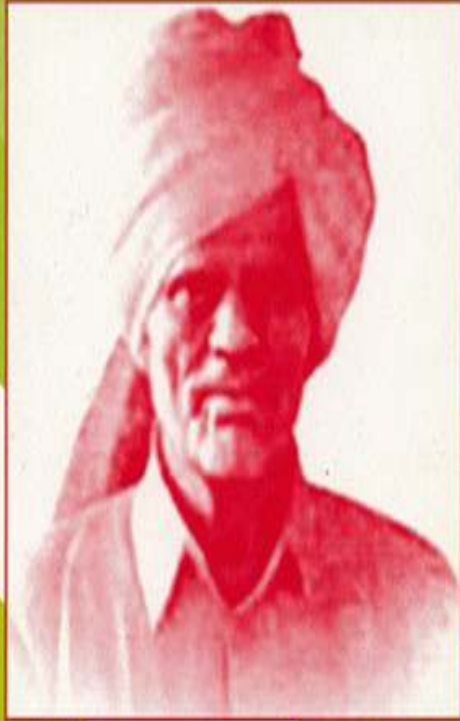




# FIFTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY

10TH OCTOBER 2012



Late Sri I Nathmal Singhvee  
(1917 - 1991)

## BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

# 961, Poonamallee High Road, Chennai - 600 084.

Phone : 91 - 44 - 4293 3333 / 4293 3300

Fax : 91 - 44 - 4293 3339

E-mail : bmfawards@gmail.com

Web : www.bmfawards.org



BHAGWAN MAHAVEER



श्री पद्म-परमेश्वरी

पमो अरिहंताणं

पमो सिद्धाणं

पमो आचारियाणं

पमो उदकध्यायाणं

पमो जीए सवसाहस्यं

पमो एव पद्मसूतयो

सख पाव ज्वाणसणी

मंगलामं च सर्वोसि

पट्यं पुदह मंगलं

## 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: The inspiration behind the Foundation*

#### TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION:

**Shri N Sugalchand Jain**  
Managing Trustee

**Shri. P V Krishnamurthy, I.A.A.S. (Retd.)**  
Hony. Executive Trustee

**Shri Gunwant Nagardas Damani**  
Trustee

**Shri S. Prasanchand Jain**  
Trustee

**Shri S. Vinodh Kumar**  
Trustee

**Shri P. Pramod Jain**  
Trustee

**Shri Paras Jain**  
Public Relations

#### 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 for 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** have been broadened to four spheres of activities:-

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

The Cash component of the Mahaveer Awards has also been increased to Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs), a Citation and a Memento each from the year 2011.

**FIFTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY  
CHIEF GUEST OF THE DAY**



HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU  
**DR. K. ROSAIAH**

WELCOME ADDRESS BY  
SHRI. N. SUGALCHAND JAIN  
MANAGING TRUSTEE OF  
BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION,  
AT THE FIFTEENTH MAHAVEER  
AWARDS DAY ON 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012



I feel that I was standing before a distinguished audience such as this is only a couple of days back talking about the Fourteenth Mahaveer Awards, but it has been a year since I had welcomed a similar audience for the Fourteenth Mahaveer Awards. Time flies and I am again having the privilege of welcoming

such an audience for the Fifteenth Mahaveer Awards.

We are privileged to have in our midst today a devoted servant of the Nation who has distinguished himself in various areas of public life for a long time. Dr. K Rosaiah, is an illustrious son of India and has been a Minister in Andhra Pradesh handling various ministries for over three decades and also functioned as its Chief Minister. He has presented the State budget for 16 times and has also introduced the State budget for 7 times continuously, a record in the country. He has already proved himself a very popular Governor in Tamil Nadu. We are grateful to you Sir, for having agreed to be in our midst and give away the Awards today.

On behalf of the Foundation, I extend to you a very warm welcome.

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 recently, 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 last 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 the year 2011.

We have had a bit of welcome news in this regard; the Government of India have issued a Notification recently exempting the cash component of this award namely Rs.10 Lacs in the hands of the Awardees from payment of Income Tax, so that they are free to use this amount fully to expand the depth and extent of their activities.

The details of current year's awards are available in the Brochure, which will be available to you shortly 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 through over 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 Emeritus - M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, Shri T S Krishnamurthy, Chief Election Commissioner of India (Retd) and Shri S. Gurumurthy, Journalist and writer from Chennai. Recently Sri Prabat Kumar, IAS (Retd) and former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India has kindly agreed to join the Selection Jury.

I take this opportunity to convey my heartiest thanks to the members of the Jury for their efforts and patience in

finalizing the Awards. I extend a hearty welcome to them.

Last year, I had drawn attention to the fact that the all the members of my family have extended a very warm support not only to this project, but also certain other projects associated with the Sugal Group which they are implementing as part of their corporate social responsibility. These include the running of free Eye and Dental camps in remote rural areas of Tamil Nadu throughout the year; running of three schools in Triplicane providing quality education at modest rates of fees; and a diagnostic Centre having comprehensive facilities for investigation at reasonable rates. I would like to take this opportunity to inform this gathering that in addition to the existing X-ray, ultrasound scan facilities we are planning to have CT scan facilities in the near future.

All our efforts would be in vain, but for the nominees whose selfless work makes our work worthwhile. These entities are working under very difficult conditions in harsh terrain without certain basic facilities such as electricity and even drinking water. All that are expected in return from the beneficiaries is occasionally a smile in acknowledgement of the services provided to them. The fact that more and more organizations have recognized the offer of awards by the Mahaveer Foundation is proved by the fact that more than 400 nominations have already been received for the next year's awards. These are being evaluated and would be finalized in due course.

We would like to place on record our grateful thanks to the sponsors who have spent time and effort in identifying these

individuals and institutions and sending us nominations. I would like to mention in passing that some of the awardees have been little peeved at their not getting recognition even though their cases have been sponsored by VIPs. This only goes to show that the distinguished Selection Jury had gone only by the quality and extent of service rendered by the NGOs rather than on the status of the sponsors.

Many of the Nominees who have come closer to being selected for the awards had taken up their task willingly 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.

You would notice that on the cover page of the Awards Day Brochure, a photograph of my late Father has been incorporated; I had allowed this with the greatest reluctance. But the person figuring in the photograph was an embodiment of self effacement. I have only known from his friends of his hidden good deeds which were really kept unrevealed even to the other members of his family. Let me assure the audience that whatever little I and my family members were able to do or attempting to do or hoping to do owes its origin and motivation to the values of my late father nurtured over the years. Though unsophisticated and possibly never knowing that a sophisticated term such as Empathy his feelings and action towards those in need described him. Even in days of relative penury he rarely turned away persons in need without offering solace and a

helping hand. I felt that I should devote to him atleast this bit of thanksgiving by recognizing his philosophy of life by inserting his photograph on the cover of the brochure.

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 remarkable work in the entire process of evaluation.

Once again, I extend to you Sir, a very hearty welcome and grateful thanks for your being here today.

## THE FIFTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDEES:

The Foundation received 258 nominations from all over the country for the Fifteenth Mahaveer Awards. The Selection Jury met on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Chennai and selected the Awardees for the Fifteenth Mahaveer Awards. The details are as follows.

- i) *For Excellence in the sphere of  
Non-violence & Vegetarianism*

**Dr. Chiranjee Lal Bagra**  
Kolkata, West Bengal

- ii) *For Excellence in the sphere of  
Education*

**Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences**  
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- iii) *For Excellence in the sphere of Medicine*

**Dr. Anant Sinha**  
Ranchi, Jharkhand

- iv) *For Excellence in the sphere of  
Community & Social service*

**Ramakrishna Mission Hospital**  
Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh

## 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, Mangalore

**Prof. M S Swaminathan M.P and**

Chairman Emeritus

M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

**Shri T S. Krishnamurthy**

Chief Election Commissioner of India (Retd.)

**Shri S. Gurumurthi**

Journalist & Writer

**Sri Prabat Kumar, IAS (Retd)**

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
3	Bihar	2	-	2
4	Gujarat	1	-	1
5	Jharkhand	1	1	2
6	Karnataka	4	-	4
7	Madhya Pradesh	2	-	2
8	Maharashtra	9	-	9
9	New Delhi	2	-	2
10	Orissa	1	1	2
11	Rajasthan	5	-	5
12	Tamilnadu	9	-	9
13	Tripura	1	-	1
14	Uttranchal	1	-	1
15	West Bengal	-	1	1
Total		39	4	43

**Mahaveer Awards - Field wise distribution since 1995**

S. No.	States	Since 1995	Current Year	Total
1	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	10	1	11
2	Education & Medicine	12		
	Education	1	1	
	Medicine	1	1	16
3	Community & Social Service	15	1	16
	Total	39	4	43

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

AWARD	YEAR	AWARDEES
15th		Sri Chiranjeel Lal Bagra Kolkata, West Bengal
14th		Sri Dayananda Swamiji Bangalore, Karnataka
12th	2006	Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA), At Hatapatana, Kendrapara, Orissa
11th	2005	Shri Bharat Amritlal Kothari, Rajpur, Gujarat
9th	2003	Shri Siddharaj Dhadha, Chaura Rasta, Jaipur, Rajasthan
7th	2001	Late Dr. Nemichand Jain, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
6th	2000	Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune, Maharashtra
5th	1999	Smt. Maneka Gandhi, People for Animals, New Delhi
4th	1998	Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, Maharashtra
3rd	1997	Shri Ratanlal C Bafna, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
2nd	1996	Shri S Jagannathan & Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan, Gandhigram, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu



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

AWARD	YEAR	AWARDEES
13th	2007	Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu
12th	2006	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Maharashtra
11th	2005	Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin, New Delhi
10th	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, Tamil Nadu
9th	2003	Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Jakhan Devi, Almora, Uttaranchal
8th	2002	1. Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu  2. Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh, Vidyavadi, Kimel, Rajasthan
7th	2001	Dr. H Sudarshan, Vivekananda Girijana, Kalyana Kendra, Yelandur TK, Karnataka

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

AWARD	YEAR	AWARDEES
6th	2000	Cancer Institute (W I A), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
5th	1999	Dr. G Venkataswamy Chairman - Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
4th	1998	Shri Avinashilingam Education Trust Institutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

**BIFURCATION OF THE AWARDS FOR EDUCATION AND MEDICINE SEPARATE AWARDS ONE EACH FOR EDUCATION AND THE OTHER FOR MEDICINE FROM FOURTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS**

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

YEAR	AWARDEE
15th	Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Bhubaneswar, Orissa
14th	The Indian Planetary Society Mumbai, Maharashtra

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

YEAR	AWARDEE
15th	Dr. Anant Sinha Ranchi, Jharkhand
14th	Voluntary Health Services Taramani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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

AWARD	YEAR	AWARDEES
15th		Ramakrishan Mission Hospital Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh
14th		Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust Solapur, Maharashtra
13th	2007	1. Sri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Gordhanpura, Kota, Rajasthan and 2. Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka
12th	2006	Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
11th	2005	Acharya Dr. Kishore Kunal, Patna, Bihar
10th	2004	Shri Rajmal S Jain, Village Bisalpur, Pali, Rajasthan
9th	2003	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Saragur, Karnataka
8th	2002	Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao, Director General - Prema Hospital, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
7th	2001	Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Sonari West Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
6th	2000	Tripura Adivashi Mahila Samithy, (Mrs. Anurupa Mukherjee) Krishna Nagar, Agartala, Tripura

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

AWARD	YEAR	AWARDEES
5th	1999	Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan
4th	1998	Dr. Prakash Murlidar Amte & Dr. Mandakini Prakash Amte, Lok Biradari Prakash, At : Hemalkasa PO : Bhamragad, Dt. Gadchiroli 442710 Maharashtra
3rd	1997	Shri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon, Siddhi, Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra
2nd	1996	Shri Ramakrishna Mission, Ashrama Narainpur, Bastar Dist., Maharashtra
1st	1995	Veerayatan, Rajgir, Bihar

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



**Dr. Chiranjee Lal Bagra, Kolkata**

The 66 year old nominee, Dr.Chiranjee Lal Bagra, Kolkatta has been rendering yeomen service to vegetarianism and non-violence since many decades. He is holding important responsibilities in various NGOs like the Indian Federation of Ahimsa Organizations (Secretary General). He has widely travelled, participated in National & International, Seminars / Conferences and represented India in World Vegetarian Congress thrice at USA, Thailand and Canada. He is instrumental in getting cancelled around 60,000 proposed slaughter houses in rural areas. He has authored many books like Vegetarianism in Life, Indian Cattle Wealth. besides editing Vegetarian guide (English Quarterly) and Disha Bodh (Hindi Monthly). Further he has won a number of awards including National Unity Award (91), Ahimsa International Award (97) & Ahimsa Ratna (2006).

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is privileged to confer the Fifteenth Mahaveer Award on Dr. Chiranjee Lal Bagra in recognition of his yeomen service to Non-violence and Vegetarianism

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



Fond Moments with students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)

**Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences**

In 1993 Dr. Achyuta Samanta, aged 47 years had set up the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences at Bhubaneswar, Odisha with 125 tribal students. Today this institution has grown into a world class university. As a model institution of our nation, currently about 15500 underprivileged tribal children (62 tribes & 13 primitive tribes) are provided education (from Kindergarten to Post graduation), accommodation, food, health care, study material, clothing, vocational training, including games and computer education, all free of cost. It runs various courses in a large building of about of 6 lac sq.ft and a library in around 15,000 sq. ft. Two computer labs where 600 students can work at a time, and a 100 bedded in house medical facility are also available.

A Solar water heating system and a Solar power plant take care of its cooking / electricity requirements. Promoting "Earn while you learn" discipline among students, vocational training is made compulsory. Against the State result of about 69%, 90% result is regularly achieved here in Class X Board Examinations and 85% in +2 Board Examinations. Despite its annual expenditure of around Rs.14 crores it is setting up a fully free residential school for tribal children in Chhattisgarh. About 50,000 tribal people are already benefitted due to the education and vocational training imparted through the institution. It is working in association with: UNICEF, UNESCO, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Hansco University etc. The services rendered by this institution have brought down exploitation of poor tribals considerably.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is honoured to confer the Fifteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Education on Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in recognition of its services hoping that it would inspire many others to emulate the institute.

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



**DR. ANANT SINHA**

Dr. Anant Sinha, aged 49 years was a product of Pune Army Medical College. After completing his Masters in General Surgery and M.Ch (Plastic surgery) he has also specialized in micro vascular reconstructive surgery. Initially he practiced in Pune at Bandorawala Leprosy Hospital and after formation of Jharkhand State (which happens to be his native state) in 2000, he moved to Ranchi in 2001, as he felt that it lacked expertise in reconstructive surgery. In 2008 he established the Devkamal Hospital with all the modern facilities with the co-operation of his doctor friends. The treatment provided here is all free of cost and 90% of patients are tribals. Doctors from the hospital are going to villages for conducting medical camps. Dr. Anant Sinha's wife is also working here as an ENT surgeon. The hospital has recorded, as on 31.01.2012, a total admission of over 8700 patients and performed over 7500 operations. He has so far performed more than 1000 reconstructive surgeries for the leprosy afflicted and has also been the main cause in bringing in USA's Smile Train Funds to successfully carry out over 5000 cleft palate operations in Jharkhand rural areas during the past five years.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is pleased to confer the Fifteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Medicine on Dr. Anant Sinha.

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



**Ramakrishna Mission Hospital,**  
**Arunachal Pradesh**

Established in 1979, by Swamy Prathananda (Preeti Maharaj) Ramakrishna Mission Hospital is currently the lifeline for health care at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh with all facilities where free services to the needy is extended. It is being run by monks of the Ramakrishna Mission and the beneficiaries are from the remote parts of Arunachal Pradesh and neighboring districts of Assam. It has a mobile medical unit with an eye section and has treated over 8500 patients, besides running a school of nursing. Since the last 3 years alone, it has handled about 2.40 lacs outdoor patients and over 10,000 indoor patients, mostly from the tribal population.

The 200 bedded hospital, now situated on 26 acres of land leased by the Government serves as a referral hospital for the whole of the State. The Government has constructed a Helipad within the hospital premises to help in airlifting critically ill patients to other major hospitals for further treatment and to bring patients from interior parts of the area.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation proudly confers the Fifteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Community and Social Service to honour Ramakrishna Mission Hospital in 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 3,75,778 poor eye patients & 46,488 poor dental patients. So far, it has distributed 2,07,207 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 58.37 Lakhs for poor patients. The Trust has also provided general medical assistance of more than Rupees 14.75 Lakhs to the poor patients. Since 2001, it assists other Organisations with similar interests and has provided the assistance of more than, Rupees 1.50 Crores so far. It has also provided more than Rupees 5.5 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.

### **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 1532 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 proposed to set up the Mahaveer National University at Pali, Rajasthan closer to the birth place of its Founder Sri N Sugalchand Jain. Work on the construction of the institution is in advanced stage.

### **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.

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 2011-12, 594 students has benefited through scholarships, worth Rupees 83 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 a strength of about 2182 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, 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.





Swami Dayanandaji receiving the **Fourteenth Mahaveer Award** from His Excellency **Sri M K Narayanan**, the Governor of West Bengal for excellence in the field of non-violence & vegetarianism



Rep. of Indian Planetary Society receiving the **Fourteenth Mahaveer Award** from His Excellency **Sri M K Narayanan**, the Governor of West Bengal for excellence in the field of Education



Dr. E S Krishnamoorthy, VHS receiving the **Fourteenth Mahaveer Award** from His Excellency **Sri M K Narayanan**, the Governor of West Bengal for excellence in the field of Medicine



Reps. of **Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust** receiving the **Fourteenth Mahaveer Award** from His Excellency **Sri M K Narayanan**, the Governor of West Bengal for excellence in the field of Community & social service



Two Younger generations helping the senior generation in its charitable activities

