



BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

26th

MAHAVEER AWARDS



Honouring Altruistic Services Since 1995

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Tirthankara Sculptures – Anaimalai, Tamil Nadu

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During the 9th and 10th centuries CE, Jainism thrived in the southern peninsula, leaving an indelible mark on the region's art, culture, literature, and social fabric. Anaimalai, located just 8 kilometres from Madurai, emerged as a significant center for the development of Jainism during the early Pandya period.

On the picturesque hills of Anaimalai, a remarkable collection of Jain sculptures from the 9th to 10th century CE can be found. These sculptures, including depictions of revered figures like Bhagwan Mahaveer, Parsvanatha, Bahubali, and Yakshi Ambika, were meticulously carved under the guidance of the Jain Monk Ajjanandhi. The sculptures, originally plastered and painted, have stood the test of time, preserving the rich heritage of Jainism in the region.

At the base of these sculptures, inscriptions in ancient scripts such as "Tamil," "Grantha," and "Vatteluthu" have been discovered, shedding light on the historical and cultural context of these artworks. Additionally, remnants of paintings can still be seen on these sculptures, offering a glimpse into the vibrant artistic traditions of the time.

This collection of Tirthankara sculptures in Anaimalai stands as a testament to the deep-rooted influence of Jainism in the southern peninsula and serves as a captivating reminder of the region's cultural and religious heritage.

NAVKAAR MANTRA



Namo Arihantanam

Namo Siddhanam

Namo Ayariyanam

Namo Uvajjhayanam

Eso Panch Namokaro

Savva-pavappanasano

Manglananch Savvesim

Padhamam Havei Mangalam

I bow down to Arihanta

I bow down to Siddha

I bow down to Acharya

I bow down to Sadhu and Sadhvi

These five Obeisance

Destroy all the sins

Amongst all that is auspicious

This Navkar Mantra is the foremost

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Founder's Message

I am pleased to share the aims and activities of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation. It is dedicated to recognizing, honouring, and expressing gratitude to individuals and institutions who are doing selfless service for the welfare of the needy and voiceless in our society.

In the face of daunting challenges, we have witnessed the remarkable noble and dedicated work of numerous individuals and institutions. Their unwavering passion and dedication have been instrumental in alleviating the difficulties of the weak and the needy in our society. From providing essential services, to addressing the mental and physical health needs of vulnerable children and people, supporting and empowering women and children, imparting education and life skills to the vulnerable, rescuing and sheltering voiceless animals, these altruistic individuals and institutions have been a source of inspiration and hope to all.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to all these compassionate, noble souls for their selfless services and tireless efforts. Since 1995, the Foundation has been honouring these exceptional efforts through the annual Mahaveer Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions in the fields of Non-Violence & Vegetarianism, Education, Medicine, and Community & Social Service. Over the past two and a half decades, we have presented awards to 88 exceptional individuals and institutions, spanning 23 states and 1 Union Territory. Their dedication to improving the quality of life and general well-being of the underprivileged, weak, and voiceless animals is a testament to the power of compassion and empathy.

Our mission goes beyond mere recognition; it is about inspiring others to follow in the noble footsteps of these heroes. Additionally, the Foundation instituted the Annual Mahaveer Award for Essays, aimed at acquainting young minds with the timeless teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer, which hold immense relevance in contemporary society.

As the Founder of Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, I firmly believe in our duty and responsibility to give back to the society from which we benefit in our daily lives. Through our initiatives, we aspire to contribute to a better society, one act of kindness at a time. The strength of BMF lies in its dedicated Selection Jury, Shortlisting Committee and all the supporters and well-wishers who stand alongside us in this noble endeavour.

If you are aware of any individual or institution doing selfless service for the needy and you believe they can be considered for the prestigious Mahaveer Awards, we warmly invite you to nominate them. Your support is invaluable as we continue this inspiring journey of honouring the altruistic individuals in our society, who are making the world a better place for everyone. Thank you.

Chief Guest

Chief Guest for 26th Mahaveer Awards
Presentation Function on 23rd November 2023



SHRI R.N.RAVI
Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu

Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation was established in 1994 by Shri N.Sugalchand Jain under the Chairmanship of Bharat Ratna Late Shri C.Subrananiam. The Foundation identifies, encourages and honours individuals and institutions who are doing selfless service for the underprivileged in our society.

Mahaveer Awards

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation instituted Mahaveer Awards in 1995. The Awards are given for excellence in human endeavour in the following fields

- Non-Violence & Vegetarianism,
- Education,
- Medicine,
- Community & Social Service

This is an annual Award. The awards carry a cash component of Rs.10 Lakhs each with a memento and a citation.

Initially the Foundation instituted one award under the category Community & Social Service. Gradually, the number of awards increased from 1 to 4 over the years and the total cash component of the award from ₹ 5 Lakh to ₹ 40 Lakh. If the nomination received in a particular year, for a certain category does not meet the expected standards, then the awards in that category are not presented.

Nominations in the prescribed format are invited from district administrators, legislators, bureaucrats, educationists, media, social workers, parliamentarians and other eminent people. The received nominations are submitted to the Shortlisting Committee who prepare a shortlist of the nominations. The shortlisted nominees are visited to ascertain the overall genuineness and the positive impact of services rendered by the nominees.

The shortlisted nominations and visit reports are placed before the Selection Jury, which is headed by Justice Shri M N Venkatachaliah, Former Chief Justice of India who evaluate and decide the awardees. The awards are presented by eminent personalities like the President of India, Vice President, Governors, Chief Minister, Ministers etc in formal functions.

Till now 88 Awards covering 23 States and 1 Union Territory have been presented.

Trustees



Shri Prasanchand Jain,
Managing Trustee



Shri Pravin B.Chheda,
Trustee



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Trustee



Shri N.Sugalchand Jain,
Founder Trustee



Shri Pramod Jain,
Trustee



Shri Pratik Jain,
Trustee



Shri K.Nanda Kishore,
I.A.S.(Retd.), Advisor

Scope of Mahaveer Awards

Field	Scope of Award
Non-violence & Vegetarianism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propagation, Promotion and Practice of Non-violence and Vegetarianism • Protection and care of animals and birds • Specific instances when violence was averted and solutions and agreements reached by non-violent methods
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas, actions that bring about improvement in quality of education, teaching & utilisation of new technologies to improve comprehension and transfer of knowledge • Efforts to educate the people living in remote rural areas. • Improvement in attendance in rural schools, reduction of school dropouts • Education may include vocational training or any alternative system of education, education for the differently abled children etc. • Education and rehabilitation of the mentally and the physically challenged and dyslexic children etc • Facilitation and application of science & technology to enhance economic and social conditions of the rural , tribal and marginalized sections.
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing quality health care and general wellness to the underserved and marginalized population. • Spreading awareness on health, hygiene and sanitation. • Creating better health care infrastructure. • Free or low cost medical care facilities for women and children, pre-natal and post-natal care, education for better health, hygiene and better nutrition for children. • Persons involved in setting up of the medical institutions for the welfare of poor. • Outstanding contribution in enhancing the quality and efficacy and cost-effective treatment.
Community & Social Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply of drinking water, creating awareness and providing improved sanitary facilities, spreading knowledge and providing balanced diet. • Improvement in village roads, transport and communication systems • Rehabilitation of vulnerable children • Free or low-cost legal aid to women in distress, creating general awareness among women, reforms for enhancing their social status • Income generation activities for women and the marginalized sections • Adult Education and awareness creation of rights, law etc • Empowerment of women and vulnerable sections. • Rehabilitation of persons afflicted by leprosy, physically and mentally challenged children, adult destitute etc • Motivating people towards self help and self-reliance • Skill development through training, improvement in the living standards of people, advocacy etc • Setting up water harvesting structures like ponds, for minor irrigation and community potable water source.

Selection Process

Step 1

Nominations in the prescribed format are invited from around the country, enlisting the help of district administrators, legislators, bureaucrats, Vice Chancellors, media, social workers, parliamentarians and other eminent people.

Step 2

The received nominations are submitted to the Shortlisting Committee who prepare a shortlist of the nominations

Step 3

The Shortlisted nominees are visited to ascertain the overall genuineness and the positive impact of services rendered by the nominees.

Step 4

The shortlisted nominees and visit reports are placed before the Selection Jury, headed by Justice Shri M N Venkatachaliah, Former Chief Justice of India who evaluate and decide the awardees

Step 5

The awards are presented to the Awardees by eminent personalities like the President of India, Vice President, Governors, Chief Minister, Ministers etc in formal functions.

Shortlisting Committee Members



Shri Chinny Krishna,
Co-Founder & Chairman
Blue Cross of India &
Chairman Emeritus FIAPO



Smt. Girija Vaidyanathan,
I.A.S. (retd.), Former Chief Secretary,
Govt of Tamil Nadu



Shri Kailashmull Dugar,
Former President,
Rajasthani Association, Tamil Nadu



Shri P. Shankar,
I.A.S. (retd.), Former Chief Vigilance
Commissioner



Dr. T.S. Surendran,
Director, Paediatric Ophthalmology,
Sankara Nethralaya

Selection Jury



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



Poojya Acharya
Shri Chandanaji Maharaj,
Eminent Sanyasini and
Social Reformer



Shri S.Gurumurthy,
Editor – Thuglak,
Part-time Director of RBI



Prof. B.M.Hegde,
Chairman Bharatiya
Vidya Bhavan,
Mangalore Kendra



Shri T.S.Krishnamurthy,
Former Chief Election
Commissioner of India



Shri D.R.Mehta, I.A.S. (retd.),
Former Chairman, Securities
and Exchange Board of India



Shri Prabhat Kumar,
I.A.S. (retd.),
Former Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India



Justice Shri G.S.Singhvi,
Former Judge of
Supreme Court of India

Chief Guests of Mahaveer Award Functions



2023 – 26th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri.R.N.Ravi
Governor of Tamil Nadu



2022- 25th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri Kalraj Mishra
Governor of Rajasthan



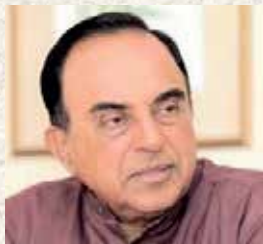
2022 – 24th Award
Shri Om Birla
Honourable Speaker
of Lok Sabha



2021 – 22nd & 23rd Award
His Excellency
Shri Banwarilal Purohit
Governor of Tamil Nadu



2018 – 21st Award
His Excellency
Shri M.Venkiah Naidu
Vice President of India



2017 – 20th Award
Dr.Subramanian Swamy
Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha



2016 – 19th Award
Shri S.Gurumurthy
Editor Thuglak
Part-time Director of RBI



2015 – 18th Award
Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot
Hon'ble Union Minister for
Social Justice & Empowerment



2015 – 17th Award
Dr.S.S.Badrinath
Chairman Emeritus
Sankara Nethralaya



2013 – 16th Award
His Excellency
Shri M.Hamid Ansari
Vice President of India



2012 – 15th Award
His Excellency
Dr.K.Rosaiah
Governor of Tamil Nadu



2011 – 14th Award
His Excellency
Shri M.K.Narayanan
Governor of West Bengal



2010 – 13th Award
Prof.M.S.Swaminathan
Chairman Emeritus
M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation,
Chennai



2008 – 11th & 12th Award
Her Excellency
Smt.Pratibha Patil
President of India



2006 – 10th Award
His Excellency
Shri T.N.Chaturvedi
Governor of Karnataka



2005 – 9th Award
His Excellency
Shri Surjeet Singh Barnala
Governor of Tamil Nadu



2003 – 7th & 8th Award
His Excellency
Shri K.R.Malkani
Lt.Governor of Pondicherry



2000 – 6th Award
Shri P.T.R.Palanivelrajan
Hon'ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu
Legislative Assembly



1999 – 5th Award
Dr.M.Karunanidhi
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Of Tamil Nadu



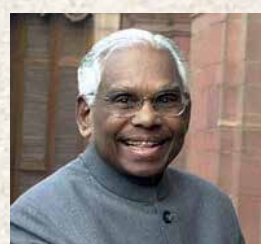
1998 – 4th Award
His Excellency
Shri Krishan Kant
Vice President of India



1997 – 3rd Award
Shri Karan Singh
Hon'ble Member of
Rajya Sabha



1996 – 2nd Award
Shri C.Subramaniam
Former Governor of
Maharashtra



1995 – 1st Award
His Excellency
Shri K.R.Narayanan
Vice President of India

The 26th Mahaveer Awardees



Non-Violence & Vegetarianism
Dhyani Foundation,
New Delhi Represented by
Shri Amit Jain



Education
Friends of Tribals Society,
West Bengal Represented by
Shri Ramesh Saraogi



Medicine
Jan Swasthya Sahyog,
Chhattisgarh
Represented by
Dr. Raman Kataria



Community & Social Service
Nongstoin Social Service Society,
Meghalaya Represented by
Shri James Anderson Syiemlieh

Dhyan Foundation, New Delhi

Non-Violence & Vegetarianism

Dhyan Foundation, since its establishment in 2002, has been actively engaged in animal welfare, providing food, shelter, treatment to the voiceless and saving them from illegal and inhumane transport and slaughter. Currently it is caring for over 70,000 animals including cows, bulls, buffaloes, camels, goats, sheep, horses, dogs, cats, rabbits etc and managing over 43 animal shelters and gaushalas across India. It also works with India's Border Security Force to put an end to illegal cross-border cattle smuggling.

Dhyan Foundation started animal welfare initiatives like 'save a cow', 'feed a dog', 'help a monkey' and 'befriend a bird' etc. Through online social media platforms, it shares valuable information on how to care for street animals, how to build temporary shelters, provide for them during extreme weather conditions and so on. Their website also has a page on India's animal welfare laws that can help animal lovers legally fight injustice and inhumane treatment of animals. It is operating 10 ambulances in Bhuvneshwar, Delhi, Goa, Kochi and Mumbai.

The activities of Dhyan Foundation are managed by volunteers from all walks of life, like journalists, doctors, designers, lawyers, students, home-makers, businessmen and businesswomen.

Dhyan Foundation also organizes Sanatan Kriya sessions, teachings on ancient sciences of spiritual healing, vedic chants etc in many parts of the world. Dhyan Foundation publishes a monthly journal "The Inner World" that covers topics ranging from ayurveda, health and beauty, travel, vastu, mystical musings, and highlights the rich culture of our country.



Friends of Tribals Society, West Bengal

Education

Friends of Tribals society, a volunteer organization, was established in 1989 under the apex body Ekal Abhiyan Trust. Friends of Tribals Society is working to give non-formal basic education to children from a very young age of 4 years residing in rural and tribal villages of India. The society operates one-teacher schools, called the Ekal Schools, in the villages, led by trained members of the local community.

The society has established more than 1.02 lakh Ekal Schools in the rural and tribal areas. More than 26 lakh children are currently studying in Ekal Vidyalayas. The aim is to reduce school drop outs by linking children to formal education. The school curriculum covers reading, writing, arithmetic, general knowledge, basic science, health and hygiene awareness, moral education, local sports, craft and creativity.

The Ekal schools are run in chaupal, under a tree, in village courtyard or at teacher's home, as per the availability of space, season and climate. A local educated youth, preferably a lady, from the same village is appointed as a teacher by the Gram Samiti. The idea is to make village community take ownership of the Vidyalaya and ensure its smooth running and further the social transformation through the Vidyalaya. The selected teachers are imparted induction teaching training and undergo monthly revision and periodical refresher trainings.

Friends of Tribals Society has a massive volunteer base of teachers and volunteers. They are supported by communities through committees set up right from the village level to the national level. The entire village participates in its activities to provide education to the children.



Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Chhattisgarh Medicine

Jan Swasthya Sahyog was founded in 1996 in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh by a group of 10 qualified doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, who dedicated their services for the care of the underserved people. The JSS provides affordable healthcare which is easily accessible to the rural tribal communities. Comprehensive healthcare is provided through a 3-tier system consisting of Village Health Workers at the first tier, providing door to door care and primary healthcare. It is catering to a population of 41000 residing in 72 villages, out of which 67% are vulnerable tribal groups.

In the second tier, three village outposts/subcentres are set up catering to the needs of 25-30 hamlets each. The centres are managed by trained Senior Health Workers and nurses which provide daily outpatient consultations, investigations. A doctor led mobile clinic is also attached to it. Tertiary care is provided in its 100 bed referral hospital in Ganiyari village which provides advanced care and surgical interventions. It is equipped with facilities and has been providing low cost care to 390,000 patients from over 2500 villages of Chhattisgarh and adjoining districts of Madhya Pradesh. Over 50,000 people have received surgical and obstetric care and over 29000 have been admitted and treated for serious illnesses.

It is running a nursing school for tribal and Dalit girls, a DNB programme for General Surgery and Family Medicine, rural creches for children under 3, facilitating formation of SHGs of women to empower themselves. JSS also conducts agriculture and animal health programs and provides de-addiction facilities. For the last 22 years, it has been providing high quality care at a very low cost to the poor tribals with empathy and has gained the trust of the community.



Nongstoin Social Service Society, Meghalaya

Community & Social Service

Nongstoin Social Service Society, established in 2007, is providing services in Khasi and Garo Hills of Meghalaya. It is providing support, guidance, training in life skills and good farming practices and brings about a difference in the lives of the underprivileged and marginalized people through economic empowerment, mainstreaming children, women and persons/children with disabilities by skill training for youth, creating awareness about their rights and assist them in obtaining their entitlement. NSSS provides health care and works for eradication of malaria and tuberculosis in the area.

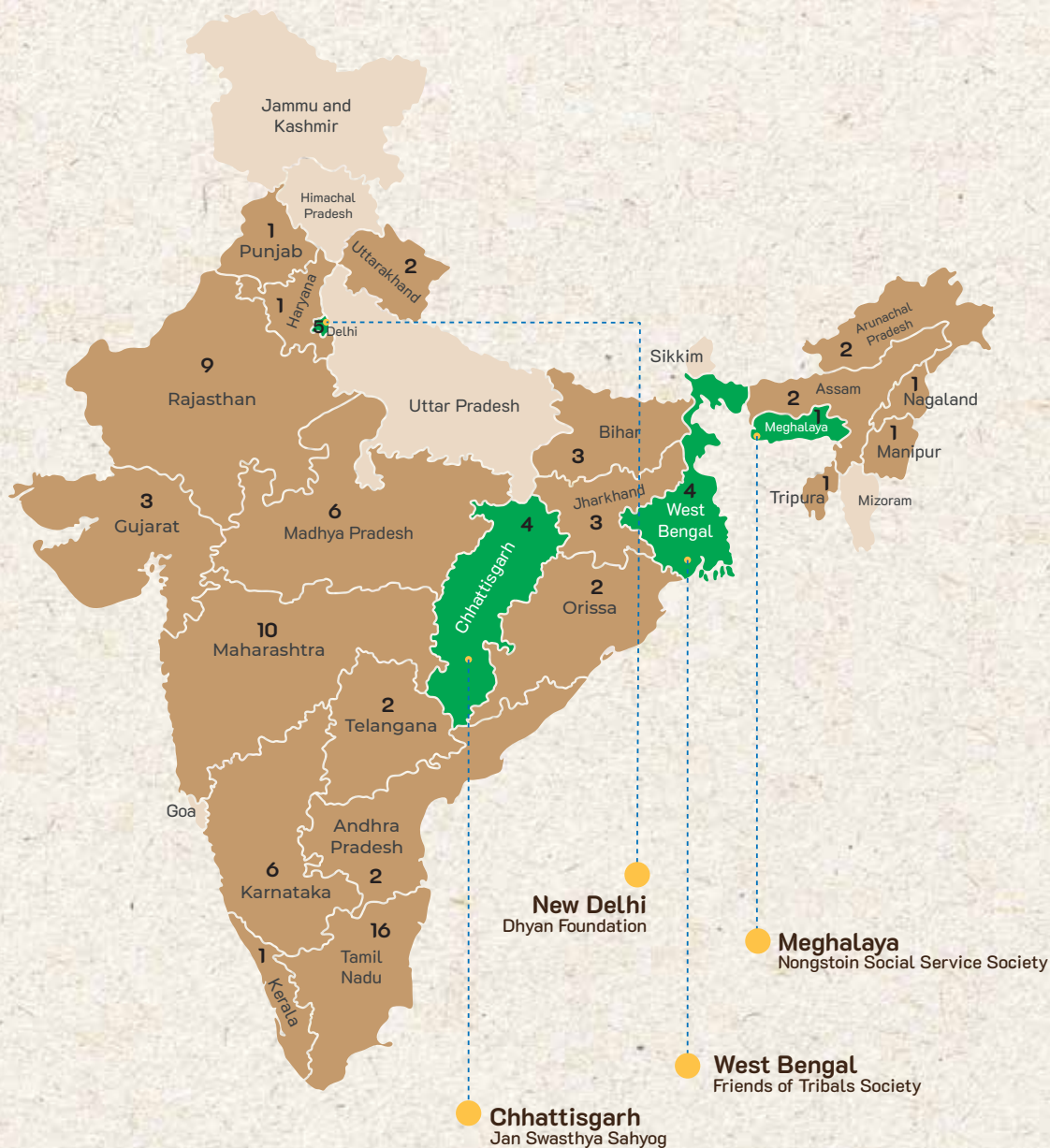
NSSS operates two CHILDLINE Centers, working closely with District Child Protection Officer, Police Department, Social Welfare Department, Health Department and Educational Institution, extending care and rehabilitation to various vulnerable children such as abused children, child labour, children in conflict with Law, HIV/AIDS affected children, substance addicted children and special-abled children and others.

It has assisted about 39000 children in difficult and different circumstances. It is facilitating agriculture regeneration measures and promoting integrated farming system to 40 villages and 1000 farmers directly leading to transfer of technical know-how, efficient usage of bio-pesticides & bio-nutrients which has improved productivity and production. It is helping farmers to access market facilities.

It has set up Herbal Medicinal School, managed by people of Sohparu village for conservation and preservation of the good traditional practices. It provides Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities in 28 villages of Nongstoin and 2 villages of Mawthadraishan and helps in getting their entitlement such as, Chief Minister's Pension Scheme etc. It provides much needed services in difficult terrain and far flung habitations.



State-wise Distribution of Mahaveer Awards since inception



Awardees

State/ UT	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	Education
Andhra Pradesh	1.Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals, Visakhapatnam in 2015	
Arunachal Pradesh		1. Shri Sathya Narayanan Mundayoor, Founder Lohit Youth Library Network, Tezu in 2022
Assam		1. Dr.Sapam Nabakishore Singh, Silchar in 2016
Bihar		1. Shri Anand Kumar, Super 30, Patna in 2018
Chhattisgarh		
New Delhi	1. Smt. Maneka Gandhi, People for Animals in 1999 2. Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations in 2021 3. Dhyan Foundation in 2023	
Gujarat	1. Shri Bharat Amritlal Kothari, Rajpur in 2008	1. Panchmahal Anusuchit Jati Education Trust, Adadara in 2021 2. Manav Kalyan Trust, Navsari in 2021
Haryana		
Jharkhand		
Karnataka	1. Shri Dayananda Swamiji, Bengaluru in 2011 2. Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, Bengaluru in 2016	1. Mahila Abhivruddhi Mattu Samrakshana Samsthe, Belgaum in 2022

Awardees

Medicine	Community & Social Service	Women Social entrepreneur	Total
	1. Dr. S V Adinarayana Rao, Director General – Prema Hospital, Visakhapatnam in 2003		2
	1. Shri Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Ita Nagar in 2012		2
1. Dr. R. Ravi Kannan, Silchar in 2013			2
	1. Veerayatan, Rajgir in 1995 2. Acharya Dr.Kishore Kunal, Patna in 2008		3
1. Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur in 2023	1. Shri Ramakrishna Mission, Bastar in 1996 2. Smt. Phoolbasanbai Yadav, Rajnandgaon in 2015 3. Smt. Shamshad Begum, Durg in 2016		4
1. Dr.Shiv Kumar Sarin in 2008		1. Smt. Shyamalatha Mohan Raj in 2021	5
			3
	1. Arpana Research & Charities Trust, Karnal in 2017		1
1. Dr.Anant Sinha, Ranchi in 2012	1. Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Jamshedpur in 2003 2. Vikas Bharti, Ranchi in 2015		3
1. Dr. H Sudarshan, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Yelandur in 2003	1. Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Saragur in 2005 2. Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada in 2010		6

Awardees

State/ UT	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	Education
Kerala		
Madhya Pradesh	1. Late Dr.Nemichand Jain, Indore in 2003 2. Shri Mohd Shafique Khan, Sagar in 2013	
Maharashtra	1. Shri Ratanlal C Bafna, Jatgaon in 1997 2. Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune in 1998 3. Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune in 2000	1. The Indian Planetary Society, Mumbai in 2011
Manipur		
Meghalaya		
Nagaland		
Odisha	1. Action for Protection of Wild Animals, Kendrapara in 2008	1. Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar in 2012
Punjab	1. Baba Palla Singh Goushala, Baba Bakala Town in 2021	

Awardees

Medicine	Community & Social Service	Women Social entrepreneur	Total
1. Pain and Palliative Care Society, Kozhikode in 2021			1
1. Dr. M.C. Nahata, Indore in 2017 2. Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, Chitrakoot in 2022	1. Gramin Adiwass Samaj Vikas Sansthan, Sausar in 2021 2. Sewadham Ashram, Ujjain in 2021		6
1. Dr.Sharadkumar Dicksheet M.D, Dr.Sharadkumar Dicksheet Charitable Trust (India), Pune in 2006 2. Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram in 2008	1. Shri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon in 1997 2. Dr. Prakash Murlidar Amte & Dr.Mandakini Prakash Amte, Hemalkasa in 1998 3. Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust, Solapur in 2011 4. Society for Education, Action & Research in Community Health, Gadchiroli in 2022		10
	1. Rural Health Organisation, Imphal in 2018		1
	1. Nongstoin Social Service Society, Nongstoin in 2023		1
	1. Nagaland Gandhi Ashram, Chuchuyimlang in 2022		1
			2
			1

Awardees

State/ UT	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	Education
Rajasthan	1. Shri Siddharaj Dhaddha, Jaipur in 2005 2. Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Udaipur in 2017 3. People for Animals, Sirohi in 2022	1. Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh Khimel in 2003 2. Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Churu in 2013
Tamil Nadu	1. Shri S Jagannathan & Smt.Krishnammal Jagannathan, Gandhigram in 1996 2. Blue Cross of India, Chennai in 2015 3. Dr.Shiranee Pereira, People For Animals, Chennai in 2018	1. Shri Avinashilingam Education Trust Institutions, Coimbatore in 1998 2. Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari in 2003 3. Shri Sarada Ashram, Ulundhurpet in 2015 4. Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam, Vedaraniyam in 2015 5. AIM for Seva, Chennai in 2017
Telangana	1. Shri Jasraj Shrishrimal, Hyderabad in 2022	
Tripura		
Uttarakhand		1. Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Almora in 2005
West Bengal	1. Shri Chiranjee Lal Bagra, Kolkata in 2012	1. Friends of Tribal Society, Kolkatta in 2023
Total	22	17

Awardees

Medicine	Community & Social Service	Women Social entrepreneur	Total
	1. Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur in 1999 2. Shri Rajmal S Jain, Pali in 2006 3. Shri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Kota in 2010 4. Smt. Sushila Bohra, Jodhpur in 2013		9
1. Dr. G Venkataswamy Chairman – Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai in 1999 2. Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai in 2000 3. Dr. S S Badrinath, President & Chairman, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai in 2006 4. Tribal Health Initiative, Dharmapuri in 2010 5. Voluntary Health Services, Chennai in 2011 6. Dr. R.V. Ramani, Sankara Eye Institutions, Coimbatore in 2016 7. Jeevodaya Hospice for Cancer Patients, Chennai in 2021	1. Amar Seva Sangam, Tirunelveli in 2008		16
1. Bhagwan Mahavir Jain Relief Foundation Trust, Hyderabad in 2018			2
	1. Tripura Adivashi Mahila Samithy, Agartala in 2000		1
1. Dr. Sunil Sanon, Mussorrie in 2015			2
1. Sane and Enthusiast Volunteers’ Association of Calcutta, Kolkata in 2015 2. Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan, Haldia in 2022			4
21	27	1	88

Mahaveer Award for Essays

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation felt the desire and need to acquaint the young people with the Universal Message of Peace & Harmonious co-existence preached by Bhagwan Mahaveer, the 24th Jain Thirthankara and hence instituted the annual “Mahaveer Award for Essays” in Tamil and English for the students of schools & colleges in 2016. Prizes ranging from Rs.1000 to Rs.50000 are given every year.

The response of students and teachers of schools and colleges is very encouraging. Till date, 7 Essay competitions have been conducted. The 6th & 7th Mahaveer Award for Essays competitions were conducted online. The Prize function will be held shortly to distribute prizes to the winners of the 7th Mahaveer Award for Essays.

Cumulative (From 2016)

95778
School students
participated

24538
College students
participated

120316
Total
participants

Rs.20.34 lakhs Total prize money distributed



The 6th Mahaveer Award for Essays Prize Distribution Function

Establishment of Charitable Institutions:

Singhvi Charitable Trust:Estd in 1974

The Singhvi Charitable Trust helps the deserving and assists the underprivileged of our society with special focus on health care. The Trust started conducting free dental, eye and health camps in remote rural areas of Chennai that lack medical facilities. The Trust continues to conduct the camps for the past 30 years. The activities done by the Trust are as follows

1. Camps in rural areas:
 - a. In Chennai: The Trust organises and conducts dental, eye and health camps every Sunday in rural areas which have poor accessibility to health care. Since inception till October 2023, the Trust has conducted 1044 rural camps. Free medicines, spectacles and food are distributed to the patients.
 - b. In Pali district: The Trust started conducting regular medical camps in the villages of Pali district, to name a few, Siyat, Phulad, Jojawar, Nana, Jadan, Kantaliya, Sevari, Magartalb, Begari, Bhimana. About 50 camps have been organised.
2. In-house camps:
The Trust conducts daily in-house camps at Singhvi Scan and Diagnostic Centre, Chennai. Till October 2023, the Trust has conducted 4913 in-house camps.
3. Assistance for heart surgery:
Since 2001, Singhvi Charitable Trust provides assistance to poor and needy to undergo heart surgery. A sum of Rs.10000 is given for the purpose. Till October 2023, the Trust has provided assistance to 1712 needy people for undergoing heart surgeries. Singhvi Charitable Trust provides assistance on need basis to the poor people to undergo medical treatment, give medicines etc. Amount of Rs. 5.55 lakhs has been given to poor patients till Oct 2023.
4. Pension to needy Jains:
The Trust provides monthly pension to needy Jains, specially in Rajasthan and Chennai. Till Oct 2023, the Trust has provided pension worth Rs.389 lakhs to 2319 needy destitute.

5. The Singhvi Scan and Diagnostic Centre is functioning in Triplicane, Chennai. The Centre is providing quality and reliable pathological laboratory service at most affordable cost.
6. Creation and donation of infrastructure to various institutions:
 - a. Mahaveer Ashray to Cancer Institute, Adyar
 - b. Bhagwan Adinath Jain Complex to Cancer Institute, Adyar
 - c. Bhagwan Mahaveer Vishranti Graha to Cancer Institute, Adyar
 - d. Oncology Block to Cancer Institute, Adyar
 - e. Patient Block to Voluntary Health Services, Chennai
 - f. Smt.Jadavbai Nathmal Singhvee Glaucoma Service to Sankara Nethralaya, Chenna



The Singhvi Charitable Trust built Mahaveer Ashray, a state-of-the-art Palliative Care Centre in Smt. Chandrabai Singhvi Campus in 2017 in Sriperumbudur. It was handed over to Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar on 22nd June, 2017. It is the unit of Cancer Institute, Adyar.

The Mahaveer Ashray was inaugurated by Shri Narendra Modi, Honourable Prime Minister of India on 12/04/2018.

The Ashray, situated in 5 acres of land is 50 bed care centre housed in a well-planned aesthetic building with equipment, furniture and patient-comfort ambience. The Ashray focuses on diminishing the pain of the terminally ill patients, relieve sufferings of the inmates and assist them to spend their remaining days with dignity and comfort. It meets the urgent need of the terminally ill persons.

Jinendra Jeevdaya Kendra, Uthukottai, Chennai

Shri Sugalchand Jain founded People for Animals, Chennai in 1995 to champion the cause of animals. An animal welfare shelter was being run in a 3.5 acres land for the about 20 years taking care of abandoned and stray animals. As the number of inmates and number welfare programmes were increasing, Shri Sugalchand felt the need to establish a bigger Centre. He has given 18.4 acres of land in Uthukottai, near Chennai, and constructed a big, comfortable animal shelter, Jinendra Jeevdaya Kendra which has a wonderful ambience for the animals to spend rest of their lives peacefully surrounded by nature. It homes more than 1000 animals – cattle, pigs, horses, monkeys, cats, dogs, sheep, mules and goats rescued from the clutches of a cruel death or human abuse, or illegal slaughter or abandoned by heartless owners.



Pigeon Feeding

The Singhvi Charitable Trust, Triplicane is feeding around 12000 pigeons everyday in the open terrace of Singhvi Scan & Diagnostic Center for the past 20 years. 250 kgs of wheat (5 bags of wheat) is spread everyday in the morning. The Trust has so far spent Rs.2.11 crores for feeding birds.



Dr.B.Shamoondeswari, IPS, DIGP and Joint Commissioner participated in the bird feeding activity with Shri N.Sugalchand Jain



Vidhya Jyothi Trust: Estd in 2000

Vidhya Jyothi Trust is providing education at an affordable cost. The Trust also focuses on developing new institutions for imparting higher education. Vidhya Jyothi Trust is committed to excellence in education. No capitation or donation is collected by any of the educational institutions established by the Trust. It has established:

1. SJNS Jain Group of Schools, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
2. Mahaveer Institute of Technology & Science (MITS), Pali, Rajasthan.

1. SJNS Jain Group Of Schools

The Vidhya Jyothi Trust runs 2 primary schools and 1 higher secondary school in Chennai in the name of SJNS Jain Group of Schools. The schools are providing quality education to less privileged children since the year 1984. The Schools are providing education from classes L.K.G to XII in English Medium.

The Schools are full-fledged operational schools with sound infrastructure and a dedicated and qualified Teaching Staff. Apart from having 100% success rates in the examinations, the school ensures that the students also be given value based education. There are 1200 students studying in the schools.



2. MITS Mahaveer Institute of Technology & Science

Mahaveer Institute of Technology & Science offers B.Tech. in Computer Science, Civil & Mechanical and is affiliated to Bikaner Technical University for the program. The first batch that passed out earlier in session 2017-18 was affiliated to Rajasthan Technical University, had the highest pass percentage of 93.6% in Rajasthan in the University exams.



MITS Science Arts & Commerce College started in session 2018-19 is affiliated to Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur. The college is the first English medium college in the region. Special emphasis is laid on communication and over all grooming of the students. Students are also encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. The programs offered are B.Sc.(PCM), B.Sc.(CBZ), B.Com, B.A. & B.C.A.



MITS Group of Institutions have become a brand synonymous with quality affordable education in the region.

Other activities of the Trust are:

1. Provide scholarship to deserving students

2. Smt. Chandrabai Computer Literacy Programme:

Vidhya Jyothi Trust launched an initiative to provide computer literacy programme to rural students of Pali district of Rajasthan in December 2016. Trained professionals carry laptop to government schools in villages like Dhakdi, Bagawas, Indra Nagar, Dudhod, Kharia Soda, Khardi, Malpuriya and take classes on computer literacy. Since inception, the programme is effectively conducted for students studying in classes 5 to 8 in 26 schools benefitting 1825 students.



**Smt.Chandrabai Computer Literacy Programme in
G.U.P.S. Shivpura Girls School, Rajasthan**

3. Adopting Schools and providing infrastructure to government schools in Sojat, Dhundla, Siyat, Jadan, Bagawas etc. Activities like painting the school buildings and upgrading the basic learning facilities by providing ceiling fans, almirahs, staff chairs, daripatti, water motors etc to these schools are undertaken benefitting more than 2600 poor students.

4. Swachh Bharat Mission - Improving Sanitation

The Trust has constructed toilets in 4 schools in Pali district of Rajasthan

5. Choupal installation programme

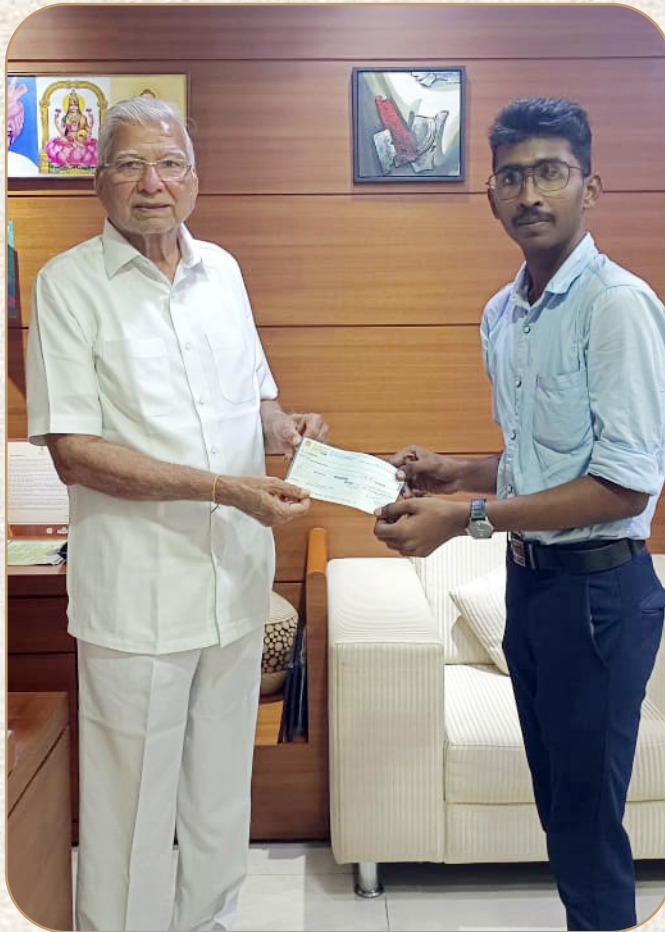
Under Mukhya Mantri Choupal Yojna, the Trust has installed 55 choupals in Jadan, Siyat, Dhundla, Bagawas and Sojat Road for community welfare.

6. Donation of school buildings

Jains India Trust: Estd in 2002

Jains India trust provides scholarship to Jain students. Till Oct 2023, it has provided scholarship worth Rs. 1442 lakhs to 11703 students.

The Trust also provides stipend to students pursuing Jainology in Madras University. Since inception the Trust has provided stipend worth Rs.23.50 lakhs to 408 students



Shri N.Sugalchand Jain handing over scholarship cheque to student

Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College (Gtec)

Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College (GTEC), is functioning from 2000 in Kaniyambadi, Vellore district, Tamil Nadu. The College provides an opportunity for the students from rural area to pursue higher education in the field of Engineering.

The College has excellent infrastructure in terms of land, building, equipment, laboratories and faculty. The College offers 6 disciplines of UG Courses (AI & DS, CSE, ECE, EEE, IT & Mech), 2 PG Courses (MBA & MCA). Three UG courses namely CSE, ECE & Mech are permanently affiliated to Anna University, Chennai.

The College imparts knowledge and discipline with emphasis on core competence in the fundamentals and strives to inculcate high professionalism and ethical attitude in the students. The college consistently maintains the good track record of Anna University rank holders. The record of campus placement has increased considerably from year to year, many of our students found gainful opportunity in top MNC's.



Maharishi Vidya Mandir, a unit of Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College, was started in 2019. The CBSE affiliated school is constructed in a land area of about 6.56 acres and the built up area is about 27000 sq.ft. Presently, 251 students are studying in the school.



Empathy Foundation: Estd in 2005

Empathy Foundation is a Public charitable trust based in Mumbai and the CSR initiative of M/s Sugai and Damani. It works mainly in the field of providing educational infrastructure and in providing Healthcare services in rural Maharashtra and in the slum areas of Greater Mumbai. The Foundation has constructed more than 240 school buildings in 17 districts of Maharashtra. The schools are situated in the rural districts of Raigad, Ratnagiri, Thane (Navi Mumbai) Beed, Sangli, Kolhapur, Pune, Satara, Sindhudurg and Solapur in the State of Maharashtra.

Foundation conducts free health, Eye and Dental camps, distributes spectacles, and has tied up with Raigad Zilla Parishad under Rural Health Program called Manav Vikas Karyakram.

The other activities done by Empathy Foundation are:

- Rain water harvesting in rural Maharashtra
- Provision of solar lights both home and street lights in remote villages of Maharashtra
- Providing drinking water by deepening wells, canals and sinking bore wells
- Village adoption for holistic development



Matoshri Jijabhai High School

Summary of CSR Activities of Sugal Group

The Sugal Group has established various Charitable Institutions to contribute to the improvement in the society and help the disadvantaged and marginalised communities.

Charitable Trusts	Entities for CSR activities
Singhvi Charitable Trust Estd. 1974	• Entities for CSR activities
	• Singhvi Scan & Diagnostic Centre
	• Rural and Inhouse Eye and dental Camps
	• Pigeon feeding
	• Assistance for heart surgery, other treatment and medicines
	• Contributions and support to NGOs
	• Monthly pension to needy Jains
Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation Estd 1994	• Swach Bharat activities in Rajasthan
	• Mahaveer Awards for excellence in human endeavour in 4 fields • Mahaveer Awards for Essays for School and College students
Vidhya Jyothi Trust Estd. 2000	SJNS Jain Group of Schools • SJNS Jain Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chennai • SJNS Jain Nursery and Primary School, Chennai (Big Street, Triplicane) • SJNS Jain Nursery and Primary School, Chennai (Ponnappa Lane, Triplicane)
	MITs Colleges • Mahaveer Institute of Technology & Science, Jadan, Rajasthan • MITs Science, Arts and Commerce College, Jadan, Rajasthan
	• Provide scholarship to deserving students • Smt.Chandrabai Computer Literacy Programme in Pali, Rajasthan • Adopting Schools and providing infrastructure to government schools in Rajasthan
JainsIndia Trust Estd 2002	• Scholarship to Jain students • Stipend to students for higher studies in Jainology
Empathy Foundation	• Constructed around 240 school buildings and handed over to Govt of Maharashtra
Sayarbai Educational and Charitable Trust	• Ganadipathy Tulsi's Jain Engineering College, Vellore • Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Vellore
People for Animals, Chennai	• Jīnendra Jeevdaya Kendra, Uthukottai

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A happy moment capturing the essence of family, on the engagement of Ms.Palak with Shri Devansh, granddaughter of Shri N.Sugalchand Jain



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Shri N. Sugalchand Jain, the mentor of institutions, SJNS Jain MHSS Chennai, SJNS N & P Schools Chennai, MVM School Vellore, MITS College Pali, GTec College Vellore, Avvai Home Chennai, celebrated his 80th birthday with the students and faculty.