

“I learned the message of Non-violence from my wife- Kasturba”

— Mahatma Gandhi

The **Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust (KGNMT)** was established in 1945 by Mahatma Gandhi in the memory of his wife Kasturba, following her death in the Aga Khan Palace prison, in Pune, in February 1944. The KGNMT is one of the oldest, pre-independence, non-governmental institution which works for the cause of needy women and children of rural India.

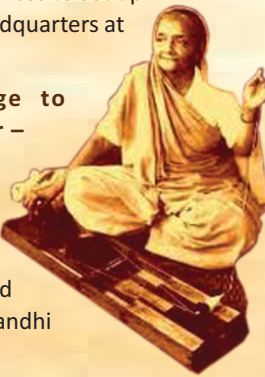
The Deed of Settlement of the Trust, dated 1945, is a historic document. The first Chairperson was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. The original 26 Trustees were all stalwarts of the independence movement. Amongst the persons closely involved with the Trust were Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (who became the first Indian Governor General of India), Dr S. Radhakrishnan, Dr. Zakir Hussain (both subsequently Presidents of India), Shri GD Birla, Mr JRD Tata, Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Smt Sarojini Naidu and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The Trust had the total dedication and service of Smt. Lakshmi N. Menon and Dr. Sushila Nayyar who kept the continuity of the historic era for us. Shri Dhirubhai Mehta devoted all his time and energy as the chairman of the Trust from 2001 to 2013. The Trust is grateful to have him as a Trustee, a friend and a guide for this historic institution.

The unique history of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust is set against the backdrop of the history of India's freedom struggle. Eminent people as well as the anonymous and individual masses mobilized their resources to set up this organization with its headquarters at Kasturbagram, Indore.

The Trust pays homage to Matrishakti –Mother Power – The Strength of Creation.

The same age as her husband, Kasturba was born in Porbandar in 1869. Married in 1882, Kastur and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi



were 13 years old. Kastur was a witness to the extraordinary mind of an idealistic teenager and to all the experiments of truth conducted by her husband throughout his life. She became a full partner in all the political, social, and spiritual struggles of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mahatma Gandhi could not have been complete without the spiritual strength of Kasturba.

Gandhi discovered the same significance of *Matrishakti* in Kasturba that was inspired in him by his mother Putlibai. Inherent in man as well as woman, and in all forms of life. *Matrishakti* – Truth, compassion and courage are inseparable from the philosophy of non violence of Gandhi.

Mahatma Gandhi decided that the indomitable, yet gentle spirit of Kasturba would best be honoured by reaching out to the needy women and children of the villages across rural India. This vision was in harmony with Sarvodaya. Sarvodaya is a re-awakening of the consciousness of man to live in harmony with nature and all life.

The vision for the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust in the 21st century. The Trust is not just an institution but a Movement.

The foundation of the Trust is based on the concept of Service and the Kasturba Trust is resolved to continue with its tradition of constructive work for the needy, under privileged sections and the last man of the society. The Trust also extends its work to the victims of terror, violence and fury of a man and nature. Issues such as Child Malnutrition, Female Health continue to need attention. Female Foeticide and Child Trafficking which have become dramatic realities are a special challenge for the Trust.

The Trust has remained true to its ideals for almost 70 years of constructive work in the fields of healthcare, literacy and education, employment generation, vocational training, and relief work



for those affected by natural. Today the Trust has the 23 State Branches and more than 500 sub-centres spread across the country.

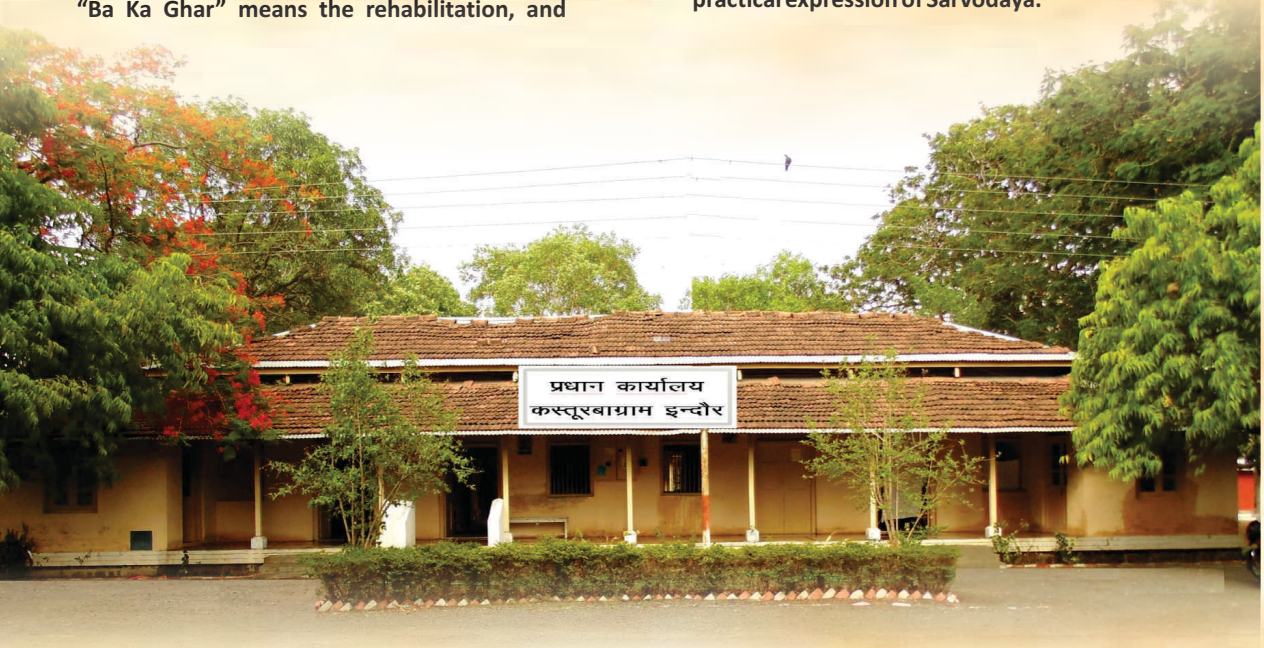
In this new millennium, the role of the Kasturba Trust is as challenging as it was at its inception.

For the work of the Trust to be effective and result oriented, we the workers of this heritage institution welcome all who wish to help and contribute, either financially or through voluntary work. **In this manner we hope to create a family of the Kasturba Trust – Kasturba Parivar. This will enable more and more people to be with the Trust to strengthen our MOVEMENT in the vision of SARVODAYA.**

Mahatma Gandhi's idea for a “Free” India was based on the twin concepts of **Satyagraha** and **Sarvodaya**. Reconstruction of the social order with non-violence is also part of Sarvodaya. Women are the silent backbone and children the future of our nation. Constructive work among women and children is a primary and essential requirement for the process of nation building as envisaged in Sarvodaya.

For the vision of the Trust, the focal points of the Trust “Ba Ka Ghar” and “Shanti Sena” will contain all the dimensions of the activities of the Trust in the vision of Sarvodaya.

“Ba Ka Ghar” means the rehabilitation, and



giving dignity, moral support and vocational training to women victims of social injustice.

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As envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi and the founding father the Kasturba Gandhi National memorial Trust is a vehicle for change – A Movement, not just an institution. The spirit of *Matrishakti* would be combined with Satyagraha and which would be the best practical expression of Sarvodaya.

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Mahatma Gandhi created the Kasturba Gandhi National memorial Trust for it to be a vehicle for change – A Movement, not just an institution – in which the spirit of *Marishakti* would be combined with Satyagraha and which would be the best practical expression of Sarvodaya.

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We accept Donations in Cash, Cheques, Bank Drafts, RTGS & NEFT Cheques/Drafts may be made in favour of KASTURBA GANDHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRUST KASTURBA GRAM, INDORE (M.P.)

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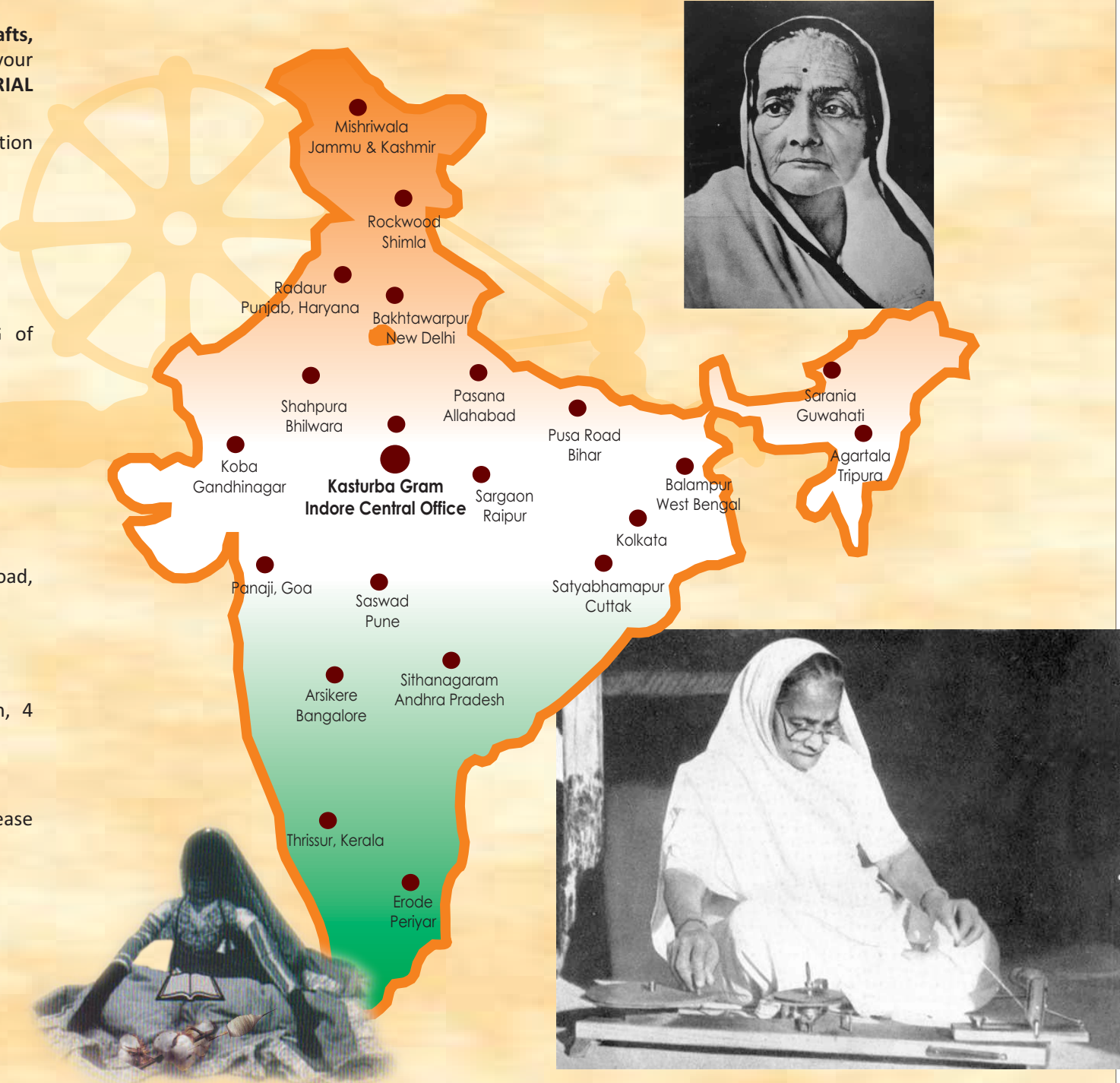
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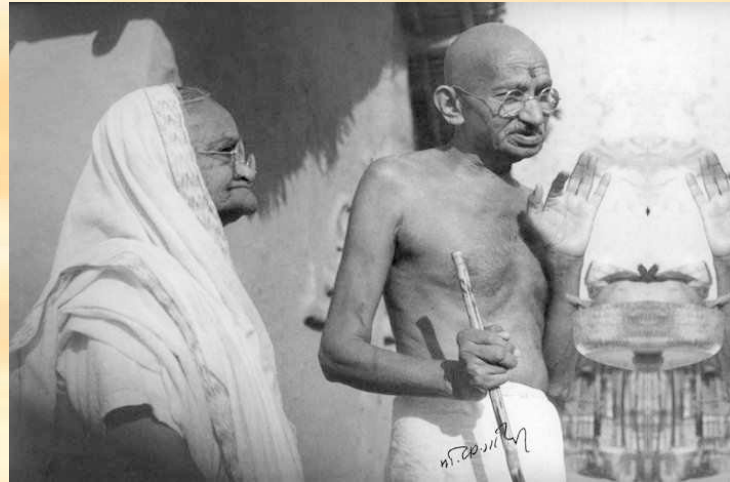
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