



BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

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SIXTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY

4th June 2013



The Happy Awardees of the Fifteenth Mahaveer Awards

From left to right Sri S Gurumurthi (Member, Selection Jury), Sri N Sugalchand Jain (Managing Trustee), Prof. B M Hegde (Member, Selection Jury), Swamiji Sri Visvesananda from Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Arunachal Pradesh (Awardee), Dr. Anant Sinha (Awardee), His Excellency Sri Rosaiah, Governor of Tamilnadu, Dr. Chiranjee Lal Bagra (Awardee), Dr. Achyuta Samanta of King Institute of Social Sciences (Awardee) & Sri PV Krishnamurthy (Honorary Executive Trustee)

NAVKAR MANTRA

NAMO ARIHANTANAM

I bow down to Arihanta,

NAMO SIDDHANAM

I bow down to Siddha,

NAMO AYARIYANAM

I bow down to Acharya,

NAMO UVAJJHAYANAM

I bow down to Upadhyaya,

NAMO LOE SAVVA-SAHUNAM

I bow down to Sadhu and Sadhvi.

ESO PANCH NAMOKARO

These five bowings down,

SAVVA-PAVAPPANASANO

Destroy all the sins,

MANGLANANCH SAVVESIM

Amongst all that is auspicious,

PADHAMAM HAVEI MANGALAM

Is the most auspicious one.



His Excellency Sri. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamilnadu being welcomed by Sri. N. Sugalchand Jain, the Managing Trustee of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation at the Fifteenth Bhagwan Mahaveer Awards day function.

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 expecting 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.

TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION:

Shri N Sugalchand Jain

Managing Trustee

Shri Gunwant Nagardas Damani

Hony. Executive Trustee

Shri. P V Krishnamurthy, I.A.A.S. (Retd.)

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**

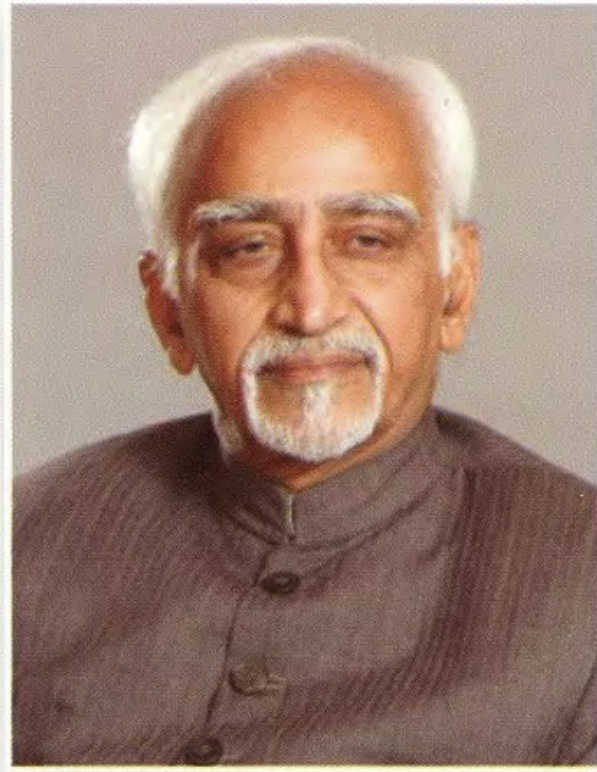
These awards carry a cash component of **Rs.10 Lacs** (Rupees Ten Lakhs), a Citation and a memento each.

The Foundation also makes two Special Awards, **Dr. Nemichand Jain Memorial Awards** carrying a cash component of **Rs.1 Lakh** (Rupees One Lakh) each 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.

SIXTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY

CHIEF GUEST OF THE DAY



HON'BLE SHRI HAMID ANSARI

VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

WELCOME ADDRESS BY
SHRI. N. SUGALCHAND JAIN
MANAGING TRUSTEE OF
BHAGWAN MAHAVEERFOUNDATION,
AT THE SIXTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY
on 4TH JUNE 2013

It is once again my privilege to welcome a distinguished gathering consisting among others our esteemed and scholarly Vice President Sri Hamid Ansari as also the members of the Selection Jury to yet another awards day.

Sabko Namaskar.

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; as a diplomat, a scholar and a writer and is at present serving the Nation for a second term as its Vice President. Sri Mohammad Hamid Ansari, has distinguished himself initially as a member of the prestigious Indian Foreign Service and later as the second citizen of the country. During his service in the IFS he has done himself and the country proud by his devoted service in almost the entire spectrum of the comity of Nation most of them highly important and highly sensitive.

As all of us are also aware his stellar role as the presiding officer of the Rajya Sabha is a no mean achievement when the entire political process of the entire country is undergoing enormous churning. 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. We are specially



thankful to Prof. B M Hegde, a member of our Selection Jury for having agreed to preside over today's function.

Even though the Awards are distributed at a function held usually at Chennai, we are keen that adequate attention is focused upon the excellent work being done by the Awardees who are carrying on gamely their task of serving their fellowmen under very difficult conditions without any expectation of any reward, material or otherwise.

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 43 Awards; spread out over 15 States of the Country.

The number of awards have been raised to four and the cash component of Rs. 10 Lacs. Over the years, we have been receiving a huge response to our invitation for nominees. Over 400-500 nominations have been received every year, the current year's receipts exceeding over 400. In fact, it is gratifying to note that nominations for the next year's awards have almost started coming.

As we informed you on an earlier occasion, 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.

Let me briefly describe the procedure we follow in evaluating and finalizing the award.

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 members of the Jury have had a tough time in selecting the final awardees and it goes to their credit, and their objectivity that they have been able to arrive at an unanimous decision. 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 DR 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), Shri S. Gurumurthy, Journalist and writer from Chennai and Sri Prabhat Kumar, IAS (Retd) and former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India.

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.

I once again want to place on record my grateful thanks and appreciations of the fact that all the members of my family have extended a very warm support not only to this project, but also certain other projects associated with Sugal Group which 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 facilities (viz) X-ray, Ultrasound scan, CT Scan facilities and Digitalized X-ray facilities have been introduced in our diagnostic centre during the current year.

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 is 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 nominations have already been received for the next year's awards. These are being evaluated and would be finalized in due course.

Some of the Mahaveer Awardees have been recognized later on by National and International awards such as the Padma Awards and Magsaysay Awards.

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.

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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Foundation's family who have been put in a remarkable work in the entire process of evaluation.

Before I close, I would like to extend once again a very hearty welcome to our distinguished Vice President as also the members of the selection jury. Some of them could not attend the function on account of unavoidable circumstances, but their absence would not prevent us from thanking them yet again for their efforts in assisting the Foundation in finalizing the Awards. I would also like to extend a very hearty welcome to the members of the public and the members of the media who are present here for their kindness in joining us today. Once again, I extend to you Sir, a very hearty welcome and grateful thanks for your being here today.

THE SIXTEENTH MAHAVEER AWARDEES:

The Foundation received 403 valid nominations from all over the country for the Sixteenth Mahaveer Awards. The Selection Jury met on 12th April 2013 at Bangalore and selected the Awardees for the Sixteenth Mahaveer Awards. The details are as follows.

For Excellence in the sphere of Non-violence & Vegetarianism

- i) Sri Mohammad Shafique Khan**
Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

For Excellence in the sphere of Education

- ii) Gandhi Vidya Mandir**
Churu, Rajasthan

For Excellence in the sphere of Medicine

- iii) Dr. R. Ravi Kannan**
Silchar, Cachar, Assam

For Excellence in the sphere of Community & Social service

- iv) Smt. Sushila Bohra**
Jodhpur, Rajasthan

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 Emeritus

M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

Shri T S. Krishnamurthy

Chief Election Commissioner of India (Retd.)

Shri S. Gurumurthi

Journalist and Writer

Sri Prabhat 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
3	Assam		1	1
4	Bihar	2		2
5	Gujarat	1		1
6	Jharkhand	2		2
7	Karnataka	4		4
8	Madhya Pradesh	2	1	3
9	Maharashtra	9		9
10	New Delhi	2		2
11	Orissa	2		2
12	Rajasthan	5	2	7
13	Tamilnadu	9		9
14	Tripura	1		1
15	Uttranchal	1		1
16	West Bengal	1		1
		43	4	47

Mahaveer Awards – Field wise distribution since 1995

S. No.	Fields	Since 1995	Current Year	Total
1	Non-violence & Vegetarianism	11	1	12
2	Education & Medicine	12		18
	Education	2	1	
	Medicine	2	1	
3	Community & Social service	16	1	17
	Total	43	4	47

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

AWARD	AWARDEE
16 th	Sri Mohd Shafique Khan Sagar, Madhya Pradesh
15 th	Sri Chiranjee Lal Bagra, Kolkata, West Bengal
14 th	Sri Dayananda Swamiji, Bangalore, Karnataka
12 th	Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA), At Hatapatana, Kendrapara, Orissa
11 th	Shri Bharat Amritlal Kothari, Rajpur, Gujarat
9 th	Shri Siddharaj Dhaddha, Chaura Rasta, Jaipur, Rajasthan
7 th	Late Dr. Nemichand Jain, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
6 th	Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune, Maharashtra
5 th	Smt. Maneka Gandhi, People for Animals, New Delhi
4 th	Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, Maharashtra
3 rd	Shri Ratanlal C Bafna, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
2 nd	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	AWARDEE
13th	Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu
12th	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Maharashtra
11th	Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin, New Delhi
10th	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
9th	Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Jakhan Devi, Almora, Uttaranchal
8th	1) Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu 2) Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh, Vidyavadi, Kimel, Rajasthan
7th	Dr. H Sudarshan, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Yelandur Tk, Karnataka
6th	Cancer Institute (W I A), Chennai, Tamilnadu
5th	Dr. G Venkataswamy, Chairman – Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai, Tamilnadu
4th	Shri 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	AWARDEE
16th	Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Churu, Rajasthan
15th	Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
14th	The Indian Planetary Society, Mumbai, Maharashtra

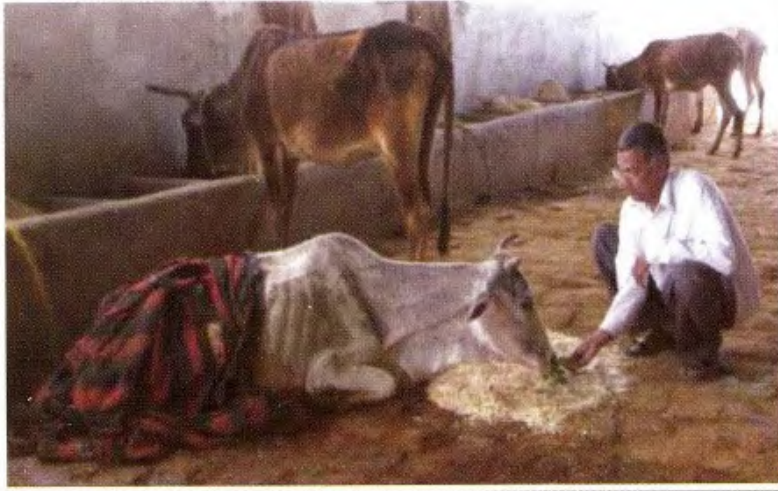
**RECIPIENTS OF MAHAVEER AWARDS FOR
THE EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR
IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE**

AWARD	AWARDEE
16th	Dr. R. Ravi Kannan, Silchar, Cachar Dt., Assam
15th	Dr. Anant Sinha, Ranchi, Jharkhand
14th	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	AWARDEE
16th	Smt. Sushila Bohra, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
15th	Sri Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Ita Nagar, Arunachala Pradesh
14th	Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust, Solapur, Maharashtra
13th	1) Sri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Gordhanpura, Kota, Rajasthan 2) Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka
12th	Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
11th	Acharya Dr. Kishore Kunal, Patna, Bihar
10th	Shri Rajmal S Jain, Village Bisalpur, Pali, Rajasthan
9th	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Saragur, Karnataka
8th	Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao, Director General – Prema Hospital, Maharanipecta, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
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 442710 Maharashtra
3rd	Shri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon, Siddhi, Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra
2nd	Shri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narainpur, Bastar Dist., Maharashtra
1st	Veerayatan, Rajgir, Bihar

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



Sri. Mohd Shafique Khan, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

Sri Mohd Shafique Khan is a crusader for animal protection, a propagator of Non-Violence & Vegetarianism and a social worker. The 54 year old bachelor, post graduate in criminology and forensic science, vehemently protested against animal sacrificing on Bakrid. This resulted in thousands of local inhabitants attacking his house and Mufti of Jama Masjid issuing a fatwa against him socially boycotting and imprisoning him on false complaints. He is relentlessly fighting against cruelty towards animals, alcoholism and works for environmental protection and social reforms.

Emotionally attached to Jain Acharyas, this nominee strongly opposes “Animal Sacrifice”, works for the welfare of tribals, eradication of prostitution and justice for weaker sections. He is also the Vice President of one “Vichar”, an NGO that works for welfare of weaker sections. Further, this orator and writer has been organising blood donation camps for Thellisimia Children since 2001.

He holds many positions like Life Member of “The Indian Society of Criminology”, Former Honourary Secretary of “Ahimsa Research Foundation”, Honourary Secretary of “Animal Rights International” (M.P.State), etc.

In his friends' circle he is fondly known as: “The Vegetarian Tiger of Bundelkhand having the Brain of Socrates, Words of Kabir and Heart of Bhagwan Mahaveer”.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is privileged to confer the Sixteenth Mahaveer Award on Sri Mohd Shafique Khan in recognition of his yeomen service in the field of Non-violence and Vegetarianism; fervently hoping that it would inspire scores of others to emulate his stupendous works.

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



Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Churu, Rajasthan

Aimed at “Lighting the lamp where it is darkest” Gandhi Vidya Mandir (GVM) was established in 1950 at Churu, Rajasthan to serve about 200 surrounding villages. With its primary objective of providing education in the remote rural area from pre-primary class to Ph.D., GVM has successfully been working for the cause of education, rural welfare and empowerment of women. Further, through nearly 100 village centres, over 3000 boys and girls (in the age group of 6 to 14 years) are being extended Non-Formal Education.

GVM also provides home and security to orphans (Nirashrit Bal-Griha), teaches infants on Montessori systems, runs courses on Paramedical and allied health sciences, a dozen schools and about 4 dozen educational centres with 'in-service' trainings etc. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, a Farm Science centre run by GVM for turning the desert of Churu into a granary of substance etc., lays stress on vegetarianism. It is in fact catering to the needs of about 35000 students all over the country through its academic and study centres, despite being situated in an unfavourable location that too with no great external support.

The outstanding services rendered by GVM was duly recognized by elevating the status of one of its educational units IASE to the level of Deemed University.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is honoured to confer the Sixteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Education on Gandhi Vidya Mandir in due recognition of its great services hoping that it would definitely inspire many more to emulate this institution.

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



Dr. R. Ravi Kannan, Silchar, Cachar Dt., Assam

The 48 year old Dr. R. Ravi Kannan who had previously worked at the Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai for about 15 years is serving as the Director of Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre since 2007. His primary aim, is to develop it into a state of the art comprehensive Cancer Centre that would offer the best treatment to all, especially to those who could not afford it, that too free of cost inclusive of accommodation, food and an employment centre in which able patients and attendants can work and earn daily income.

This hospital, the only somewhat full fledged cancer centre with modern facilities located in Barak Valley of Assam, is catering to needs of the patients from Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur etc. also. From a meagre 20 beds (with hardly 6% occupancy) and 23 staff, within a span of 5-6 years, it has grown in leaps and bounds. Presently with 63 beds (with almost 100% occupancy level), about 150 staff, ambulances etc., the hospital attends to above 3000 new and 14000 follow up patients annually. This development is attributable substantially to Dr. Ravi Kannan.

Roughly about 75% of the patients are benefitted by free treatment or at subsidized rates. More than 60% of the treated patients are equipped to earn around Rs.3000/- p.m. by imparting professional training. This doctor is revered almost like a God in most of the Cancer prone areas of northeast.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is pleased to confer the Sixteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Medicine on Dr. Ravi Kannan in fitting recognition of his quality services anticipating that it would inspire many others to follow his footsteps.

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



Smt. Sushila Bohra, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

The 1940 born Smt. Sushila Bohra is a multifaceted personality in Social work, Academic institutions and Voluntary agencies. After the sad demise of her husband at her early age, she resumed studies and worked as Project Director, District Women Development Agency, Jodhpur which is devoted to the upliftment of women, the betterment of the visually impaired and deprived sections of the society. Though she has retired in 1999, she continues to devote herself to social work.

Further, she has been providing guidance in resolving family problems and in the abolition of the social evils like child marriages, dowry practice, untouchability etc. She is focused mainly on issues of women and child development.

In 1977, she founded Netraheen Vikas Sansthan (a school for blind, deaf, dumb and mentally retarded children). She subsequently also established Bal Shobha Sansthan (an orphanage), Samgra Vikas Sansthan (a khadhi institute), etc. So far more than 500 blind students (of whom above 150 being girls) are benefitted due to her tireless service.

A multi purpose disabled unit Acharya Hasti was started by her in association with Department of Social Welfare, Government of Rajasthan for rehabilitation of deaf & dumb, mentally retarded and blind students. At present about 200 students are being provided free lodging, boarding and education here.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation proudly confers the Sixteenth Mahaveer Award in the field of Community and Social Service on Smt. Sushila Bohra duly recognizing her pioneering services envisaging that it would certainly motivate many others to follow her suit.

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 3,40,238 poor eye patients & 48,531 poor dental patients. So far, it has distributed 2,15,785 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 58.89 Lakhs for poor patients. The Trust has also provided general medical assistance of more than Rupees 15.67 Lakhs to the poor patients. Since 2001, it assists other Organisations with similar interests and has provided the assistance of more than, Rupees 1.90 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 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 1350 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.

The Trust has also proposed to set up 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 2012-13, 570 students were benefitted through scholarships, worth Rupees 90 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 2300 at present.

The institution offers six branches in under graduate courses namely 1. Computer Science 2. Information & Technology 3. Electrical & Electronic 4. Electrical & Communication 5. Mechanical Engineering 6. Civil Engineering.

It has also seven post graduate branches:

1. M.B.A.
2. M.C.A
3. M.E. Computer Science
4. M.E. Computer & Communication
5. M.E. Embedded System & Technology
6. M.E. Manufacturing Engineering
7. M.Tech. I.T.

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.

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Patiently waiting patients at one of the Eye Camps conducted by Singhvi Charitable Trust.



Providing dental relief at one of the camps of Singhvi Charitable Trust.



An Eye patient being examined at one of the eye camps organized by the Singhvi Charitable Trust in a rural area.



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CT Scan facility recently added to the Singhvi Diagnostic Centre

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