



DISTRICT GRAND LODGE  
OF BOMBAY

Report on the  
Charity Projects undertaken by  
Nagpur Lodges

Lodge Corinth, No. 1122 | Bromham Lodge, No. 6175  
Penchvale Lodge, No. 7643

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“No doubt Charity has often been felt and practiced by you. Suffice it to say, it has the approbation of Heaven and earth, and like its sister, Mercy, blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.”

It has often been said that Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason’s heart, and the brethren of the three Lodges based in Nagpur have once again stepped forward to demonstrate this noble virtue during the year gone by.

## **Lodge Corinth, No. 1122**

Lodge Corinth continued offering financial assistance to the Abhyudaya Global Village School in 2017, having made an initial donation of ₹50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) during the year. A further pledge of ₹60,000 (Rupees sixty thousand) has also been made, thus taking the total aid package up to ₹1,10,000 (Rupees one lakh ten thousand). The Abhyudaya Global Village School has been set up in Bawangaon, on the Khapa-Badegaon Road, about forty kilometres from Nagpur.



The school seeks to transform the face of rural India by training students to become agricultural entrepreneurs or “agri-preneurs” who can effectively rely on agriculture as a sole source of income.

A helping hand was also extended to a promising young lady who would otherwise not have had access to the funds required for her to realise her ambition of becoming an engineer. A cheque of ₹50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) was handed over towards the fees payable to the engineering college where she is enrolled. She had also received similar assistance last year, and the brethren of Lodge Corinth were keen to continue providing aid due to the excellent academic results obtained by the student in question during her first year as an engineering student.

The brethren made a further charitable donation in kind to the Government Deaf & Dumb School – in the form of cots, beds and bedlinen – at a total cost of about ₹15,000 (Rupees fifteen thousand).

## **Bromham Lodge, No. 6175**

Bromham Lodge joined hands with Lodge Trimurty, No. 294 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India, to champion the latter’s charity initiative (dubbed “Ortho Bank”) and donated a wheelchair as well as an oxygen cylinder in support of this worthy cause. The Ortho Bank has been set up for the benefit of brethren of all Constitutions and non-Masons alike, with the latter being offered the service for a negligible fee. The handover of the equipment took place at a small ceremony organised for the purpose at Freemasons’ Hall, Nagpur.



Brethren of the Lodge also contributed an amount of ₹73,000 (Rupees seventy-three thousand) towards the academic fees payable on behalf of Preeti Rahandale and Priyansuvi Yadav, two bright

young ladies who would otherwise have not been able to pursue their studies at the Nagpur Institute of Technology.

A further sum of ₹4,000 (Rupees four thousand) was also raised by the brethren and donated to the Universal Brotherhood Day Charity, an endeavour started in collaboration with other Nagpur-based Lodges that are on the rolls of the United Grand Lodge of England as well as the Grand Lodge of India.

### **Penchvale Lodge, No. 7643**

Penchvale Lodge presented the Sant Gadge Baba Deaf & Dumb School with a cheque for ₹25,000 (Rupees twenty-five thousand). This charitable contribution was generously matched by the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, which also donated the same amount to the aforesaid school. The school used the funds it received to improve its hostel facilities for students.

The Lodge also contributed ₹6,000 (Rupees six thousand) to the Bombay Masonic Benevolent Fund, the District's new Charity which was launched at the Freemasonry in the East Tercentenary Celebrations in January 2017.

Additionally, the Lodge provided financial aid of ₹5,540 (Rupees five thousand five hundred and forty) to enable a deserving young girl to continue her future studies.

