



Sadhvi Shri Sangmitraji Maharaj accepted the award on behalf of Acharyashriji

Acharya Shriji received an Award for Compassion

We are pleased to announce that Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji Maharaj received the Acharya Hasthi Karuna Award from Karuna International for her unwavering compassion which is transforming the lives of millions of children and adults not just in India but also across the Globe.

Karuna International is a well-known non-profit organisation working towards inculcating compassion for all living beings through establishing Karuna clubs in schools and colleges. As a result of their work, thousands of students have adopted vegetarian diet and are actively involved with compassionate work.

Memory power and recalling over 100 questions and objects!

On 11th November 2016, Shri Sugalchandji Jain (Vice President, Veerayatan) of Singhvi Charitable Trust organised a unique demonstration of Avadhan by Jay Jain, a disciple of Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji Maharaj.

Avadhan means the trained ability and talent to memorize any number of questions, objects, or statements asked by a live audience. An Avdhani can recall these questions, and even answer them, in any order or sequence.



This mesmerizing program took place in Chennai in the presence of Sadhvi Shri Sanghamitraj Maharaj. The program was attended by 840 students from 6 schools and dignitaries from Chennai and Delhi. All in the audience were awestruck by Jay's ability to memorize and recall questions and objects.

VEERAYATAN BIHAR

Upcoming Events:

You are all invited to two very special celebrations at Veerayatan Rajgir:

Parshva Jinalay Pratistha

The first will be the Pratistha of the Parshva Jinalay, the temple dedicated to Parshvanath Bhagwan which has been built in the grounds of the Rajgir campus. This unique ceremony will be held on 17th February 2017 conducted by Pujya Acharya Shri Maniprabhasagarji Maharaj in the presence of Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji and the Veerayatan Sadhvi Sangh and will bring to fruition a long term project to create a place of worship within the peaceful setting of the Rajgir campus. There will be bhakti each evening on 15th, 16th and 17th February as part of these celebrations.

Inauguration of Harikeshiya School

Veerayatan will be formally opening the new school in Pawapuri for the destitute children of the Mushahar caste, to be known as Harikeshiya School, on 18th February 2017.

For more detail on the above, please contact:

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Highlights



We are pleased to inform you that Veerayatan has already started a temporary school in Pawapuri for the destitute children of the Mushahar caste, a neglected and outcast community, living in the village of Puri. Around 80 children are registered and are attending classes at the temporary school. Enrolment is ongoing as more and more children join in advance of the formal opening of the new school.

Remarkably the children of this community have never experienced education before and these children are the first generation to attend school. In addition to providing high quality education, Veerayatan will also supply all children with school uniforms, a school bag, shoes and socks, books and other accessories. Snacks will also be provided to children on a daily basis.

VEERAYATAN INTERNATIONAL (USA)

There are two programs running in the USA to raise funds for Veerayatan, India. Read further and see how you can contribute in transforming children and adults from underprivileged backgrounds.



1. Give the Gift of Sight, the Day you Saw the Light

The eye hospital (Netra Jyoti Seva Mandiram – NJSM) in Veerayatan, Bihar, India helps to restore the sight in over 7000 eyes each year. The demand for the gift of sight, in the poverty stricken state of Bihar is never ending. Veerayatan aims to eradicate blindness from Bihar through the promotion of education, health programs, training courses, and awareness campaigns. In 1998, a program was initiated in USA to provide well-deserved support for NJSM. We are glad to inform you that the program has raised on average \$10,000 each year for this amazing cause.

How does this program work?

The program principle is very basic and simple. We all celebrate our birthdays every year with family and friends in varieties of ways - a smaller to a very large scale event. In the celebrations, we spend a significant amount of money in gifts, entertainment, traveling, eating at restaurants, etc. In celebrating our birthdays (The day we saw light), could we afford \$30.00 to support one eye treatment (The Gift of Sight) through Veerayatan? The answer is most definitely, YES – regardless the birthday celebration is small or large. The program name and motto is: Give the Gift of Sight, the Day you Saw the Light!

We always welcome any donations for this program. However, we have developed a program and welcome you and your family members to register in the program. Once registered, just before the registered member's birthday, one receives a birthday wish with a gentle reminder for a "Gift of Sight" donation "On the day you Saw the Light". Suggested donation for the "Gift of Sight" program is only \$30 – for one surgery.

This is not a lifetime commitment; you may opt out at any time or not participate at any given year. Give the gift of a lifetime that will last for a lifetime of the recipient! Program registration [form](#) and updates of the program are also available online on [Gift of Sight](#) page. You can also make a one-time donation to support NJSM on the: [Veerayatan International](#) site.

For more information on NJSM go to [NJSM site](#).

2. SMILE - DONATE without cost while you SHOP

Sounds unbelievable, doesn't it? But, it is true! You can make cost-free donations while you shop at Amazon online, and Amazon will donate to Veerayatan International, USA. Amazon started a program approximately three years ago to help various non-profit organizations by donating percentages of their total sales to individuals who are registered for Amazon SMILE program. This does not impact neither the purchase price of any item nor any of your fringe benefits and service offerings that one may have with Amazon. For any

Veerayatan International well-wisher, there is no reason not to register in the Amazon Smile program and let Amazon donate to Veerayatan International cost free.

To register for the Amazon's SMILE program, there are only 2 easy steps.

The [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) site retains the same look as the standard [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com). All benefits associated with your [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com) account will also transfer over (e.g. Amazon Prime).

Step 1: CLICK here: smile.amazon.com

Step 2: Enter your [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com) account ID/Password and select Veerayatan International as your choice of organization.

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For further information on the 2 programs, feel free to contact Madhuker A. Mehta by:
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