

Veetrag Kalyan Kendra

Tax Exempt ID 86-1050439

Prafull Mehta

President

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History

- Initiated by Shri Navinbhai Shah in mid 1995
- Intended to give back to the community we grew up in
- Sought help from friends and family members with similar intentions
- As funding sources expanded, thought occurred to formalize it and to give a break to donors by getting tax deductibility in USA
- Registered with IRS in 2004

Goals and Objectives

Animal Protection

Medical Aid to Needy patients

Medical Aide to Jain Sadhus and Sadhvijis

Low Cost Food to Needy

Increasing Awareness of Jain Principals

Funding for Education

Distribution of Literature on Jain philosophy

Animal Protection

We provide funds to Panjarapoles in India for

- ❖ Jeev daya
- ❖ Shelter for Abandoned Animals
- ❖ Food for protected Animals
- ❖ Medical Treatment for Animals

Funded Panjarapoles in several cities

- Bhavanagar Panjarapole
 - Dilip Paresh Panjarapole, Karjan, Baroda District
 - Girivihar Panjarapole, Palitana Dam, Palitana
 - Mandal Mahajan Panjarapole, Mandal, Gujarat
- ✓ Approximately 300 Animals benefited yearly from our funds
 - ✓ Additional 1500 benefited through special funding in 2015

Medical Aid

Provide funding to low- Income families irrespective of caste or religion for

- ❖ Medical services
- ❖ Medicine

- Health related services

Organizations funded:

- Sadvichar Seva Samiti

- **170 Patients treated yearly with our funds**

Medical Aid

Funding for Medical Aid for Jain Sadhus and Sashvijis for

- Ayurvedic Medicine
- Medicine
- Medical facilities for Elderly Sadhu and Sadhvi

Organizations funded:

- Navkar Sarvar Kendra – 3 day Camp in 2017 by VKK supported @450 Sadhu and Sadhvijis
- Girivihar (Palitana) - Special room for Sadhu/Sadhvijis
- 50 Sadhu/Sadhviji benefited per year

Low Cost Food

Provide funding for Low-Cost Food for needy people

- ❖ Funding to organizations providing low-cost food to people in need
- ❖ People from several communities are supported with these funds
- **Organizations Funded:**
 - BSG Bhojanshala
 - Ratna Global Foundation
 - Parswa Bhakti Trust
 - Etc.

Awareness of Jain Principals

Funding activities that promote Jain Philosophy and Jain Principals

- Pravachans of Jain Scholars
 - Shri Dhirajbhai Mehta (Panditji)
 - Shri Rajnibhai Shah
 - Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta
 - Shri Kirtibhai Shah
 - Samanijis (Several)
 - Smt. Diptiben Mehta
 - Smt. Tarlaben Doshi
 - Etc.

Education

Provide funding for Education to

- ❖ Jain Pathshala
- ❖ Jain Students in Schools
- ❖ Jain Students in Colleges
- ❖ Jain Pathshala Teachers

Funding provided to Organizations

- Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya
- Bhavnagar Jain Sangh – VKK recognized in 2017 for helping 800 Pathshala students, 45 Teachers
- Stree Kalvani Mandal – @130 Girls benefited yearly
- etc

Literature

Support publication/Distribution of Literature on Jain Philosophy

- Books on Jain Philosophy distributed to each member yearly (Since inception)
- Supported publication of “Tatvarthadhy Granth” authored by Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta

How To's for Charitable Donations

- Donations are Tax Deductible in USA – Tax Exempt ID 86-1050439

- Charitable donations can be sent to

Veetrag Kalyan Kendra
c/o Navin Shah
19 Champlain Way
Franklin Park, NJ 08823
732 422 0320

Veetrag Kalyan Kendra
c/o Prafull Mehta
11 Jennifer Lane
Manalapan, NJ 07726
732 666 5091

100% of the funds collected are distributed to the charitable organizations that meet our goals.

All administrative expenses are born by committee members personally.

Special Funding Provision

- We distribute collected funds across our objectives in proportions agreed to by our committee and IRS during registration.
- However, we also have a provision to accept funding for a specific goal. In that case we will distribute those funds for specified cause only.
- We also accept funding for specific charitable organizations as long as it meets two requirements:
 - The organization has formal letter from Reserve Bank of India to be able to accept funds in foreign currency
 - The receiving organization support one or more of our goals

Executive Committee

- **President – Prafull Mehta (732-666-5091)**
- **General Secretary – Ravi Vora (732-303-1573)**
- **Treasurer – Jitu Vakani (732-951-2112)**
- **Committee Members:**
 - *Chetan Parekh (732-821-2859)*
 - *Minesh Shah (732-422-1589)*
 - *Mukesh Somani (732-821-2915)*
 - *Arun Shah (732-422-0739)*
 - *Kartik Zaveri (848-469-1452)*
- **Founding President – Navin Shah (732-422-0320)**

Please help us support the Needy.

Thank you !