



Mahesh Jadhav

Founder & President, Mahesh Foundation, Belagavi

- Despite being an entrepreneur by profession, he dedicated himself to social service. Mahesh was born in Kanabargi, Belgaum, on 22nd July 1986.
- He completed his Primary education at Siddheshwar High School in Kanbargi, Belagavi. Completing computer science & engineering, he decided to start small occupations.
- Mahesh found a 4-year-old boy who lost his parents due to HIV/AIDS and was on his deathbed.
- This led to the birth of Mahesh Foundation in 2010 and within 2 years, more than 55 children were enrolled.
- He struggled for 5 years to procure land from the government to build a care home but he didn't succeed.
- Mahesh and his family decided to donate ancestral property as a charity to build a care home.
- Currently supporting thousands of HIV-positive and underprivileged children working for the past 17 years.
- Recognizing his services, many government and non-government organizations honored him including
- National Award for Child Welfare in 2017.

Mahesh Foundation programs

Ashakiran Children Care Home:

- Started in 2010. Providing basic amenities like nutrition, shelter, healthcare and education to HIV-positive children. Benefitted 4,900+ HIV-positive children.

Utkarsha Learning Center:

- Started in 2018. Providing free skill-based education to HIV-positive and underprivileged slum children. 1,700+ children are benefiting every year.

Aadhar Vidya Program:

- Started in 2012. Education support for poor and underprivileged children. Benefited more than 72,000 children from this program.

Aadhar Village Program:

- Started in 2013. To ensure sustainable energy sources for slum dwellers in Belagavi. To date, more than 2,000 families were benefited.

Gokak HIV/AIDS Care Centre

- Started in 2014. A care and support center for People Living with HIV in rural areas. To date served more than 90,000 People Living with HIV.

Achievements

- Since 2010, the organization has been working with support of individual donors. We have been working without any government grants.
- HIV-positive children who were counting their days when admitted to the care home are living a healthy life.
- The first organization in the state of Karnataka working for HIV-positive children, to be recognized by the Government of Karnataka as a qualified organization.
- The youngest person of the State and the Country to receive the State Child Welfare award in 2014 and the National award in 2017 in Child Welfare.
- Organization rendering various services to more than 90,000 People Living with HIV.
- Every year thousands of donors participate in various programs.
- More than 120+ staff members and volunteers are working hard for the success of the organization.



Numerous awards have been conferred recognizing my services rendered to the needy

AWARDS:

- 2017 - “**National Award**” for Child Welfare 2017 by the Honorable President of India.
- 2014 - “**State Award**” by the Honorable Governor of Karnataka Government for Child Welfare.
- 2023 - “**Aroodha Shri**” Award Chikkamunavalli Mutt.
- 2026 - Bestowed with the **SocioFare Award 2026**
- 2026 - **National Prestige Award 2026** by the Global Research Foundation.
- 2022 - Giants Federation State Level Award by Giants Foundation.
- 2022 - “**Badlaav Humse Hai**” award by Network 18.
- 2021 - Seva Ratna Award by Max Life Insurance.
- 2021 - **COVID Soldier award** by the Better India
- 2021 - **Kalam Awards-2021** by KITES Foundation, Kerala
- 2020 - **DH Changemaker 20 in 2020** award by Deccan Herald.
- 2020 - Canara, HSBC and OBC The Real Promise Keepers award.
- 2020 - Heroes of Humanity award by The Better India
- 2020 - Netaji Subhash Chandra Seva Samman by Netaji Subhash Chandra Society.
- 2019 - State Level “**Amma Award**”.
- 2018 - “**Prerana Award**” by Sakala Newspaper
- 2018 - Lead Prayana special award by Deshpande Foundation.
- 2017 - Zee Kannada 'Hemmeya Kannadiga Award'
- 2017 - Suvarna News and Kannada Prabha 'Asamanya Kannadiga Award'.
- 2017 - “**Public Hero Award**” and Special Event by Public TV.
- 2017 - “**Young Achievement Award**” by Deshpande Foundation.
- 2015 - Desh Ka Namak Award by Tata Institute.
- 2012 - “**International Award**” from the Americares India Foundation.
- 2012 - “**Young Achievement Award**” by Swami Vivekananda Foundation, Hubli.
- 2012 - Special Award and Felicitation from KLE College.
- 2012 - Gudleppa Hallikeri “**Seva Award**”
- 2010 - “**Person of the Year Award**” from All About Belgaum.

Motivational Speaker



TEDEX AND INK TALK

Mahesh participated in hundreds of programs in 1400+ colleges and have guided over 3 lakh college students till 2023.

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