



BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION, CHENNAI
MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY
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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 all living creatures 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 Justice Sri M N Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India. Since the year of its inception 20 Awards have so far been given away. (Details of the awardees are available inside this brochure).

The foundation hopes to extend the scope and content of its activities in the coming years 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.

The pictures on the front & back covers give a beautiful view of the Jal Mandir at Pavapuri where the last rites of Bhagwan Mahaveer took place.



BHAGWAN MAHAVEER

नमोकार महामंत्र

नमो अरिहंताणं
नमो सिद्धाणं
नमो आयरियाणं
नमो उवज्झायाणं
नमो लोए सब्बसाहूणं

एसो पंच नमुक्करो, सब्ब पावप्पणासणो
मंगलाणं च सब्बेसिं, पढमं हवइ मंगलं

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NAMOKAR MAHAMANTRA

Namokar Mahamantra is one of the earliest mantras known to man. It is the invocation to the Supreme Being recommended by the Dharma of the Jains, one of the oldest known religious denominations of the world.

Salutations offered through this Mahamantra are supposed to provide the reciter with great spiritual and material success, remove evil and negative tendencies of the mind, destroy various aspects of misery and give divine peace of mind while removing any obstacles that may come in the way of the individual's spiritual and material growth. Thus the Mahamantra is attributed with powerful healing and curative properties.

Considered the sacredest amongst the sacred, this Mahamantra can take man to the pinnacles of spirituality and holiness.

A PRAYER



हे प्रभु वीर ! दया के सागर

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सब गुण आगर ज्ञान उजागर !!

जब तक जीऊँ, हँस-हँस जीऊँ !

सत्य -अहिंसा अमृत पीऊँ !!

छोड़ूँ - लोभ, घमंड , बुराई !

चाहूँ सबकी नित्य भलाई !!

जो करना सो अच्छा करना !

फिर दुनियाँ में किससे डरना !!

हे प्रभु मेरा मन हो सुन्दर !

वाणी सुन्दर, जीवन सुन्दर !!

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Hēy, Prabhu Vēēr ! Dayā Ka Sāgar !
Sabgun Āgar, Gyān Ujāgar
Jabthak Jēēvōōn, Hans Hans Jēēvōōn
Sathya Ahimsā Amruth Pēēvōōnh
Chōd Lōbh Gamand Burayēē
Chahōōn Sabkō Nithya Bhalayee
Jō Karnā Sō Achā Karnā
Fir Duniyā Me Kisse Darnā !
Hēy Prabhu, Merāmanhō Sundar,
Vanēē Sundar, Jēēvan Sundar.

அண்ணலே! அருட்கடலே! ஞானசகடரொளியே!
மானிலத்தில் வாழும் வரை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் இருப்பேன்
எவருக்கும் துன்பம் எள்ளளவும் செய்யேன்
உண்மையையே எப்போதும் உவகையுடன் பருகுவேன்
மமதையை மறப்பேன், தீயவை ஒழிப்பேன், வீணாசை விடுவேன்
நானிலத்தில் அனைவருக்கும் நன்மையே விழைவேன்
நன்றே செய்வதால் நமக்கு எதற்கு பயம்?
ஐயனே! என் இதயம் என்றும் இனிக்கட்டும்

வாக்கில் அமுது ஊறட்டும்.

வாழ்வில் எழில் பரவட்டும்.

OUR BEACON LIGHT



*Late Sri I Nathmal Singhvi
(1917-1991)*

One does not require any worthwhile capital investment for creating a modest level of wealth; one need not attend the Harvard business school or any other business school to succeed in business nor need one be rich to help out others. Sounds like heresy, does it not? My father, late Sri Nathmal Singhvi, satisfied neither of these requirements, but still made a modest success of his life, and left behind a fairly large family, reasonably successful in life, with good reputation and able to stand on their own legs.

Born in a small village, Siyat, in the State of Rajasthan, my father had a chequered life, atleast to begin with having lost both his parents at the age of four. He had to move from relative to relative ultimately finding a safe haven initially with his brother Sri Bhani Ramjee and later with his sister Smt. Chandabai. After receiving a minimum of education (but it was very parctical and functional), he moved over to Tamilnadu and started working with a fierce determination to succeed. He worked hard, learning the nuts and bolts of finance, in two short term jobs. His initial difficulties could not suppress his ambition to be his own master. He moved out to Triplicane, then one of the main hubs of business at Chennai and started his own business initaly as a jeweller and subsequently as a pawnbroker with very limited capital out of the savings from his earlier assignments.

But everything was not smooth sailing, even thereafter. He lost his wife and had to redesign his life with a new life partner. Even so he never allowed these setbacks to stand in the way of his chosen path. Because of his reputation for honesty, both in business and in his personal life, he amassed a huge goodwill amongst his friends and customers and gradually built up a profitable business. However, he did not wait till he was reasonably well off to be helpful to others, but empathised with people and had no hesitation at all in stretching out a helping hand to those in need, if necessary by sacrificing his own needs. Compassion, sympathy and benevolence became a way of life with him. What is more, he never considered that he was doing anybody a favour while helping a needy person. He was sure that during his sojourn in life, he had to share atleast a part of his earnings with the needy who were in fact helping him to do so. He enlarged the scope of his charitable activities incidentally helping in the construction of gowshalas at his native village.

We, the members of his family would like to think that our compulsive desire to establish and run institutions helpful to the community flows from my father's spirit of service and humility. Notwithstanding the generation gap, all the members of my family have eagerly accepted his superior scale of values including the one which says that we cannot carry anything with us when we leave this world and should therefore try our best to use our assets for the larger interest of the community particularly of the needy section.

In fact, the setting up of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation for recognising Excellence in Human Endeavour is only an extension of his philosophy that our primary duty is to help others and also encourage those who help others.

IN MEMORIAM



Bharath Ratna Late Sri *C Subramaniam*

**“Life of great men still remind us.
We can make our life sublime.”**

**A noble patriot who has left indelible footprints across the
Nation’s history for all of us to follow**

CHIEF GUEST OF THE DAY



Shri *K.R. Malkani,*
Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry

Welcome Address **By Sri N Sugalchand Jain**

FOUNDER TRUSTEE OF BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION, AT THE SEVENTH & EIGHTH MAHAVEER AWARDS DAY 2001 & 2002 ON 22.3.2003

I deem it the most valuable privilege one could have to extend to you all the warmest welcome on this evening when the Seventh and Eighth Mahaveer Awards are to be presented to the Awardees by Shri Malkaniji, the Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry.

Normally, this function should have been held last year to present the Seventh Mahaveer Awards. However, on account of circumstances entirely beyond our control, we could not do so. We apologize for the delay and crave your indulgence particularly of the Awardees for this delay. We have therefore, taken the opportunity to hold a combined function where the Seventh and Eighth Mahaveer Awards are to be presented. We are also examining steps to see that such delays do not occur in future.

We are fortunate to have His Excellency Shri K R Malkani, Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry with us this evening to give away the awards. An erudite research scholar, a journalist, a seasoned and mature politician. Shri Malkani has played various significant roles in the political milieu of the country. He has also authored a number of books on the political developments of the country during the last few decades. It is extremely kind of him to have travelled all the way from Pondicherry to be with us this evening. We are grateful to you Sir, for being with us today to give away the awards.

This has been a period of mixed events for the Foundation. The response to the invitation for nomination has been heartwarming the number raising from less than hundred in the year 1995 to 351 in the year 2002 and the dispersal of nominations have also been reasonably widespread covering all parts of the country. We hope, as the years go by, the numbers will increase further. The selection of awardees has received universal acceptance and the activities of the Foundation have also received greater recognition. For instance, the Government of India have agreed to exempt the cash component from Income Tax in the hands of the recipients. This exemption would enable the awardees to utilize a larger amount on their activities. We have also certain ideas regarding the restructuring of the extent of coverage by the awards to ensure that there is greater flexibility in deciding the area of services to be recognized.

However, the organization had been dealt a severe blow in the death of its Founder Chairman Bharath Ratna late Sri C Subramaniam. It is very difficult to put in words the extent of his empathy for the institutions serving the public and the dedication, compassion and sincerity with which he guided the affairs of the Foundation. I am sure that, wherever he may be at present, his spirit is keeping a benign and watchful eye over the activities of the Foundation and sending us silent messages of encouragement and guidance.

But life must go on. We have esteemed Justice Sri M N Venkatachaliah, the former Chief Justice of India as well as the Chairman of National Committee to review the working of the Constitution filling the void left by late Sri C Subramaniam and to carry on the baton handed over by late Sri C Subramaniam. He has equally ably guided the Foundation's evaluation process during the past two years and we are sure that he will continue to do so for years to come.

It may be recalled that last year the Mahaveer Awards for Excellence in the fields of Non-violence and Vegetarianism was given to Dr. Nemichand Jain for his sustained and effective service in the cause of animal welfare. Unfortunately, Dr. Nemichand Jain passed away immediately after the awards were announced. The Foundation considered the matter in consultation with the Selection Jury, it was felt that the award was personal and therefore it was more appropriate to use the cash component for assisting the cause which was dear to him. It has therefore been decided that an endowment could be created the corpus of which should consist of cash component, of the awards which could not be handed over to the recipient for whatever cause and proceeds from the endowment could be utilized to recognize services in the fields for which the Mahaveer Awards are intended. The services may include books, campaigns, pamphlets etc. which may not reach the level of satisfying the criteria for Mahaveer Awards.

Regarding the specific areas of service which made the Jury choose the Awardees, the citations to be read later on during the function would speak for themselves. Suffice it to say that the members of the Jury had a fairly difficult time in selecting Awardees from amongst a number of whom deserved the awards in an almost equal measure. We are naturally grateful to the Selection Jury for the difficult task they had undertaken. What is significant is that the selections made by the Juries were always based on unanimous agreement amongst the Jury and over the years have received universal acceptance. We are also happy to announce that since the last Award function, we have had the privilege of two eminent citizens of the country namely Sri Sudarshan Agarwal, former Secretary General, Rajya Sabha and the present Governor of Uttaranchal and Dr. B.M. Hegde an Internationally acclaimed physician,

at present the Vice Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal and a prolific writer joining the Selection Jury. We are grateful to them as also the other members of the Jury for assisting us in the process of evaluation. We extend a cordial welcome to those of the Jury who are present here.

This function would have been a non-starter had it not been for the excellent support and heartwarming response we have had from the members of the public especially the sponsors spread out all over the country. The sponsors had spent considerable time and effort and have shared their assessment of agencies and individuals working at the grass root level by sending in nominations. We are sure they will appreciate that the awards can go only to a few and we would request them as also others to continue to send their nominations in deserving cases. We can assure them with all sincerity that their proposals receive the greatest consideration in the hands of the Selection Jury.

I would like to extend a special welcome to other Trustees of the Foundation and the members of my personal and the Foundation family who have stood shoulder to shoulder with me and shared my values in managing the activities of the Foundation during all these years. I am sure that I will continue to receive the benefit of their assistance in the years to come. I would like to place on record my warmest appreciation to the foundation's official family for their excellent co-operation.

Of course, we have been receiving continued support from the members of the public both in terms of the recognition which the awards have received from them in the last few years and in the encouragement provided by them for our activities and for being present today in large numbers, I take this opportunity to welcome them and to convey my thanks for their encouragement.

The media has also been constructively recognizing the activities of the foundation over the years and I welcome the members of the media who are present here today.

I would extend a cordial welcome and place on record my warmest thanks to all those who are present here. I hope I will continue to have the privilege of support from all of you in the years to come. Before I close, I would invite all of you, to join me in offering a silent tribute to Sri C Subramaniam by observing a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Let me extend to you a very very hearty welcome on the occasion.

Thank you.

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 service should be recognized, if not for anything else, at least 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 setup as a Public Charitable Trust on 22nd April 1994 by Sri N Sugalchand Jain, a well known businessman of Tamilnadu.

Trustees of the Foundation:

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

Aims & Objects

The main object of the foundation is to recognize, 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 & Social Services and also objects of advancement of general public utility with emphasis on the benefits of such endeavours reaching the poor and downtrodden. 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 floods, drought, earthquake etc.

Mahaveer Awards

The foundation 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 and the cash component is also free from income tax in the hands of the recipients.

Seventh & Eighth Mahaveer Awards 2001 & 2002

The foundation received over each year over 350 eligible nominations from all over the country for the Mahaveer Awards for the years 2001 & 2002. The Selection Jury met on 8th July 2001 at Delhi for the Seventh Mahaveer Awards & on 14th October 2002 at Bangalore for the Eighth Mahaveer Awards and selected the Awardees for the awards for 2001 and 2002.

Selection Jury

Justice Sri M N Venkatachaliah,
Chairman
Former Chief Justice of India.

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.(Retd.)
Former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Sri Sudarshan Agarwal
Former Secretary General, Rajyasabha
Governor of Uttranchal.

Dr B M Hegde,
Vice Chancellor of Manipal Academy
of Higher Education Manipal

Recipients of the Seventh and Eighth Mahaveer Awards

Awards for Excellence in the Sphere of Non-Violence & Vegetarianism 2001

Late Dr. Nemichand Jain

65, Patrakar Colony, Kanadia Marg
Indore 452001, Madhya Pradesh

Awards for Excellence in the Sphere of Education & Medicine 2001

Dr H Sudarshan

Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra
B R Hills, Yelandur Taluk 571 441
Chamarajanagar Dist. Karnataka

2002

Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra

Vivekanandapuram Post
Kanyakumari - 629702 Tamilnadu

2002

Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh

Vidyawadi, Kimel 306115
State Rani, Dist. Pali, Rajasthan

Awards for Excellence in the Sphere of Community & Social Service 2001

Bharat Sevashram Sangha

211, Rash Behari Avenue
Kolkatta 700019 West Bengal

2002

Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao

Director General
Prema Hospital
14-3-18, Maharaniipeta
Visakhapatnam - 530002 Andhra Pradesh

EARLIER RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARDS

Mahaveer Awards 1995

For Excellence in the
sphere of Social
& Community Service

"Veerayatan" a Socio religious
institution of Rajgir, Bihar

Mahaveer Awards 1996

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

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

For Excellence in the
sphere of Social
& Community Service

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama
Bastar District, Madhya Pradesh

Mahaveer Awards 1997

For Excellence in the sphere of
Vegetarianism

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

For Excellence in the sphere of Social
& Community Service

Sri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon
Siddhi, Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra

Mahaveer Awards 1998

For Excellence in the
sphere of
Non-Violence & Vegetarianism.

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

For Excellence in the
sphere of Education &
Medicine

Sri Avinashilingam Education
Trust Institutions, Coimbatore
641 043.

For Excellence in the
sphere of Social &
Community Service

Dr. Prakash Murlidhar Amte
Dr. Mandakini Prakash Amte
Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora,
Post: Anandwan, Via Warora 442 914

Mahaveer Awards 1999

For Excellence in the
sphere of Non-
Violence & Vegetarianism

Mrs. Maneka Gandhi,
"People for Animals "
A-4, Maharani Bagh
New Delhi - 110 065.

For Excellence in the
sphere of Education & Medicine

Dr. G. Venkatasamy, Chairman
Aravind Eye Hospital & Post - Graduate
Institute of Ophthalmology
1, Anna Nagar, Madurai – 625 020

For Excellence in the
sphere of Social
& Community Service

Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang
Sahayata Samiti
Sawai Man Singh Hospital
Jaipur – 302 004
Rajasthan

Mahaveer Awards 2000

For Excellence in the sphere of
Non-Violence & Vegetarianism

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

For Excellence in the sphere of
Education & Medicine

Cancer Institute (W.I.A)
18, Sardar Patel Road
Chennai, Tamilnadu

For Excellence in the sphere of
Social & Community Service

Tripura Adivasi Mahila Samithy
(Mrs. Anurupa Mukherjee)
Krishna Nagar
Agartala – 799 001, Tripura



**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION
AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELDS OF
NON-VIOLENCE & VEGETARIANISM
SEVENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS – 2001**

DR. NEMICHAND JAIN

Even though men may die, their contribution to society rarely dies with them. Dr. Nemichand Jain is one such man. He has been, for long, promoting the culture of non-violence and the practice of vegetarianism, through books, articles, substantive speeches at national seminars and nationwide tours, using convincing facts and scientific presentation techniques. All his books and booklets expound the basic tenets of Ahimsa, Anekantvada and Aparigraha with accent on behaviour of individuals and groups in day to day life. He has written more than 100 books, thousands of articles and many moving and inspiring poems in Hindi and his books/articles/ poems have been widely read and appreciated.

His most noteworthy contribution is the presentation of 100 facts each about eggs, meat, slaughterhouses, addiction to drinks, tobacco and other intoxicating products and these have made a very wide and convincing impact on public opinion.

His work has received widespread appreciation and many awards. These include the Samta Puraskar, George Bernard Shaw Award, Gyanodaya Samman, Gomatheshwar Vidyapitha Puraskar, Shakahar Priya Award, Patra Maharshi Honour, Ahimsa Jeevaraksha Award, Chaitanya Van Award, Samaj Bhushan Honour and Acharya Hasti Ahimsa Karyakarta Award.

The Selection Jury had awarded the Seventh Mahaveer Award 2001 for Non-Violence and Vegetarianism to Dr. Nemichand Jain for his excellent and unmatched service in these fields.

Unfortunately, before the award could be presented to Dr. Nemichand Jain he passed away. As the award was personal to Dr. Nemichand Jain the Foundation has decided that the cash component of the award should form part of an endowment, the proceeds from which would be utilized to recognize outstanding work in similar fields.

While the animal kingdom mourns the loss of Dr. Jain, they are sure that his contribution to the welfare of the future generations of the animal kingdom will last forever.

**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION
AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELDS OF
EDUCATION & MEDICINE
SEVENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS – 2001**



DR. H. SUDARSHAN

Some people are inspired by heroes and some by events. In the case of Dr. Sudarshan it seems to be a case of inspiration both by his hero Swami Vivekananda and by an event. Having worked in some of the institutions of the Ramakrishna Mission at Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka Dr. Sudarshan completely immersed himself in the doctrine of service to his fellowmen. His seriously ill father died on his lap without any medical help in a remote village and from that date on, Dr. Sudarshan wanted to be a doctor. Sacrificing the lucrative career of a doctor, Dr. Sudarshan chose to dedicate his life to the comprehensive development of the Soliga tribes of Mysore B.R.Hills. He has also been influenced by the work of the missionary Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

To summarise his service to the tribals, he cures them, educates them and empowers them by fighting for their rights. Founder Member of the Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Dr. Sudarshan has worked tirelessly for the welfare of the tribals specially in the fields of public health, education and medicine, rehabilitation of the blind and orphans and for the comprehensive development of tribals in certain areas of Karnataka keeping in view the tribal culture and their intrinsic values. His programme of development of tribal areas covers areas such as health, education, treatment of certain dreaded diseases (like leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria and sickle cell anemia), vocational training, conservation of bio-diversity and medical plants, revitalization of local traditions and herbs, housing, tribal co-operatives, agriculture, dairy, fisheries, poultry and social forestries and many other related areas.

Even though his initial efforts to assist the tribals were not warmly received by the tribals, he has been staying in a tribal locality and accepting the value system of the tribals. He has now become a part of the tribal milieu and is almost worshipped like a God by the tribals.

No wonder recognition and awards have followed logically; he has been showered with awards such as Rajyothsava State Award, Karnataka Jyothi Award, Padmashree Award and our very own Mahaveer Award.

The Foundation is happy in joining the clamour of applause echoing throughout the country for the excellent, dedicated and selfless service of Dr. Sudarshan.

**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION
AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELDS OF
EDUCATION & MEDICINE
SEVENTH MAHAVEER AWARDS – 2001**



SWAMY AKSHAYANANDA, PRESIDENT

BHARAT SEVASHRAM SANGHA

Over the ages, India is famous for groups of people getting together forsaking all material interests and accepting service to their fellowmen as their mission in life.

Bharat Sevashram Sangha is one such organization. The Sangha founded in 1917, by Acharya Srimat Swamy Pranavanandaji Maharaj, is a spiritual brotherhood of monks and selfless workers, devoted to the service of humanity. With its registered office at KOLKATTA, the Sangha has 42 branches all over the country and six foreign associates in UK, USA, CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA, WEST INDIES AND BANGLADESH. The Sangha is intensively involved in serving the downtrodden sections of the society such as Scheduled Castes/Tribes/Harijans/ Aborigines and women.

The Sangha successfully conducted relief activities during the Bengal famine, the Midnapore Cyclone, the Noakhali riot, earthquakes in Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttarkashi, drought, famine & floods in Orissa, West Bengal and Assam, the Cyclone in Andhra Pradesh and the "Supercyclone" 1999 of Orissa.

Charitable dispensaries are maintained in all big centres by the Sangha to provide medical relief to the pilgrims and the distressed/destitute people of the locality. The Jamshedpur Branch of the Sangha attends to Leprosy Patients mostly from scheduled castes/tribes/aborigines and their rehabilitation in badly affected Singhbhum District. "Home for Cancer Patients" set up about a couple of years ago at Vashigaon Navi Mumbai provides free accommodation to 100 economically weak patients.

At Bansda (Gujarat) facilities of orphanages, a charitable dispensary, Mobile Medical Unit, Library etc. are provided under the name ADIBASI KALYAN KENDRA.

At Tatiba in Singhbhum Dist, the Sangha has established a project for the financial and social upliftment programme. The project commenced in 1993, has widely covered the primitive tribes even in deep forest areas.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation is happy to recognize the services of the Sangha under difficult conditions and in remote areas by awarding the Mahaveer Award for Excellence in Human Endeavour to the Sangha.

**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER
FOUNDATION
AWARD FOR SERVICES IN THE
FIELDS OF
EDUCATION & MEDICINE
EIGHTH MAHAVEER
AWARDS – 2002**



Shri D.R. Mehta Presenting a Memento to
Smt. Subadhra Kumari Jain

Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh

If you educate a woman, you not only make her intellectually brighter, but also widen her mental and emotional horizon enabling her to develop her potential to serve not only her family, but also the society at large. By educating a woman, you not only educate her, but also educate the society at large beginning with her immediate family.

Motivated by their spirit the Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh is engaged in spreading education in Rajasthan where women's education has received, over the years, relatively less importance. Inspired by the spirit of service of Smt. Subadrakumari Jain, who has dedicated her entire life for the cause of women's empowerment mainly through the medium of education, the Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh is providing all possible channels for empowerment of women in Rajasthan. These include facilities for education from the lowest class to a degree college. The institution functions on a non-sectarian and non-communal basis and provides relief and a path to future happiness for those who seek a shelter under its umbrella. The services provided include rehabilitation of the deprived and divorced women and motivating students studying in various institutions managed by the Sangh, conservation of plants and animal health, environmental cleanliness, socio economic upliftment, vocational training and awareness of health and hygiene. Stress is laid on the benefits of vegetarianism and non-violence as a way of life.

The State and Central Governments and a number of institutions have honoured Smt. Subadrakumari Jain with awards and honours. But she considers, as the best honour, the fond memories and respect which the institutions' former students spread out throughout the world, evince towards her and the institutions. The institutions built up by her from scratch are reward enough for her.

In recognition of the wide sweep of its activities, the Selection Jury has chosen to award the Mahaveer Awards for Excellence in the field of education to this institution.

**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER
FOUNDATION
AWARD FOR SERVICES IN
THE FIELDS OF
EDUCATION & MEDICINE
EIGHTH MAHAVEER
AWARDS – 2002**



Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra

Notwithstanding the apparent diversity amongst the people of our vast country, historically, there has always been a chord of unity running through the different regions and sub-cultures of our country. Saints like Adishankara have traversed the breadth and width of our country propagating the message that the same God dwells in all human beings. Later, virtually the same message was carried forward by Savants like Swami Vivekananda who preached "A hundred thousand men and women, fired with the zeal of holiness, fortified with eternal faith in the Lord, and nerved to lion's courage by their sympathy for the poor and the fallen and the downtrodden, will go over the length and breadth of the land, preaching the gospel of salvation, the gospel of help, the gospel of social raising up – the gospel of equality". This is the message, which Vivekananda Kendra notionally located at Kanyakumari is carrying forward these days all over the country. Not being satisfied with erecting the memorial of Swami Vivekananda, the Kendra has travelled to the extremes of the country establishing institutions to perpetuate his memory or even more significantly, his philosophy of service to the downtrodden.

In order to wipe the tears from the eyes of the poorest of the poor, the Kendra is engaged in serving the tribals of North Eastern area by setting up various institutions providing facilities for education, rural development and development of natural resources. Its activities are largely centered at Arunachal Pradesh though other areas in the north eastern areas as well as Andamans and even other parts of the country are receiving the benefits of its service. Manned by a cadre of volunteers, who, though are not Sanyasis in the conventional sense of the term, have renounced all worldly attachments and are engaged in serving the poorest of the poor.

The Selection Jury for the Mahaveer Awards have chosen the Kendra for the current year's awards for excellence in the field of education for their unstinted and devoted services to the weaker sections of the society in relatively difficult areas of the country. The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation congratulates the Kendra for its efforts to bring the people of north eastern states into the main stream of Indian life in the shortest possible time.

**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER
FOUNDATION
AWARD FOR SERVICES IN
THE FIELDS OF
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICE
EIGHTH MAHAVEER
AWARDS – 2002**



Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao

When one thinks of surgery, one visualizes a huge theatre where a large team of specialists crowd around the patient devoting hours together on a single patient. But anyone having had an occasion to see operations conducted by Dr. Adinarayana Rao is terribly impressed by the process, which he adopts for handling a large number of patients with impairment of limbs. About a dozen beds are occupying a modest room and Dr. Adinaryana Rao moves from patient to patient spending hardly five to ten minutes on each case setting right the defects with the speed of a hurricane which only he seems to be capable of. The relatively tough cases take about 10 minutes and the results are there for all to see with 80 to 90% of the patients reporting excellent results. Dr. Rao modestly says, "by finishing the operations so fast I do not allow time for infection to develop". Colleagues in the field both from India and abroad are impressed at the large number of operations, he carries out and the phenomenal success of these operations.

What is equally important is that the services provided in the hospital are free for the poor and those who can afford will pay a token amount towards the cost of plaster of paris bandage. People who can afford are eager to pay not only for their own treatment, but for the treatment of a number of poor patients.

The Free Polio Surgical and Research Foundation headed by Dr. Adinarayana Rao is conducting free polio surgical camps all over the country. So far, nearly 752 such camps have been conducted and corrective surgeries have been carried out on 1.7 lac patients with about 4 lacs surgical procedures.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation salutes Dr. Adinarayana Rao for his sensitive and effective care of thousands of polio patients who swear by their faith in him for years and years after he has treated them.

Apart from the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, Sri N Sugalchand Jain has set up a number of trusts dedicated to public service. Brief particulars of these trusts follow:-



A patient being provided with spectacles

SINGHVI CHARITABLE TRUST

The Singhvi Charitable Trust was setup by Sri.N.Sugalchand Jain in order to assist weaker sections 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 the 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 nearly 76065 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 Singhvi Charitable Trust relates to the collection of used spectacles, getting them repaired and distributing them to those for whom they were useful entirely free of cost. We were pleasantly surprised by the heartwarming response to the project as nearly 17815 used

spectacles have been received by us of which about 4348 have been already matched and distributed. Used dark glasses have also been provided to the visually handicapped. The Singhvi Charitable Trust has also undertaken the task of screening the students of all the schools run by the Chennai Corporation and has covered 63 schools and 4585 students. Apart from providing glasses to 2766 students, 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. The Trust also provides financial assistance in case of deserving students for pursuing their education. As part of its mission the Trust also runs a Diagnostic Centre providing investigation facilities including X-Ray, Sonogram 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.



An eye specialist examining a patient

AMIRTHAVARSHINI RELIGIOUS & CHARITABLE TRUST

The Amirthavarshini Religious & Charitable Trust was set up inter alia to promote and propagate religious and philosophical tenets of all religions of the land and develop a pious and religiously healthy life among the members of the community. In pursuance of this objectives, Amirthavarshini Trust, for widening one's intellectual horizon, runs a library and a reading room and makes available a lecture hall for seminars, symposiums, conferences or lectures on subjects relating to religious activities without any discrimination. The trust has also proposed to propagate the study of truth, non-violence, vegetarianism, compassion for all living creatures, detachment towards material possession through constructive means amongst all sections of society.

In addition, the trust has also plans to renovate Temples, Mandirs, and other places of worship either directly or by providing financial assistance to other institutions for undertaking similar ventures. The trust has also recently brought out for free distribution 22000 copies of "Meri Bhavna" an entirely non-denominational work expressing the longings of a lay devotee for universal peace and brotherhood. Similarly 5000 copies of another brochure "Hey Prabhuveer" advocating the need for facing life with a smile under all circumstances have also been brought out.



JADAVBAI NATHMAL SINGHVI TRUST

The Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Trust has been set up for the purpose of providing assistance to deserving and needy students in the form of scholarships, assistance for buying books, uniforms etc. An amount of nearly Rs.2.4 Lacs has been spent on this account from April 2001 till date.



JAIMAL JAIN JEEV RAKSHA PARYAVARAN SURAKSHA **FOUNDATION**

The Jaimal Jain Jeev Raksha Paryavaran Suraksha Foundation has been setup by Sri N Sugalchand Jain, to inter alia to focus on the need for environmental protection with special emphasis on the contribution of cattle in this sphere. The trust plans to establish and maintain Gowshalas, Pinjrapoles, Kabutarkhanas, aviaries, veterinary centers and animal shelters for the relief of animals in general. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that these animals contribute to the protection of environment whether they are in the productive age group or not as their yields are bio-degradable unlike synthetic products and assist in keeping the environment clean.

The trust also proposes to encourage vegetarianism and non-violence and compassion for all living creatures.

As a part of its activities, it has brought out two brochures. The first brochure drawing attention to the appropriate identification of food items as vegetarian and non-vegetarian and the statutory requirement for displaying proper symbols on the food items.

The second brochure draws attention to the use of non-vegetarian ingredients in the manufacture of varak used as a layer on sweets.





VIDYA JYOTHY TRUST

The Vidya Jyothy Trust has been set up by Sri N Sugalchand Jain, mainly with a view to establish and maintain quality educational institutions such as schools, colleges, research institutions etc for the promotion of education in all its forms and stages.

In pursuance of the object, the trust has taken over three institutions which were till recently managed by a sister trust: -

1. Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Vidyalaya Matricultion Higher Secondary School. (Providing education from I to XII classes)
2. Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Jain Vidyalaya School – Primary School. (Offering classes I to V)
3. Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvi Toddlers' Wing – School for Toddlers. (Providing Pre KG to UKG classes).

These schools are at present having a strength of 480, 391 and 204 respectively. To meet the growing demand for providing quality training for young kids, it is planned to open yet another toddlers' wing in the area.

The institutions have a team of 60 trained and experienced teachers and excellent infrastructure such as computer and science labs, libraries and attractive play materials.

The trust proposes to acquire specialization in running such institutions to ensure quality education in the institutions managed by it.

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Presentation of Awards for Excellence in Human Endeavour

AWARD WINNERS



From Left to Right:

Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune
(for Non-Violence and Vegetarianism)

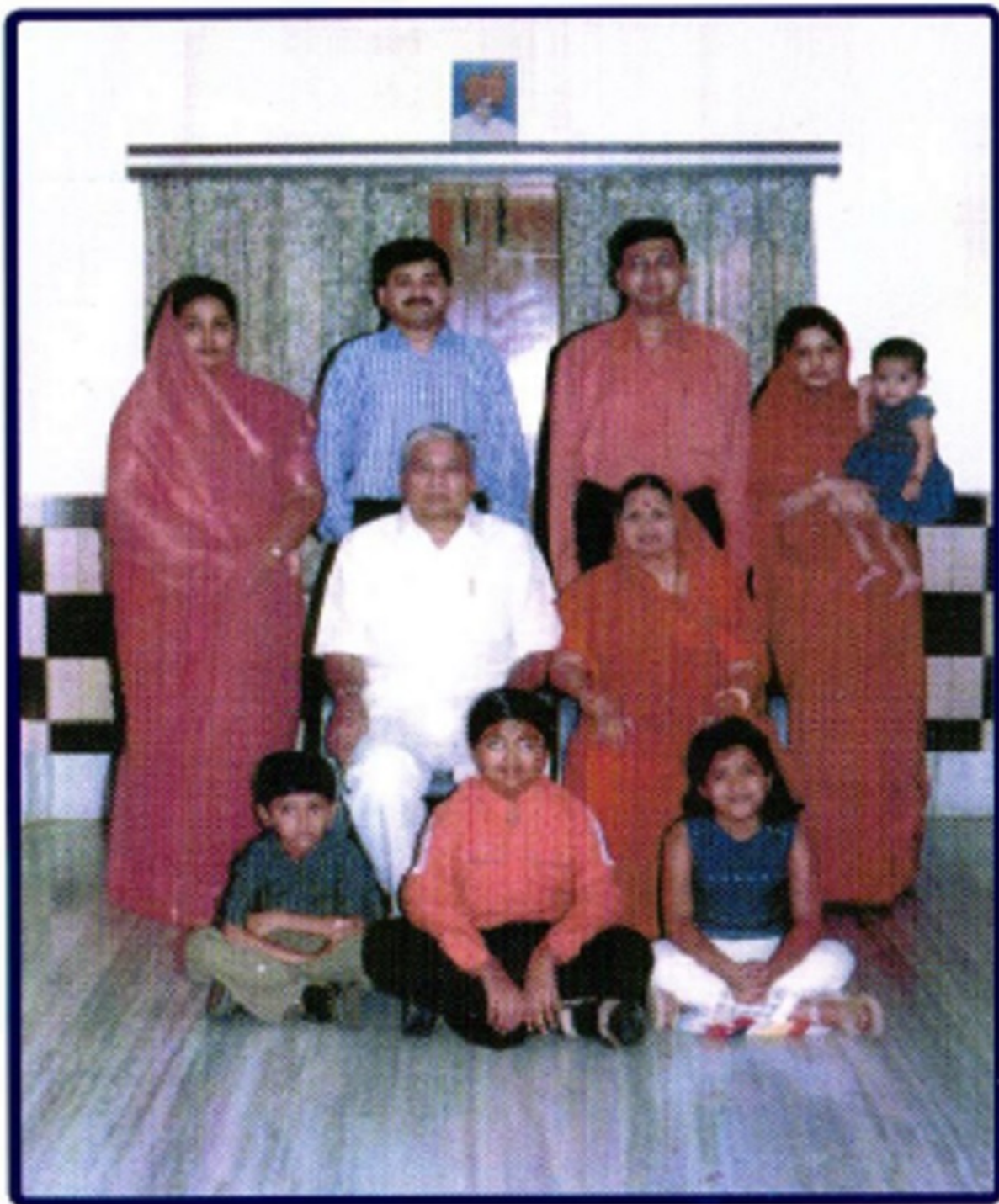
Dr. V. Shanta, Director,
Cancer Institute, Adayar, Chennai
(for Education & Medicine)

Mrs. Anurupa Mukherjee,
The Tripura Adivasi Mahila Samithy
Krishna Nagar, Agartala
(for Community & Social Service)

Shri P T R Palanivel Rajan,
The then Speaker of Tamil Nadu Assembly, Chief Guest

Shri N Sugalchand Jain, Founder Trustee
Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation

Founder Trustee with his supportive family



- On the Floor** : Master Pratheek, S/o Mr. Vinodkumar, Master Pramod and Baby Payal, children of Mr. S. Prasanchand Jain
- Seated** : Mr. N. Sugalchand Jain & Mrs. Chandrabai Sugalchand
- Standing** : Mrs. Nirmala Prasanchand & Prasanchand Jain, Vinodhkumar and Mrs. Kalavathy Vinodhkumar with baby Palak in her arms.

The family's driving force, the late Sri I Nathmal Singhvi is seen on the wall

