
Selfless Service by BSNA Members

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Many BSNA members have been performing selfless service to the communities in India. Following are some examples of the projects these members have been dedicating their time and personal funds to give back something to the motherland by supporting the needy. If you or someone you know is performing such a service, please inform me or anyone on the BSNA EC so that we can include the description of the projects in next Brahma Bharti or Brahma Vani and BSNA Homepage. If anyone would like to help in any of these projects please contact the sponsors of each project listed below. We hope other BSNA members will either start such projects to help the needy or help one of the projects described below:

Dr. Saryu N. Dixit, Glenview, IL 60025 (Tel 847-299-5474, Email: sdixit37@yahoo.com)

Saryu Ji started **Jyoti Children's Development Foundation** in 1986 (www.jyotiforchildren.org). The sole objective of this foundation is to provide education and vocational training to the handicapped children in India so that they can earn a living and thus become independent, self supporting and useful members of the society. The foundation, through its affiliate Jyoti Bal Vikas Sanstha (JBVS), has been running a free school (preschool to 5th grade) and charging a small fee for 6th to 10th grades for hearing-impaired children in Bithoor, Kanpur since July 1990. The school is equipped with modern means and equipments to ensure quality education for children with the special needs. The teachers are especially trained to educate hearing impaired children, and the children are provided commuting services by two buses operated by the foundation.

Dr. Lalji Mishra, German Town, MD (Tel 301-972-6329, Email: Laljim@yahoo.com)

Lalji Mishra Ji started a **High School in Dharawal, Tahsil Meja in the District Allahabad** in March of 2002. The land to build the school was donated by his family members. Construction of library and additional class rooms is ongoing. Approximately 300 students (both boys and girls) from all castes and religions are currently enrolled in the school. The teachers and workers come from the nearby villages regardless of caste and religion. Dr. Mishra's method of fund raising is very novel. He performs *pooja* at various occasions (e.g. graduation ceremony) and entire funds received from these *pooja* ceremonies go directly to benefit the school and poor children in the school.

Dr. Satish Misra, North Potomac, MD (Tel 301-340-2983, Email: satish_misra@hotmail.com)

Satish Misra Ji helped in initiating **Adarsh Krishna Vidya Mandir High School**, almost 30 years ago in his native village, Bhadiacha in District Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh. The school initially opened in Shivalay and Krishna Temple built by his ancestors. Afterward, the school moved to a new facility which is fully developed along with class rooms and other facilities and is now an Intermediate College.

In 2003 he pledged to open a **school for girls** in the village. The land has been acquired and construction work has started.

Renovation of the Shivalay and Krishna Temple originally built by his ancestors has also started. A mobile health clinic is being acquired to serve the needy in and around the village.

Dr. Tej Pandey, Sacramento, CA (Tel 916-489-5916, Email: tpandey@sbcglobal.net)

Tej Pandey Ji has started **Bhagwati Charitable Trust** in Kanpur, UP, with one Branch in Unnao, UP. Tej Pandey's grandparents have already established a Sanskrit Pathshala in Unnao which is affiliated with the Sampurnananda Vishwa Vidhyala, Varanasi. The Pathshala provides Sanskrit education upto Shashtri level. Bhargwati Charitable Trust will establish a complete collection of Vedic and Hindi literature for use by the general public. The trust will also provide support and education for the needy Brahman girls and boys and provide support to the parents of marriageable Brahman girls.

Mr. Hans Sharma, Conshohocken, PA (Tel 610-828-5155, Email: hans@sharmah.com)

Hans Sharma Ji started **Gayatri Devi Pandit Memorial College and Gayatri Devi Public School** in 1999 in the village Dhar Draman, Tehsil Jai Singh Pur, Dist. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh in the memory of his late mother Gayatri Devi Ji..

Currently 100 students (mostly girls) receive college education in liberal arts. Approximately 50 young students are enrolled in Gayatri Devi Public School, where medium of instruction is English right from Kindergarten. Hans Ji's annual contribution amounts to \$20,000. Future expansion plans include:

1. Separate building for both college and secondary school.
2. Fully functional computer lab and BS degree program in computer science.
3. One year Diploma program in Pharmacy and Nursing.
4. Six months certificate courses in various trades such as electrician, plumbing, tailoring and design etc.

The total expenditure for completion would require an investment of \$250,000. Donations from many people can be a tremendous help in accomplishing this goal. This entire project is funded and managed through a tax exempt Gayatri Devi Memorial Charitable Trust established in Delhi in year 2000.

Dr. Umesh Shukla, Belle Mead, NJ (Tel 908-431-9845, Email: shuklafamily@earthlink.net)

Umesh Shukla and Family founded **Asha Charitable Trust** in 2002 in Kanpur. The trust pays educational expenses (tuition fees, books, clothing etc) for the needy children (elementary school to professional college education). The trust also helps in marriage and medical expenses of the needy.

In 1995 supported construction of Principal's office in Jyoti **Children's Development Foundation**, Inc. in Bithoor, Kanpur. Jyoti Children's development foundation provides free education to handicapped (blind or deaf) children..

Residence quarter in Namisharanya (Sitapur District, UP): In 1995 built a residence quarter in Swami Shardananda Ji's Ashram to allow free accommodation to the visitors.

Renovation of Temple: In 2002 renovated and extended an old temple in a village in Unnao to help the villagers get together for community meetings, and celebration of festivals and spiritual practice.

Dr. Suresh Tiwari, Fayette, MS (Tel 601-786-3792 Email: sctiwari@aol.com)

Suresh Tiwari Ji is managing the following 3 projects as described below.

Devi Asharafi Kanya Vidyalaya (School for girls): This school for girls was established by his father Pt. Rajanikant Tiwari in 1985 in village Deokuli, District-Buxar in Bihar. Dr. Tiwari continues to provide financial support to the school.

Bal Vikas Kendra (Center for development of Children): Dr. Tiwari helped construction of the building in 1991 in village Hitan Parari, District- Buxar in Bihar. This center assists students in preparing for competitive exams to obtain scholarships for higher education. Dr. Tiwari also provides financial assistance to the students.

Fruit Tree Planting:

Dr. Tiwari and his nephew Satish Chandra Tripathi initiated this project in the year 2000. At least 100 mango, dates, guava, lemon and the trees choice are provided to the residents in the area of Gangetic Belt near Hitan Parari, Bihar for planting at the location of their choice. The farmers are given financial assistance in building a fence to protect these trees while young.. Currently at least five villages participate in the program and more will get involved as the program grows. This project has brought together the community members in the area.

Dr. Janeshwar Upadhyay, Colonial Heights, VA (Tel 804-520-2043, Email: drjupadhyay@yahoo.com):

Janeshwar Upadhyay Ji has built a **temple in Ankraha , Palamau (Jharkhand)** as a place for religious practice, spiritual knowledge and *satsang*. Ankraha is in a very poor Nexalite area where there was no temple to accommodate even ten people within five to ten miles area. This new temple accommodates at least 2000 people and is used as a community hall for meetings, marriages and other socio-religious activities. Its four rooms are used for teaching children without any charge. The opening ceremony was from May 28- 31, 2004. During the opening ceremony, the facility was dedicated to be used as a place of prayer, community center and school for everyone regardless of caste, religious belief or economic status. In just one year, the temple activities have had a very positive impact in bringing the community together.

Dr. Upadhyay has also acquired a piece of land in the neighboring village to build a separate school, library with

computers and a First–Aid clinic but construction work is pending availability of funds.

Very limited information was available for the following projects. Detailed information will be provided in the future.

Dr. Ram Das Chaudhari, Oswego, NY (Tel 315-343-3583)

Ram Chaudhari has built a high school at his native village Bhulpur, in district Etawah, UP.

Dr. Tryambakeshwar Dwivedi, Brossard, PQ, Canada (Tel 450-466-0350)

Tryambakeshwar Dwivedi has started Ram Janki Charitable Hospital in Ayodhya to provide free medical care to everyone. The hospital plans include expansion to 400 beds. There is also a provision for yoga and spiritual healing.

