

3. The expansion of our medical and Dharamshala services are thwarted when they should be welcomed and encouraged by the concerned authorities.

SOME VIEWS OF VISITORS :-

.... Looking after the patients and attendants as personal guests..Gayatri Rathore ,Collector Banswara 02.03.04

.... Very good facilities provided I have not seen it elsewhere...Digvijay Singh, ex CM M.P. 01.02.05

.... Enjoyed the visit thoroughly Haven't seen such good service till today.... Bhanu K Shastri, ex MP Udaipur 04.08.05

.... Extremely impressed and touched by this institution.... Aruna Roy, MKSS Devdungri Rajsamand 18.12.07

.... Exemplary work done by the trust at Banswara.... Visit to Banswara would not have been complete....Bharat Singh, Cabinet Minister Panchayat Raj Rajasthan 15.06.10

CONCLUSIONS :-

The trust is unique for the type of services and facilities it provides. It also carries on all its activities with total transparency and accountability. It draws its inspiration and aspires to serve the common people and seeks encouragement and co-operation from all such like-minded persons and organizations .

9. Creating and maintaining gardens and plantations at Banswara and Udaipur hospital premises.

FACILITIES PROVIDED :-

1. **Boarding** : Morning tea, lunch/dinner and special diets.
2. **Lodging** : Beds, bedding, toilets, bathrooms, fans, air-coolers, water-coolers, fridge, TV, irons, geysers, telephone, newspapers, periodicals, toiletries including teeth cleansers, soaps for bathing and washing and hair oil.
3. **Transport** : Free ambulance and taxi rental for patients and the unfortunate corpses (within financial and geographical limits) for the needy.
4. **De-addiction camps** : organized from time to time to cure opium addiction free of cost.
5. **Hostel facility** : Food and accommodation provided free to students of deaf and dumb school at Kalikamata and Banswara town.
6. **Environment** : Planting and maintaining of gardens and trees. Well over 200 trees planted and successfully nurtured in Banswara hospital premises alone. Since inception in January 2003 ban on plastic packaging at the Lifeline Medical shop at Banswara. Instead we used cloth bags and later reused newspaper bags. Current usage per day is approximately 600.
7. **Medicine** : The Lifeline medical shop at MG government hospital at Banswara sells medicines at wholesale purchase price i.e. our sale price is the same as our purchase price. This saves consumers approximately 20-30% and the shop is open 24 hours.
8. **Medical Bank (Dawa Bank)** : this facility exists near the Lifeline shop to dispense medicines free of cost to the needy. We also give free medical aid on a case by case basis. Medical consultancy services directing patients and attendants to the appropriate doctors and wards and ensuring that they are not over-charged when they are referred to MBH at Udaipur from Mewar, Marwar and Vagad regions of Rajasthan and Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh. This catchment area covers 12 districts.

PROBLEMS FACED DURING OUR EXISTENCE :-

Apart from the usual problems that all good-meaning persons and organizations face (e.g. funding) the three major ones were

1. The Lifeline medical shop was targeted for avaricious reasons by some elements of the co-operative movement (whose interests were threatened by its existence), some administrators and politicians for personal greed. Suffice to say that but for timely judicial precaution taken the shop (and by extension its parent body, the trust) would be forced to close.
2. The Lifeline medical shop also high-lighted (and invited potential trouble) the misuse of medical ethics. We are concerned for e.g. as to why the medicines prescribed in the hospital are largely only available in Banswara and not anywhere else.

VAGAD SEWA SANSTHAN TRUST

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ORIGIN:-

A Dharamshala was built in the 1970's inside the periphery of the Mahatma Gandhi Government Hospital at Banswara to provide boarding and lodging facilities for attendants accompanying patients admitted to the hospital. The funds were raised from the general public (special contribution of Shri Jani Dayal, father of current trust chairman Shri Shrilal Jani) and the building works were carried out by the Public Works Department (PWD) of the Rajasthan government. The building was thereafter abandoned, resulting in degradation and dereliction of the property.

In 2002 **Shri Bharat Singh** the then Additional Superintendent Police (ASP) posted at Banswara had extensively toured the district and was therefore acquainted with the needs of the common man but was specially concerned with opium customs of the Patels and Patidars farming communities. That was the source of his inspiration. On his initiative the then Collector Shri Rajeev Thakur finally decided to use the property for its original purpose but faced the dilemma of how and who would manage and run the Dharamshala. Shri Bharat Singh came up with the solution in the form of Vagad Sewa Sansthan Trust.

He co-opted trustees from all sections of society, raised the funds, dealt with all the requisite formalities, restored the building and premises, hired the skeleton staff, put in the administrative and accounting systems and commenced operations from 10.10.2002. When co-opting trustees he ensured that all the organizations that represent the various castes, communities, social and religious bodies, urban and rural divide, and specially the farming Patels and Patidars were amply represented.

GROWTH HISTORY:-

1. Dharamshala, Banswara operations from 10.10.2002
2. Lifeline Medical shop, Banswara from 18.01.2003
3. Medical (Dawa) Bank, Banswara from 01.08.2004
4. Opium de-addiction camps :
 - at Dharamshala Banswara from 19.08.2004
 - at Dharamshala Udaipur from 27.09.2007
5. Seth Rameshwarlal Saharia Dharamshala, Maharana Bhupal Government Hospital (MBH), Udaipur operations from 04.01.2006
6. Sunder Singh Bhandari Dharamshala, Udaipur operations from 08.05.2006
7. Ved Bhagirath Joshi Dharamshala (MBH) Udaipur operations from 25.07.2007
8. The Dharamshala at Harideo Joshi Government Hospital Dungarpur operations from 10.10.2008