

BHARATIYA JAIN SANGHATANA (BJS)

Pune-Maharashtra

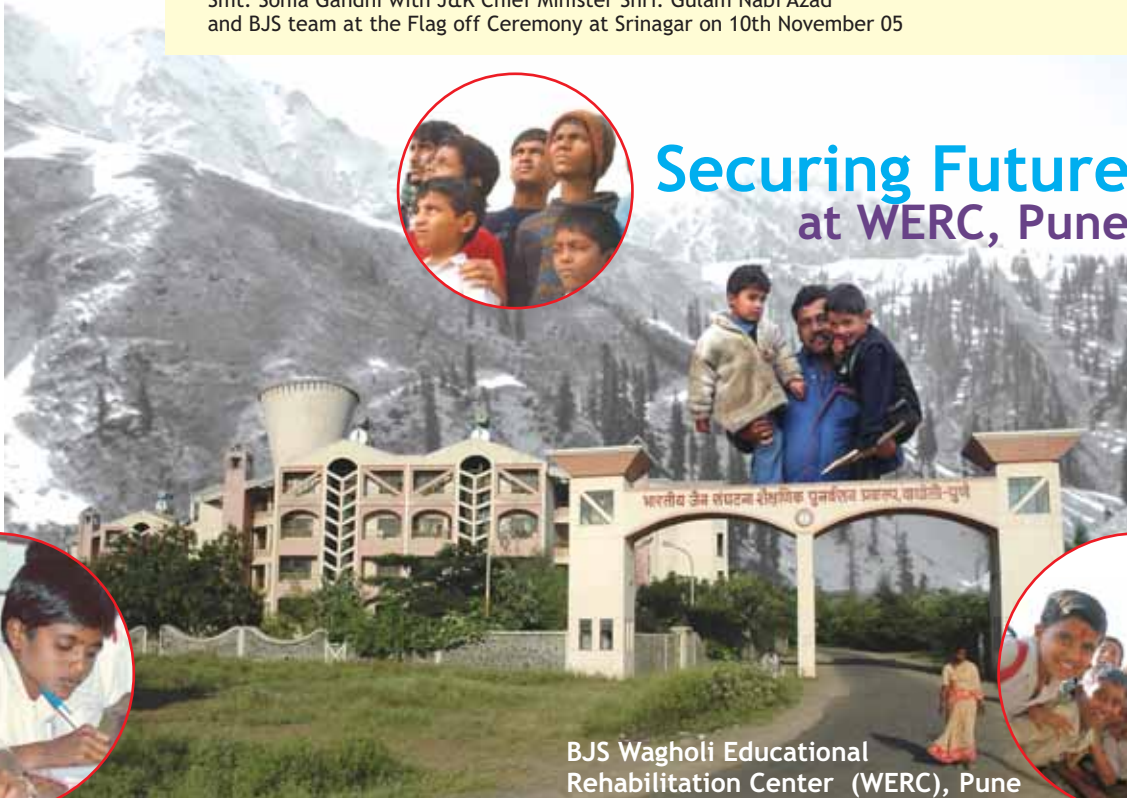
BJS Wagholi Educational Rehabilitation Center (WERC) for Jammu & Kashmir Earthquake affected children



BJS team with J&K Chief Minister Shri. Ghulam Nabi Azad at the joint press conference



Smt. Sonia Gandhi with J&K Chief Minister Shri. Gulam Nabi Azad and BJS team at the Flag off Ceremony at Srinagar on 10th November 05



Securing Future at WERC, Pune



BJS Wagholi Educational Rehabilitation Center (WERC), Pune



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.... is a 20 year old Pune based non-profit, non-political, social service NGO of national repute which specializes in social issues, education and disaster management.

The Founder President of BJS Shri. Shantilal Muttha has been in the forefront of social service. His leadership style reflects his personal devotion and sincerity towards selfless service and genuine concern for social issues.

BJS believes in giving priority for total rehabilitation to disaster affected and orphaned children. This includes providing them with fully equipped hostel with full lodging and boarding and facilities for daily needs. Further, the academic requirements are met through regular classroom teaching at BJS school located in the same hostel campus.

Aiming at holistic development of children is the need of the hour. Hence a carefully crafted judicious mix of effective academics, exposure to co-curricular subjects and extra curricular activities is necessary. While developing the programs holistic educational delivery approach is taken to bring about a paradigm shift in educational rehabilitation concept and prepare the children to be "future ready" at **WAGHOLI EDUCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER - WERC (J&K)**.



Shantilal Muttha
Founder BJS

Daily Routine of the children at WERC





Wagholi Educational Rehabilitation Center (WERC)

WERC Pune has facilities to offer to students of J&K, key deliverables by focusing on 6 thrust areas.

- 1) Catering to immediate hostel and daily needs facilities.
- 2) Immediate psychological support and treatment (If necessary).
- 3) Providing healthcare facilities.
- 4) Academic requirements through classroom teaching.
- 5) Co-curricular and extra curricular activities along with technological support to keep them gainfully engaged and broaden their vision and self confidence.
- 6) Activities to integrate them with mainstream social scenario so that in future they are capable to contribute in Nation Building.



BJS concern for rehabilitation of children

BJS was deeply moved to see the trauma faced by the children affected in this disaster and instantly proposed to J&K Govt. to provide Educational Rehabilitation for these children.

- An earthquake of magnitude 7.4 on Richter scale occurred on 8th October 2005 at 0920 hours.
- The State of Jammu and Kashmir has been the worst affected. Uri and Tangdhar areas in Baramulla and Kupwara districts bore the brunt of the earthquake and reported heavy casualties in terms of human lives and extensive damage to property.
- Children were physically, mentally, emotionally and Psychologically most affected.
- The Government of Jammu & Kashmir was working in full force and at the same time were looking for competent NGO to handle this problem effectively on a war footing basis.
- J&K Officials met with **Mr. Shantilal Muttha, National President, BJS** in seeking support for

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BJS experience in handling Educational Rehabilitation:



Shri. Muttha with JandK Chief Minister Mr. Gulam Nabi Azad at Delhi

BJS has a rich experience of 20 years plus in handling of 13 disasters uptill now. In the earthquake of Latur (Maharashtra) 1200 children were rehabilitated in a time span of 12 years at **WERC,PUNE**.

WERC, Pune is fully equipped to provide food, shelter, clothing, education, medical and health support for a period of 12 years.

BJS has offered the infrastructure and facilities to be utilised for the rehabilitation of 500 orphaned boys from Jammu & Kashmir recently affected by the earthquake



BJS strategy

BJS Strategy and Salient Features of this Project.

1. BJS and J&K Govt. jointly did an exhaustive survey of the affected regions of J&K .
2. Govt. decided to depute 500 boys to WERC Pune, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed to that effect with the following responsibilities.
 - ❖ Identify upto 500 orphaned/Affected boys of Std. 5th to 10th along with required teachers from J and K to WERC Pune.
 - ❖ J&K Govt. should not discontinue admission of these students at their current schools.
 - ❖ Their presentee shall be taken at WERC, Pune.
 - ❖ All these boys will return to Jammu & Kashmir for their annual examinations, followed by their summer holidays (returning home in summer holidays is a practice being followed since last 12 years at WERC.)
 - ❖ BJS along with the teachers from JandK will conduct the quarterly and half yearly examinations at WERC, Pune.
 - ❖ They will return to WERC for the next academic session till they complete their 'Graduation'



BJS Responsibilities

1. BJS representatives and J&K Govt., undergone joint survey, organized meeting with the children and their parents in J&K.
2. BJS is also willing to relocate boys to WERC Pune, orphaned / affected due to militancy in J&K. This is applicable for boys of any caste / creed.
3. BJS will provide lodging arrangements to boys and teachers.
4. BJS will provide only vegetarian meals to the children and teachers.
5. BJS will provide health care facilities in a hospital attended by doctors.
6. From the existing school at WERC, BJS will make available separate classrooms for the children from J&K, where the teachers will conduct the classes. BJS will prepare a time-table with the teachers from J&K to ensure the syllabus is covered in the respective time schedule.
7. BJS will provide co-curricular and extra-curricular programs for the boys.
8. There will be classes for Moral and Value education conducted.
9. There will be counseling provided to these boys.
10. Psychological needs and treatment will be taken care of.
11. BJS will familiarise them with the Maharashtra culture.
12. The children will be encouraged to mix with the local / children studying at WERC for healthy cultural exchange and experience.

Many of these boys will be encouraged to support other relief and rehabilitation activities, thus helping people actually get benefit from their own experiences.



BJS team with J&K officials



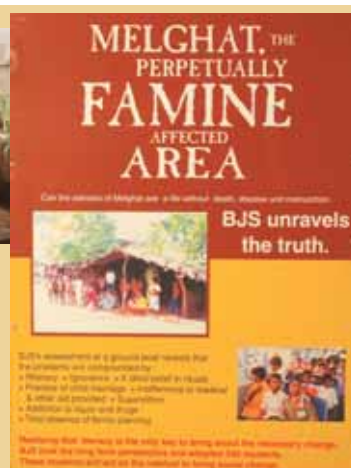
A brief background of BJS

BJS is a NGO with 20 years' experience in Disaster Management, Education & Humanitarian Services. BJS's activities during disaster management have always focused on shelter for the affected children, re-construction of schools, primary health centers and primary health sub-centers and rehabilitation of children.

- **1985** BJS regularly organizes mass marriages, match making sammelans and provides for family counseling. Since 1985, all marriages in his own family (including that of his own son and daughter) have been solemnized under this scheme.
- **1988** - BJS has been holding medical camps successfully for the last 15 years, especially in the rural areas. These include plastic surgeries and are held for more than 6 months each year and conducted by renowned specialist doctors from US. This has benefited thousands of needy people every year.
- **1992** BJS played a significant role by contributing in restoration of peace during Mumbai riots. Organised a very successful peace march from Pune to Nagpur and was well encouraged and attended by many national and international prominent persons including late Acharya Sushil Muni, Swami Chidanandaji, Moulana Wahiduddin Khan Saheb, Padmabhushan Shri Anna Hazare, Justice C. Dharmadhikari, Padmabhushan Late Shri Govindji Shroff and many more....
- **1993** - Significant efforts and contribution post-Latur earthquake, in terms of relief work. Established Wagholi Educational and Rehabilitation Centre (WERC). WERC houses and runs hostels, schools and colleges for 1200 hundred children and has been appreciated and applauded by many national and international dignitaries including Hon'ble President of India, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, during his Pune visit on November 30th, 2002.
- **1995** This year the grim earthquake tragedy at Jabalpur. Realizing the gravity of the calamity, the team of BJS officials and volunteers visited the affected areas. Orphaned children were then rehabilitated in Pune and were accommodated in various Hindi medium schools
- **1997** Melghat is a tribal area in Maharashtra and the children in this tribal belt suffer from the ill effects of mal-nutrition. BJS took a significant step in bringing 350 tribal children to Pune for total rehabilitation and development.



BJS National President, Shri. Shantilal Muttha with Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, who supported BJS through Rajeev Gandhi Foundation for Latur Earthquake affected children.





A brief background of BJS

- **1997** - BJS builds and operates the 'Wagholi Educational Rehabilitation Centre (WERC)' near Pune, to house and educate 1200-orphaned children of the Latur Earthquake disaster. These children are given lodging, boarding and education at the center FREE of COST.
- **2001** In the wake of Gujarat earthquake calamity, Mr. Muttha along with Shri Sureshdada Jain and other BJS volunteers, did commendable social and relief work providing food for more than 30,000 people for more than 2 months, and built 368 schools (with 1004 classrooms) within a span of 90 days. Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the then Prime Minister of India appreciated the efforts, dedicated and handed over the schools FREE OF COST to the State on 4th June 2001. These pre-fab structures are in operation for more than 4 years now. Some schools have since built their permanent structures and hence these are now available for reuse.
- **2002** - During the devastating floods, which hit Akola (Maharashtra) the people affected were provided immediate rescue and relief by the BJS team.
- **2005** - BJS took on the responsibility of preparing and distributing fresh, cooked meals to more than 8,000 people, twice a day during the Mandhradevi tragedy where 300 lives were lost..
- **2005** - BJS has constructed permanent buildings for 20 fully damaged schools in Andaman & Nicobar FREE of COST. These buildings have already been handed over to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration to enable the children to start their studies from this academic year.
- **2005** - BJS has constructed 4 Primary health centres and 30 Primary sub health centers in A&N islands. BJS has handed over half of the Primary Health Sub Centers and Primary Health Centers to the Government. The remaining would be handed over by the end of October 2005

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Reconstructed school at Korang Nalah A & N by BJS



Temporary shelters for Akola Flood affected people



Reconstructed PHSC at Hutbay A & N by BJS



Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana Educational wing

The Jain community is known to be naturally philanthropic and socially conscious. Various Jain organizations all over the country are working on this noble cause. Nurturing a deep desire for social work, Mr. Shantilal Muttha - a successful businessman, came forward to provide a much needed direction and leadership to this noble attitude of the community. This led to a logical next step formation of "Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana" (BJS). BJS has since been a part of the Jain community efforts to support public and social causes.

Need for a new thrust :

Historical realities contributed to the slow rate of socio-economic progress in the last two centuries. This was similarly reflected in the easy paced approach towards education also. However in the last two decades the rate of socio-economic growth has spurred upwards both in quantum and character. This brings into focus the need for the 'education' sector to keep pace with the rapid developmental changes and especially how these changes are affecting it.

The experience and success of BJS translated into a unique social empathy giving deep understanding of the impediments strewn on the path of Indian development. One such identification was 'Education'. Hence it was but natural that the BJS spotlight focused on Education. It is very significant to note that even though the Jain community is only 0.4 % of the total population, it has played a stellar role in promoting nearly 2500 educational Institutes with their own efforts and funding across the country.

A clear need was then perceived which indicated that there should be a vehicle to provide the necessary action component and generate enough momentum to serve the cause better.

Formation of FJEI

The leadership in BJS provided by President Mr. Shantilal Muttha, inspired many persons in the community to alter the mind set and broaden the vision to focus on 'education'. It was felt necessary that each of the educational Institute must attain excellence and for this the Institute must be a part of a large network and have global reach to enhance and synergise these community strengths, BJS decided to create a well coordinated and purposeful organization in the form of **Federation of Jain Educational Institutes (FJEI)**. FJEI umbrella could provide just the kind of synergy so much necessary for progress.

Project BJS-EDUQIP :

BJS Educaional Quality Improvement Program

Under this project BJS has also accepted the challenge of improving Quality of Education including computer education in all the 400 schools of **Andaman & Nicobar Administration FREE of COST**. BJS then conducted a needs analysis and has now developed a basket of 12- 15 high value programs, which are ready to be implemented. In fact these programs were showcased over a period of five days at Port Blair to a select group of participants invited by the A&N administration. The participants included education officers, principals, and senior teachers. The showcasing was also broadcast through the facilities of video conferencing and made available at four other remote island locations. At the instance of the Central planning Commission, A&N administration also appointed a four member expert committee to evaluate the showcased programs and ascertain the relevance and benefits to the schools and children in A&N.

Since June 2005, this project is already under successful implementation in the schools of Andaman & Nicobar.



BJS' successful strategy of re-cycling buildings constructed in Gujarat 2001, shifted and erected in J&K 2005



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