

From time immemorial it has been a known fact that a person is known more by his deeds than by his name or birth. If someone dedicates his life for a good cause, be it social environmental or any act that is above selfish interests, he is bound to be regarded with respect by all.

Dr. Anil Bhandari is one such rare personality, Be it helping the needy through medical aids, making educational help available to the students, restoration of a forgotten monument, sending relief material to regions devastated by natural causes or activities related to sports, environmental, industrial & cultural issues, Dr. Anil Bhandari has through his lifelong dedication & works proved that one genuine effort can help change the lives of lakhs.

Born in Indore on 14th January 1962, Dr. Anil Bhandari graduated in science from Devi Ahilya University, did Ph.D. and then joined his ancestral business, a Steam Boiler Manufacturing company. But young & energetic Dr. Bhandari had other aims also that had to be achieved. Humanitarian services being his foremost wish, he initiated various movements, the major being 'Sahayata.org'. Dr. Bhandari is doing social work from the **tender age of 18 years**.

Aimed towards harnessing the potential of retired and experienced professionals of society, utilization of waste and generation of funds through public participation, **Sahayata** is a truly inspiring and one-of-its-kind model. It not only supplies free medical-aid to the poor and needy, but also provides healthy food to pregnant ladies helping them in giving birth to a healthy offspring, resulting in a healthy nation, Sahayata was founded by Dr. Anil Bhandari in 1988 at the Government M. Y. Hospital, Indore having a capacity of 1400 beds. Aimed at alleviating the sufferings of poor by providing free medical-aid & related assistance **Sahayata today, with 26 branches** in government hospitals of different cities, is a premiere example of selfless, dedicated work towards the betterment of the poor, daily treating **14000 patients**. Sahayata is a team comprising of more than 500 retired personnel and young volunteers. The giving organization receives monthly donations of **Rs. 40 lakhs** but provides help equivalent to **Rs. 4.0 Crores a month**. This is because Sahayata provides special medication to **90,000 patients** brought from various established doctors which otherwise cost about **Rs. 1.5 Crores**. The MRI check-up that costs **Rs. 5500/-** is carried-out by the organization at half the price that is **Rs. 2500/-**. In the same way CT Scan and other facilities are also provided at very reasonable rates. Apart from this, every month high-protein diet is provided to 1500 anaemic women for 6 months of their pregnancy in Indore District alone. The diet provided not only helps them in remaining fully-nourished during pregnancy but also helps their foetuses to grow into healthy ones. Thus, Sahayata saves approximately **Rs. 20-25 lakhs** of ration on each child that otherwise would have been spent on the unproductiveness and treatment of the malnourished child. Free Medicine to **25 Local NGO's** of different folds is also provided. Started day-care recreation centre for senior citizens with facility of library, audio-video, indoor games, activity hall, yoga and lectures on health, free of cost for senior citizens. Initiated family planning services for more than **1000 families** with the gold coin scheme. Also, we contributed **Rs. 50 Lakhs** towards government. M. Y. Hospital Upliftment project in year 2015-16. Treating 450 Patients every month by free dialysis.

During the **1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid-19 pandemic**, Dr. Anil Bhandari, through Sadachar Samiti, Sahayata and other organisations distributed **8,00,000 food packets and 7000 ration kits** to the migrant labourers and daily wage workers. He distributed over **3,00,000 cakes and biscuits** to doctors and nurses. He steered a high protein diet program that resulted in reduction of 320 active cases to 0 in a containment zone in Indore. **Also distributed life-saving injections and medicines to 500 needy patients**. Donated **50 ventilators, 4000 PPE kits and 25,000 masks** and other medical equipment like **oxygen concentrators & cylinders** in Indore. He also distributed **homeopathic medicines to 2,00,000 people** to improve immunity.

As a coordinator of "**Indore 100% vaccination project**" with government, **achieved 100% on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2021** and became first city in India."

As a convener of "**Sansad Seva Sankalp**" Indore, Dr. Anil Bhandari arranged the fees of **550 school and college students** who lost their earning parent during Covid-19. Total impact of fees is **approximately Rs. 3 crores**.

As a Convener, launched a Red Cross health centre of **20 dialysis machines, 20 thalassemia beds, blood bank and pathology** for poor patients.

As a Convener, in association with IMC, project of switching off vehicles on red light signals. **It drastically reduced AQI by 70-80 points**.

As a Convener of the committee with IMC, **promoting 2 lakh houses to adopt Rain water harvesting**.

Another benevolent step taken from 2007 in this direction was a meticulous set up of **5 Sahayata Dawakhana** (Clinics) at Indore (MP). These Sahayata Clinics provide free supply of medicines, free consultation and healthy food. All retired and esteemed doctors of Indore and nearby areas are providing their super-speciality guidance and services at these centres and **everyday 1000 patients** are being treated and getting benefitted out of it. Started mobile hospital services with free medication & examination are being given in rural areas. On 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2013, Dr. Anil Bhandari launched **Medi Helpline**, a toll free phone-line for providing free information about medical services and all other health related projects of State & Central Govt. to the needy people.

Dr. Bhandari has also regularly organized seminars and Marathon for **Drug de-addiction**. Also, he started dialysis centre at the Govt. District Hospital, Indore with **4 machines, treating 25 patients** daily. During Simhastha 2016 in Ujjain, he supplied medicines at 8 Hospitals, through which more than 80,000 patients got benefitted in 1 month.

Dr. Bhandari is actively working towards the development of rural areas as a coordinator for the prestigious projects of Zila Panchayat, Indore. The project includes digging of than 270 Ponds which help higher water restoration and rainwater retainment. At the same the dug soil is used by farmers in their fields which yields in better crops. In another projects of upliftment of Rural Govt. Schools, more than 1000 libraries are planned with hundreds books each school for the knowledge upgradation of students.

Sahayata also known because the **Plastic Surgery Camps** organized by them every year. Here, Padmashree **Dr. Sharad Kumar Dixit & Dr. Satish Vayas from USA** offer their valuable services free of cost. During last **21 years** more **5800 needy patients**; mostly from rural sections of Indore, Bhopal & nearby areas; have been operated successfully. Every years 6-7 camps are also been conducted for blindless eradication. The organization has also taken the responsibility to make district Cataract-free **performed 1700 operations in the year 2000**.

Since 1994, **Dr. Anil Bhandari** is serving at Sewadham Ashram, Ujjain as Vice President. Due to his relentless untiring efforts, Ashram has recoured thousands people & provided shelter more than lesser privileged people which includes old parents (abandoned by their own children) & other young & old disabled; mentally & physically retarded; orphaned children; lepers; Paralysis & Polio/Cancer/T.B./HIV AIDS victims; oppressed & unwed mothers; the victims natural calamities and other dying destitutes.

A very special mission taken up by Dr. Bhandari been helping those whose life has been devastated by natural disasters. Leading the group, Dr. Bhandari despatched **22 trucks loaded** with relief material including pulses, rice, blankets, tarpaulin, clothes, medicines and other necessary material to Orissa's cyclone-hit population. The tangible market these loaded trucks is **Rs. 3 Crores**. But even more important and admirable is the fact that 10 members including Dr. Bhandari camped at **Orissa for 11 days** to personally distribute the relief material and contributed for the humble cause daily till night 3 o'clock. He, along with his team slogged for 18 long hours everyday and gave out the way help to sufferers & victims by providing medication facility & essential treatment. Also, other aids like housing, moral support etc. were thoughtfully extended to help them lead a normal life. The relief and necessary help was extended to total of **130 villages**.

Under the banner of **Sahayata**, a team of 18 doctors reached Nepal (Kathmandu) for **Earthquake Relief Project** from Bhakti Vedanta Hospital. The team organized medical aid camps in several earthquake- hit villages and treated 5000 patients. Apart from this, they also distributed free medicines worth Rs. 1 Crore (approx.).

During **Gujarat earthquake tragedy too**, Dr. Bhandari with his team of **17 senior doctors & medical aid worth 30 lakhs** visited the affected areas from 27th Jan to 2nd Feb 2001 to assist in the relief operations. They were the first NGO to reach the area and provide help and basic amenities to the victims of **23 villages**. Also with the help of doctors and other medical staff, they organized health camps where 6000 medical treatments were done to provide relief to those injured in the deadly earthquake. Especially in Bhuj and Gandhidham, which were the highly devastated areas, Dr. Anil Bhandari with the support of his team organized relief camps and worked for 18 hours everyday to help the affected and injured people. In the 2nd phase of the operation he took the lead to **construct 7 hospitals in Gujarat worth Rs. 1.25 Crores** which cover **140 villages** and include a huge population of around 2 lakhs. In order to help, another initiative undertaken by Dainik Bhaskar daily involved the restoration of the Gujarat cities. Dr. Bhandari spent more than 100 days to **construct 180 schools** of more than **2.5 Crores budget**.

Dr. Bhandari with his supporters played a key role in helping **Tsunami victims**. They encouraged public participation in order to generate funds and at the same time ensured that it reaches the right people at right time. Under this, along with the moral support, **10 trucks of rice, 5 trucks of garments**, food and shelter arrangements.

Since 2003, Dr. Bhandari started the **Mahaveer Medical Equipment Bank**; Two at Indore and one at Bhopal, Raipur, Vidisha, Aurangabad, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Dewas, Haridwar, Bhind, Ujjain, Betul, Shironj, Pune (Chinchwad) & Ratlam under Bhandari Charitable Trust, with an initial investment of **Rs. 50 Lacs**. It will provide medical equipment like Medical beds, Wheelchairs, Oxygen Concentrator, Oxygen Cylinder, etc. to deprived patients who cannot afford expensive equipment during treatment at home, **on loan basis**.

As a step towards nation building, Dr. Bhandari (Secretary of the Organizing Committee) hosted a **national conference of the Association of Retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Court**. Seminars on environment, media and judiciary system were conducted to stress the Role of **Former Judges in National Building through Social Service**.

One herculean task taken up by **Indore Gaurav Foundation** with Dr. Bhandari as General Secretary, was the restoration of Rajwada. This is the first NGO which was permitted by the Archaeological Department (M. P. Govt.) for the renovation of this historical asset. The project cost involved was **Rs. 1.25 crores** and the project was successfully accomplished. The volunteers are now all set to bring back the royal structure to its old fame and splendour. The success and popularity of this project can be gauged from the fact that it invited **100% public participation** and people showed enthusiasm and interest to serve for this legendary and noble cause. As if this was not enough, this noble project of restoration won International acclaim by **American Concrete Society**. **Indore Gaurav Foundation**, inaugurated the restoration **project for Krishnapura Chatri**. The famous monument which holds a historic significance in the story of Indore. To resuscitate the shambled monument, Dr. Anil Bhandari, General Secretary of the Foundation undertook the work of developing gardens, construction of boundary wall, chemical cleaning, painting and lighting, summing up to **Rs. 1 crores**. The project was carried out by public participation.

Dr. Bhandari as the General Secretary of **Indore Gaurav Foundation** initiated the **Indore Gaurav Mahotsav. 170 NRI's**, who spent their growing-up years at Indore were felicitated by Indore Gaurav Foundation. The NRI's too on their behalf, donated more than **Rs. 50 lakhs** and provided technical support for the betterment of the city which is an ongoing process. Renovation of 60 year old, Indore based **Devi Ahilya Pustakalya** is another humble project which has been completed by Indore Gaurav Foundation. This project worth **Rs. 1.25 crores** has been started with an objective of transforming this library into a national level library. The tasks include restoration of the old building, construction of auditorium, art gallery, reading room and addition of a wide range of books on variety of subjects. What makes the whole exercise more meaningful is the fact that due public participation is involved in raising the fund for this humanitarian project.

**Bapu Katha** - A unique concept was incepted by Dr. Anil Bhandari wherein noteworthy **Dr. Narayan Bhai Desai** illustrated the life & work of Mahatma Gandhi. Over a course of **5 days, 5000 people** diligently attended Bapu Katha, a programme **inspiring the youth** of the city through Gandhiji's enlightened words. For **Gandhi 150 celebration**, he organized 5 state level workshops and 70 seminars in colleges.

Following the lead of General Secretary Dr. Anil bhandari, Universal Peace & Social Development Society organized a 3-day International Conference "GANDHI- PEACE DISARMAMENT & DEVELOPMENT" in October 2013 at Indore which was attended by people across 25 countries including USA, SAARC & Europe. Gandhi's 150th birthday was celebrated by organising seminars and public meets at large for adopting Gandhi's principles which is the need of the time.

Another initiative taken by Dr. Bhandari was '**HELP-Higher Education Library Project**', which intends to strengthen talent in the field of specialized professional education. The organization came to existence in 1995, since when, more than **2000 students** have been benefitted. It started the activities with free distributions of textbooks and reference books to deserving and needy medical and engineering students. On **23rd of July 1998**, a reading room with internet service was started at MGM College Library, Indore.

President Dr. Bhandari has also been active in providing food to the needy without a single holiday, under the organization called **Sadachar Samiti**. Started in March 1989, the organization with his efforts has helped providing nourishment to the mal-nourished & also to those who are unable to get their daily bread. It is through this man's noble vision only that on an average **4000 food packets have been daily** given to the needy. As if this was not enough, he extended help To **6500 poor people** for different organizations, and their food necessities were fulfilled by providing them food grains and other eatables every month. Also **25 NGO's** are being provided with complete food facilities.

**Indore Development Society**, founded in 1994 by Dr. Bhandari has also made a strong mark in the lives of the needy. This organization provides financial help to those below poverty line, during open heart surgery, kidney transplant and other major surgeries that require a huge sum of money. The service has helped the timely surgical operations of more than **1000 cases which costed more than a lac rupees each** and under this Dr. Bhandari once again showed his kind-heartedness by taking care of all the essentials like blood, medicines etc. required during medication.

Life is not just about hardships and pain. This powerful message has been spread by the **M.P. Kidney foundation** during the sports week specially organized for those who have donated or received a kidney. Started in 1996 due to the thoughtful vision of Dr. Bhandari who is presently the President of M.P. Kidney foundation, the organization has contributed immensely in making people aware of kidney related problems and donation. Average **4 slide shows in school**, colleges, and institutes every month, camps in slum areas for check up and treatment, awareness program and the sports week; all have helped enlighten the general public in M.P. about kidney related diseases and how they can fight them.

As the General Secretary of **Shri Vardhaman Seva Kendra**, Dr. Bhandari has been actively involved since 1999 in providing medicines to **Poor TB patients. More than 10000 patients** have been given these life saving drugs.

Apart from this, high protein diet given to pregnant ladies has also been beneficial for their health. The institute has been operating a drug de-addiction centre in the Govt. M. Y. hospital in Indore.

Dr. Bhandari's relentless efforts in making plentiful needy lives better have always brought a smile on numerous faces **The 'Mega Health Camp' organized** for all the poor and downtrodden of Indore district saw more than 25,000 patients being treated absolutely free of cost for **3 days**. Chief Co-ordinator Dr. Bhandari with like-minded people expanded the initial idea of Member of Parliaments getting a sum of Rs. 8 lakhs to organize a health camp for a single block.

The Collector and his team with help from NGO's, nursing homes, private senior doctors, chemist association, pathology labs and others collected **Rs. 1 Crore 80 lakh**, much more than the initial sum of 8 lakhs. With support from 300 Doctors and 400 paramedical staff, above 2500 X-rays, 1,800 sonographies & 500 minor operations and **6,000 other** investigations took place at various hospitals and **52 poor patients were selected for open heart surgery**.

A **3-day health camp where 800 handicapped** students including deaf and dumb, mentally retarded, blind and physically disabled were treated and supplied with the necessary equipments in the same league, recently as a chief co-ordinator, he also organized a **5-day camp** not only for students but for the disabled people of entire Indore District. The camp was attended by **6,000 people where 452 tricycles, 350 callipers, 325 hearing aids and 45 wheelchair** were distributed to the needy and handicapped. Also, **450 surgeries** were successfully conducted with the help of all private hospitals of Indore.

As Vice President of **Red Cross Society**, a **diagnostic centre** is being started for poor patients, which facilities MRI, CT-Scan, Pathology & Blood Bank services at subsidised rates.

As Vice Chairman of **CEPRD- Centre for Environment Protection, Research & Development** initiated different project in field of environment protection like Plantations, City development, Energy conservation & Water Resources since 2000. He also conducted **5-day Environment Conservation Lecture Series from 2010 to 2018** on different Subjects under the banner of CEPRD On World Environment Day, 1 lakh copies of 8 page booklet on conservation of water, energy & plastic were distributed for public awareness. Also, for M. P government, he prepared the education & city master plan for Indore district.

Chasing his dream of converting Indore city into a green city. Dr. Bhandari is also giving his valuable contribution as the Chief Co-ordinator in "**The Green Indore Movement**". This eco-friendly project would invite participation from people belonging to all walks of life to complete its objective of **planting 5 lakh saplings**, thus helping the city to abate pollution and promote a healthy environment.

Chairman Dr. Anil Bhandari of **M.P. Dristiheen Kalyan Sangh and National Blind Association** runs 3 institutes where 125 blind children are studying in residential school & 160 students studying in colleges Also **T20 Blind Cricket World Cup between India & England** at Holkar Stadium indore was held in Feb. 2017 which was witnessed by more than **25000 students**.

He founded the **National Institute - Industry Forum for Energy (NIFE)** and played an important role in bringing together people from institutes and industries to contribute towards the global issue. As the General Secretary of the organization, he organized more than **160 seminars and workshops** at national and international level. He visited Vietnam to present a paper on Indore Vision 2025 in respect of Energy, Health, Climate Change & City Development in Conference at **DA-Nang-Vietnam** on 13th to 16th September 2009 & **Bali** in Oct 2010 on invitation of the **Rockefeller Foundation USA**.

Dr. Bhandari organized National Youth Camp of renowned social worker **Dr. Subba Rao at Indore**. He is also actively associated with **Deepchand Bhai Gardi Charitable Trust**, Mumbai since 1985, looking after and carrying out their charitable projects of more than **Rs. 25 Crores** in M.P.

As an All-India Ex-Secretary of Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) Dr. Bhandari has done mega projects for Economic Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, Employment, Loan & Scholarship for Higher Education & Seva through which thousands of people got benefitted in last 12 years for (resulted in more than 260 students clearing UPSC exams & 450 students clearing state services exams) ultimately leading to nation development.

The inspiring presence and aura of this philanthropic personality has been such that every social welfare and charity project initiated by him received full-fledged and voluntary public co-operation The innovative model prepared by Mr. Bhandari made people not only willingly contribute for the noble cause but also their unutilized potential was best put to the purpose What's more, under his guidance, the thoughtfully planned strategies were implemented with such proficiency that even with very limited resources; the seemingly impossible targets were successfully accomplished. He has also been felicitated by many national and international awards.

**Dr. Bhandari is also actively associated with various other reputed institutions of the city, the list of the institutions is enclosed as annexure 'A'**

#### **Annexure 'A'**

- Life senate member of Devi Ahilya University, Indore
- Board Member - Oriental University, Indore - Bhopal
- Executive secretary of the Institute of Energy Research and Planning (IERP), Indore
- Ex. Director, MP Stock Exchange.
- Trustee, Shree Jain Diwakar Charitable hospital and research Center, Ratlam
- Trustee & Vice Chairman Centre for Environment protection research and development (CEPRD)
- Managing trustee, Indore Malwa Gujarat Relief committee
- Member - District Social Forest Protection Committee, Govt. of MP
- Member - District Disabled Rehabilitation Center Mang. Committee, Govt. of MP
- Trustee, Prerna Seva Trust, Bhopal
- Advisor, Abhyas Mandal
- Advisor, Indore society for Mentally Retarded
- Advisor, Manav Seva Sansthan
- Vice President, Samanvaya Manav Seva trust
- Executive member, District Blindness control society
- Chairman, MP Drashtihin Kalyan Sangh.
- Vice Chairman, National Blind Association.
- Advisor District, Human Right Protection Committee
- Member, District Rogi Kalyan samiti
- Member, Indore Anti Tobacco Society
- Ex. Member, Autonomous body of Govt., Post graduate girls college
- Ex. Member, Autonomous body of M. G. M., Medical college and associated hospital
- Ex. Member, Autonomous body of Govt. Nursing college
- Committee member, Pitra Parvat Yojna
- Patron, Bal Vinay Mandir Foundation
- Managing committee member, Sanstha Ek Ped Anek Yojna
- Chairman - MP Blind Cricket Association
- Vice president, Indore District Badminton Association
- Member, M.P. Flying Club
- Patron, Indore Tennis Trust Complex Club
- Life member, Rama Krishna Mission
- M.C. Member, M.P. Indian Red Cross Society, Bhopal
- Vice President, Indore District, Indian Red Cross Society
- Member of various social clubs of Indore
- Advisor, Madhya Pradesh Foundation, Delhi
- Advisor, Palak Muchaal Foundation
- Ex-Director & Secretary Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) Mumbai