

WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Ajit Singh is the Chairman of ACG Worldwide, the Associated Capsules Group of Companies in Mumbai. Jointly with his brother, Jasjit Singh, and backed by a dedicated team, he rapidly built up their pharmaceutical ancillaries, packaging films and machinery business, currently employing over 3000 people. His group is Asia's largest capsules, related machinery and packaging manufacturing enterprise.

Ajit Singh was educated at Millfield School and Cambridge University in England, and completed his post-graduate studies at the Harvard Business School, U.S.A.

The Capsules Group of Companies has been presented with awards by the President of India and the Government of Maharashtra for outstanding help to the physically handicapped.

Ajit Singh has played a prominent role in the development of the Pharmaceutical and Allied Industry in India. He is a member of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Task Force on the Scientific and Regulatory needs of developing countries.

As part of his non-pharma activity, he served for many years on the Central Governing Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), and also on the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Training in Industrial Engineering (NITIE), both appointments made by the President of India.

We welcome Mr. Ajit Singh into the Impact Family as our new Trustee.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE- THE TASK FORCE

Impact India Foundation (IIF) is an International Initiative Against Avoidable Disablement. It acts as a leader catalyst to bring together business houses, Non-Government organizations, the professionals and the community to work in partnership with the State and District Governments in rural health projects, using the available health care delivery systems and existing infrastructure.

One of IIF's major projects is the Community Health Initiative in 7 Tribal Blocks of Thane District in Maharashtra, covering 1.5 million population. Its mission is to reduce disabilities by half through curative and preventive measures. It is intended to be a model for replication in other parts of the country.

In order to ensure sustainability of this major initiative worthy of replication in other parts of the country, the creation of a District Task Force is proposed under the District Collector with representatives from the State Government, local private sector companies, health practitioners and professionals, the community and IIF's core staff.

SOP TRAINING SESSION

A Training Session on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Good Operating Practices (GOP) for the Staff on the Lifeline Express and the Community Health Initiative in Thane District was conducted by Mr. Santosh Deshpande, Gen. Manager, Operations, Associated Capsules Group (ACG) on board the Lifeline Express on 11th June 2010.

Gynae services on the Lifeline Express Hospital Train

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, President of the Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) visited the Lifeline Express Hospital Train at Varanasi on 25th July 2010 where Gynae services were offered for the first time in the Lifeline Express.



Yet another heartwarming story....

A gentleman was in Mumbai to attend a Medical Seminar and was walking down the road. He looked up and spotted "Impact India Foundation" displayed on the porch of a building across the road. Without hesitating a moment he decided to come up and requested to meet Mrs. Zelma Lazarus, Impact's CEO.

He introduced himself as Dr Rajendra Jain, General Surgeon, who had donated his services at the 10th Lifeline Express Project at Gondia (in Eastern Maharashtra) held from December 5, 1993 to January 2, 1994. Amazingly, he had the statistics of the numbers of patients treated at instant recall: 5,511 registered; 238 underwent polio surgery, 59 mid ear surgery and 320 cataract surgeries. Dr Jain proceeded to tell us this story: Recently Dr Jain was driving through a remote village in Gondia and stopped at a shop. The shop keeper asked him if he was Dr. Jain. On hearing his positive response, he immediately prostrated full length on the dusty



ground, in salutation. Alarmed, Dr Jain pulled him up and gently enquired about him. It turned out the man, introduced as Mr. Katre, had been operated by Dr Jain on the "jadoo ki gadi (Magic Train)" when he was only 12 years old. At that time he had come to the train

dragging his polio-ravaged legs by propelling himself with his hands on the ground. Thanks to the treatment given by Dr Jain, he was able to stand up and walk upright. Katre said "Thanks to you, I now own this shop. I am married and have a child." Katre led Dr Jain to his village

home where to Dr Jain's surprise he saw a photograph of himself, in a newspaper clipping, ensconced and anointed in Katre's Puja (prayer) room – one of the many pictures of Gods and Goddesses that were deemed worthy of worship!

With tears in his eyes Mr. Katre said he owed his life to Dr Jain and the Lifeline Express, and thanked him once again.....

Impact India's Volunteers



Ms. Gabriela Serpes has been a regular volunteer on the Lifeline Express even while she is pursuing her studies for B.A. and other courses. Her hobbies include photography and her forte is computer designing - a skill which she regularly donates to Impact India Foundation.

Thanks, Gabriela, for the large number of photographs clicked by you on the Lifeline Express at Dahanu in May/June 2010 covering almost every aspect of the project. Every picture taken by her is descriptive and reveals her enthusiasm in volunteering for IIF which is indeed inspiring. Gabriela is the grand daughter of Mrs. Olga Monteiro of Impact India Foundation.

I do not share the belief that there can or will be on earth one religion. I am striving, therefore, to find a common factor and to induce mutual tolerance.

- Mahatma Gandhi

What is true of individuals is true of nations. One cannot forgive too much. The weak can never forgive.

Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Christian Gogolin is a young and enthusiastic volunteer at the 120th Lifeline Express project being held from 22nd August to 14th September, 2010, at Ghazipur in Eastern Uttar Pradesh State one of the most backward Districts in rural India. Christian discovered the Lifeline Express after he saw a telecast of BBC's film "The Magic Train" while in England last year, and was keen to make a documentary on the hospital train for his final diploma project.



Christian is a Final Year student at the University of Applied Sciences & Art, Dortmund, Germany, enrolled in a four-year Diploma course in Photography.

Christian plans to hold an exhibition of his work on Impact India's Lifeline Express in Germany and is working with a journalist who will write about the train.

Christian may even publish a photostory to send out the social message of the Lifeline Express. He advocates that volunteers from around the world, both medical and non-medical, should visit the Lifeline Express which he describes as "a wonderful venture which gives support to the rural poor enabling free treatment in an environment where they would get no treatment at all because they cannot afford it."

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**IMPACT INDIA FOUNDATION'S LIFELINE EXPRESS HOSPITAL TRAIN
CHUGS INTO THANE DISTRICT - 20TH MAY TO 10TH JUNE 2010**



The project station



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Patients waiting for screening at Dahanu Road Railway station.



Dental treatment in progress



A patient being screened for cataract surgery



Patients in the recovery ward provided by Reliance Infrastructure Ltd.



IP's CEO Zelma Lazarus interacting with para medical staff



Operations in progress



Visitors from the Tobaccowala family

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Picture of the Karoli Check Dam at Mokhada-Jawahar in the summer of 2010. This check dam was completed by Impact India Foundation - supported by the Rotary Club of Mumbai-Borivali (E) and has benefitted about 1000 villagers.

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