



# Newsletter

Issue No. 20 2023

## Thank you message:

The trustees would like to sincerely thank all donors for their generous donations over the years since we began in 1998. A great deal has been achieved in this period. From an initial small school building for 50 students, Chaparda is now home to over 2000 people, and is a settlement in its own right with schools, colleges, hospital, elderly homes and a dairy farm.

### 25 Years – 1998 to 2023

*Thousands of children, adults and animals have benefitted from your donations and through our work in Education, Health, Welfare of the elderly and Welfare of the animals in Visavadar Taluka in Junagadh District in Gujarat.*  
(see our achievements on pages 3-6)

In the year April 2022 to March 2023, we received donations totalling £139,940 and spent £159,750 on our projects in India. The bulk of this amount, £139,750, has gone towards education: sponsoring 200 students in our main school in Chaparda and a further 431 children across our two schools in Savarkundla. All of these students are under privileged and study free of charge. The remaining £20,000 was split across our health, elderly and animal welfare projects.

## Education News

The new school year started this Summer in mid-June. Currently, the total number of children and young adults studying in our Chaparda centre is 2,375. This is split between 902 in our main Brahmanand Vidya Mandir school, 403 in our English Medium school, 339 in the new Sainik (army) school, 712 in our colleges, and 19 in our Mentally & Physically challenged school. Then we have a further 498 children in our Adhoi (Kutchh) school, 431 children in our Savarkundla school and 1344 children in our Junagadh school. That results in a total of 4648 students across all of our schools.



The Sainik (army) school is the new project. A new school building has been built and the second year has just started with another batch of students.

One of our new initiatives, which fits in with our goal of educating the underprivileged, is sponsoring 100 children from Gir forest schools. We have also helped to renovate and develop 25

schools in Gir. These schools only go up to standard, so typically for further education the children need to go to schools in bigger villages or towns. But now with our new initiative, those that want to continue their study can come to our Brahmanand Vidya school in Chaparda.



Our school for mentally and physically challenged children started in February 2023 with 14 children. Since then, 5 additional children have joined making a total of 19. Sadly children with disabilities suffer severe discrimination and abuse in India as there is very little awareness of these conditions, especially outside the big cities. These children living in rural areas would often be neglected and experiencing difficult and traumatic childhoods.

A school building and a boarding house to accommodate girls and boys have been built. The purpose of the school is to teach and support these children to become self-reliant as most would struggle to find jobs. They are taught all the life skills that will help them to live independent lives.

## Health News



The facilities and treatments offered in the hospital are developing rapidly. A CT scanner was installed in October 2022. Plastic surgery operations will start soon and a urology department is due to open. We have also linked up with a hospital in Rajkot, whose expert doctors come to treat our patients free of charge every Saturday.

## Animal welfare news – New Development

A new animal hospital started in February 2023 in Chaparda. It has a staff of 14 which includes one senior and five junior veterinary doctors. Together, they look after about 50 villages in and around Chaparda. Treatment is given free of charge, and on average they are treating 350 animals every month. Recently, a new ambulance retrofitted with a hydraulic lift has been bought so the animals can be ferried to our hospital in Chaparda for treatment. This is an ongoing project which is developing rapidly by responding to the changing needs of the local farmers.



# Inspiration behind BEHT

The inspiration behind BEHT is Pujya Muktanandji, fondly known as Bapu, who lives in Chaparda. Through deep meditation, Pujya Muktanandji has come to his own conclusion that there are two main purposes in life:

1. **'Swaha ma lin rehewu'** - be aware of your real self all the time, understand who you are and learn to be truly free (Mukti).
2. **'Jiv Shruti ne faida thai teva kaariya karva ane karava, nirmal, sahaj ane shakshi bhawe'** - our purpose in life should be to purely, naturally and selflessly undertake work to benefit all life forms and encourage others to do the same.



Ease the pain of the down-trodden,

પીડિતોને રાહત આપો

Help those who have fallen down,

પડેલાને ઊભા કરો

Help those who are standing to move forward,

ઊભેલાને ગતિ આપો;

Help those who are moving forward to seek the right direction.

ગતિવાનને સાચી દિશા આપો

## Our Objectives:

- 1 **To provide education**
- 2 **To provide relief to the poor, the handicapped, the disabled, the sick and the elderly.**
- 3 **To provide relief to victims of disaster**

(\*All within the area of benefit of India.)



## About the Trustees:



**Ajay Gudka MBE** initiated this charity after having met and spent time with Pujya Muktanandji in 1995. He is passionate about helping the disadvantaged and works tirelessly towards this end. He is also a trustee of Bhagvatinandji Education Trust (BET), Health Aid Trust (HAT), Help the Elderly Trust (HTET), all in India and he is a company director of a print business. Contact details: Tel: 020 8428 7287 (evenings), E-mail: [ajay@beht.org](mailto:ajay@beht.org)



**Jaymal Gudka** is based in London and works as a Software Engineer. He has grown up seeing the developments taking shape in India and BEHT from the very beginning. He visits the projects regularly and is familiar with the day-to-day running of the charity. He looks after media and communications. Contact details: Tel: 07904 438176 Email: [jaymalgudka@gmail.com](mailto:jaymalgudka@gmail.com)



**Meena Modi OBE** has a record of successful teaching and headships in English primary schools since 1974. She was recognised for her contribution to education, leading an outstanding school in Watford with an OBE in June 2011. Meena, along with her husband, Kirit, is committed to improving the life chances of all children. They have actively supported BEHT since its inception and continue to shape the direction of education across BEHT's schools. Contact details: Tel: 020 8952 1131 E-mail: [meenamodi@hotmail.com](mailto:meenamodi@hotmail.com)



**Jyoti Gudka** is a Complementary Therapist in the field of Yoga & Holistic Massage since 1995. She has a BTEC diploma in Organics & Sustainability in Horticulture and Garden Design. Jyoti has taken a keen interest in BEHT's work since its birth. She takes a lead in organising fundraising and awareness events for BEHT and regularly visits all BEHT's projects in Gujarat to keep well in touch with its continued progress. Contact details: Mobile: +44 7939 904 414 E-mail: [info@jyotigudka.co.uk](mailto:info@jyotigudka.co.uk)

## Correspondence Address:

BEHT,  
25 Park View, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 4LL.  
Tel: 020 8428 7287 E-mail: [info@beht.org](mailto:info@beht.org) [www.beht.org](http://www.beht.org)

BEHT a registered charity since 1998  
with registration number 1072109



This newsletter is printed on  
environmentally friendly paper



[www.beht.org](http://www.beht.org)





# How you can help...

**There are many ways of donating towards good causes through BEHT**



## 1) Capital cost towards Education or Health projects

- To donate towards a school or a college contact info@beht.org for further information.
- To donate towards equipment or machines for the hospital, contact info@beht.org for current requirements.



## 2) Sponsor a student

- A donation of £ 601 annually will educate and board 1 child. BEHT has approx. 4,650 children receiving education at its 4 centres, namely Chaparda, Adhoi, Junagadh and Savarkundla. Of these, about 400 children are sponsored by overseas donors. These are either orphans or children from a very poor background who cannot afford to pay any fees.
- To sponsor 1 street child to educate in our Savarkundla schools is £ 60 per year.



## 3) Sponsor a village school as part of our Anand Dhara Project

- A donation of £ 750 will help to provide materials, equipment and teaching support to one village school per year. There are 41 village schools and 54 nursery schools in our project all situated in Visavadar Taluka.



## 4) Feed the animals in the dairy farm

- A donation of £ 400 will help to feed about 320 cows for a day in the dairy farm, which produces milk for the children, elderly and staff at Chaparda and Adhoi schools.



## 5) Sponsor the treatment of patients in our hospital

- A donation of £ 100 will help to treat 20 patients.
- A donation of £ 500 will help to treat 100 patients. Typically, it costs £ 5 to treat one patient. Diagnosis and treatments are carried out free of charge and the patient only pays for the medicine.



## 6) Sponsor an elderly person

- A donation of £ 600 annually will help to provide boarding, food, clothes, medicine and other expenses for an elderly person for a year. These elderly people come mainly from small villages and are either living alone or have been cast out from their family with nowhere to go. The majority of them live here in dignity until they die. BEHT has about 100 such elders in residence at Chaparda.



## 7) To feed the children and elders

- A donation of £60 will provide milk to 600 street children per day in our Savarkundla schools.
- For a special day like anniversary, birthday, engagement, marriage, a religious occasion or in a memory of a departed loved one (tithi), a donation of £ 500 will provide one full meal to about 1,250 children, elders and staff at our Brahmanand Vidya Mandir School in Chaparda.

**4,650 children under BEHT Educational Programme**

**4 Educational centres in Gujarat**

**200,000 patients seen annually for free in our Health Programme**

**For every £1.00 donated, £0.998 goes towards the cause**

## Annual Receipts and donations since 1998

Year	Donations Received	Amount spent on projects
1998/99	£12,421	£9,560
1999/00	£26,516	£11,584
2000/01	£38,912	£34,646
2001/02	£120,528	£108,838
2002/03	£133,260	£122,525
2003/04	£61,930	£86,996
2004/05	£104,515	£81,086
2005/06	£150,785	£131,788
2006/07	£197,597	£111,525
2007/08	£263,731	£269,600
2008/09	£177,881	£216,791
2009/10	£334,158	£333,283
2010/11	£438,768	£412,300
2011/12	£202,878	£203,058
2012/13	£160,156	£112,881
2013/14	£66,594	£146,580
2014/15	£144,589	£102,873
2015/16	£178,993	£202,372
2016/17	£207,316	£197,693
2017/18	£211,626	£250,891
2018/19	£183,530	£145,463
2019/20	£244,016	£288,451
2020/21	£148,597	£152,750
2021/22	£203,623	£154,358
2022/23	£139,940	£159,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,212,860</b>	<b>£4,012,642</b>

# BEHT Achievements Since 1998

Oct. 1998  
BEHT officially registered with No. 1072109

	Cyclone disaster in Western Gujarat - relief aid given	June 1999	1st swimathon held in aid of an ambulance unit. Over £ 17,000 raised		
	Foundation laid for an Education project in Chaparda, Junagadh	Dec 1999	An ambulance unit bought and put into operation in Visavadar Taluka		
	The Gujarat Earthquake - relief aid given	Jan 2001	2nd Swimathon held in aid of Education for Gujarat Earthquake victims. About £20,000 raised		
	Opening of school + boarding house for 390 boys in Chaparda, Junagadh	June 2001	Opening of veterinary clinic for animal welfare in Chaparda, Junagadh		
	Foundation laid for Education project in Adhoi, Kutchh	Nov 2001	Foundation laid for a primary school project in Chaparda, Junagadh		
	Opening of doctor's surgery in Chaparda, Junagadh	April 2002	Opening of school in Adhoi for 500 children		
	Opening of school library in Chaparda, Junagadh	June 2002	Opening of new Primary school in Chaparda for 600 children		
	Opening of Old people's home for 120 Elderly persons in Chaparda	Feb 2003	Dairy Farms started in Adhoi & Chaparda		
	3rd Swimathon held in aid of Education Projects. £18,000 raised	Sept 2003	Sports fields development started at Chaparda School, Junagadh		
	Opening of a medical centre in Adhoi, Kutchh	April 2004	Sports fields development started at Adhoi School, Kutchh		
	1st BEHT's Charity Walk. 8km along River Thames. Just over £48,000 raised for Education Projects	July 2004	2nd BEHT's Charity Walk. 8km along River Thames. £25,000 raised for Education Projects		
	Girls boarding house Project started in Junagadh	July 2005	School for the Blind, Deaf & Dumb Project started		



# BEHT Achievements Since 1998

	Dining Hall & Kitchen project started in Chaparda	Aug 2005	Integrated Farming Project Initiated	
		Jan 2006		
	1st Music Concert held at Winston Churchill Hall Mehboob Nadeem & Sushma Zaveri	March 2006	4th Swimathon held in aid of Education Projects. About £13,082 raised	
		July 2006		
	Construction of biogas plant at Chaparda	Oct 2006	Dining Hall Project completed	
		Nov 2006		
	Production of bio fertilizer started	Dec 2006	Girls boarding house project in Junagadh completed	
		Jan 2007		
	Residential School for the Deaf & Blind completed in Chaparda	Jan 2007	First batch of vegetables produced for schools use	
		Jan 2007		
	Assembly Hall Project started in Chaparda	Feb 2007	2nd Music Concert held at Radlett Centre, Radlett. Shri Gurdev & Navinder Singh Namdhari	
		May 2007		
	Girls boarding house project in Junagadh completed and started with 320 girls	June 2007	Landscaping of school in Chaparda completed	
		June 2007		
	BEHT's 3rd Charity walk. Chess Valley 10Km. £20,000 raised for Education Projects.	July 2007	Foundation laid for Computer college in Chaparda	
		July 2008		
	172 bed Hospital Foundation laid in Chaparda	July 2008	Foundation laid for Management college in Chaparda.	
		Aug 2008		
	Cricket ground + sports field development project started in Chaparda	Oct 2008	Assembly Hall officially opened	
		Feb 2009		
	Computer college project completed and started with 60 students	June 2009	Management college project completed and started with 60 students	
		June 2009		
	BEHT's 4th Charity walk. Chess Valley 10Km. £17,250 raised.	July 2009	Another Home for the Elderly persons started	
		July 2009		

# BEHT Achievements Since 1998

	Nividya Trust, Savarkundla partner with BET in India. About 500 slum children taught in 5 schools.	June 2010	Bakery Project Started	
	Second Girls Boarding House Started in Chaparda	Dec 2010		
		Jan 2011	Chief Minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi visits Chaparda for the 10 Years Celebration	
		April 2011		
	BEHT's 1st Overseas Challenge- Climed Mt Kilimanjaro About £95,000 raised.	Aug 2011	Bakery Project Completed	
		Oct 2011		
	Hospital Project completed and put into operation	April 2012	New Gaushala for 300 Cows opened	
		April 2012		
	BEHT's 2nd Overseas Challenge- Climed Mt Kilimanjaro About £32,000 raised.	August 2012	Second girls boarding house Project completed in Chaparda	
		May 2013		
	English Medium School completed in Chaparda	June 2013	For rainwater harvesting, all of the rivers around Chaparda dredged to store water	
		June 2013		
	Anand Dhara Project started. Aim to build schools in 32 villages	Jan 2014	New turf Cricket pitch laid in the school grounds, Chaparda	
		June 2014		
	BEHT's 3rd overseas challenge Mt. Kilimanjaro. About £ 4000 raised	August 2014	Building of new school for 300 street children in Savarkundla started	
		Nov 2014		
	Aasha & Sunil run for BEHT in the London Marathon & raise £7000	April 2015	Nepal Earthquake Appeal raises approx. £ 75,670	
		May 2015		
	BEHT's 5th Charity Walk River Thames Windsor £13,087 raised	June 2015	New Nursing College completed & started in Chaparda	
		June 2015		
	- Brahmanand Vidya Mandir is awarded status of District Level Sports school	June 2015	School for 300 street children in Savarkundla completed	
		July 2015		
	New Science College completed & started in Chaparda	May 2016	11 new village schools in Kashia Ness in Gir Forest built under Anand Dhara program	
		June 2016		



# BEHT Achievements Since 1998

	BEHT's 6th Charity Walk River Thames, Windsor £ 8,844 raised	June 2016	Anganwadis (Nursery Schools) added to all village schools in the Anand Dhara Programme	
	BEHT's 7th Charity Walk Chess Valley, Chorleywood raised £ 22,867	Sept 2017	New village school built in Kashia Ness in Gir Forest under Anand Dhara program	
	250 acre bird sanctuary started near Mehndarda	June 2019	New village school built in Laskar Shobhag Vadla under Anand Dhara program	
	New village school built in Khambhaliya under Anand Dhara program	May 2020	Sanjay Vaghasia, Our 1st student of Brahmanand becomes CEO of Jay Ambe	
	Assembly halls built in 9 village schools under Anand Dhara program	June 2020	Covid ward started in Jay Ambe Hospital saving many lives	
	Oxygen manufacturing plant installed Jay Ambe Hospital	May 2021	Hanumanpara School , Visavadar completed	
	Dialysis centre started with 5 machines in Jay Ambe Hospital	Jan 2022	Animal Sanctuary (Panjrapor) started in Roweni	
	CT scanner installed in Jay Ambe Hospital installed	Aug 2022	Mentally challenged school started in Chaparda	
	New Sainik (Army) School started	Oct 2022	Anand Dhara Gir Sanctuary schools project - 25 schools built / renovated	
	Skills development college started with Nursing assistants & Hotel Management courses	Jan 2023	Rio Resort, Goa - First company partnership for Corporate social responsibility work (CSR)	
	Animal Hospital built & started in Chaparda	Feb 2023	4 Multi speciality theatres started in Jay Ambe Hospital	
	100 children from Gir to be educated free in Chaparda annually	June 2023	Solar panels fitted in most buildings to save electricity bills	
	Mentally Challenged school Dining Hall construction started	Oct 2023	New Sainik (Army) School building completed	
		Nov 2023		

# Donation / Standing Order form



**Bhagvatinandji  
Education and Health Trust**

Registration No. 1072109

Correspondence Address:  
25 Park View, Hatch End,  
Middlesex HA5 4LL, UK

Tel: 020 8428 7287

E-mail: [info@beht.org](mailto:info@beht.org)

[www.beht.org](http://www.beht.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Donation Form

I wish to donate a gift of £ \_\_\_\_\_

(if you pay tax, your gift could be worth an extra 25% to BEHT by completing the gift aid declaration below)

I wish my donation to go towards:

☐ Education Projects    ☐ Health Projects    ☐ Elderly Welfare Projects    ☐ Wherever necessary    ☐ Other Projects

## I wish to donate by (please tick):

- ☐ Cheque or CAF Voucher made payable to BEHT and post it with this form  
☐ Cash – payable in person to the above address with this form  
☐ Standing Order – please fill in this form and post to above address  
☐ Direct bank transfer by BACS (BEHT bank details are: Acc No. 00005764, Sort code 40-52-40)

## Standing Order Form

Donating by Standing Order is the easiest way to make gifts to BEHT. As well as relieving you of the chore of completing donation slips etc and reducing our costs, it gives us a regular, reliable source of income. And, in addition, if you are a tax payer, any donation you make will be worth more to us if you complete the gift aid form below.

Please pay £ \_\_\_\_\_ to BEHT each year / quarter / month (delete as appropriate) until further notice.

Starting date \_\_\_\_\_ (Please allow at least one month from today's date)

To the Manager (bank name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_

My signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay BEHT, Account No.: 00005764, Sort Code: 40 – 52 – 40

Bank: CAF Bank

Bank to quote our reference \_\_\_\_\_

## Gift Aid Declaration:

**For every pound you give, we get an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue and Customs.**

I declare all donations I've made to BEHT for the four years prior to this year, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, are Gift Aid donations.

*I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax for each year (6th April to 5th April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please notify BEHT if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and / or capital gains.*

*If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.*



## **BEHT / BET Proposal for Old peoples home in Bilkha, Junagadh District**



### **Introduction**

Bhagvatinandji Education Trust (BET) already has an old building in Bilkha, Junagadh District. Bilkha is about 10 miles from Chaparda. This was built over 60 years ago and lately it has not been in use so the plan is to repurpose it into an old age home. BET already runs homes in Chaparda, Gandhinagar (under a separate trust), Mehndarda (separate trust) and in Gupt Prayag. Each home is for the very needy and all are supported by willing donors.

### **Is there a need for old people's home in Bilkha?**

Yes, BET has done a survey of villages around Bilkha, and there are many elderly people living on their own who require assistance. BET already supplies 50 to 60 monthly food kits to the needy in this area. Many of them are now getting to a stage where they need continual care. BET will house 30 elderly people free of charge supported by donors.

The residents will be given accommodation, three meals a day, medication, clothes and other requirements. Only those with high care needs, ie elderly people that do not have others to look after them nor their own financial means, will be given entry.

### **Proposal**

The existing building (see photo) will be demolished and a new building constructed.

Building construction expense  
3995sq ft @ 1100 = Rps 43,94,500/-  
Dining hall building (fabrication)  
1937sq ft @ 400. = Rps 7,74,800  
Total budget = Rps 51,69,300

### **Location:**

Ravtshvar Dharmalaya, Bilkha Taluka and district Junagadh, Gujarat  
<https://goo.gl/maps/>

### **Conclusion**

If interested, please contact Ajay to discuss further.

E: [ajay@beht.org](mailto:ajay@beht.org)

M: 07956 137898

BEHT Trustees  
[www.beht.org](http://www.beht.org)

## **BEHT / BET Proposal for Old peoples home in Adhoi, Kutchh.**



### **Introduction**

Bhagvatinandji Education Trust (BET) already has an existing ground floor building in Adhoi. This building was built after the Earthquake and used as a doctor's dispensary for some years. After a while the dispensary was moved elsewhere and this building was used as a visitor's residential place. Lately, the building has not been in use and the plan is to repurpose it into an old age home. BET already runs homes in Chaparda, Gandhinagar (under a separate trust), Mehndarda (separate trust) and in Gupt Prayag. Each home is for the very needy and all are supported by willing donors.

### **Is there a need for old people's home in Adhoi?**

Yes, BET has done a survey of villages around Adhoi, and there are many elderly people living on their own who require assistance. BET will house them free of charge, supported by donors. The residents will be given accommodation, three meals a day, medication, clothes, and any other requirements. Only those with high care needs, ie elderly people that do not have others to look after them nor their own financial means, will be given entry.

### **Proposal**

The existing building is on the ground floor as per the photos. The plan is to add a first floor to this building and when nearing completion, to renovate the ground floor to give accommodation for 60 people – 30 males and 30 females. There will be a separate kitchen and dining hall built next to this building with a tin roof and 4-foot wall all round.

Cost of constructing the first floor:  
2749 sq. ft @ Rps 1100 = Rps 30,23,900.  
Cost of renovating the ground floor:  
Rps 5 to 10 lakhs.  
Dining hall (fabrication):  
1723 sq ft @ Rps 400 = Rps 6,89,200.  
Total cost: Rps 42 to 47 lakhs.

### **Conclusion**

If interested, please contact Ajay to discuss further.

E: [ajay@beht.org](mailto:ajay@beht.org)

M: 07956 137898

BEHT Trustees  
[www.beht.org](http://www.beht.org)