirteenth Mahaveer Awardees and the Trustees of Foundation and Members of the Selection Jury

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, Shri 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.

Outer cover: Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai, a memorial to the Apostle of Non-violence and Peace

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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 Lacs** (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 announces the Awardees and honours them at an Awards Day Function.

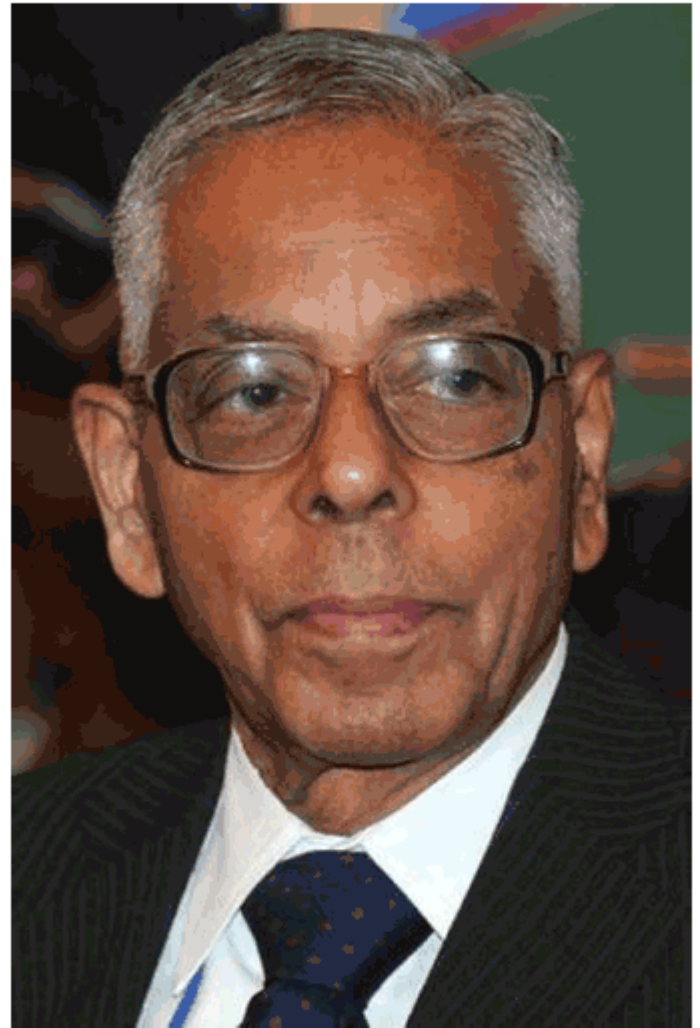
Commencing from the Fourteenth Mahaveer Awards, the spheres of the Mahaveer Awards are broadened to four spheres of activities:-

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

The Cash component of the Mahaveer Awards is also increased to Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs), a Citation and a Memento each.

FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY

CHIEF GUEST OF THE DAY



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF
WEST BENGAL
SHRI M.K. NARAYANAN

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY
SHRI. N. SUGALCHAND JAIN
MANAGING TRUSTEE OF BHAGWAN MAHAVEER
FOUNDATION, AT THE FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER
AWARDS DAY ON 9TH November 2011**



I am indeed extremely pleased in welcoming every one of you to this evening's awards distribution function.

At the outset, it is our bounden duty to express heartfelt gratitude to Shri Narayanan, His Excellency, the Governor of West Bengal for having kindly consented to be with us here this evening to give away the current awards. Born at New Delhi in 1934, after early education in Delhi and Simla he moved to Chennai to pursue higher studies. An alumni of Loyola College he secured a Post Graduate Degree in Economics from the University of Madras. He then joined the Indian Police Service in 1955 and passed out as the best all round officer of his batch. After a short stint in the erstwhile State of Madras, he migrated back to Delhi in 1959 to the Intelligence Bureau. The rest of his valuable career was with the Government of India, mainly in its vital departments. In 1992, the same year in which he was conferred the country's prestigious Padma Shri, award. He superannuated as the Director of the Intelligence Bureau.

Post retirement too, Shri Narayananji was closely connected with the nation's security related matters. In 2005, he was appointed as the National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India. Further he provided leadership in institutionalized security and strategic dialogues with so many foreign countries including Brazil, Japan, Sri Lanka, Germany, Russia, United Kingdom and the U.S.A. On 24th January, 2010, he took charge as the Governor of the State of West Bengal.

We once again thank you and reiterate that we are extremely grateful to you Sir, for accepting our invitation to be the Chief Guest for this function!

Though most of us may be aware of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation's activities, let me briefly outline them. The awards had been created for identifying and nurturing Excellence in Human Endeavour in various walks of life such as Non-violence & Vegetarianism, Education & Medicine and Community & social service. Till now, there were three Awards, each carrying a cash component of Rs. 5 Lakhs. The Foundation has so far given away 39 Awards; spread out over 13 States of the Country.

We have been receiving a huge response, some of the nominees extending invaluable service for the cause of the poor. The members of the Jury, more often than not, had difficulty in

selecting the final awardees. Encouraged by the increasing numbers of nominations, it has been decided to increase, from the current year onwards, the number of awards from three to four, bifurcating the awards for Education and Medicine into two separate ones, one each for Medicine and Education. Further, the Foundation has doubled the cash component, from Rs. 5/- to Rs.10/- Lakhs, from this year. I am sure that both the members of public and the awardees would hail this gesture of the Foundation.

The details of current year's awards are available in the latter part of this Brochure as well as in the citations to be read out a little later. I wish to place before you all that the selection is completely objective and has gained widespread credibility from all the sections of the society.

The nominations are sought from all over the country through information in the newspapers, national and regional besides followed up through 10,000 letters addressed to eminent persons in public life such as Ministers, MPs, Vice Chancellors, Senior Civil Servants, Media, Social Workers and industrialists, to cite a few. The Selection Jury has put in extraordinary efforts in meticulously selecting the awardees. The Foundation places on record its sincere thanks and warmest regards to the Chairman of the Selection Jury,

Justice Shri M N Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India and the other members of the Selection Jury, namely Shri Dipchand Gardi, Bar at Law, Poojya Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj, an eminent sanyasini and a social reformer, Shri D R Mehta, Ex-Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India, Prof. B M Hegde, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Mangalore Kendra, Mangalore, Prof. M S Swaminathan M.P. and Chairman- M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, Shri T S Krishnamurthy, Chief Election Commissioner of India (Retd) and Shri S. Gurumurthy, an eminent Chartered Accountant from Chennai.

It is also heartwarming to notice that all the members of my family - particularly of the younger generation - have extended a very warm support to the project and I think that they are just waiting to play a more active role in this regard. To begin with, younger Pramod Jain has joined as a Trustee, this year.

The keen interest bestowed by the sponsors in identifying the possible awardees has indeed enriched the Foundation's work. Equally we are grateful to the nominees, whose selfless work makes the efforts of the Foundation worthwhile and meaningful. The unimaginable difficult conditions under which the nominees carry out their self imposed tasks without any expectation whatsoever make us truly humble.

We are sure that the number of awards presented and the quantum of reward sums distributed may at best constitute a few drops before the ocean of stupendous works being put in by thousands of nominees spread all over the country!

We would see from the brochure which is being released shortly that its front cover carries a photograph of Gandhi Mandapam at Chennai. Even though, Gandhiji did not belong to Jain community, he was in essence an embodiment of all the precepts laid down by Bhagwan Mahaveer specially relating to vegetarianism, non-violence & community service. The Foundation has no hesitation at all in accepting Mahatmaji as an Ikon of their philosophy.

Many of the Nominees who have come closer to being selected for the awards need not feel discouraged, because as I had pointed out earlier their task is willingly chosen, selfless and without any expectation of a reward which itself gives them immense satisfaction. However, the Foundation would like to place on record our humble thanks to them on behalf of the entire community for the quality services being rendered by them.

One of our staff, Sri M. Gopalakrishna who assisted the Foundation in its formative stages has passed away recently. The Foundation

conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

Once again, I extend a hearty welcome to the members of the public, my friends and colleagues as also the members of the media. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Foundation's family who have put in a remarkable work in the entire process of evaluation.

IN MEMORIUM



LATE SRI M. GOPALAKRISHNA
**A devoted servant of the Foundation who nursed
it through its baby steps**

THE FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDEES:

The Foundation received 245 nominations from all over the country for the Fourteenth Mahaveer Awards. The Selection Jury met on 25th May 2011 at Bangalore and selected the Awardees for the Fourteenth Mahaveer Awards. The details are as follows.

- *For Excellence in the sphere of Non-violence & Vegetarianism*
 - i) **Shri Dayananda Swami**
Bangalore, Karnataka
- *For Excellence in the sphere of Education*
 - ii) **The Indian Planetary Society**
Mumbai, Maharashtra
- *For Excellence in the sphere of Medicine*
 - iii) **Voluntary Health Services**
Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- *For Excellence in the sphere of Community & Social service*
 - iv) **Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust**
Solapur, Maharashtra

THE SELECTION JURY FOR THE AWARDS:

Justice Shri M N Venkatachaliah
Chairman – Selection Jury
Former Chief Justice of India

Shri Dipchandji Gardi
Bar at Law & Philanthropist

Poojya Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj
Eminent Sanyasini & Social reformer

Shri 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 M.P and
Chairman
M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

Shri T S. Krishnamurthy
Chief Election Commissioner of India (Retd.)

Shri S. Gurumurthi
Chartered Accountant

Mahaveer Awards - State wise distribution since 1995

Sno	States	Since 1995	Current Year	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	1		1
2	Bihar	2		2
3	Gujarat	1		1
4	Jharkhand	1		1
5	Karnataka	3	1	4
6	Madhya Pradesh	2		2
7	Maharashtra	7	2	9
8	New Delhi	2		2
9	Orissa	1		1
10	Rajasthan	5		5
11	Tamilnadu	8	1	9
12	Tripura	1		1
13	Uttranchal	1		1
Total		35	4	39

Mahaveer Awards - Field wise distribution since 1995

Sno	Fields	Since 1995	Current Year	Total
1	Non-violence & Vegetarianism	9	1	10
2	Education&] Medicine]	12	1	14
	Education Medicine		1	
3	Community & Social service	14	1	15
Total		35	4	39

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

AWARD	YEAR	FIELD
14 th		Sri Dayananda Swamiji Bangalore, Karnataka
12 th	2006	Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA), At Hatapatana, Kendrapara, Orissa
11 th	2005	Shri Bharat Amritlal Kothari, Rajpur, Gujarat
9 th	2003	Shri Siddharaj Dhadha, Chaura Rasta, Jaipur, Rajasthan
7 th	2001	Late Dr. Nemichand Jain, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
6 th	2000	Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune, Maharashtra
5 th	1999	Smt. Maneka Gandhi , People for Animals, New Delhi
4 th	1998	Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, Maharashtra
3 rd	1997	Shri Ratanlal C Bafna, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
2 nd	1996	Shri 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	YEAR	FIELD
13 th	2007	Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu
12 th	2006	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Maharashtra
11 th	2005	Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin, New Delhi
10 th	2004	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	2003	Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Jakhan Devi, Almora, Uttaranchal
8 th	2002	1) Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu 2) Marudhar Mahila Shikshan, Sangh Vidyavadi, Kimel, Rajasthan

7 th	2001	Dr. H Sudarshan, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Yelandur Tk, Karnataka
6 th	2000	Cancer Institute (W I A), Chennai, Tamilnadu
5 th	1999	Dr. G Venkataswamy Chairman - Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai, Tamilnadu
4 th	1998	Shri Avinashilingam Education Trust Institutions, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu

THE AWARDS FOR EDUCATION AND MEDICINE HAVE BEEN BIFURCATED INTO SEPARATE AWARDS ONE EACH FOR EDUCATION AND THE OTHER FOR MEDICINE FROM FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS

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

AWARD	AWARDEE
14 TH	The Indian Planetary Society Mumbai, Maharashtra

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

AWARD	AWARDEE
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	YEAR	FIELD
14 th		Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust Solapur, Maharashtra
13 th	2007	1) Sri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Gordhanpura, Kota, Rajasthan and 2) Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka
12 th	2006	Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu
11 th	2005	Acharya Dr. Kishore Kunal, Patna, Bihar
10 th	2004	Shri Rajmal S Jain, Village Bisalpur, Pali, Rajasthan
9 th	2003	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Saragur, Karnataka
8 th	2002	Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao, Director General - Prema Hospital, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
7 th	2001	Bharat Sevashram Sangha , Sonari West Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
6 th	2000	Tripura Adivashi Mahila Samithy, (Mrs. Anurupa Mukherjee) Krishna Nagar, Agartala, Tripura
5 th	1999	Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan
4 th	1998	Dr. Prakash Murlidar Amte & Dr.Mandakini Prakash Amte, Lok Biradari Prkalp, At:Hemalkasa PO:Bhamragad,Dt.Gadchiroli 442710 Maharashtra

3 rd	1997	Shri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon, Siddhi, Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra
2 nd	1996	Shri Ramakrishna Mission, Ashrama Narainpur, Bastar Dist., Maharashtra
1 st	1995	Veerayatan, Rajgir, Bihar

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



DAYANANDA SWAMIJI

Sri Dayananda Swamiji, 50, an active campaigner for the cause of "Non-violence and Vegetarianism" over the past quarter century, despite getting initiated to preach Baswa Dharma tenets; driven by his concern for the mute animals, has started a movement in his native State of Karnataka to convert it into a violence free one, towards animals.

He persuaded the Karnataka State Government to replace the supply of eggs for school students with serving of milk and made it enact the "The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill 2010". Further, he established two movements for protection of animals; called CPF- Cow Protection Force and APF- Animal Protection Force involving respectively all the Vegetarians of all communities. Also he successfully stopped the establishment of a mechanized slaughter house at Bangalore and closed the Al-Kabeer slaughter house at Hyderabad for about eighteen months, through his aggressive agitation.

In his native and other neighboring States, he has rescued more than 1000 cows and other animals. He

halted animal sacrifice in many places in Karnataka, especially in temples. Further, he has led rallies and addressed many gatherings towards propagating vegetarianism.

Swami Dayananda who secured a Diploma in Electrical Engineering and got trained in Medicine of biochemistry, homeopathy science and acupuncture is holding many vital positions including that of the Chairmanship of World Animal Welfare Board. This full time crusader hailing from a farmer's family dreams to establish a Cow Protection Force covering all villages.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is privileged to confer the Fourteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Non-Violence and Vegetarianism on Shri Dayananda Swamiji in recognition of his yeomen service to the welfare and rights of the Animals fervently hoping that this would inspire many to follow his path.

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



The Indian Planetary Society , established in 2000 endeavours to popularize Planetary Science, Solar Physics and Astrophysical Science among children, students and the general public. With 7 powerful telescopes, 4 planetaria, 200 frames on science & astronomy etc. at its disposal to organise exhibitions in schools to familiarise science and scientists.

The Society conducts correspondence courses on scientific subjects like Astronomy, Astrophysics, Earth Quake Studies, Vedic Maths etc., aids researches, publishes books and runs Vedhsalas at Naranpura and Science centres at Bhuj and Borivali. It further organizes seminars, workshops and has so far also conducted Four international conferences.

The Society which has so far produced 4 documentary films in 3 languages has come out with the bimonthly science magazines namely Virat Surya and Kids science.

The Society has arranged thousands of people to view many astronomical happenings and has bagged many recognitions, including a National award (2004). And also, it is recognized as a Research Organization by Government of India. About 10 lakh people are estimated to be utilising its services.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is honoured to confer the Fourteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Education on The Indian Planetary Society in due recognition of its services hoping that it would inspire many others to emulate.

**FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE
SPHERE OF MEDICINE**



Voluntary Health Services, a non-profit charitable organization catering to the medical needs of the poor and middle income groups of the community was founded in 1958 by Dr. K S Sanjivi, a doyen of the medical arena. Today it is a tertiary teaching 405-bed

hospital with almost all the specialties and is being served by over a hundred reputed doctors, honorarily.

About 60% of the patients are treated free of cost, inclusive of diet and medicines. Since the past four decades, the hospital is conducting PG diploma courses in Medical Lab. Technology, Health and Hospital Administration, Nutrition and Hospital Dietetics and in Nursing. VHS has established a Care Centre for Haemophilia jointly with the later Society's Madras Chapter.

As per its visionary founder's foresight, to cover a wider population living in the rural areas, VHS has spread its wings into outreach programmes by opening mini centres. Fourteen such centres (each covering a population of 5,000 to 10,000) of VHS is presently serving the villagers. Dr. Sanjivi who believed that "Nothing given free will be appreciated" had suggested levying of a small fee towards annual subscription, paved the way for health insurance.

With the Government of India and U.S. Agency, VHS is into AIDS Prevention and Control Project. Since 2004 TAI (TN Aids Initiative) project, funded by Bill and Melinda Gates administers through VHS, the Aids prevention programme in 13 districts of Tamil Nadu. Under this project the VHS-MAC Institute manages 31 STI clinics. The VHS YRG Care centre with 24 beds treats HIV patients.

The air-conditioned Jayammal Chakravarthi Acute Care Centre with round the clock service has 24 beds including private rooms. The VHS-Rajaji Centre treating alcoholics and drug addicts has 22 beds. This institution's services are fairly well known.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is pleased to confer the Fourteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Medicine on Voluntary Health Services in recognition of its

valuable services and sincerely hopes that it would go a long way in inspiring many more to emulate the works of the institution.

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



• *Help us to help others.* •

'Snehalaya' [®]

Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust, an ISO 9001 certified organization has been rehabilitating commercial sex workers and their children over a decade. Besides taking care of more than 300 such children it has rescued 400 women and 28 minor girls from red light area and counselled above 500 families.

It runs a Children's hostel, Primary and High School, a Rehabilitation Centre for HIV/AIDS positive children and women, a Vocational and an Agro Training Centre and a cows Shelter. The schools teach the children from K G to 12th standard with a strength of around 800, of which about 500 are coming from a little over a dozen surrounding villages.

The Trust takes tiny Children aged between 3 and 6, so that it is easier to teach them their responsibility and moral values. In fact Snehalaya has seen these children grow up and maturing to pull up their mothers out of prostitution; besides teaching them about good hygiene, ill effects of smoking and consumption of alcohol etc. Some have recently completed the Master's and Business Degrees.

Ummid, its sister institution rehabilitates and extends medical support to HIV positive women and children. The Trust has bagged more than fifty awards, including the coveted national honour (2006), State Government and many NGO's recognitions.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation proudly confers the Fourteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Community and Social Service to honour Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust in fitting recognition of its pioneering services envisaging that it would inspire others to emulate this organisation.

Singhvi Charitable Trust

Over the years, Shri 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 nearly 3,46,690 poor eye patients & 42,878 poor dental patients. So far, it has distributed 1,91,855 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 52.70 Lakhs for poor patients. The Trust has also provided general medical assistance of more than Rupees 11.97 Lakhs to the poor patients. Since 2001, it assists other Organisations with similar interests and has provided the assistance of more than, Rupees 1.3 Crores so far. It has also provided more than Rupees 3.6 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 Tamilnadu.

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.

Vidhya Jyothi Trust

The Vidhya Jyothi Trust set up by Shri 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 1406 students. The schools run by Vidya Jyothi Trust, are recognized by the Government of Tamilnadu.

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.

Jainsindia Trust

The Jainsindia Trust set up by Shri 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 Tamilnadu. The Trust provides various kinds of relief to the poor and needy members of Jain community.

Jainindia 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 2010-11, 626 students has benefited through scholarships, worth Rupees 79.50 Lakhs. Every year, nearly one thousand 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 about 2115 at present.

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, out door 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.



Prof. M S Swaminathan M.P presenting the 13th Mahaveer Award to Dr. Regi M George and Dr. Lalitha Regi - Founders, Tribal Health Initiative for excellence in sphere of Education and Medicine



Prof. M S Swaminathan M.P presenting the 13th Mahaveer Award to Swami Sri Jabanandaji - Founder, Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre for excellence in sphere of Community and Social Service



Prof. M S Swaminathan M.P presenting the 13th Mahaveer Award to Shri M.C. Bhandari and Smt. Prasanna Bhandari - Founders, Sri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti for excellence in sphere of Community and Social Service