

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION



27th & 28th MAHAVEER AWARDS
Honouring Altruistic Services Since 1995

RIJUVALIKA

A Sanctum of Spiritual Enlightenment

In 599 BCE, Bhagwan Mahaveer attained Kevalgyana, that is, supreme enlightenment, under a Sal tree along the banks of the Rijuvalika River in Magadha (modern-day Bihar). Rijuvalika holds great significance for Jains as this is the place where Bhagwan Mahaveer, the 24th Tirthankar, performed rigorous penance for 12 years and attained omniscience through deep meditation.

Currently Rijuvalika is known as Barakar River. It is located 12 km from Girdih, amidst the foothills of Sri Shikharji Tirth. Rijuvalika has two magnificent temples. This Tirth continues to be a place of spiritual devotion and reverence for the Jains.

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NAMOKAR MANTRA



Namo Arihantanam

Namo Siddhanam

Namo Ayariyanam

Namo Uvajjhayanam

Namo Loe Savva-sahunam

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 Upadhyaya

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

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



It is with great pleasure, profound gratitude and a sense of deep fulfilment that I address you today. As the Founder of Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, I am honoured to share with you the remarkable journey of the Foundation. The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation was established in 1994 under the Chairmanship of Bharat Ratna Late Shri C.Subramaniam, with the aim to identify, recognise and honour individuals and institutions doing selfless services for the weak and the voiceless in our society. These dedicated and compassionate individuals are making a positive impact in the society and are striving to upgrade, uplift and transform the lives of the underprivileged people.

A large number of individuals and institutions throughout the country are serving the needy in very challenging circumstances. The noble deeds of these unsung heroes most often go unnoticed and unrecognised. A few like-minded friends felt that the initiatives of such individuals and institutions should be recognised and rewarded. We also felt that if such noble people are recognised and honoured in functions, many others would be inspired to incline towards social service and social well-being.

Initially the Foundation instituted one award under the category Community & Social Service. Over the years, the number of awards increased from 1 to 4 and the total cash component of the awards increased from ₹ 5 Lakhs to ₹ 40 Lakhs.

I am very happy to share that the cash component of Mahaveer Awards of Rs.10 lakhs to each of the 4 categories is by far, one of the highest given by an NGO in India. The Award money is exempted from Income Tax, which enables the awardees to utilise the entire award money for the noble cause.

However, this vision could not have been realized without the invaluable guidance and support of eminent individuals like Justice Shri M.N.Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India, the members of Selection Jury, Shortlisting Committee members and the Trustees.

So far 96 awardees from 24 States and 2 Union Territories have been honoured in recognition of their selfless service for the welfare of the underprivileged. Awards are presented to the awardees in formal functions by eminent persons of our country like the President of India, Vice Presidents of India, Governors, Chief Minister and other Ministers.

I request each of the reader of this message, to send names of altruistic, empathetic persons/institutions, who are contributing to positive change in our society and transforming the lives of the needy and underprivileged in our society, for consideration for the Mahaveer Awards.

With heartfelt gratitude,
N. Sugalchand Jain

CHIEF GUEST

27th & 28th Mahaveer Awards Presentation Function
09-05-2025



Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Honourable Minister of Labour and Employment and
Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,
Government of India

BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

About

Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation was established in 1994 to express gratitude to the individuals and institutions in our country who are serving the needy and the weak by undertaking activities for the upliftment of the economically and socially disadvantaged communities and the voiceless animals. The Foundation instituted annual Mahaveer Awards to honour their altruistic services by presenting awards in formal functions. This would also inspire many others to incline towards social service.

Mahaveer Awards

The Mahaveer Awards were instituted in 1995. The Awards are presented annually to individuals and institutions providing selfless services to the weak and the voiceless in our society. The awards are given for excellence in the following four fields :

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

The awards carry a cash component of Rs.10 Lakhs each with a memento and a citation.

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

Every year, the Foundation receives nominations from almost all States of our country, which are placed before 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 amongst the people.

The shortlisted nominations 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. 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.

TRUSTEES



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Managing Trustee



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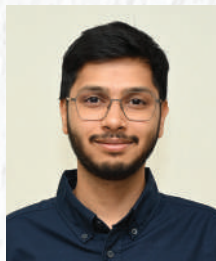
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Trustee



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Trustee



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I.A.S.(retd.) Advisor

SCOPE OF MAHAVEER AWARDS

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 and 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 & to enhance economic, 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 healthcare 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 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 living standards of people, advocacy etc • Setting up water harvesting structures like ponds, for minor irrigation and community potable water source.

SELECTION PROCESS

Inviting Nominations

Nominations in the prescribed format are invited from around the country. District administrators, legislators, bureaucrats, educationists, media, social workers, Members of Legislative Assembly and Parliament and other eminent people are requested to send nominations of persons, institutions they may have come across.

Shortlisting Committee

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

Visiting the Nominees

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

Selection Jury

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.

Award Presentation

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

SHORTLISTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Shri Chinny Krishna
Co-Founder & Chairman - Blue Cross of India
& Chairman Emeritus – FIAPPO



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



Shri Kailashmull Dugar
Former President,
Rajasthan Association, Tamil Nadu



Dr. Sudha Seshayyan,
Former Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu
Dr. M.G.R. Medical University



Dr. T. S. Surendran
Chairman, 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



Dr. Justice D.Y.Chandrachud,
Former Chief Justice of India



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Former Chief Election
Commissioner of India



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Former Chairman,
Securities and Exchange
Board of India



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Former Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India



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

CHIEF GUESTS OF MAHAVEER AWARD FUNCTIONS



09-05-2025
27th & 28th Mahaveer Award
Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Honourable Minister of Labour and
Employment and Minister of Youth
Affairs and Sports, Government of India



23-11-2023
26th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri R. N. Ravi
Governor of Tamil Nadu



03-09-2022
25th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri Kalraj Mishra
Governor of Rajasthan



02-03-2022
24th Mahaveer Award
Shri Om Birla
Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha



29-01-2021
22nd & 23rd Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri Banwarilal Purohit
Governor of Tamil Nadu



02-12-2018
21st Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri M Venkiah Naidu
Hon'ble Vice President of India



08-09-2017
20th Mahaveer Award
Shri Subramanian Swamy
Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha



20-09-2016
19th Mahaveer Award
Shri S. Gurumurthy
Editor Thuglak, Part-time
Director of RBI



21-08-2015
18th Mahaveer Award
Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot
Hon'ble Union Minister for
Social Justice & Empowerment



14-02-2015
17th Mahaveer Award
Dr. S S Badrinath
Chairman Emeritus
Sankara Nethralaya



04-06-2013
16th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri M Hamid Ansari
Vice President of India



10-10-2012
15th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Dr. K Rosaiah
Governor of Tamil Nadu

CHIEF GUESTS OF MAHAVEER AWARD FUNCTIONS



09-11-2011
14th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri M K Narayanan
Governor of West Bengal



09-07-2010
13th Mahaveer Award
Prof. M S Swaminathan,
Chairman Emeritus
M. S. Swaminathan Research
Foundation, Chennai



19-05-2008
11th & 12th Mahaveer Award
Her Excellency
Smt. Pratibha Patil
President of India



11-01-2006
10th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri T N Chaturvedi
Governor of Karnataka



14-02-2005
9th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri Surjeet Singh Barnala
Governor of Tamil Nadu



22-03-2003
7th & 8th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri K R Malkani
Lt. Governor of Pondicherry



05-10-2000
6th Mahaveer Award
Shri P T R Palanivelrajan
Hon'ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu
Legislative Assembly



03-04-1999
5th Mahaveer Award
Dr. M Karunanidhi
Hon'ble Chief Minister
of Tamil Nadu



09-04-1998
4th Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri Krishan Kant
Vice President of India



20-04-1997
3rd Mahaveer Award
Shri Karan Singh
Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha



08-09-1996
2nd Mahaveer Award
Shri C Subramaniam
Former Governor of Maharashtra



08-11-1995
1st Mahaveer Award
His Excellency
Shri K R Narayanan
Vice President of India

27th MAHAVEER AWARDEES



Non-Violence & Vegetarianism
Radha Surabhi Gau Seva Trust,
Uttar Pradesh
Represented by
Ms. Friederike Irina Bruning



Education
Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline,
Jammu & Kashmir
Represented by
Shri Javed Ahmed Tak



Medicine
Parivaar Education Society,
West Bengal
Represented by
Shri Vinayak Lohani



Community & Social Service
Group Captain
Shri Atul Chandra Barua,
Assam

28th MAHAVEER AWARDEES



Non-Violence & Vegetarianism
Shree Krishana Gopal Gouseva Samiti,
Rajasthan
Represented by
Shri Kushal Giri Maharaj



Education
Ms. Vidhya Das,
Odisha



Medicine
Association for Health Workers in the Nilgiris,
Tamil Nadu
Represented by
Shri. KT Subramanian



Community & Social Service
Ashadeep,
Assam
Represented by
Dr. Anjana Goswami

Non-Violence & Vegetarianism

Radha Surabhi Gau Seva Trust

Uttar Pradesh



Ms. Friederike Irina Bruning, affectionately known as Sudevi Dasi, has dedicated her life to the compassionate care and welfare of cows in Radha Kund, which is regarded as the native land of Lord Krishna and also known as Braj. Her unwavering commitment to providing shelter, food, and medical care for these sacred animals reflects the ideals of service and compassion. Sudevi Dasi, originally from Germany, has been residing in Radha Kund for over 35 years.

Establishing the Radha Surabhi Gau Seva Trust in 1996, Sudevi Dasi has created a haven for over 1800 cows, including abandoned, sick, injured, or homeless cows. Her holistic approach, which prioritizes keeping mother cows and calves united, embodies the values of empathy and respect for all living beings.

The Radha Surabhi Gau Seva Trust's impact extends beyond its immediate community, benefiting 15700 cows over the past three years. All the services are provided with deep care, compassion and dedication to the voiceless animals.

Sudevi Dasi's selfless devotion to the welfare of cows for the last 3 decades has not gone unnoticed. She was honoured with the Padma Shri in recognition of her tireless service in the field of animal welfare.

Education

Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline

Jammu & Kashmir

Shri Javed Ahmed Tak has been working for the empowerment of the disabled community in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite enduring a serious injury during the armed conflict in 1997, Shri Tak's resilience and determination have transformed countless lives through his selfless service.

He established the Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline in 2003 with a vision for inclusive education and disability rights advocacy. The Organization is providing free education to orphans and underprivileged, orthopedically disabled children and children with cerebral palsy, and multiple disabilities.

Under his leadership, the Organization has pioneered various initiatives, including the Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education, offering free education and rehabilitation services to over 227 children with disabilities, a computer center for poor, orphan, physically challenged and a centre providing physiotherapy, music, sports and arts training. The centre is first of its kind in Anantnag district of Jammu & Kashmir.



The Organization is running a Childline toll free number for children in distress. Childline team sensitizes masses on child rights and child protection through outreach programmes on regular basis and till now intervened in 2500 cases.

Shri Tak has provided relief materials and shelter to the needy during natural disasters and distributed wheel chairs, aids and appliances to persons with disabilities. Shri Tak's advocacy has led to tangible policy changes, including the implementation of reservations in education and the provision of essential amenities such as ramps and scholarships for disabled students. He has been honoured by Padma Shri in 2020.

Medicine

Parivaar Education Society West Bengal



Shri Vinayak Lohani, a distinguished Alumnus of both IIT Kharagpur and IIM Kolkata, founded Parivaar in 2003. Under Shri Lohani's visionary leadership, Parivaar's Ambulance Service has emerged as a lifeline providing critical medical transportation round-the-clock in highly underdeveloped and remote tribal areas of Dewas, Sehore, Alirajpur in Madhya Pradesh. With 100 ambulances deployed in just one year, over 1.85 lakh lives have been saved.

Parivaar has collaborated with leading eye hospitals and working for restoring vision to those in need. Through 3100 eye camps, over 4.3 lakh individuals have received essential eye care, and more than 50 thousand have undergone surgical interventions.

Recognizing the barriers to accessing healthcare in impoverished areas, Parivaar started 14 Mobile Health Clinics. Qualified doctors reach 3 to 4 villages daily, over 7.75 lakh individuals have received medical consultation and free medicines.

Shri Lohani is inspired by the ideals of Swami Vivekananda and his selfless commitment to serving humanity has touched the lives of more than 10 lakh individuals in the past two years. Parivaar's grass-roots work in the most remote and deprived regions of Madhya Pradesh reflects a profound dedication to uplifting the most marginalized communities.

Community & Social Service

Group Captain Shri Atul Chandra Barua

Assam



Group Captain Shri Atul Chandra Barua's life story is a testament to compassion, resilience, and unwavering dedication. After serving our Nation in the Air Force, he found his true calling in helping the less fortunate.

He established "SENEH," a home for destitute old women, in 2005. The Home is providing shelter and care to those marginalized by society. The residents of the home are mostly mentally, psychologically, physically ill sick pavement dwellers, picked up from the streets.

Barua is providing refreshments to cancer patients and attendants. Recognizing Assam's high maternal mortality rate due to lack of menstrual hygiene awareness, he initiated a project "Surabhi". He distributes biodegradable sanitary pads free of cost to 732 rural school girls every month for last 4 years. Despite financial constraints, his dedication remains unwavering. Also during the COVID-19 pandemic, he distributed dry ration to 1174 needy families and nursed the terminally sick with contagious diseases with his own hands.

His impact is profound and he is an inspiration to the younger generation. Barua's legacy of compassion and service is chronicled in his book "NOBODY'S GRANDMA," garnering appreciation and recognition. Barua continues to lead by example, adopting a tribal village and uplifting the most marginalized.

Non-Violence & Vegetarianism

Shree Krishana Gopal Gouseva Samiti

Rajasthan



Shree Krishana Gopal Gouseva Samiti, under the leadership of Shri Swami Kushal Giriji Maharaj, has been doing dedicated service in the field of animal welfare since its establishment in 2008. Headquartered in Nagaur, Rajasthan, the Samiti has created a world-class veterinary hospital—Golok Mahatirtha, specializing in rescuing, treating, and rehabilitating accident-prone and ailing cattle, alongside providing care for other domestic and wild animals.

The Samiti operates a fleet of 40 ambulances, ensuring rapid medical assistance to injured and abandoned cows. The Nagaur hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art operation theatres, X-ray machines, and specialized medical wards, staffed by 55 veterinarians and 300 supporting personnel. The Jodhpur hospital, established in 2015, further extends these critical services.

A pioneer in innovative animal care, the Cow Exchange Program allows sick cows to be replaced with healthy ones, ensuring continuous welfare. The hospital also provides round-the-clock treatment for wild animals, rehabilitating them before releasing them into their natural habitats. The monthly medical expenses of ₹4 lakhs and daily operational costs of ₹5 lakhs.

Recognized as India's largest veterinary hospital, the Samiti has made an indelible impact across Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. The Gaushala serves as permanent sanctuary for over 1,800 rescued animals.

Education

Vidhya Das

Odisha



Mrs. Vidhya Das has been working towards improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in Odisha, women's empowerment, education, policy advocacy, and climate-smart agriculture. Through her institution Agragamee, she has transformed the lives of thousands of tribal families and marginalized communities.

Mrs. Das has revolutionized tribal literacy, establishing three primary schools for girls from 350 villages and leading non-formal education programs that have reached 25,000 children. Under her guidance, female literacy in 35 tribal villages jumped from 0% to 75%, and tribal girls achieving high school success increased by 200%, with A and B-grade results soaring by 500%. Her Creative Language Development method has transformed learning, increasing reading abilities from 5% to 80% across 18 government schools.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, she set up learning centers in 25 villages and ensured that 1,300 tribal children continued their education. She led a state-wide movement to break monopolistic trade practices in non-timber forest produce, securing better incomes for tribal families. Her work in banning liquor brewing and trade from 1995 to 2005 addressed critical social issues affecting tribal households. Her initiatives in women-led enterprises have empowered tribal women to increase their earnings by 300% to 600%.

She has not only provided education and economic opportunities but has also addressed poverty, hunger, and exploitation in remote tribal districts.

Medicine

Association for Health Welfare in the Nilgiris

Tamil Nadu



Founded in 1990 by Dr. Nanda Kumar Menon, a surgeon, and Smt. Shylaja, an obstetrician, Association for Health Welfare in the Nilgiris (ASHWINI) has transformed the healthcare landscape for the Adivasi communities of the Nilgiris. ASHWINI serves over 22,000 tribals across 320 remote hamlets in Gudalur and Pandalur Taluks.

ASHWINI's pioneering approach empowers the tribal population, ensuring that over 75% of its healthcare workforce consists of trained Adivasi youth. Its three-tier healthcare system includes village health volunteers, eight area centers, and the 50-bed NABH-accredited Gudalur Adivasi Hospital, staffed with full-time doctors and specialist consultants.

Key Healthcare Achievements:

- 97% hospital delivery rate, significantly reducing maternal and infant mortality.
- Sick Cell Disease screening and treatment for 369 patients, lowering morbidity and mortality.
- Tuberculosis Control Program, offering regular screenings and follow-ups.
- Mental Health Initiative addressing rising suicide rates since 2005.
- Speech & Hearing Care, Non-Communicable Disease screening and treatment for diabetes, hypertension, and COPD.

ASHWINI's holistic model ensures sustainability and community ownership, with Rs. 70 per hospital visit covering consultations, medicines, diagnostics, and referrals. This patient-driven model has been instrumental in making healthcare affordable, efficient, and locally managed.

Community & Social Service

Ashadeep

Assam



Founded in 1996 by Shri Mukul Chandra Goswami and Dr. Anjana Goswami, Ashadeep has been a pioneering force in mental health care in Northeast India. Based in Guwahati, Assam, the organization has transformed the lives of over 10,000 individuals and their families by providing comprehensive support, treatment, and rehabilitation for persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

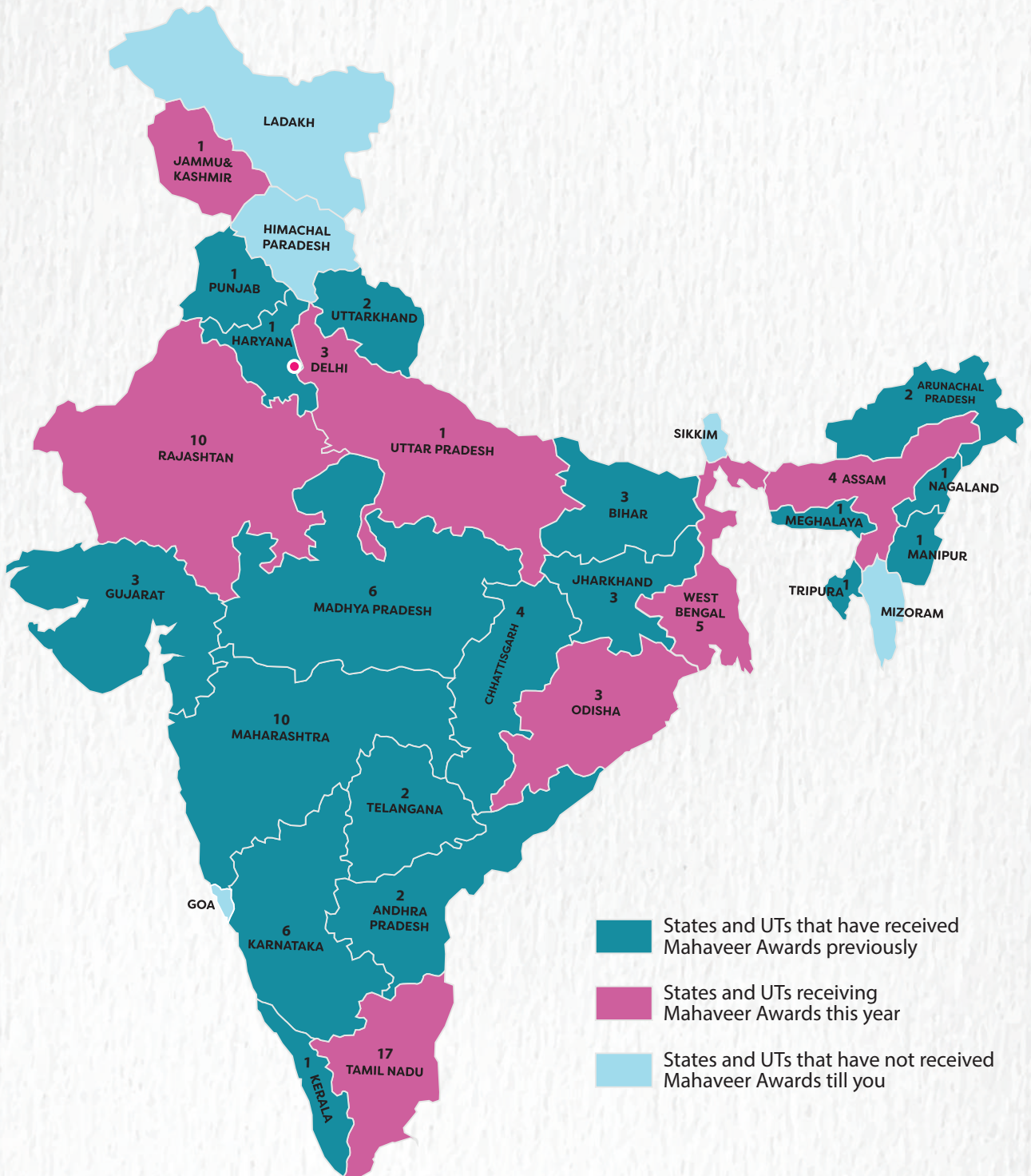
Through its Day Rehabilitation Centers in Assam's Goalpara and Guwahati districts, it provides daily living skills, functional academics, specialized therapies, and vocational training for individuals with intellectual disabilities and mental illness. It rescues, treats, and reintegrates homeless persons with mental illness with their families across India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. For those unable to return, shared homes offer community-based living with social security and employment assistance.

Outdoor Composite Care Units operate in two districts of Assam, offering psychiatric consultations, counselling, speech therapy, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy.

Community Mental Health Programme was launched in 2013 in six districts of Assam and one in Nagaland that engages community health workers and public health systems to ensure sustainable mental health solutions in rural areas.

With affordable, accessible, and free services for the underprivileged, Ashadeep's holistic approach has redefined mental healthcare in Northeast India and has created lasting impact across Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Tripura.

MAHAVEER AWARDS STATE-WISE



- States and UTs that have received Mahaveer Awards previously
- States and UTs receiving Mahaveer Awards this year
- States and UTs that have not received Mahaveer Awards till now

LIST OF AWARDEES

Mahaveer Award	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	Education & Medicine	Community & Social Service
1 st 08/11/1995			Veerayatan, Rajgir, Bihar
2 nd 08/09/1996	Shri S Jagannathan & Smt.Krishnammal Jagannathan, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu		Shri Ramakrishna Mission, Bastar, Chhattisgarh
3 rd 20/04/1997	Shri Ratanlal C Bafna, Jalgaon, Maharashtra		Shri Anna Hazare, Ralegaon, Maharashtra
4 th 09/04/1998	Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, Maharashtra	Shri Avinashilingam Education Trust Institutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Dr. Prakash Murlidar Amte & Dr.Mandakini Prakash Amte, Hemalkasa, Maharashtra
5 th 03/04/1999	Smt. Maneka Gandhi, People for Animals, New Delhi	Dr. G Venkataswamy Chairman Aravind Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai, Tamil Nadu	Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur, Rajasthan
6 th 05/10/2000	Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune, Maharashtra	Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Tripura Adivashi Mahila Samithy, Agartala, Tripura
7 th 22/03/2003	Late Dr.Nemichand Jain, Indore, Madhya Prades	Dr. H Sudarshan, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Yelandur, Karnataka	Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
8 th 22/03/2003		1) Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu 2)Marudhar Mahila Shikshan Sangh Khimel, Rajasthan	Dr. S V AdinarayanaRao, Director General – Prema Hospital, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Prades
9 th 14/02/2005	Shri Siddharaj Dhatta, Jaipur, Rajasthan	Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Almora, Uttarakhan	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Saragur, Karnataka
10 th 11/01/2006		1)Dr.Sharadkumar Dicksheet M.D, Dr.Sharadkumar Dicksheet Charitable Trust (India), Pune, Maharashtra 2)Dr. S S Badrinath, President & Chairman, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Shri Rajmal S Jain, Pali, Rajasthan
11 th 19/05/2008	Shri Bharat Amritlal Kothari, Rajpur, Gujarat	Dr.Shiv Kumar Sarin, New Delhi	Acharya Dr.Kishore Kunal, Patna, Bihar
12 th 19/05/2008	Action for Protection of Wild Animals, Kendrapara, Orissa	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Maharashtra	Amar Seva Sangam, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
13 th 09/07/2010		Tribal Health Initiative, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu	1) Shri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Kota, Rajasthan 2) Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka

LIST OF AWARDEES

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14 th 09/11/2011	Shri Dayananda Swamiji, Bengaluru, Karnataka	The Indian Planetary Society, Mumbai, Maharashtra	Voluntary Health Services, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Snehalaya Social Charitable Trust, Solapur, Maharashtra
15 th 10/10/201	Shri Chiranjee Lal Bagra, Kolkata, West Bengal	Kalinga Institute of Social Science Bhubaneswar, Orissa	Dr. Anant Sinha, Ranchi, Jharkhand	Shri Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh
16 th 04/06/2013	Shri Mohd Shafique Khan, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Churu, Rajasthan	Dr. R. Ravi Kannan, Silchar, Assam	Smt. Sushila Bohra, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
17 th 14/02/2015	Blue Cross of India, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Shri Sarada Ashram, Ulundhurpet, Tamil Nadu	Dr. Sunil Sanon, Mussorie, Uttarakhand	Smt. Phoolbasanbai Yadav, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
18 th 21/08/2015	Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam, Vedaraniyam, Tamil Nadu	Sane and Enthusiast Volunteers' Association of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal	Vikas Bharti, Ranchi Jharkhand
19 th 20/09/2016	Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Dr. Sapam Nabakishore Singh, Silchar, Assam	Dr. R.V. Ramani, Sankara Eye Institutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Smt. Shamshad Begum, Durg, Chhattisgarh
20 th 08/09/2017	Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Udaipur, Rajasthan	AIM for Seva, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Dr. M.C. Nahata, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Arpana Research & Charities Trust, Karnal, Haryana
21 st 02/12/2018	Dr. Shiranee Pereira, People For Animals, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Shri Anand Kumar, Super 30, Patna, Bihar	Bhagwan Mahavir Jain Relief Foundation Trust, Hyderabad, Telangana	Rural Health Organisation, Imphal, Manipur
22 nd 29/01/2021	Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisation, New Delhi	Panchmahal Anusuchit Jati Education Trust, Adadara, Gujarat	Jeevodaya Hospice for Cancer Patients, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Gramin Adiwass Samaj Vikas Sansthan, Sausar, Madhya Pradesh
Smt. Shyamalatha Mohan Raj, New Delhi in the field Women Social Entrepreneur				

LIST OF AWARDEES

Mahaveer Award	Non-Violence & Vegetarianism	Education	Medicine	Community & Social Service
23 rd 29/01/2021	Baba Palla Singh Goushala, Baba Bakala Town, Punjab	Manav Kalyan Trust, Navsari, Gujarat	Pain and Palliative Care Society, Kozhikode, Kerala	Sewadham Ashram,Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
24 th 02/03/2022	Shri Jasraj Shrishrimal, Hyderabad, Telangana	Mahila Abhivruddhi Mattu Samrakshana Samsthe, Belgaum, Karnataka	Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh	Society for Education, Action & Research in Community Health, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra
25 th 03/09/2022	People for Animals, Sirohi, Rajasthan	Shr Sathyanarayanan Mundayoor, Founder Lohit Youth Library Network, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh	Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan, Haldia, West Bengal	Nagaland Gandhi Ashram, Chuchuyimlang, Nagaland
26 th	Dhyan Foundation, New Delhi	Friends of Tribal Society, Kolkatta, West Bengal	Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	Nongstoin Social Service Society, Nongstoin, Meghalaya
27 th	Radha Surabhi Gau Seva Trust, Radha Kund, Uttar Pradesh	Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline, Kashmir, Jammu & Kashmir	Parivaar Education Society, Barkalikapur, West Bengal	Group Captain Shri Atul Chandra Barua, Guwahati, Assam
28 th	Shree Krishana Gopal Gouseva Samiti, Rajasthan	Ms.Vidhya Das, Odisha	Association for Health Workers in the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	Ashadeep, Assam

Dr. Nemichand Jain Memorial Award

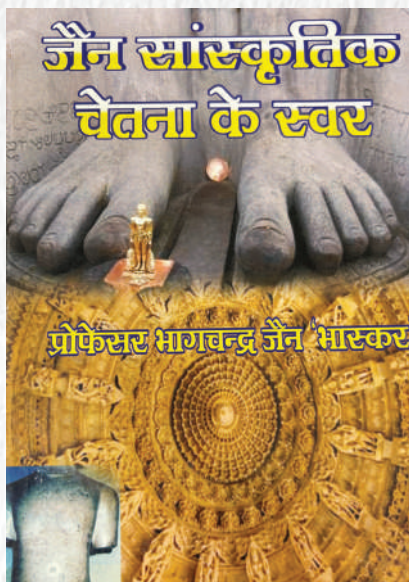
For Books

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation announced the Dr.Nemichand Jain Memorial Award in celebration of the 2550th Nirvana Mahotsava of Bhagwan Mahaveer. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding, published and unpublished books authored in either Hindi or English that promote the teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer.

The books may draw on the teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer and highlight themes like Health and hygiene, Benefits of vegetarianism, Non-violence, Prevention of cruelty to animals, Safeguarding ecology, trees, forests, animals, and the environment etc.

The Dr.Nemichand Jain Memorial Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 2,00,000, a citation and a memento.

The aim of this award is to disseminate the teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer, which are highly relevant in today's world. Many authors are contributing valuable work on these topics, benefiting society at large.



The Fourth Dr.Nemichand Jain Memorial Award is presented to
Prof. Bhagchandra Jain Bhaskar for the book "Jain Sanskrutik Chetna ke Swar"

Mahaveer Award for Essays

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation recognized the importance of familiarizing young individuals with the timeless message of peace and harmonious co-existence propagated by Bhagwan Mahaveer, the 24th Tirthankara, who lived 2600 years ago. Understanding the relevance of Bhagwan Mahaveer's teachings in today's world, the Foundation initiated the "Mahaveer Award for Essays" in both Tamil and English languages, for students from schools and colleges in and around Chennai.

Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation instituted the "Mahaveer Award for Essays" for the students. This competition was started in 2016 and held every year. The competition is being conducted in English and Tamil for school and college students on the topic "Life and teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer". So far 7 Essay competitions have been conducted and 120316 students have participated in the competitions. In 2022 and 2023, the competition was conducted online and 3860 students participated in the online competitions. The response from students, especially from remote districts of Tamil Nadu, has been particularly encouraging. The 8th Mahaveer Awards for Essays will be conducted online in August 2025 for school and college students.

Prizes ranging from Rs.1000 to Rs.50000 are given to students. The Foundation provides reference books to the students. All participants are given Participation Certificates.

Cumulative statistics	
Total Participants	- 120316
Total Prize Winners	- 435
Total prize money distributed	- Rs.20.34 lakhs



The 7th Mahaveer Award for Essays Prize Distribution Function held on 06-01-2024

Sugal Group



Sugal Group, founded in 1973, has ventured into multiple verticals, including Real Estate & Warehousing, Lottery & Gaming, Information Technology, Shares & Commodity Broking, Windmills, Solar Energy, and Education. The Group strives to deliver value and achieve substantial outcomes across all business domains consistently and successfully. The Sugal Group is a name that is synonymous with an illustrious history of milestones and indelible trust.

Shri N.Sugalchand Jain, the family patriarch and group mentor, is guided by the sublime teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer, namely, Ahimsa, Live and let live. He has nurtured his family and inculcated the succeeding generations represented by his sons Shri Prasanchand and Shri Vinodh Kumar, his grandsons Shri Pramod and Shri Pratik and his great grandson Sharav, with the high values and traditions of Jainism and Indian culture of compassion and empathy for others.

The group has made substantial contributions to institutions such as Medicit Hospital in Hyderabad, Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Cancer Institute, SankaraNethralaya, Child Trust Hospital, Voluntary Health Services, Blue Cross of India, People for Animals etc at Chennai.

The charitable instincts of the family led to the establishment of the following charitable Trusts for uplifting the weak and less fortunate in our society.

Sugal Group Entities for CSR Activities

Singhvi Charitable Trust : Website: www.singhvi.co.in

The Singhvi Charitable Trust, established in 1974, has been conducting free dental, eye and health camps in remote rural areas of Chennai for the past 30 years. The Trust has so far conducted 6121 camps benefitting 6.55 lakh needy people. Free spectacles have been provided to over 3.55 lakh people.

Since 2001, the Trust provides assistance to poor and needy to undergo heart surgery and also provides assistance for other medical treatment. The Trust has so far provided assistance to more than 1737 needy people for undergoing heart surgeries.



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 bedded and is a state-of-the-art 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.

Jains India Trust: www.jainsindia.org

The Jains India Trust was established in 2002 to help needy members of Jain community. The Trust grants scholarship to deserving students of Jain community, provides stipend to students pursuing higher studies in Jainology and also gives financial assistance to needy Jain women.

So far, the Trust has provided scholarship to 12405 students, financial help to 3020 women and stipend to 470 students.



Vidhya Jyothi Trust : www.sjnsjainschools.org & www.mitsjadan.ac.in

Vidhya Jyothi Trust was established in 2000 with the aim of providing value-based education at an affordable cost. The Trust has established the following institutions:

1. SJNS Jain Group of Schools

The Trust runs 2 primary schools and 1 higher secondary school in Triplicane, Chennai in the name of SJNS Jain Group of Schools. The schools are providing quality education from classes L.K.G to XII to 1200 students studying in the schools.

2. Mahaveer Institute of Technology & Science

MITS Group of Institutions runs Engineering & Degree college which have become a brand synonymous with quality affordable education in the rural areas of Pali district of Rajasthan. Special emphasis is laid on communication and over all grooming of the students.

The Trust also provides scholarship to deserving students, adopts Schools and provides infrastructure to government schools in rural areas of Pali district.



CSR Activities with Associates

Empathy Foundation

Constructed around 252 school buildings and handed over to Government of Maharashtra

Conducts free health, eye and dental camps, distributes spectacles

Undertakes projects on rain water harvesting in rural Maharashtra

Village adoption for holistic development



GanadipathyTulsi's Jain Engineering College (GTec)

- Functioning in Kaniyambadi, Vellore district, Tamil Nadu
- Provides opportunity for students to pursue higher education in the field of Engineering
- Maharishi Vidya Mandir, a CBSE affiliated school started in 2019

People for Animals

- Runs JinendraJeevdaya Kendra, an animal shelter, in Uthukottai, Tamil Nadu
- Takes care of dogs, cats, cattle, birds, horses, ponies, birds etc



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