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BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

Sixth
Mahaveer Awards 2000

5th October-Chennai



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एसो पंच वामोकारो, सत्त्व पाप परणारसणो ।
नंगलाणं च सत्त्वेषि, पक्कं क्वचु भंगलम् ॥

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION A PROFILE

The Foundation was set up in the year 1994 by Sri N.Sugalchand Jain with a view to identifying the clan of Good Samaritans spread throughout the country and focus public attention on their activities. The initiative took concrete shape in the form of the institution of Annual Awards namely, the Mahaveer Awards to the institutions and individuals, whose services to the needy sections of the humanity met the exacting standards of evaluation prescribed by the Foundation. There are three annual awards today for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the fields of Non-violence and Vegetarianism, Education and Medicine, Community and Social service. These awards include a cash component of Rs.5 Lacs each. Nominations are invited from all over the country for this purpose and the final Awardees are decided by a Selection Jury headed by **Bharat Ratna C.Subramaniam**. Since the year of its inception 14 Awards have so far been given away. (Details of the awardees are available inside this brochure).

The other activities of the Foundation include the provision of Cash Awards to meritorious students obtaining top ranks in the public examinations held in the State. Awards are also provided to the schools and teachers who motivate students towards higher levels of performance. The foundation hopes to extend the scope and content of its activities in the coming years specially in the provision of eye care for the poor and invites all like-minded institutions and individuals to join hands with it in its mission of helping the weaker sections of the society by contributing generously to the Trust, donations to which are exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.



Dr. M. Karunanidhi, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with the Trustees of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation & the Members of the Selection Jury during the Fifth Mahaveer Awards Function 1999.



Bharat Ratna Shri C. Subramaniam,
Chairman, Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation.



Chief Guest of the Day - Shri P. T. R. Palanivel Rayan,
Hon'ble Speaker, Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly.

Welcome Address

by Sri N.Sugalchand Jain

**FOUNDER TRUSTEE OF BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION,
AT THE SIXTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY 2000 ON 5th October 2000**



Honourable Sri Palanivel Rajan, Respected Sri Subramaniam, Esteemed Awardees, Distinguished visitors and friends,

It is with great pride and pleasure that I once again stand before an august assembly to welcome everyone here on the occasion of the Sixth Mahaveer Awards Day Function. We are gathered here for the first time after the dawn of the new millennium specially to honour those institutions and individuals who have under difficult circumstances and considerable pecuniary loss to themselves have chosen not to follow the beaten path of comfort and convenience but a path strewn with thorns and pebbles to serve their fellowmen who are in need. All of us are aware that a large number of individuals and institutions spread throughout our country are engaged in serving their fellowmen particularly those belonging to the weaker sections of the society. These institutions and organisations are doing so without any consideration of reward, material or otherwise, but only with the sole purpose of acting as the Good Samaritan, for those in distress.

I and a few friends of mine had felt that most of these institutions, after an initial spurt of devoted action, languished not only because of financial needs, but mainly because of their services went unrecognised. It is not that they were keen that their services were to be unrecognised, but very few of our countrymen recognised that there is a problem needing attention.

In fact, a large chunk of assistance for these institutions is coming from abroad. Our countrymen are, as a rule, slow to recognise merit let alone reward it. This kind of apathy and lack of empathy not only discouraged those who are already engaged in selfless services, but also discouraged other people from venturing into the field of community and social services. We therefore felt that the sincerity and devotion in pursuit of relatively unpopular tasks should be identified, nurtured and encouraged to the maximum extent possible. Our desire culminated in the establishment of The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation in the year 1994. Even though our initial ambition was to encourage every kind of social and community services, we felt that it may not be possible to straight away begin painting on a very wide canvas. We therefore made a modest beginning with a single Award in the year 1995 covering, Excellency Human Endeavor in all walks of human activity. As the years went by, the Awards have been increased in number to 3 at present covering Excellence in Human Endeavour in the fields of Non-violence and Vegetarianism, Medicine and Education and Social and Community Services. I need hardly inform this learned audience that these values constitute the core of Sri Bhagwan Mahaveera's philosophy and could be easily followed by monks who have renounced the world as well the average householder. Hence the naming of the foundation after Bhagwan Mahaveera.

The Awardees, as you are all aware are decided on the basis of nominations invited from all over the country through advertisements in national newspapers and through letters addressed to eminent public figures, civil servants, educationists and social workers. The fact that the number

of nominations is gradually increasing over the years only goes to confirm our initial assumption that there are a number of individuals and institutions engaged in selfless service throughout the country and that there are other concerned citizens all over the country who are as keen as we are that the services of these individuals and organisations merit recognition. Because of various constraints we have been able to honour only 7 institutions and 7 individuals during the last six years even though a much larger number deserve those Awards. However the fact that there has been total unanimity amongst the members of the Selection Jury in deciding on the Awardees only indicates the objectivity with which the selections have been made, though not without considerable distress, that many deserving awardees have necessarily to be overlooked. It is equally heart warming that the decisions of the Jury have been universally accepted as being totally fair.

It is only fitting and totally appropriate to the occasion that an eminent figure like Sri P.T.R. Pataniveirajan, the Speaker of Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly is with us today to honour the Awardees and give away the Awards. Hailing from a distinguished family (most of the senior citizens here would be aware of the tremendous role played by Sri Palanivel Rajan's father the late Sri P.T. Rajan in the political scene of Tamilnadu) Shri Palanivel Rajan has made a name for himself as a seasoned politician, a scholar and sincere worker specially in the fields of the co-operative movement and education. His role as a Speaker has been universally acclaimed by all sections of the Assembly as one being totally fair and equitable.

Obviously he has accepted Saint Tiruvalluvar's dictum for his role as a Speaker

Broadly translated the couplet means that one should come to a decision after understanding all the facts weighing them as if on a balance and come to a fair conclusion.

When both the parties to a suit were dissatisfied with a verdict and proposed to go in appeal, an eminent Justice is said to have mentioned that since both the parties were unhappy with the decision, obviously his judgement must have been a fair one. Mr. Patanivel Rajan has not been objective in the sense that all the sections of the legislature are equally unhappy with his decisions, but that all the sections were satisfied with most of his decisions. We are extremely happy Sir, to have you in our midst on this occasion both in your personal capacity as an eminent citizen of Tamilnadu but also as a representative of all sections of the State Legislature. We are sure that the Awardees will be equally proud in receiving the Awards from your hands.

Words fail me whatever I have an occasion to refer to Sri Subramaniam's role in the activities of the Foundation. Paraphrasing what was said of an eminent writer that he touched nothing that he did not adorn Sri Subramaniam leaves an indelible impression on any institution with which he is associated. He has been of considerable help to us as a friend and a guide in running the activities of the Foundation over the years and the current year is no exception. Notwithstanding the ravages of time on his

Physical health, we hope and pray, sir that your advice and guidance would continue to be available to us for many many years to come so that the institutions and individuals serving in various areas of the country under difficult conditions would realize that their services have not gone unnoticed.

I had earlier mentioned about the difficult, delicate, but effective role played by the Selection Jury consisting of Former Chief Justice of India Sri M.N. Venkatachalaiah, Sri Dipchand Gardi, Sri Venkitaramanan, Acharya Chandanaji, Dr. L.M. Singhvi and Sri D R Mehta.

Unfortunately Dr. Usha Mehta one of our Jury Member passed away recently after participating in the meeting of the Selection Jury which decided the current year's awards. A well known freedom fighter and an eminent social worker. She was of immense help in the deliberations of Selection Jury. Notwithstanding her age, fragile health she never missed a meeting of the Selection Jury and came well prepared with crisp and focussed comments on the relative merits of the nominations. The Foundation places on record its heartfelt condolences on her passing away. Probably the Almighty felt that she deserves a well earned rest after a dynamic life covering various aspects of Indian life.

We are also happy that Sri D.R. Mehta at present Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India has joined the Selection Jury this year. All of you are aware of the pioneering role played by the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur in providing succour to the physically handicapped under his dynamic leadership. Services to the physically handicapped and the poor has been his motto throughout his life. We extend him a hearty welcome on his joining the Jury. We thank the Selection Jury members for their assistance and welcome those who are present here today.

The central role in this function obviously goes to the Awardees. It is their role in serving their fellowmen which is being recognised today. Later during the function the citations will reveal the role played by them on serving the society on the basis of which Selection Jury has considered them eminently suitable for the Mahaveer Awards 2000.

Somebody sitting at Chennai can hardly assess the quality and quantum of services rendered by various institutions and individuals spread out throughout the country. The Foundation is amazed and humbly grateful at the tremendous

response its invitations seeking nominations have received. Many political workers, civil servants, social workers and even ordinary citizens have taken the time and effort to send approximately 400 nominations. Yet another welcome feature of those nominations is that they have been received from almost all parts of the country nor excluding Leh, Jammu & Kashmir and from North Eastern States. We are grateful to the Sponsors and hope that they will continue to strengthen our hands by sending nominations. They should not be discouraged by the fact that their nominees have not received the Awards. We hope that they realise that the large number of nominations make it inevitable that most of them, notwithstanding the quality of service, may not make it to the top.

I owe an apology to the Awardees and to the members of the Selection Jury. Even though the Awards were finalised in mid April 2000, on account of circumstances beyond our control, the Awards function can only be held now. We hope we will be able to reduce the interval during the coming years.

I realize that the trustees alone cannot ensure the success of its activities, year after year by themselves. We place on record our warmest thanks to the members of our staff for ensuring the smooth functioning of the nuts and bolts of the organisation. I am personally thankful to the other Trustees of the Foundation and to our family members for their unconditional support.

Since we have ambitious plans to expand the Foundation's activities, in content, scope and depth, we would welcome any assistance from right minded individuals and organisations.

Once again I take the opportunity of thanking you all for honouring us by being present here today.



The People who make the Foundation Hum.



**Master Pramodh, Grandson of Shri Sugal Chand Jain,
Presenting a cheque to the Chief Minister for the Chief Minister's Relief
Fund during the Fifth Mahaveer Awards 1999.**

Farewell To A Gandhian



Dr. Usha Mehta

Dr. Usha Mehta who passed away recently has been a member of the Selection Jury for the Bhagwan Mahaveer Awards since its inception in the year 1995.

Notwithstanding her age and fragile health Dr. Mehta never missed a meeting of the Selection Jury and her evaluation of the nominations for the Award were completely fair and objective and were invariably accepted by the other members of the Jury. She was not bothered about her own convenience and comforts, but was bent on doing her work, with the greatest possible attention to details.

A true Gandhian, she was humility personified and idealistic to the core. In her death the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation has suffered an irreparable loss.

The Foundation bows its head in tribute to Dr. Mehta and conveys its deepest condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

May her soul rest in peace!

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF NON VIOLENCE & VEGETARIANISM

SIXTH MAHAVEER AWARDS - 2000

Dr. KALYAN MOTILAL GANGWAL

Born in the year 1945. Dr. Kalyan Gangwal hails from Sangamner in Maharashtra and has had a brilliant academic and professional career. He is associated with a number of prestigious institutions such as the KEM Hospital, Poone Hospital, Pune and the Sasson General Hospital, Pune. He is a Medical Practitioner by profession has chosen vegetarianism as one of the subjects of his special interest throughout his life and believes that vegetarianism is the ideal food for human beings. He has set apart every weekend for propagating vegetarianism as a basis of life. His campaign for vegetarianism is done through the means of exhibitions, lectures, slide shows, books in various Indian languages and in English. His campaign against killing animals has resulted in the closure of a number of abattoirs in the country and his fights for the rights of animals include opposition to bullock cart races, cock fights, the custom of sacrifice of animals on religious grounds, etc. He has written a number of books in Marathi and Hindi advocating vegetarianism and all his agitations in



**Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal,
A life long Advocate of
Vegetarianism & Non-Violence**

favour of vegetarianism have always been peaceful. He has received a number of medals and awards both for his performance as a doctor and for his advocacy of vegetarianism. He has also taken considerable interest in the "Movement for freedom from addiction".

The Selection Jury felt that on account of his sustained and continuous propagation of vegetarianism for over for a long period he richly deserves the Mahaveer Award 2000 for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the field of Vegetarianism and Non-Violence.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation considers it an honour to recognise the services of Dr. Gangwal in the cause of Vegetarianism.

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

SIXTH MAHAVEER AWARDS - 2000

THE TRIPURA ADIVASI MAHILA SAMITHY

THE TRIPURA ADIVASI MAHILA SAMITHY, KRISHNA NAGAR, AGARTALA was established in the year 1953 by a group of women social workers of Agartala with the goal of bringing rural tribal women into the development process. The main objectives of the organization is to promote better economic conditions of the weaker sections of the society in particular, the women, children and destitutes through self supporting and income generating economic and other welfare projects, to promote gender equality through social awareness, to implement an integrated approach in solving the problems of developing rural communities and to specially work for the educational upliftment of the tribals. The activities of the society, inter alia include starting of centres in the remote corners of Tripura for educating tribal women and the setting up of Balwadi Centres for education of children. In addition the Samithy is

arranging condensed courses for the girls who have dropped out in middle of the educational stream and to ensure that atleast they acquire the qualification of 10th standard. Most of the girls have come out successful in the examinations and have obtained worthwhile employment enabling them to stand on their own legs. In addition the society has arranged various income generating programmes such as Mushroom cultivation, leaf plate making, spice processing, sericulture, rubber nursery, animal husbandry, tailoring and weaving. Further the society has under taken to house destitute and orphan girls for periods upto 3 years and making them independent by imparting vocational training such as weaving, tailoring, etc. during their stay. The Society is also implementing a project of installing water tanks at water starved tribal villages to gather rain water which would otherwise go waste. The society

has also been implementing in several villages a scheme to encourage thrift among tribal women by forming small self help group which finance constructive projects through small, but regular contributions collected from its members and made available to the needy at modest rates of interest. Thus the society has established itself as an organization deeply interested in developing the upliftment of tribals under the leadership of Smt. Anurupa Mukherjee, President of the Society.

Smt. Anurupa Mukherjee (popularly known as 'Maani' (Mother) the President of the Samithy, at the age of 72, is the inspiration and driving force of the organization. Born in a conservative tribal farms and married to a non-tribal (an officer of the Indian Navy). Smt. Mukherjee has been a symbol of communal harmony in the State. Her commitment to the upliftment of poor tribal women has opened a new chapter in the evolution of NGOs in the development administration of the State. She has played a significant role in the affairs of the State and at the National level in defining and vitalising the role of

women - particularly from poorer sections - in community welfare, specially in the fields of Education and Social service.

The Selection Jury felt that the society has done an excellent job in its objective of promoting the welfare of tribal women in an under developed tribal area of the country and has selected the society for the awards under the category of Community and Social service. The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation extends its warmest congratulations to the society and its founder Smt. Mukherjee for their inspiring leadership role in improving the lot of Tribal Women in Tripura.



Smt. Anurupa Mukherjee

The Driving Force behind the Samithy

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION & MEDICINE

SIXTH MAHAVEER AWARDS - 2000

THE CANCER INSTITUTE



Dr. S. Krishnamurthi & Dr. V. Shantha
- The People who have made the
institute a true instrument of service.

THE CANCER INSTITUTE was established by Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy an eminent social worker of Tamil Nadu and a freedom fighter. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. V. Shanta and Dr. S. Krishnamurthi (both of whom have sacrificed their lucrative professional career for building up the institution), the institute has grown from strength to strength and has developed as a premier institution providing over 400 beds for treatment of cancer of which nearly 300 are utilized for free treatment of the poor.

The institute has developed state of art facilities for detection and treatment of cancer and patients from all over India and even from the Far East attend the hospital in large numbers.

On an average more than 70000 patients attend the hospital over a year. Combining research, training and treatment in the field of cancer, the institute was the first college to be recognised for superspeciality degrees in the country in the half century that it has been in existence, the hospital has managed to convey a message that cancer can be prevented and cured if detected early. The institute's guiding

principle has been the total care of the patients whatever their social standing or economic status (quite a few of them receiving totally free treatment) - to give the patients access to the best state of art technology.

One can do no better than India's first Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru who described the Institute as "an inspiring example of good work done". The Institute has become the symbol of humanity's eternal quest to conquer cancer.

The Selection Jury felt that the pioneering work done by the Cancer Institute deserves recognition and has therefore awarded the Mahaveer Award for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the fields of Medicine and Education, to the Cancer Institute for the year 2000.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation congratulates the Institute and its motive force Dr. V. Shanta and Dr. S. Krishnamurthi for their dynamic role in providing hope to the thousands of patients who suffer from cancer.

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR

Some of our countrymen have been serving their fellow citizens in various walks of life without any consideration of returns, material or otherwise. They continue to languish not so much for want of material resources but for want of even mere recognition. Most give up their efforts disillusioned and disheartened. Others who would have embarked upon such noteworthy efforts also stand discouraged. Some of them have been feeling that such selfless services should be recognised, if not for anything else, atleast for setting an example to those who would like to light a little candle rather than continue to blame the darkness.

To fulfill this need, Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation was set up as a Public Charitable Trust on 22nd April 1994 by Sri N. Sugalchand Jain, a well known businessman and a philanthropist of Tamilnadu.

Trustees of the Foundation

1. Sri N. Sugalchand Jain
2. Sri G.N. Damani
3. Sri S. Prasanchand Jain
4. Sri S. Vinodh Kumar

Aims & Objects

The main object of the Foundation is to recognise, promote and preserve "Excellence in Human Endeavour" in

all forms of human activity but especially in the fields of propagation of Non-Violence, Vegetarianism, Education, Medicine, Community and Social Services and also objects of advancement of general public utility with emphasis on the benefits of such endeavours reaching the poor and down-trodden. It is also the object of the Foundation to provide relief to the poor and handicapped people, including provision of adequate facilities for Education and Medical Aid and to arrange relief to the affected on occasions of natural calamities like flood, drought, earthquake, etc.

Mahaveer Awards

The Foundation has instituted three Mahaveer Awards for Excellence in Human Endeavour. One in the sphere of propagation of Non-Violence and Vegetarianism; second in the sphere of Education and Medicine and the third in the sphere of Social and Community Service.

Each Award consists of a cash prize of Rs.5 Lacs, a Citation and a Memento.

Donations to Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation are exempt from Income Tax u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Sixth Mahaveer Awards 2000

The Foundation received over 380 eligible nominations from all over the country for the Mahaveer Awards for the year 2000. The Selection Jury met on 13.04.2000 at Chennai and selected the Awardees for the three Awards for 2000.

Selection Jury

Bharat Ratna Sri C. Subramaniam,
Former Governor of Maharashtra,

Padma Vibushan Dr. Ms.Usha Mehta
(since deceased),

Justice Sri M.N. Venkatachaliah, (Retd.)
Chairman,
National Committee to review the working of the Constitution

Sri Dipchandji Gardi,
Bar at law & Philanthropist,

Sri S. Venkitaramanan,
Former Governor of Reserve Bank of India,

Poojya Acharya Sri Chandanaji Maharaj,
An eminent Sanyasini & Social Reformer,

Padma Bhushan Dr. L.M. Singhvi,
Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), &
Former High Commissioner for India in U.K.

Sri D.R. Mehta, I.A.S.
Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India

Recipients of the Sixth Mahaveer Awards

Award for Excellence in the sphere of Non-violence & Vegetarianism

Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal
586, Sadashiv Peth, Laxmi Road
Pune 411 030 Maharashtra

Award for Excellence in the sphere of Education & Medicine

Cancer Institute (W.I.A.)
18, Sardar Patel Road,
Adyar, Chennai - 600 020. Tamilnadu

Award for Excellence in the sphere of Social & Community Services

Tripura Adivasi Mahila Samiti
Krishna Nagar,
Agartala - 799 001. Tripura

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- Bhagwan Mahaveer

EARLIER RECIPIENTS

Mahaveer Award 1995

For Excellence in the sphere of Social & Community Services

Mahaveer Awards 1996

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

For Excellence in the sphere of Social & Community Services

Mahaveer Awards 1997

For Excellence in the sphere of Vegetarianism

For Excellence in the sphere of Social & Community Services

Mahaveer Awards 1998

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

For Excellence in the sphere of Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of Social & Community Services

Mahaveer Awards 1999

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

For Excellence in the sphere of Education & Medicine

For Excellence in the sphere of Social & Community Services

"Veerayatan", a socio religious institution of Rajgir, Bihar

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

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narainpur, Bastar Dist. M.P.

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

Sri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon Siddhi, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra

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

Sri Avinashilingam Education Trust Institutions, Coimbatore 641 043

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

Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment & Chair person, People for Animals, A-4, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi 1100 65

Dr. G. Venkataswamy, Chairman, Aravind Eye Hospitals & Post Grad. Instt. Of Ophthalmology, 1, Anna Nagar, Madurai - 625 020.

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

SINGHVEE CHARITABLE TRUST ITS MISSION

The Singhvee Charitable Trust has been setup by Sri N.Sugalchand Jain in order to assist weaker section of the community who are unable to take care of their basic needs by themselves especially in the fields of medical assistance and education.

The major activity of the Trust relates to the facilities provided for treatment of eye defects. For this purpose the Trust runs eye camps, both in City and in the remote rural areas of Tamil Nadu for identifying and treating visual defects with the assistance of qualified Eye Doctors. This comprehensive service involves about 1500 patients a month of whom nearly 900 are provided spectacles and the rest supplied medicines. Provision also exists for referral of cases requiring surgery to Sankara Nethralaya after verifying the fitness of such patients for surgery. So far over 46,700 spectacles have been distributed to the poor under the Trust's projects. All these services are provided entirely free of cost.

Yet another project undertaken by the Singhvee Charitable Trust relates to the collection of used spectacles, getting them repaired and distributing them to those for whom they are useful entirely free of cost. We were pleasantly surprised by the heartwarming response to this project as nearly 10000 used spectacles have been received by us of which about 1562 have been already matched and distributed. Used dark glasses have also been provided to the visually handicapped. The Singhvi Charitable Trust had also undertaken the task of screening the students of all the schools run by the Chennai Corporation and had covered 63 schools and 4585 students. Apart from providing glasses to 2766 students so far, the scheme has also succeeded in detecting dormant defects in quite a few students at an early stage so that they could be rectified easily.

In addition, assistance is also provided to patients needing major surgery such as Heart Surgery etc to meet part of their expenditure. Other activities of the Trust include the running of two schools at Chennai, one having classes upto the PlusTwo level and the other providing primary education. To meet the growing demand for quality training for the younger Children, a Toddler's Wing had also been opened. The Trust also provides financial assistance in case of deserving students for pursuing their education. A lecture hall provides the venue for religion discourses as well. As part of its mission the Trust also runs a Diagnostic Center providing investigation facilities including X-Ray and ECG at subsidised rates.

It may be mentioned, in passing, that all donations to the Singhvi Charitable Trust are completely exempted from Income Tax under Section 35AC and 80G of the Income Tax Act.

We are sure that these will provide yet another incentive to those friends of the Trust for coming to the Trust's assistance in cash and kind in their endeavour to assist the weaker sections of the community.

FIFTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY 1999

CHENNAI - 3RD APRIL 1999

Presentation of Awards for Excellence in Human Endeavour



Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, New Delhi
(for Non-Violence and Vegetarianism)

Dr. G. Venkataswamy, Chairman,
Aravind Eye Hospitals & Post-Graduate
Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai
(for Education & Medicine)



Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang
Sahayata Samiti - Jaipur
(for Social & Community Service)