



Newsletter

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Learning to live with Covid - News about our schools



Covid has upset normal life for everyone over the past 18 months. In India, all our schools have been closed and children have been learning via online platforms. Now that the impact of covid has reduced, schools are gradually reopening and things are slowly getting back to normal. The pandemic has caused irreparable damage to the educational system. In our schools, we had to release over 50% of the staff and keep the rest on half pay when the pandemic started. The challenge now is to recruit staff again and get things back to normal.



Health and Covid

At the height of the pandemic many Indians suffered and died due to a lack of oxygen supply. Our hospital in Chaparda treated 250 patients out of which 200 recovered, 23 were referred to other health centres and unfortunately 27 died. Many thanks to all the donors who responded to our appeal for funds – you helped us to raise £ 71,527 within a few weeks! These funds have helped to buy an oxygen manufacturing plant which was installed within 10 days of ordering and ensured many lives were saved. Now that the virus has declined considerably, the covid ward in the hospital has been closed and the oxygen plant now supplies the whole hospital.

Current Projects



BEHT & BET in India has completed building a new 6 classroom school for 335 students in Visavadar, a small town about 10 miles from Chaparda. Hanumanpara school was officially opened recently by Shri Bhupendra Singh Chudashama, Education Minister Government of Gujarat. Many thanks to one UK donor who has sponsored this school.



Gir Forest Schools



The development programme is to help renovate / build new classrooms or facilities in existing 25 schools in the Gir Forest such that the population living in this sanctuary can educate their children. The project has started and six schools have already been renovated.



Elderly & Animals coping with Covid & Cyclone

During the height of the pandemic, our volunteers have and are still distributing 371 monthly food kits & essential items to the needy and elderly people in the surrounding villages.

In June, there was a cyclone where many homes with tin roofs were blown away or damaged and many animals died in the high winds. Our volunteers in Chaparda helped in many ways to allow life to recover back to normal. Our Savarkundla school was also damaged by the cyclone which has now been repaired.



Success stories in our skill-based courses



BEHT & BET are delighted to announce that the skill-based courses in our colleges are now providing success stories which all donors should be proud of. Fifteen out of thirty students who recently graduated from our Nursing college have found employment in the Government hospitals of Porbander, Jamnagar, Surat, Savarkundla and Gondal. The rest have found work in private surgeries and hospitals.

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 Shrusti 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



Vipul Malde is a retired Chartered Accountant. Vipul looks after BEHT's financial matters. Contact details: Tel: 020 8907 0527 (Evenings & Weekends) E-mail: vipulmalde@hotmail.com



Jaymal Gudka has recently completed a Masters in Engineering and is now based in Bristol working as a Software Engineer. He has grown up seeing the developments taking shape in India and BEHT from the very beginning with annual visits 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



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



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

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How you can help...

BEHT

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 £ 501 annually will educate and board 1 child. BEHT has approx. 8,000 children receiving education at its 5 centres, namely Chaparda, Adhoi, Junagadh, Dwarka 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 £ 50 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 £ 480 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 £ 50 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.



8) Volunteer your skills - especially if you have teaching or medical skills.

- We recommend that you volunteer for at least a month or more. If interested, please contact any of the trustees or email info@beht.org

8,000 children under BEHT Educational Programme

5 Educational centres in Gujarat

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

For every £1.00 donated, £0.965 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
Total	£3,809,297	£3,698,534

Donation / Standing Order form



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_____ 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.