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YUSUF MEHERALLY CENTRE

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Regd. Under : BPT Act, 1950 : F-1072 (BOM) / SR Act.1860 (BOM) 10 / 1963 GBBSD. PAN :AAATY0426E

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Appeal

This is to approach you for a generous donation to Yusuf Meherally Centre. Though you are familiar with our activities, let us briefly highlight some of them and our thinking.

Yusuf Meherally Centre came into being in the year 1962 to commemorate Yusuf Meherally, who was in the vanguard of India's struggle for independence and a youth leader. The Centre is in education, health care, empowering women and Adivasis, organising youth, employment generation, environmental protection, re-popularising the values of freedom movement and providing relief when man-made or natural disasters strike the country. It is also active in environmental protection. Its activities are in ten states and are growing.

Our basic thinking is:

We believe that rural development should be mainstreamed. We also believe that employment generation, especially in rural areas, should be made a people's movement. And hence we exhort our members/friends/visitors to Tara, to buy some Khadi every year, give preference to gramodyog products, use hand-made paper for visiting cards and on important occasions, eat organic foods, gift Indian handicrafts and donate for rural development.

And we talk of paradigm shift. We say that all growth/development is premised on investing more on those who already have something in them, but this yields inequality, social tensions and moral aberration. Instead, we say, we should invest in common persons.

We are trying to build a model on these lines.

At Tara, we have a high school, a hospital, a cluster of village industries, a ten guntha farm, a non-formal vocational Centre, a unit to grow earthworms and make vermi-compost, a dairy, a bio-gas plant, camping facilities and two shops to sell our products.

We get more than 50,000 visitors annually. Tara is on the Mumbai-Goa highway, 64 kilometers from Mumbai and 18 kilometers from Panvel.



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Below we highlight some of our urgent needs:

1. We have built replicas of Bapu Kutti and Ba Kutti as they are at Sewagram and wish to build that of Adiniwas. We use these not only to remind people of the teachings of the freedom movement but also to make them aware of global warming. We are building a library too.
2. We have an ambitious plan for celebrating our **Diamond Jubilee** which falls in this year. We have set up a committee for this.
3. We wish to make our branches more useful and effective than what they are today. When we say useful we mean that we wish to see that our core thinking (mainstreaming of rural development, employment generation a people's movement, and common person, a karta' of wealth) is accepted.
4. We have a massive skill training programme at Tara and are busy equipping ourselves for undertaking training under Diploma in Rural Basic Technology, recognised by National Institute of Open Schooling, New Delhi.

We would like to highlight that during the Covid period, we repaired and refurnished our Adivasi girls hostel, Bhanuben Pravin Shah High School, and rebuilt hospital, thanks to Inner Wheel and other clubs. Further, we work among Adivasis in UP, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Assam, Maharashtra and Gujarat. And implement NABARD financed watershed development and wadi projects. In UP, we are working in an area which is Naxal affected.

Education

We would request you to consider helping us for our educational and health activities.

We have a large educational programme in Panvel and Pen Talukas of Raigad District, Maharashtra and Kutch District, Gujarat.

In Raigad we have three high schools, two junior colleges, a hostel for Adivasi girls and a massive skill training programme. Our education is free up to SSC and our hostel is totally free. Skill training for hostel girls is free and for others we charge nominal fees. We have a concept of what we call mobile skill training. We open computer, tailoring, fashion designing, cake making, cooking classes etc. wherever a school or Panchayat offers space and facilities.



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In Kutch we have fifteen Sagar Shalas (temporary schools on the sea shore) and a school for migrant children in Mundra.

Education is totally free and in Mundra we bring children from their slum homes to the school in our vehicles and drop them back, totally free. We give full mid day meal. We have massive skill training cum production programme in Kutch. We make Khadi ready-made dresses, jute bags, and embroidery goods. We made Khadi masks in lakhs during Covid and distributed free.

Healthcare

We have a hospital at Tara, Karnala Panchayat, Panvel Taluka, Raigad and another at Anjanwel, Guhagar Taluka, Ratnagiri District. Our health services are highly subsidized. At Tara we perform more than four hundred eye operations every year and nearly two hundred day care surgeries in addition to routine in patient treatment.

To meet above expenses, we need lot of money. Please donate generously. Donations to us are tax exempt under 80G. Please draw the cheque in favour of "Yusuf Meherally Centre".

Bank Details

A/c Name : Yusuf Meherally Centre

A/c No. : OD-100920950000011

Bank Name: SVC CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

Branch : Sleater Road

IFSC Code: SVCB0000009

MICR Code: 400089009

Yours Sincerely,

(G.G. Parikh)

Note: Please note that it is a statutory requirement that each donation should be accompanied by a copy of the PAN Card.