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Kalpavriksha (कल्पवृक्ष), also known as kalpataru, kalpadrum or kalpapdapa is a wish fulfilling divine tree in Hinduism, Jainism & Buddhism. It is mentioned in Sanskrit literature from the earliest sources. The Kalpavriksha originated during the 'Samudra Manthan' or 'Churning of the Ocean' along with the Kamadhenu, the divine cow providing for all needs. The king of gods, Indra returned with this tree to his paradise. Basically Kalpavriksha is an artistic and literary theme common to the Hindu Bhagavatas, the Jains and the Buddhists. The tree is often extolled in iconography and literature. So Kalpavriksha, the tree of life means 'World Tree' finds mention in the Vedic Scriptures also.



**Seth Jai Parkash**  
1912-1971



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## Foreword

It was our long cherished dream and desire to document the eventful and exemplary life of Seth Jai Parkash Ji in the form of a biography so that the coming generations of The Mukandians should be able to value and follow the ideas & ideals, the devotion & dedication of Jai Parkash Ji to continue to serve the society with a supreme sense of selflessness.

On this momentous occasion of releasing of the biography we rededicate ourselves to the great ideals of our forefathers Seth Mukand Lal Ji and Seth Jai Parkash Ji.

Ashok Kumar



## Preface

Compiling the biography of a person of the stature of Seth Jai Parkash was a very rewarding and learning experience. Being Mukandians we were aware of many of the momentous moments & milestones of his life but when we started rummaging through the events and the pages of his life, we got a deep insight into many a dimension of his charismatic persona. It became an enriching, enlivening & enlightening experience. Many a facet of his personality enthralled & enthused us. And to have the privilege to present all that in the form of a book is a humbling and an endearing effort.

We are indebted to Sh. Ashok Kumar, our mentor, who not only motivated us but provided us many a valuable detail from his treasure trove of memories cherished with charm. He always exhorted & encouraged us to complete the book at the earliest.

We owe our gratitude to Sh. Vijay Kumar and Mrs. Manju Jain for providing the precious family photographs and their valuable support.

We would be failing in our duty if we don't mention the valuable contribution of our colleague late Dr. Vinod Pandaya who very laboriously compiled the detailed information about the Mukand Family in his book Gandhi's Pagla Bhagat Seth Mukand Lal.

Our special thanks to Sh. Vivek Sharma for his consistent cooperation in scrutinizing & short-listing the photographs required for the book and Sh. Balvinder Kumar for his computing excellence and preparing the manuscript very painstakingly and patiently.

We feel honoured to dedicate this book to the blessed Mukandians.

**Dr. Ramesh Kumar**

**Dr. Ritu Kamra Kumar**



**Seth Jai Parkash**  
Passion - Compassion - Philanthropy

“परहित बस जिन्ह के मन माहीं।  
तिन्ह कहँ जग दुर्लभ कछु नाहीं॥”

Shining steadfastly like the pole star in the sky and keeping aloft the flame of education and service to humanity thus guiding many a generation to come, Seth jai Prakash devoted his entire life spanning 59 years to the cause of education and humanity.

The lines from Robert Frost's 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' truly sum up the exemplary life of a philanthropist whose spirit thrives in the institutions that he established. These institutions are consistently serving the society and are being run very successfully by the next generations of the family with the same devotion, dedication and passion.

"Woods are lovely dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
Miles to go before I sleep  
Miles to go before I sleep"

The robust optimistic British Poet of 19<sup>th</sup> century, Robert Browning, forcefully emphasized that it is only the soul that matters. Thousands of years

before that, our own Vedanta philosophy had unveiled the same fact. Life is a long journey towards perfection. Just as a train travels a fixed distance, stops at a station and then pushes ahead to reach the next station and the next, similarly, the soul of a man goes along its journey continuously, only changing its dwelling place, every time a new body as a stopover. The mortal remains of the legend Seth Mukand Lal were consigned to flames in 1952 whereas the spirit lives on and the journey continues.

Thus, in order to understand the passion and psyche of Seth Jai Parkash, we shall have to turn back a few pages of history and take a glance at the life of his illustrious father Seth Mukand Lal who had been an inspirational icon for him.

“अरथ न धरम न काम रुचि गति न चहउँ निरबान।  
जनम-जनम रति राम पद यह वरदानु न आन॥”

## The Mukand Era

‘मुखिआ मुखु सो चाहिऐ खान पान कहँ एक।  
पालइ पोषइ सकल अँग तुलसी सहित बिबेक।।

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**Seth Mukand Lal**  
1885-1952



## The Mukand Era

It was in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century on Jan 5, 1885 that Seth Mukand Lal, the illustrious father of great 'Karam Yogi' Seth Jai Parkash was born in a simple, humane and a humble family at Radaur (of old Ambala District of Punjab, now in District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana), from where, he went on to own a domain on the industrial map of Northern India and in his name stand scores of educational, healthcare and philanthropic institutions established by him and his worthy descendents. He was fondly called '**Mera Pagla Bhagat**' by none other than the Father of the nation, Mahatama Gandhi.

Seth Mukand Lal achieved many a milestone during his life time. His achievements can be termed as a 'Saga of rags to riches' simply because practically he did not have any substantial background or a platform to build his career as a businessman. His father, Sh. Jamna Das, a humble vendor, selling tobacco and cloth in the streets of Radaur and the adjoining villages and his mother Smt. Nanki Devi, could not have visualized that their youngest son 'Mukandi' would have an exceptional commercial skill and also the social sensibility, indomitable courage and an extra ordinary vision to scale such glorious heights in the coming years.



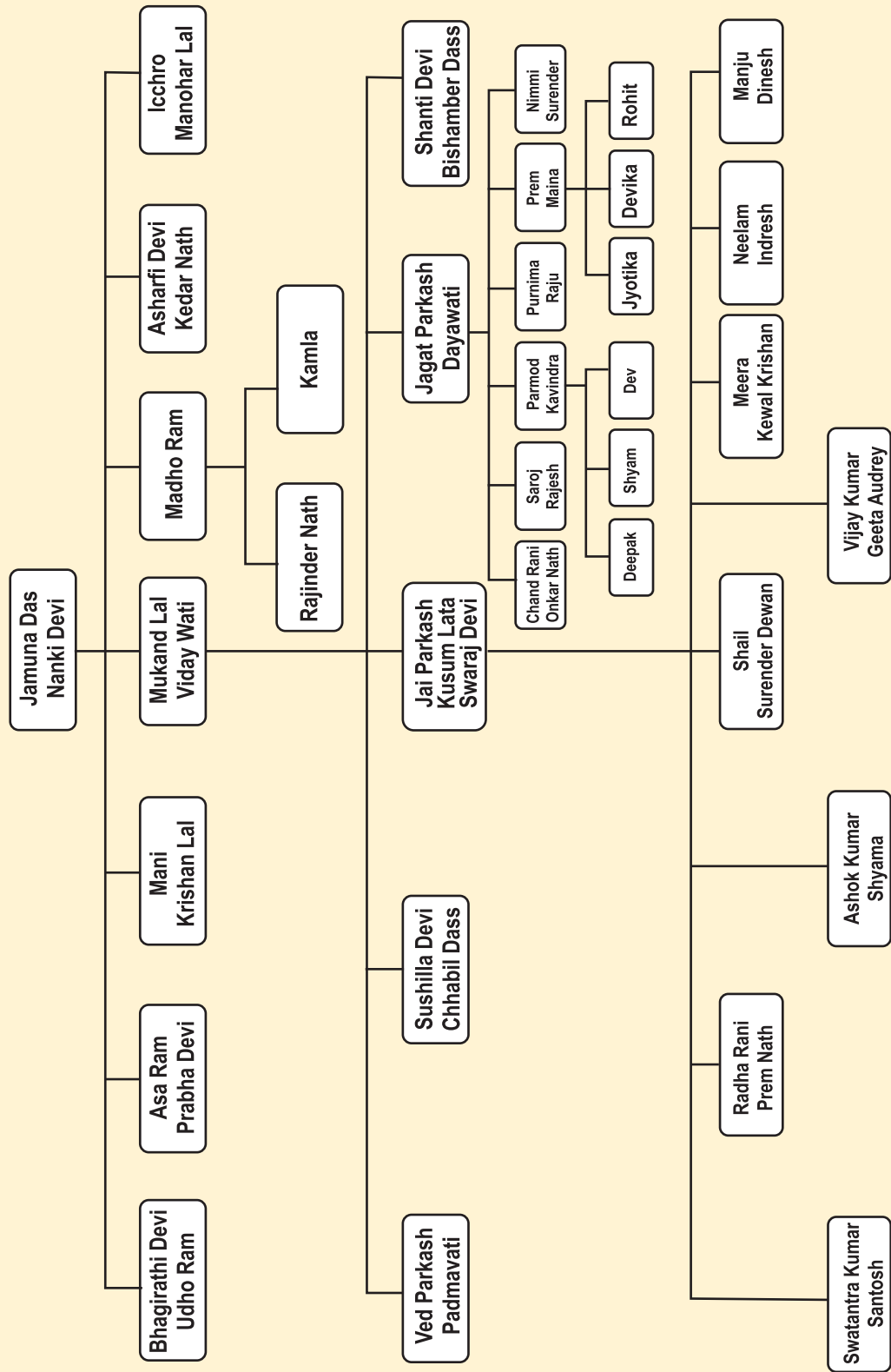
have realized that such trivial jobs would not lead him to his land of dreams. Thus he had to return from Baandi Kui to Radaur. This was a crucial period of his life. One who had broken free from his roots had to return there again, it was very tough to start a new venture afresh. It would have been easier for him to settle down peacefully there only, surrendering to the might of destiny after such an experience of struggle and stagnation. To make his choice all the more difficult, he was married to Vidya Vati of Secunderabad (near Hyderabad Deccan) in around 1908-1909. This added a new responsibility and brought along with it, bigger limitations to settle down at his native village itself. However, his natural instincts continued calling him for bigger challenges.

Smt. Vidya Vati played an inspirational and spiritual role in preparing Seth Mukand Lal to go out in search of his awaiting fortune. Once again, it was his brother-in-law Sh. Udho Ram, settled in Lahore as an overseer in PWD, who helped him in setting up a small iron scrap business and to work as a civil contractor. Thus he settled at Lahore and Seth Jai Parkash and other members of the family joined him there.

The two world wars proved to be very significant for the family in terms of finances and the business at large. The first world war (1914 -18) provided the family a launching pad for establishing and expanding the business. The second world war (1939 - 45) gave a further boost to their iron and steel business. In the most methodical and professional manner, Seth Mukand Lal built a row of shops in Lahore and named it '**Alexander Bazaar**' – the landmark of the area. Along with being a contractor, he started bidding successfully for railway auctions and very soon earned a niche for himself as a prominent businessman of iron and steel scrap of the city of Lahore.



# FAMILY TREE - SETH MUKAND LAL





## Turning A Gandhian

**"The greatness of humanity is not being human, but in being humane"**

- Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi

Both Seth Jai Parkash and Seth Mukand Lal had developed expert eyes for iron and steel scrap and knew how to turn it into gold. But along with their minds of iron for business, they had hearts of gold for humanity at large. In the case of Seth Jai Prakash, the number of institutions of knowledge and service that he established in his life span are a standing testimony of his keen philanthropic intent. On the other hand, Seth Mukand Lal, who was a rational business man was transformed into a simple human being and an enthusiastic and ardent patriot with the divine touch of Mahatma Gandhi's ideology. The magical spell of Gandhi, whom he first met at Mathura railway station, in 1925, worked wonders on his mind and soul.

What Buddha did to Ananda and Ramakrishna Paramahansa to Vivekanand, Gandhi did it to Seth Mukand Lal. He gave him the quintessence of the highest Hindu philosophy interspersed in a thousand scriptures – self – sacrifice and succour to the poor. Writing in 'Young India' Gandhi Ji had said, “That Economics is untrue which ignores or disregards moral values – true Economics never militates against the highest ethical standards, just as all true Ethics to be worth its name, must at the same be also good Economics”. This doctrine guided the Economics of Seth Mukand Lal.

Gandhi Ji had surrendered to God. Seth Mukand Lal surrendered himself to Gandhi Ji.

The 'Mahatma Touch' Changed the course of his life. He discarded his silk-turban, Kurta and achkan, drinking and smoking of Hukka and turned to become an ardent Gandhian by simply embracing 'Khadi Kurta Dhoti' and 'Khadi cap' and started leading a strictly austere life. He also broke free from all age-old orthodox traditions of caste, creed and untouchability. One who always used to have food prepared only by 'brahmins', now did not hesitate in having meals prepared and served by harijans, Christians, muslims etc. Thus he stood completely transformed as a devout Gandhian.

According to Seth Jai Prakash, Seth Mukand Lal also started reading Gandhi literature, 'Harijan' and 'Gita Rahasya' regularly. Gandhi's favourite Bhajan became his favourite:

### वैष्णव जन

सम दृष्टि ने तृष्णा त्यागी  
पर स्त्री जेने मात रे  
जिह्वा थकी असत्य ना बोले  
पर धन नव झाली हाथ रे

वैष्णव जन तो तेने किहिये जे  
पीड़ पराई जाणे रे  
पर दुख्खे उपकार करे तोये  
मन अभिमान न आणे रे

मोह माया व्यापे नहीं जेने  
दृढ़ वैराग्य जेना मन मान रे  
राम नाम सुन ताली लागी  
सकल तिरथ तेना तन मान रे

सकल लोक मान सहुने वन्दे  
नींदा न करे केनी रे  
वाच काछ मन निश्छल राखे  
धन धन जननी तेनी रे

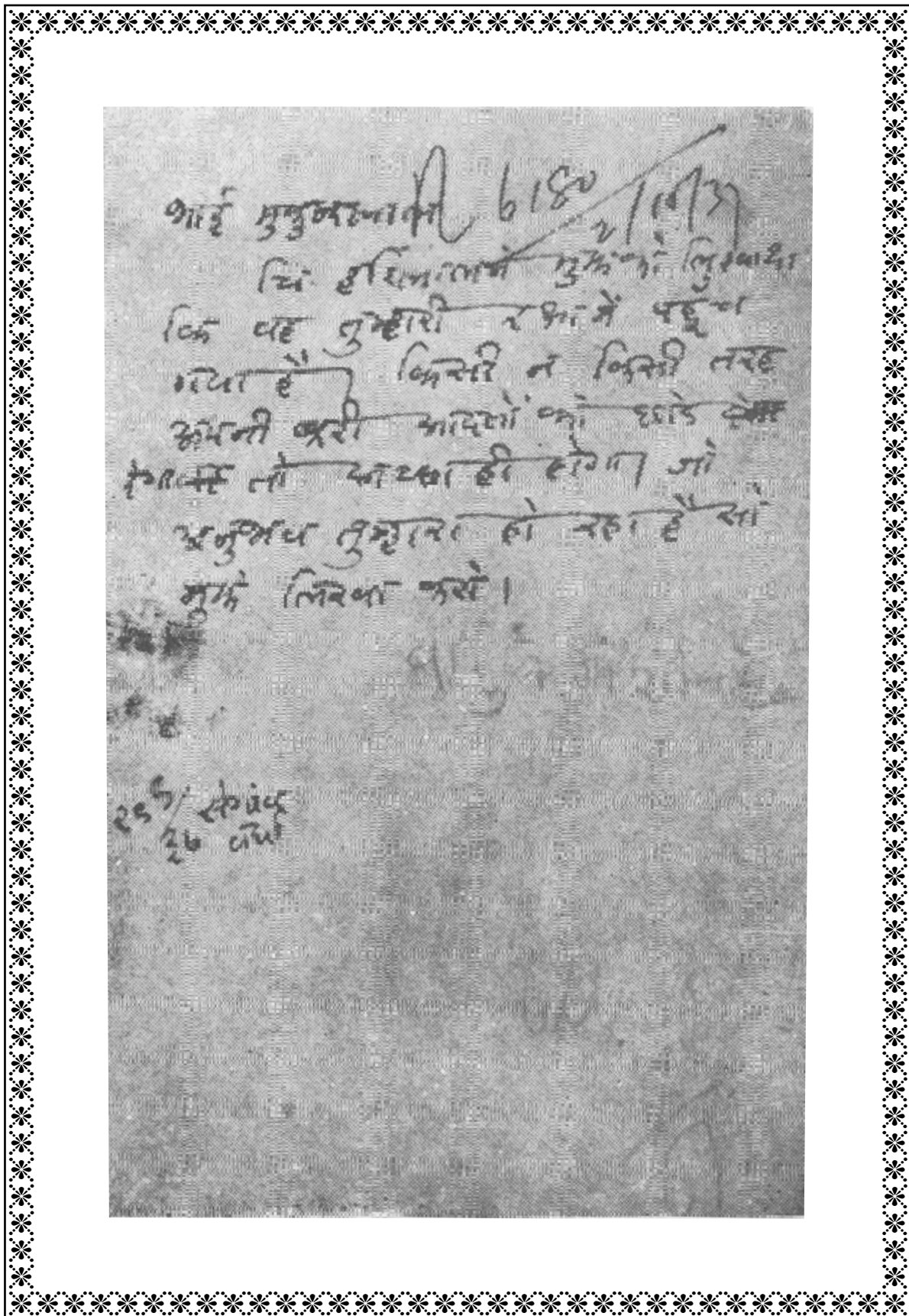
वण लोभी ने कपट रहित छे  
काम क्रोध निवार्या रे  
भणे नरसैय्यो तुन दर्शन करता  
कुल, एकोतेर तारया रे

He religiously listened to 'Ramayana' recited by Pandit Radhey Shyam, which was in simple Hindi. Mahatma Gandhi's spinning wheel became Seth Mukand Lal's way of life. He used to present to Gandhi Ji hanks of yarn spun by him along with hundred and one rupees every month. The day he went to present his handspun 'Sut' to Gandhi Ji, he would neither eat food nor drink water till he had made the offerings and sought his blessings. This staunch devotion earned him with the name of '**Mera Pagla Bhagat**' from Gandhi Ji. He revered him so much and was so committed that even while travelling to Bombay by train, he would religiously perform the ritual. When the train halted at Baroda, he would take bath and perform 'Havan' at the railway platform itself and spin yarn in the train on his folding 'Charkha' and this he did while coming back from Bombay at the Mathura railway station also. Such strong and powerful impact Gandhi's teaching and preaching had on him.

Seth Mukand Lal was so committed to the cause that after the death of Mahtma Gandhi, he continued the offerings of hand-spun 'Sut' and Rs. 101/- every month to Babu Rajendra Prasad, the then Congress President who later rose to be the first President of India.

He became so close to Mahatma Gandhi that Gandhi Ji requested him to help in reforming his son Hari Lal who had gone astray. Hari Lal stayed with Mukand Lal at their Rabbani road residence at Lahore for more than three months. Gandhi Ji asked Mukand Lal to keep him informed about Hari Lal's progress. Gandhi Ji and Seth Mukand Lal were in regular correspondence with each other. The two available Post Cards written by Gandhi Ji to Mukand Lal bear a testimony to the depth of their intimacy and the faith Gandhi Ji had in his nobility.

‘तौ भगवानु सकल डर बासी, करिहि मोहि रघुवर कै दासी।  
जेहि कैं जेहि पर सत्य सनेह, सो तेहि मिलइ न कछु संदेह॥’



Mahatma's Letter to Seth Mukand Lal

भाई मुकुन्द लाल

चि० हरिलाल ने मुझ को लिखा था कि वह तुम्हारी रक्षा में पहुँच गया है।  
किसी न किसी तरह अपनी बुरी आदतों को छोड़ देगा। तो अच्छा ही होगा।  
जो अनुभव तुम्हारा हो रहा है सो मुझे लिखा करो।

सेवा ग्राम

वर्धा

Brother Mukand Lal,

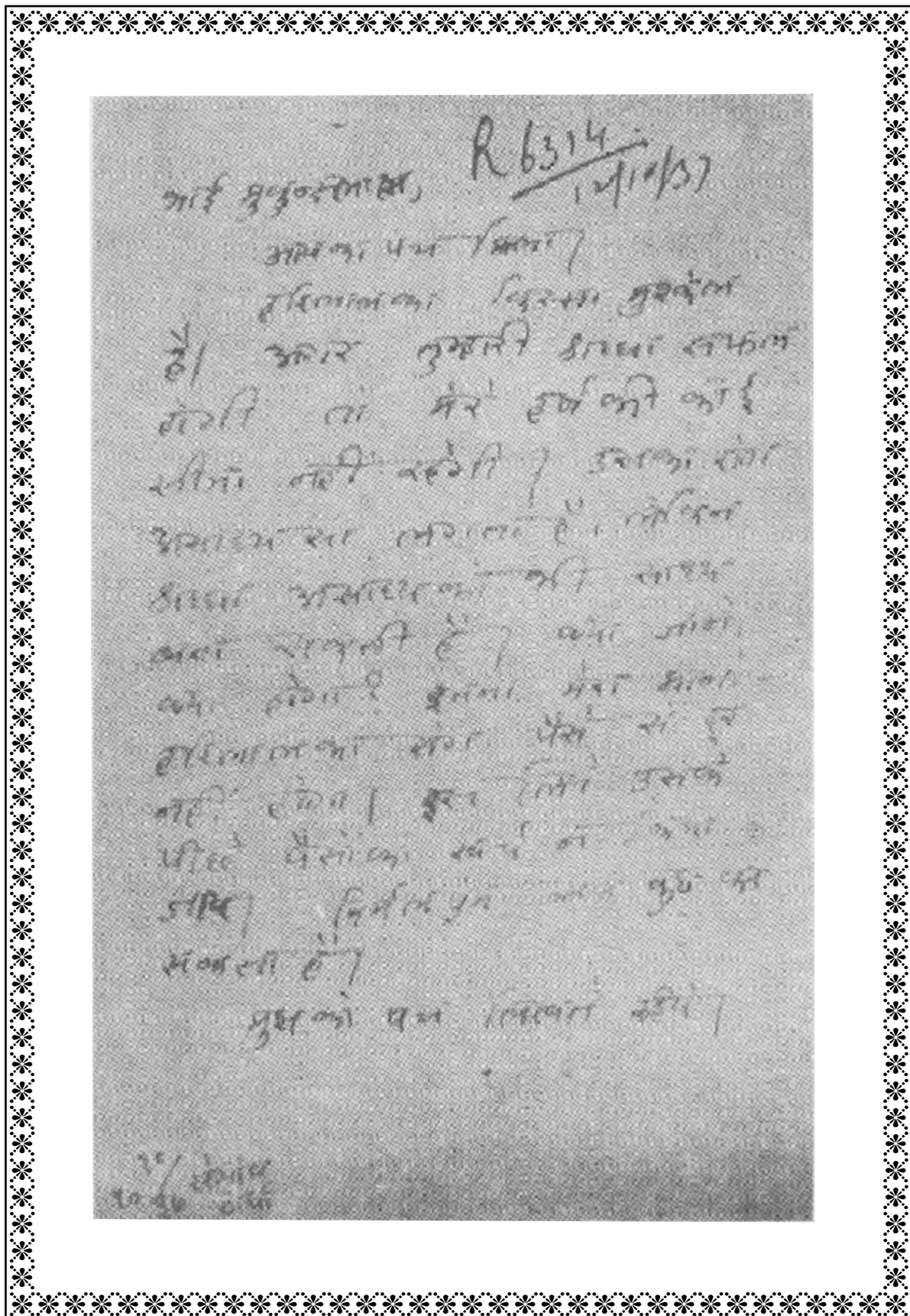
Dear Hari Lal had written to me that he has reached in your safe custody. Somehow or the other he will get rid of his bad habits. If so it will be good. Whatever your experiences are, keep on writing them to me.

Sevagram

Warda

English and Hindi Translation of the Letter

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Another Letter to Seth Mukand Lal

भाई मुकुन्द लाल,  
आपका पत्र मिला ।

हरिलाल का किस्सा मुश्किल है । अगर तुम्हारी साधना सफल होगी तो मेरे हर्ष की कोई सीमा नहीं रहेगी । उसका रोग असाध्य सा लगता है लेकिन साधना असाध्य को भी साध्य बना सकती है । क्या जाने क्या होगा । इतना मेरा मानो हरिलाल का रोग पैसे से दूर नहीं होगा । इसलिए उसके पीछे पैसें को खर्च न किया जाय । निर्मल प्रेम सब कुछ कर सकता है । मुझको पत्र लिखते रहिए ।

सेवा ग्राम  
वर्धा

Brother Mukand Lal ,

Received your letter, Harilal's issue is difficult. If your sincere efforts succeed then my joy will know no bounds. His malady seems to be incurable. But faith can transform impossible into possible. Don't know what may happen. I feel that Harilal's malady can't be cured with money. So money should not be spent for the same. Pure love can do everything. Keep on writing to me.

Sevagram  
Warda

### English and Hindi Translation of the Letter

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Seth Mukand Lal built a palatial house at Rabbani Road, Lahore and the family flourished. The marriages of his sons Sh. Ved Parkash, Sh. Jai Parkash and Sh. Jagat Parkash were performed there whereas the daughters Sushila Devi and Shanti Devi were married to Ch. Chhabil Dass of Hansi and Sh. Bishamber Dass of B. D Steels, Jalandhar respectively.



Seth Jagat Parkash Ji



Seth Jai Parkash Ji



Seth Ved Parkash Ji

## AICC Session Lahore 1929

Another significant turn in the life of Seth Mukand Lal came when a very important political event took place at Lahore. This event later became a milestone in the Indian Freedom Movement. It was the historic All India Congress Committee session on the banks of river Ravi at Lahore in 1929. Seth Mukand Lal had a key role to play in this historic event where the monumental resolution for 'Puran Swaraj' was adopted. He shouldered the responsibility for making all the arrangements for tentage, 'shamianas', 'pandals' etc. for thousands of participants and staying arrangements for all the national leaders and dignitaries participating in the session. The session was attended by Mahatma Gandhi, Mata Kasturba Gandhi, Pt. Moti Lal Nehru, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, Netaji Subhash Chander Bose, Maulana Azad and a galaxy of luminaries of Freedom Movement. This event left an indelible mark of dedication towards nation building on the minds of Seth Mukand Lal and his son Seth Jai Parkash.

## Mukand Iron and Steel Works Ltd., Lahore - 1929

Seth Jai Parkash and his brother Seth Ved Parkash helped their father in taking their business of iron and steel to new heights. In 1929, the family in collaboration with Lala Jamna Dass Bajaj, the patriarch of Bajaj group of

industries established Mukand Iron and Steel Works Ltd. at Badami Bagh, Lahore and installed a big steel melting furnace which was the first such furnace in north India. This furnace was inaugurated by Mata Kasturba in the year 1929 who had come to attend the Congress "Adhiveshan".

## The Mussorie Connect

The Mukand family had a special connection with Mussorie. Seth Mukand Lal bought Hotel Silverton in 1940 at Mussorie. It was at Hotel Silverton that Mahatma Gandhi held his evening prayer meetings for general public at the lawns of the hotel during his stay at the hill town in 1946.

The hotel complex also had three huge residences where the family had been staying for more than half a century in the summers. Smt. Swaraj Devi w/o Seth Jai Parkash breathed her last on 15.08.2002 i.e. on the Independence Day while residing in the above mentioned banglow.

Seth Mukand Lal was so popular in the Mussorie town that in 1947, a renowned painter – 'Guru Ji of Chitarshala' of the town came up with his elegant and lively life size painting and presented it to him.

The painting was so elegant that Seth Mukand Lal rewarded him with handsome amount of Rs. 500/-. The original painting has become a proud possession of Mukand Lal National Senior Secondary School, Yamuna Nagar, the mother institution of the Mukand Group of Institutions. Now the imposing image of that priceless painting adorns the walls of all the Mukand institutions.

## Allotment of Shares to Mahatma Gandhi

The devotion of Seth Mukand Lal towards Mahatma Gandhi was so intense and absolute that at the occasion of the establishment of Mukand Iron and Steel Works Ltd., Lahore, he with a sense of sheer dedication and reverence, allotted first fifty ordinary shares and five deferred shares out of the vendors quota in the name of Mahatma Gandhi jointly with Smt. Kasturba Gandhi.

Later on in 1986 after a period of about 55 years, the total holdings of 990 shares were transmitted in the name of **Sewagram Ashram Pratishthan, Warda** which were subsequently used for Ashram activities. The letter from the Mukand Iron and Steels Ltd., Mumbai addressed to Sh. Ashok Kumar in the year 1988, reproduced here stands as a testimony to the same.


**McQUAY-NORRIS**

Ref.No.SH/ **25007**  
September 12, 1988

Dear Sir,

Originally, 50 ordinary shares and 5 deferred shares were allotted in the names of Mahatma Gandhi jointly with Smt. Kasturba Gandhi out of the vendors quota. The total holding of 990 shares was transmitted in the year 1986 in the name of Sevagram Ashram Pratishthan Wardha on obtaining an indemnity from the surviving legal heirs of late Mahatmaji. The said 990 shares have subsequently been sold by the said Trust and they do not hold any shares.

No allotment out of the vendors quota was made in the name of one Charkha Singh.

We hope the above information will suffice your purpose.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For Mukand Iron & Steel Works Ltd

C.Raman  
Asst. Secretary

2200A

Registered Office: Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Kurla, Bombay 400 070. Tel 41201 80 89

**Copy of letter from Mukand Iron & Steel Works Ltd.  
relating to Gandhiji's Shares**



## Radaur Evolves

Radaur, during those days, was only a small hamlet, with a population of a few hundred, situated on the bank of western Yamuna canal, about 20 kms from Abdullapur (Now Yamuna Nagar), the internationally renowned 'town of temples' and the holy Gita, Kurukshetra, being only about 35 kms on the western side. Location wise, no doubt, Radaur had a prominent neighbor but in itself, it had no school, no medical services, not much of business either. It was a backward, non-descript village. No one in his wildest imagination could have thought then, that one day this village would become an important hub of education, with two excellent engineering institutes, a degree college, a higher secondary school, a public school and a shishu niketan, established by the 'Mukand Parivar.'

To give a holistic stable development they founded a school to provide education to the children of Radaur and other surrounding areas in the name of Mukand Lal High School - the first school of the area. About the same time, he also established a library in Radaur. It is said that all, the Gandhian literature possessed by him over the years was kept & preserved in that library.

On the other hand he gathered all the prominent traders and shopkeepers of the area and floated the idea of setting up an 'Anaj Mandi' as a commercial centre to give a boost to the economic activity of the village. To set



## The Philanthropic Imprints

### **Jamna Ashram, Radaur - 1932**

In 1932, Seth Mukand Lal established 'Jamna Ashram' in the name of his father on a piece of 14 acres of land and a huge building for an 'Ashram' on the southern out skirts of Radaur for the needy and helpless women. Thus the year 1932 can be called the beginning of the Saga of the Mukand philanthropy that continues in the family till date.

Inspired by Gandhi Ji, Seth Mukand Lal set up "Khadi and Village Industry Centre" in Radaur in 1937 in this 'Ashram'. To begin with, articles like clothes, towels, handmade paper etc were produced by the destitute women. A charitable dispensary was also established there. The Ashram also served as a centre for the revolutionaries of freedom movement to meet and hide.



## Kasturba Ashram, Radaur - 1944

After the demise of Smt. Kasturba Gandhi in 1944, the centre was rechristened as 'Kasturba Ashram'.

Gandhi Ji used to be very emphatic about the women education. In his words :

"Of all the evils for which man has made himself responsible, none is so degrading, so shocking, or so brutal as his abuse of the better half of the humanity - the female sex".

Today 'Kasturba Ashram' runs some Diploma Courses in handicraft, tailoring, embroidery etc. for the destitute women. Therefore, Kasturba Ashram gave a new lease of life, a new support, a new hope and a sense of self-reliance to the women of the area.

The 'Ashram' is being run by Kasturba Gandhi Memorial Trust [Wardha].  
since 1949.

**The Jamna Ashram-1932**  
**The Building & land provided by Seth Mukand Lal**  
**For running the Kasturba Ashram at Radaur in 1944**



## Mukand Lal Vidya Vati Maternity Hospital, Radaur - 1945

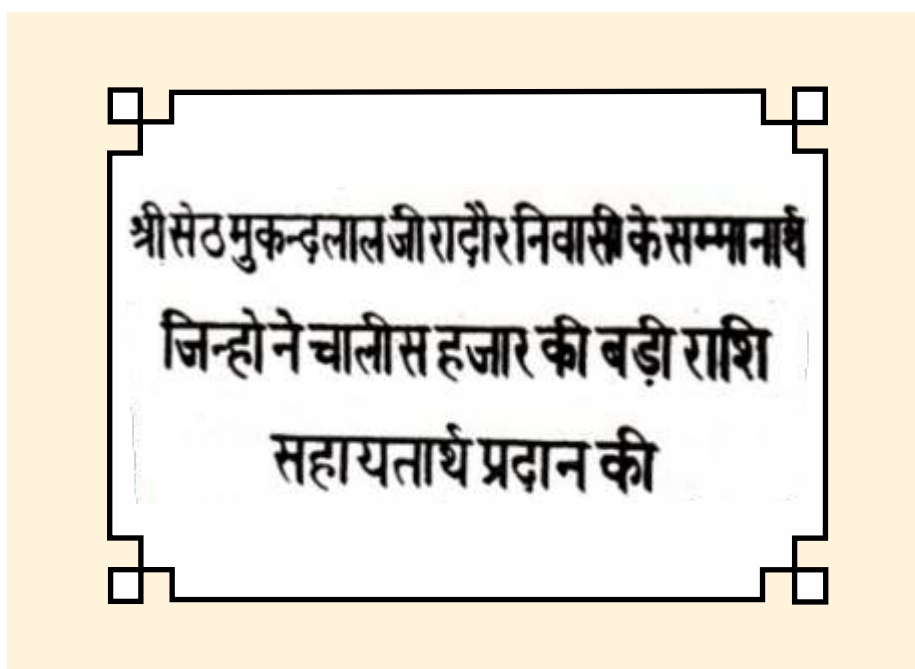


The Hospital established by Seth Mukand Lal in the year 1945 was the only medical facility available to the people of Radaur for a long time. Presently the hospital is being run under the name of 'Swaraj Devi Jai Parkash Hospital'. Apart from the general medical facilities, a lady doctor, ENT specialist, a physiotherapist and a well equipped testing laboratory is providing much needed basic health care to the lower strata of the society. It is working on the charitable basis.

# The Karnal Pilgrimage

While travelling from Lahore to Abdullapur (Yamuna Nagar) in the year 1945, Seth Mukand Lal halted at his sister's place at Karnal. During his stay, he was invited by Sh. Makhan Lal Jain to a School function at **D.A.V. School, Karnal**. He was happy to see the festive fervor, young boys and girls performing on the stage. After hearing an appeal from the Management for donations for the construction of the Activity Hall of the school, he got inspired and there and then donated the entire amount i.e. Rs. 40000/- that he was carrying with him. Such was the spirit of philanthropy and his love for education.

To express their gratitude for such a huge donation, unheard of in those days, Seth Mukand Lal, was seated on a decorated elephant and was taken in a big procession around the town by the citizens of Karnal. He had a large heart for charity.



### Plaque at DAV School, Auditorium Karnal - 1945

## Mukand Lal High School, Abdullapur (Yamuna Nagar) - 1945



Inspired by the ideals of the Mahatma and the spirit of freedom movement, he decided to dedicate his life to the social upliftment and the spread of education.

He returned to his roots to set up the first school of the area. Radaur being a very small village at that point of time, he established the first school in **1945 at Abdullapur** (now Yamuna Nagar) which was named as '**Mukand Lal High School, Abdullapur**'.

The school was initially started in a couple of rooms of Mukand building, his commercial complex at Radaur Road, Abdullapur. He constructed a huge building for the school by procuring 75 bighas (about 16 acres) of land from Smt. Chavli Devi of Gobindpuri Village, Yamuna Nagar. It was upgraded to a High School in 1950, Hr. Secondary in 1959 and to a Sr. Secondary School in 1985. The school flourished into a state-of-the-art school considered to be one of the best in the state. It was known for its excellent academic standards, sports, cultural activities and very good results. It's Principal, Sh. Chander Gupt Jain was honoured by the President of India for excellence in education.

Mukand Lal National High School, Abdullapur (Now Yamuna Nagar) thus-became the first ever educational institution established by Seth Mukand Lal in the year 1945.



## New Jamna Talkies, Yamuna Nagar - 1945

To maintain and sustain the educational institutions established by him, Seth Mukand Lal set-up a cinema hall in the name of his father Shri Jamna Das in the main bazaar, opposite Paper Mill Gate at Yamuna Nagar in 1945. It was named as 'New Jamna Talkies'. The cinema was inaugurated by Sh. Gopi Chand Bhargava, who later became the first Chief Minister of Punjab.

**Mukand Lal Charitable Trust, Abdullapur (Yamuna Nagar) - 1946**

To run the above mentioned Cinema and to utilize the earnings from the same for charitable purposes, Seth Mukand Lal formed a trust in the name of '**Mukand Lal Charitable Trust**'. He enshrined such clauses in the Trust Deed which restricted him and the members of the coming generations of his family from the right of selling the land of the trust to ensure that the proceeds from the cinema were utilized for educational and other social welfare purposes only. He got the Mukand Lal Charitable Trust registered in the year 1950.

The details of the trust deed make an interesting read as Seth Mukand Lal enlisted a number of widows and other destitute women who were to be provided with the financial aid till they remain alive from the money earned by the cinema. The project of a well being dug in a village was also provided with monetary help from Cinema earnings. Rest of the proceeds would go to the educational pursuits of our institutions which highlights the philanthropic spirit of the noble soul].

At the inaugural ceremony of the cinema he handed over the keys of the cinema building to the then headmaster of Mukand Lal High School, Abdullahpur and declared :

"Not a single penny from the proceeds of the cinema will go to my family."

Thus the Cinema ran for charity for about 50 years before it was demolished in the year 1995 which is a rare instance of selfless service, when a family donated all earnings from a Cinema for welfare of needy and the downtrodden.

The cinema land, is a precious piece of land, in the middle of the main bazar of the town still in the possession of Mukand Lal Charitable Trust which will be used for establishing future institutions whenever it is disposed off.



### **Mukand Nagar, Ghaziabad - 1947**

In the aftermath of partition the society was in turmoil. Rehabilitation of a large number of population migrated from Pakistan and reconstruction of the society was a herculean task.

The family having been settled at Ghaziabad after partition, Seth Mukand Lal addressed himself to the serious problem of refugees and established **Mukand Nagar** at Ghaziabad for their rehabilitation.

Seth Mukand Lal purchased land near the railway yard in an auction to create Mukand Nagar and earmarked one hundred industrial plots to create jobs and to rehabilitate the people coming from West Punjab after partition. On the remaining area of the land, he planned small houses for the poor homeless refugees.

Cement was a scarce commodity in those days and without cement he could not have built the large number of houses. Such was his passion for the project that he even went to Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru – the then Prime Minister of the country with the lay out plan of Mukand Nagar and got a special quota of cement allotted for the same. He also provided jobs or land to start small shops and workshops to many a needy people.

## Sushila Model School, Ghaziabad - 1948

Since there was no provision of education for the children at Ghaziabad except a small Municipal School which didn't have adequate facilities. The Mukand family came forward and established Sushila Model School at Ghaziabad primarily for the children of the Mukand family & their friends . To commemorate the memory of a daughter of the family who had died in a freak accident by falling from the first floor of their residence at Lahore in 1946, the school was named as 'Sushila Model School'.

Sushila Model School was initially started in 1948 in the premises of their own Industrial Compound i.e. Delhi Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. with only a few students. Today, it is a full-fledged Public School with an excellent infrastructure having about 700 students on its rolls and affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi.

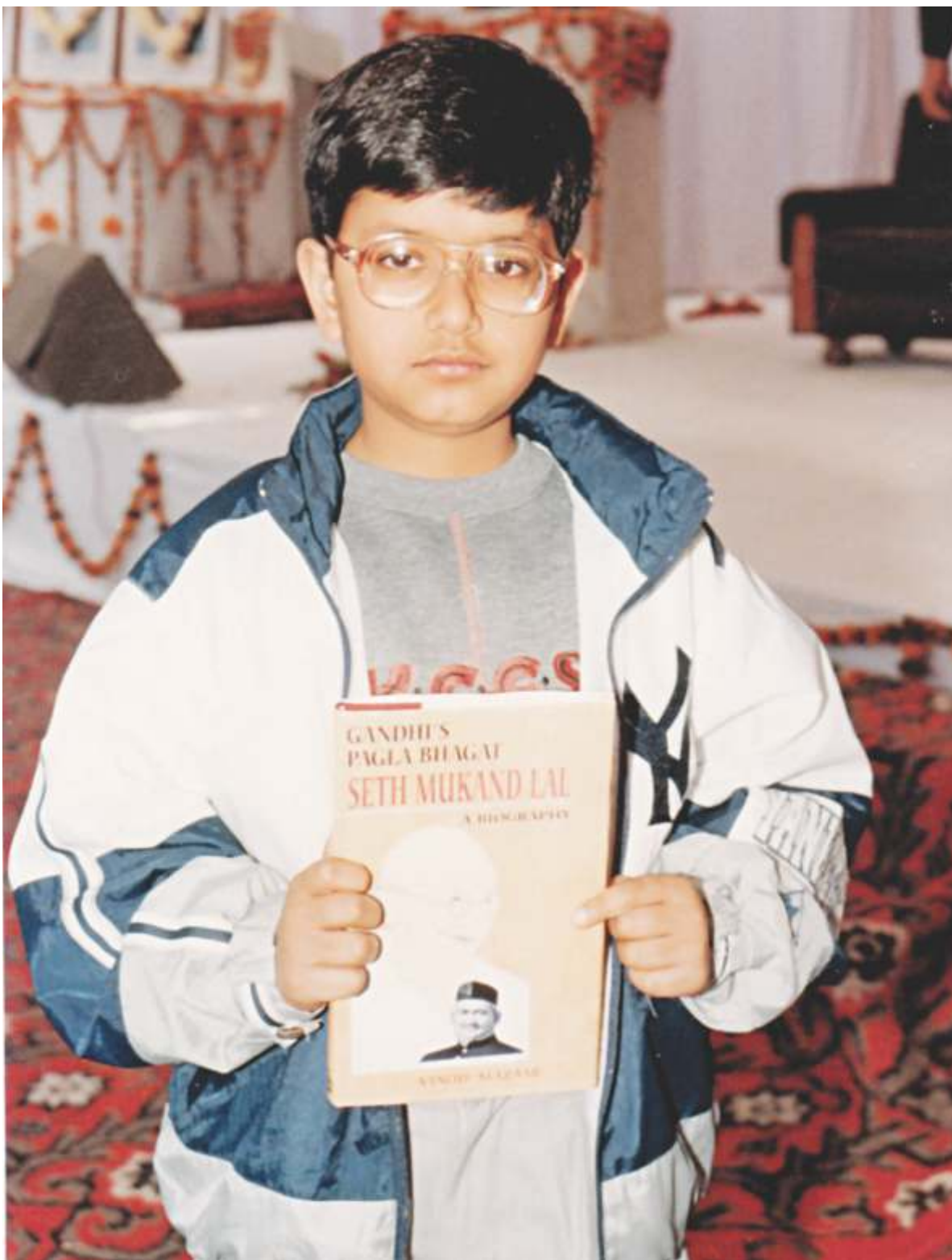


## Mukand Lal National High School, Radaur - 1952

Seth Mukand Lal founded a High School at Radaur just seven months before his demise in 1952, as his last offering to the people of his beloved native village. Filled with a sense of gratitude, the people of Radaur and the surrounding villages named it as Mukand Lal High School. The School was established on the common village land i.e. 'Sham Laat Deh' with the help of a large number of villagers contributing their offerings in the shape of bags of wheat as per their capacity as a great co-operative public effort. The school also had a hostel catering to the needs of the hundreds of students from the adjoining rural areas. Today, the school has a spacious building with all amenities for about 1200 boys and girls with Science and Commerce streams upto Sr. Secondary level.



सो धन धन्य प्रथम गति जा की,  
धन्य पुण्य रत मति सोइ पाकी।



**'Gandhi's Pagla Bhagat – Seth Mukand Lal  
– A Biography compiled by Dr. Vinod Pandaya.**

The first copy of the book presented to Mudit Aggarwal, the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Seth Mukand Lal at a function at VMLG College, Ghaziabad in 1998.

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## The Jai Parkash Era

वैष्णव जन तो तेने कहिये, जो पीड पराई जाणे रे।  
पर दुखे उपकार करे तो ये, मन अभिमान न आणे रे।।

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## श्रद्धेय की श्रद्धेय को श्रद्धांजली



Seth Jai Parkash bowing to the Spirit of 'MUKAND'

## The Jai Parkash Era

Seth Jai Parkash, the noble son of the soil was born on Sept. 5, 1912 at Radaur in the state of Haryana. He received his basic education in Lahore on the pattern of ancient Indian culture and civilization.

Seth Jai Parkash imbibed his strength and sagacious sensibility from the sacred 'Bhagavad Gita'. His patriotic fervor from freedom movement and spirit of serving the society selflessly from Gandhi ji, combined with his father's humble and humanitarian perspective evolved his persona into a philanthropist. He too had the talent of understanding the complexities of a challenge and had a strong determination to meet the challenges headway. He never felt disheartened by any setback but with a renewed valour, vigour and vivacity would start afresh to take bigger strides with a belief:

"Winners never quit and quitters never win"

(Vince Lombardi).

His religious fervor found full expression in the establishment of two temples – **Mukand Madhav Mandir** and **Serva Dharma Mandir** at Ghaziabad. Having a secular outlook and reverence for all religions he got installed the idols related to all prominent religions in Serva Dharma Mandir.

Seth Jai Parkash's contribution in the field of education has been immense and insightful. He founded a total of ten institutions in the name of his



In the words of Sh. Ashok Kumar, his father was a born trader and had an immense knowledge of iron and steel. He had also a great passion to invest in lands and shares of public listed companies. He was an active member of Delhi stock exchange. Share investments brought him rich dividends but he always transferred a large chunk of the same to his educational trusts and institutions as donation.

His vision of social upliftment, in his young age, won him the membership of the Lahore Corporation. His keen interest and devotion for the cause of education helped him in the establishment of a school at Badami Bagh, Lahore. Jai Parkash was deeply influenced by Gandhi Ji whom he first met in 1929 on the banks of river Ravi during the All India Congress Committee Session and later when Gandhi Ji visited the family owned Hotel Silverton, Mussorie in 1946. During the first meeting itself, he took a pledge to lead a simple life and to contribute with all his might towards freedom struggle and service to the humanity at large.

Gandhi's ideology of self-reliance, simple living and kindness towards the weaker sections of the society deeply impressed him. He interpreted Gandhi's socialism as the one in which every individual pays the full attention to his duties, limits his rights and devotes everything to the nation. Gandhi Ji, for him, was a saint, an epitome of principles and a symbol of selflessness, strength and sacrifice.

## The Revering Religious Conviction

Jai Parkash was so devoted to the cause of education that he would readily dole out huge periodical donations to sustain and promote the institutions. He was a multifaceted personality who gave selfless service to the social, educational and religious causes. The influence of Gandhiji coupled with the able guidance of his own father chiseled him into a sagacious personality.

He was fond of bhajans and he would make his loving daughters Manju and Neelam sing Bhajans in their family gatherings. His favourite bhajan was 'Vaishnav jan "वैष्णव जन तो तेने कहिये जे पीड़ पराई जाने रे " The bhajan was so close to Gandhi Ji's heart. His favourite Doha was

बिस्वामित्र समय सुभ जानी। बोले अति सनेहमय बानी।।  
उठहु राम भंजहु भवचापा। मेटहु तात जनक परितापा।।

This doha was his favourite, not because 'breaking the bow'(dhanush) would enable Shri Ram to marry Sita but because this act will put an end to the agony of her father Janak.

He had deep interest in classical music. Raag 'Jai-Jai-Wanti' being his favourite Raag. He would often listen and enjoy humming the Bhajan:

"More Man Mandir Main abhi lo nahee aaye  
Kya aisee chook paree more aalee!  
Prem Piyaa ko ankhiyaa tarase rahee  
Kina sautana birha mayee !!"

He was also very fond of Bangla music and literature. He found Bangla to be a very sweet language.

"Once you have travelled, the voyage never ends, but it plays out over and over again in the quietist chambers. The mind can never break off from journey"

- Pat Conroy

After partition, the family settled in Ghaziabad where his father had established Steel Rolling Mill in 1937-38 with the name of '**Delhi Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.**' - one of the premier Ltd. Iron and Steel companies of those days in this part of the country. However, zeal and zest for social service remained his primary concern besides the development and expansion of his Iron and Steel business. The philanthropist in him realized the acuteness and immensity of the refugee problem unlike the other affluent industrialists of his times. He liberally contributed for the rehabilitation of the refugees with all his resources in and around Ghaziabad. He got fully involved in the project of establishing Mukand Nagar with his father and ensured its timely completion and allocation to the needy persons. Thus a colony named 'Mukand Nagar' came into being at Ghaziabad. He was a man of action. He didn't wait for the government to take initiative, rather took the challenge upon himself and awakened many more to come forward to join him in the noble cause of rehabilitation of the hapless people trying to find their feet.

Jai Parkash drew his sense of conviction mainly from 'Shri Ram Charit Manas'. It seems to be more than a coincidence that in 1956, he came in contact with Pt. Jagmohan ji of Ram Darbar of Muzaffar Nagar whose melodious recitation of the chopais of pious 'Ramayan' remained as a valuable inspiration for him till his last breath.

He had a very close spiritual bond with some of the very prominent saints, swami(s) and the religious personalities of his time. The immensely respected Ved Vyas Ji – founder of Geeta Ashram, Rishikesh had a personal affinity with him. He visited their residence several times and continued coming till his last.

He also had a very close association with Swami Akhanda Nand Ji, Swami Satyamitra Nand – founder of Bharat Mata Mandir, Rishkesh & Haridwar and Anand Mai Maa.



**Seth Jai Parkash with Ved Vyas Ji the founder of Geeta Ashram, Rishikesh**

On his way to Mussoorie, he always made it a point to stop and have a holy dip at 'Har Ki Pauri' at Haridwar. But he was in no way an orthodox or a traditional devotee. He had a very broad outlook about religion and had high respect for all religions. As an expression of this, he established a 'Sarv Dharam Mandir' and 'Ashram' at Ghaziabad where he got installed the idols of Gods and Goddesses but kept one spot vacant. On being asked the reason of keeping one spot vacant he replied that the spot was dedicated to 'Alah' since it had no idol. Such was his inherent spirit of secularism. It brings to one's mind Persian preaching.

“Choon Ustam Ya fid Ishq baaware-e-shidam, yaan az Musalmaan, Yaan, Munkir, nee, but parataan (In the shrine of love, all are welcome, whether one's a Muslim, atheist or an idol-worshiper).

(Rumi, Masnavi, no. 9).

कृपा भलाई आपनी नाथ कीन्ह भल मोर।  
दूषन में भूषन सरिस सुजसु चारु चहुँ ओर॥

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## The Visiting Dignitaries



Seth Jai Parkash, Radha Rani, Shail and Sh. Swatantra Kumar  
with Mahatma Gandhi during his visit to the family

Mahatma Gandhi visited the family hotel 'Silverton' at Mussorie in 1946. Gandhi Ji addressed his evening prayer meetings at the lawns of the hotel for about 15 days. The lively discourses of the father of the Nation left eternal imprints on his mind. These meetings gave him a clear vision and indefatigable trust and indomitable spirit. He knew the path ahead and was determined to play a challenging innings. 'Ramayan' was his way of life and 'Gita' his 'Dharma'.



**Mata Kasturba Gandhi**

Mata Kasturba visited the family twice. She came to inaugurate the steel furnace at Mukand Iron and Steel Works Ltd., Badami Bagh, Lahore in 1929 when she had come to attend the AICC session there.

She again visited the family to give her good wishes and enquire about the health of Smt. Vidyawati at Lahore in the year 1939.

Mata Kasturba visited Radaur to inaugurate the Ashram established by the family for the destitute women of the area in 1937 which was later on named as Kasturba Ashram in 1944 after her sad demise in February 1944.



Smt. Swaraj Devi, Smt. Radha Rani and Sh. Rajinder Nath with  
Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru at DISCO Compound, Ghaziabad - 1962



Sh. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Sh. Ashok Kumar & Sh. Swatantra Kumar



**Seth Jai Parkash, Sh. Swatantra Kumar, Sh Vijay Kumar, Sh. Ashok Kumar  
with Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru at DISCO Compound, Ghaziabad- 1962**

Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India visited the family residence at DISCO compound in the year 1962 and warmly mingled with the members of the family for about 45 minutes.



The family with Smt. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India.  
Seen in the picture are Sh. B.D. Aggarwal, Sh. Vijay Kumar and Smt. Swaraj Devi.



Sh. Jagjivan Ram, the Deputy Prime Minister of India during a family function.  
Seen in the picture are Sh. Sawtantra Kumar & Sh. Vijay Kumar

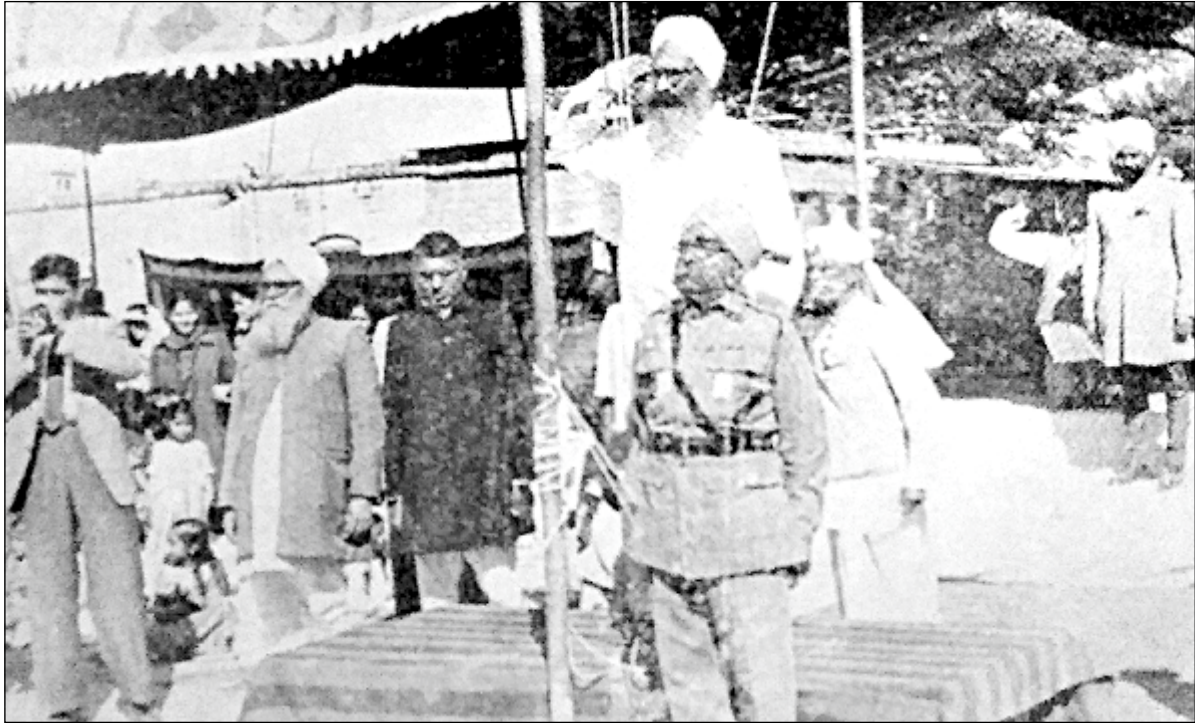


Governor Sh. B.N. Dass on the occasion of inauguration of VMLG, Ghaziabad. Seth Jai Parkash and Manju are also seen in the picture



Seth Jai Parkash with Sh. V.V. Giri, the then Governor of U.P. and later President of India





Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Chief Minister Punjab  
salutes the national flag in our school.



Sh. Jai Sukh Lal Hathi, Governor Haryana  
addressing the students at M.L.N. College, Yamuna Nagar.  
Principal Sh. Tilak Raj Chadha stands on the stage.



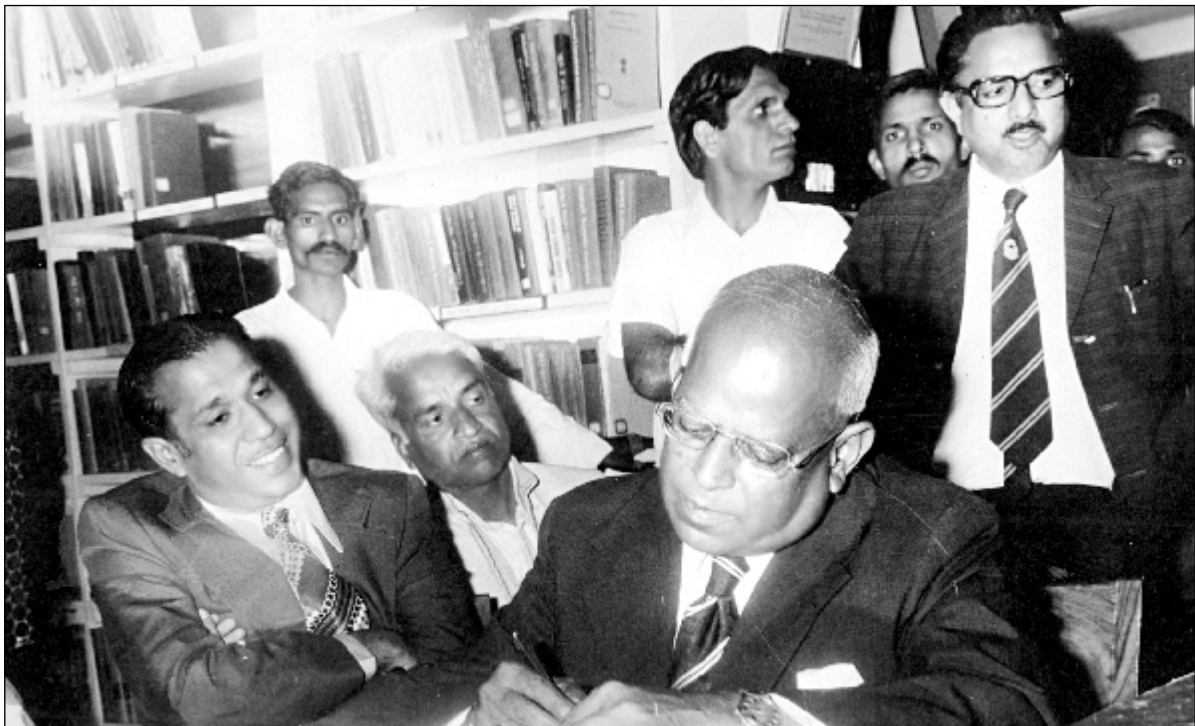
S. Harcharan Singh Brar, Governor, Haryana  
garlanding the bust statue of Seth Mukand Lal.



Sh. Prem Bhatia, The Editor-in-Chief, The Tribune Group of Newspapers  
garlanding the bust, statue of Seth Mukand Lal.



Sh. Hemvati Nandan Bahugana – Chief Minister, U.P. on the occasion of the Inauguration of Seth Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Ghaziabad.



Sh. Ashok Kumar with Sh. Dharam Veer, Governor Punjab at M.L.N. College, Yamuna Nagar.





Sh. Swatantra Kumar and Sh. Ashok Kumar with Ch. Devi Lal – former Dy. Prime Minister of India at DISCO Compound, Ghaziabad.

Ch. Devi Lal former Deputy Prime Minister of India visited their family at DISCO Compound Ghaziabad in a very informal manner. During one of his visits to U.P. he called up Sh. Ashok Kumar and expressed his desire to have a cup of tea with the family in the year 1990.

#### **Association with Mother Teresa:**

Sh. Vijay Kumar had a very close association with Saint Mother Teresa and had been contributing to her charitable causes. The selfless spirit of charity of 'Mukand' converged with that of the missionary zeal of the Mother and she travelled to Ghaziabad to inaugurate the Missionaries of Charity Home built at Mukand Educational Complex, Ghaziabad in the year 1987 and blessed the family.





Sh. Madhu Dandavate the then Finance Minister of India during the Book Release Ceremony of 'Gandhi's Pagla Bhagat' at V.M.L.G. College, Ghaziabad 1998.

Mudit Aggarwal the fifth generation of the Mukand family seeking the blessings.  
Sh. Ashok Kumar gracefully cherishing the moment along with  
Dr. Vinod Pandeya, the author of the book.



Sh. F.C. Kohli the father of I.T. Industry in India during at convocation function at JMIT Radaur (2016) with Sh. Ashok Kumar & Dr. Ramesh Kumar

## **Resonant Reflections**

### **Helping the needy & the deprived**

Seth Jai Parkash had so strong urge of helping the needy and deprived strata of society that once he went up to the extent of defying the rules of the University and gave admission to some poor girls in B.Ed. course who perhaps fell short of the eligibility criteria and persuaded or rather prevailed upon the then Vice-Chancellor to approve the admission of the girls as a special case beyond rules. This articulates his intense desire to make girls economically independent by the means of education.

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### **Inspiring Others**

The great donor Seth Jai Parkash while inspiring friends, industrialists and others would often say that the riches are like the 'roof of a house which would fall if it does not have rain pipes of charity'.

He was so fond of developing and helping the institutions that even while clinching a business deal he would inspire the opponent to donate for the institutions. Thus he made many a people contribute to the noble cause of education.

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### **Committed & Devoted**

Swami Satya Bhagat of Wardha was invited by Seth Jai Parkash to settle down at Ghaziabad and establish the Satya Ashram. Swami Ji was provided with about 6 acres of land and was fully financed to set up and run the Ashram



## **Apolitical Outlook**

Coming with the nationalistic spirit imbibed from the independence movement, Seth Mukand Lal while establishing the first institution added the word 'National' in its name as Mukand Lal National High School.

Building the nation and the society was purely a national duty to educate the youth and make them aware and enlightened. Indulgence in political streams was not his forte and he wanted his institutions to be apolitical ever.

Respecting the same advice, Mukand Lal Institutions have remained apolitical over the years, for the last about 75 years. For the Mukandian's, political ideology, caste & creed has been Indian and Indian alone. Merit prevails.

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## **Serving Selflessly**

After the demise of Seth Jai Parkash Ji, the families of Seth Ved Parkash, Seth Jai Parkash and Seth Jagat Parkash got together and graciously resolved that Yamunanagar being the sacred karmbhumi of both Seth Mukand Lal & Jai Parkash for charity, the family would not ever have any business or commercial establishment in Yamunanagar.

It was further decided that the family properties at Yamunanagar and Radaur would belong to the Institutions. The following were the existing properties in the name of the family at that time-

1. Cinema Plot, Main Bazar Yamuna Nagar
2. Mukand Building, Radaur Road, Yamuna Nagar
3. Ancestral House, Radaur
4. Farm land, Radaur
5. Anaj Mandi Land, Radaur
6. A double story shop in main bazar, Radaur

Some of the above mentioned properties have already been disposed off and the proceeds have already been invested for the institutions and for purchasing the lands, for future Institutions.

It will be pertinent to add here that till date the family does not have any business interest or establishment in the state of Haryana. Thus the sacred promise of the family made to itself in 1972 has been kept till date.

### **The Affectionate Person**

Sh. Puran Chand - revered Mama Ji (Maternal Uncle) of Jai Parkash Ji was a humble teacher and lived near Hyderabad. On the invitation of Jai Parkash Ji, he visited Ghaziabad in the year 1970-71. Sh. Jai Parkash Ji was so overwhelmed that he personally served the delectable and delicious dishes to him in the breakfast. Sh. Puran Chand was not used to such elaborate breakfast with multiple variety of dishes. Being a very simple man, he folded his hands and said, "I will not be able to partake all this since I am not used to of having multi course meals & breakfast". Such affectionate and affable was the persona of Jai Parkash Ji.

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### **The Sacred Self**

During the constructions of Institutions at Ghaziabad, Seth Jai Parkash would often request the Chief Minister of U.P., Sh. C.B. Gupta for the sanctioning of a quota of cement & saria for the institutions since both the items were scarce commodities in those days and were available on government permit only. The Chief Minister being aware of the charitable nature of Mukand institutions would gladly sanction the same. Once during such an occasion, Sh. C.B. Gupta while complementing Seth Jai Parkash by saying in a lighter vein that you always ask for the quota for the institutions & have never sought any obligation for yourself.

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“सिया राम मय सब जग जानी करहु प्रणाम जोरी जुग पाणी  
निर्मल मन जन सो मोहि पावा, मोहि कपट छल छिद्र न भावा”

## The Secular Outlook

Seth Mukand Lal and his wife Vidyavati were planning to visit Bombay in the year 1937-1938, a family friend, Sh. Abid Ali who had previously worked with him at Mukand Iron and Steel Works Ltd. at Lahore and subsequently had also been a former Minister, Government of India offered Seth Mukand Lal to stay with him at his residence during his proposed visit to Bombay. Seth Mukand Lal gladly accepted the offer, stayed with Abid Ali and enjoyed his hearty and home-like hospitality for 3-4 days. Before leaving, Seth Mukand Lal came to know that Abid Ali, aware of the religious beliefs of his Hindu family and their being pure vegetarians, had specially bought new utensils for preparing and serving food and got the room white washed before their arrival. Seth Mukand Lal felt humbled and overwhelmed with Abid Ali's thoughtful gesture, embraced his good and gracious friend in gratitude.



Sh. Abid Ali with Seth Jai Parkash during one of his visits to the family.

Akbar Bhai of Warda, a close associate of Saint Vinoba Bhave, the Bhoodan Movement crusader, was an esteemed friend of Seth Jai Parkash whom he revered from the core of his heart. They used to meet frequently and discuss human values contained in the Islamic and Hindu scriptures. Even while being a devout Hindu Seth Jai Parkash would open heartedly discuss the teachings of all other religions with him. Such was his spirit of 'Sarav Dharama Sambhaav'.

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The family has a blissful bond with Dr. Sunil Senon of Mussoorie who runs a charitable hospital and reaches out to the poorest of the poor in remote hilly terrain. Mukand family provides financial help to some of his patients who require the specialized treatment/ surgeries in super-speciality hospitals at New Delhi.

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Sh. Ashok Kumar underwent heart surgery at Escorts Hospital, New Delhi in the year 2010. During the post surgery recovery period he was looked after by a young doctor, Shameena Khalil, who happened to be a friend of his grand daughter Samriti Raajgarhia and nursed him as her 'Nana' (maternal grand father). The whole family not only travelled to Orissa to attend her inter-caste marriage but also Sh. Ashok Kumar's son Bharat and daughter-in-law Bhawna voluntarily performed the 'Kanyadaan' of Dr. Shameena as her parents at their home town.

Mukand Institutions are providing financial help for major surgeries to the needy patients at their hospital at Delhi. In the process, Dr. Shameena has forged a blissful bond with the family and shares a very cordial and congenial relationship with them. This anecdote speaks volumes about the pleasant and pious traditions of the Mukand family.

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The family's cosmopolitan culture and secular outlook can also be seen in the various inter-caste marriages in the family. Sh. Vijay Kumar, grandson of Seth Mukand Lal is married to a British citizen Audry. Great grandson of Seth Jai Parkash (Pardeep's son) Shashant is married to a Sikh Simran Kaur and Sh. Ashok Kumar's grand daughter Megha to Arjun Rai Chaudhary from a Bengali family. All these marriages in the family reflect broad outlook of inter-twining of customs and cultures.

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Sh. Vijay Kumar's constant and consistent association with Mother Teresa and her charity programmes since 1971 shows his keen urge to help people across caste, creed and culture. As per the wishes of Mother Teresa, they established a charity home at their Mukand Campus, Ghaziabad and also at Jangpura, New Delhi. Secularism is inherent in the ethos, exuberance and the enlightenment of Mukand family, their way of life.

The Missionaries of Charity Mother Teresa's Home at their campus at Ghaziabad was named as 'JAI BHAWAN'.

तू हिन्दू बनेगा, न मुसलमान बनेगा।  
इन्सान की औलाद है, इन्सान बनेगा।।

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## The Pragmatic Perspective

Seth Jai Parkash had a pragmatic and practical approach towards life and took concrete steps by generously opening educational institutions. He would continue thinking about the opening of new institutions & come up with an announcement whenever he made up his mind to establish a new institution. His dedication to the cause of education was so intense that he once expressed his desire to donate all his money for the opening of more & more institutions. Such was his passion that gave him utmost pleasure. He believed that he had made his children independent and capable enough to take care of the business of the family at their own.

## Vidya Kendra Ghaziabad - 1954

In the year 1954, when Mukand Lal Inter College was being established, the need of getting a Trust registered as per the rules of Government of Uttar Pradesh was felt. The Trust was registered under the name of **Vidya Kendra** with Seth Jai Parkash as its first President, which became the parent Trust for all the Mukand Lal Institutions established at Ghaziabad . Sh. Ashok Kumar is the present President of the Trust.

**Seth Mukand Lal Inter College, Ghaziabad - 1954**

After the demise of Seth Mukand Lal, his two sons Seth Jagat Parkash and Seth Ved Parkash shifted to Mumbai. Seth Jai Parkash carried forward the vision and mission of the family to provide the healthcare and education to the poor and the downtrodden. Hence forth Seth Jai Parkash established Mukand Lal Inter College at Ghaziabad in the name of their father Seth Mukand Lal in the year 1954. The college has about 2000 students on its roll.



**Mukand Lal Municipal Civil Hospital, Ghaziabad - 1954**

The city of Ghaziabad was bereft of Medical facilities since there was no hospital in the town. The opening of Mukand Lal Municipal Govt. Hospital at Ghaziabad in the year 1954, with a personal contribution of Rs. 6.00 lacs from Seth Jai Parkash, realized the long cherished desire of the people of Ghaziabad to have a hospital of their own. The foundation stone was laid by the minister for Health Govt. of U.P., Sh. C.B. Gupta.



## Kusum Lata T.B. Hospital, Ghaziabad - 1957

As the time rolled, by a special wing known as 'Kusum Lata T.B. Hospital' was added to the main building of the hospital. T.B. Hospital was established in the memory of Sethani Kusum Lata (The first wife of Seth Jai Parkash). The hospital serves thousands of patients. The foundation stone of Kusum Lata T.B. Hospital was laid by the then Governor of U.P., Sh. K.M. Munshi on March 13, 1957.



## Mukand Madhav Mandir, Ghaziabad - 1955

Seth Jagat Parkash, the younger brother of Seth Jai Parkash, was very keen to set up a temple. So Seth Jai Parkash established a temple named 'Mukand Madhav Mandir' at Ghaziabad with the idols of Radha Krishan and Hanuman. While installing the idols, Praan Pratishtha was performed by Swami Akhanda Nand Ji and it was inaugurated by Mr S.K. Patil, the then Union Minister, Govt. of India.

The temple consists of various blocks having idols of Gods & Goddesses surrounded by beautiful and lush green gardens.



Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar - 1955



After the successful running of Mukand Lal National High School established in the year 1945, the need to establish a college was felt. The dream of Seth Jai Parkash to set up an institution of higher education took wings and Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar was established in the year 1955 in a part of the huge building and the compound of Mukand Lal High School. Professor R.N. Rehan being the first Principal.

Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha, a great freedom fighter, remained Principal for a period of about 22 years and created a model college of the state with the best of traditions, infrastructure, a big unique open shelf Library, Auditorium, Well equipped Gymnasium, Seminar and Conference Halls, Boys Hostel, Stadium, Common Rooms for Boys and Girls etc. The college achieved new standards in academics, sports, social service and moral values during his tenure. He was the embodiment of dedication, devotion, discipline and dynamism in his values and the same have become the tradition & culture of the college.

Mukand Lal National college not only created a benchmark for quality and excellence but has also sustained it over a period of time as given below:



## Sushila Inter College, Ghaziabad – 1958



A Primary school by the name of Sushila Model School that started with 05 students in 1948, later on got developed into an Inter college for Girls. The institute was founded by Seth Jai Parkash to commemorate the memory of his loving sister, Smt. Sushila Devi (wife of Ch. Chhabil Das). Ch. Chhabil Das remained its Chief Patron and Guide. Later on his son Ch. Surinder Nath took over and now it is flourishing under the patronage of Ch. Varinder Nath and Sh. Ashok Kumar.

## VMLG, Ghaziabad - 1961

Neelam, the other daughter of Seth Jai Parkash completed her Intermediate from Sushila Inter College, Ghaziabad had a keen desire to acquire higher education and wanted to go to a college. But Seth Jai Parkash was hesitant to permit her at the first instance, since there was no exclusive college for girls at Ghaziabad.





## Mukand Lal Civil Hospital, Yamuna Nagar - 1966



After establishing Mukand Lal High School and Mukand Lal National College at Yamuna Nagar, some distinguished citizens of the town approached Seth Jai Parkash for the dire need of a hospital in Yamuna Nagar since there was no medical facility available at that time and the people had to travel 8 K.M. to the Mission Hospital, Jagadhri for the medical aid. Hence Mukand Lal Civil Hospital came into existence in 1966. The founder Chairman of the Hospital, Seth Jai Parkash donated a huge amount for starting the project of hospital on day one and continued sending more money and steel from his factory till the completion of the hospital. The Hospital building was formally inaugurated by Sh. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma, the then Chief Minister of Haryana in 1968. After a few years by the Muknad Management, the hospital was handed over to the Government of Haryana.

Mukand Lal Civil Hospital has been upgraded to the status of a district hospital with a 200 bed facility, a huge Trauma Centre and modern equipments for various specialized treatments. The building complex built in 1966 has been demolished now and a new multi-storey building block is coming up these days.

Now the government of Haryana has also approved the proposal of setting up a Medical College at Yamuna Nagar.

## Mukand Lal National College, Radaur - 1971



Mukand Lal National High School established in 1952 by Seth Mukand Lal served the area for 20 years as a boarding school. But in the span of two decades many more schools came up in the surrounding villages and the need of a college was felt by the elders of Radaur. In a meeting of the members of the School Society and other prominent citizens, they resolved that the school be shifted to the hostel building across the lane and a college should be opened in the existing school building. Thus was established Mukand Lal National College, Radaur by Seth Jai Parkash in the year 1971 as his last offerings in the 'Yagya' of education.

Seth Jai Parkash, before he left for his heavenly abode, despite his precarious health traveled from Kapurthala to Radaur to contribute and hand over a sum of Rs. 75000/- to be deposited with Govt. of Haryana as the endowment fund for the establishment of the new College.

## Mother Teresa's Home - 1987

Sh. Vijay Kumar the youngest son of Seth Jai Parkash had a very close association with Saint Mother Teresa and contributed a lot to her mission of charity in Calcutta. Mother Teresa expressed her desire of extending missionary services at Ghaziabad. Thus the family provided the land within the campus of their educational complex at Ghaziabad for the same in the year 1987. Presently this institution, secular in nature may perhaps be the only Christian institution being run at a non-Christian campus.

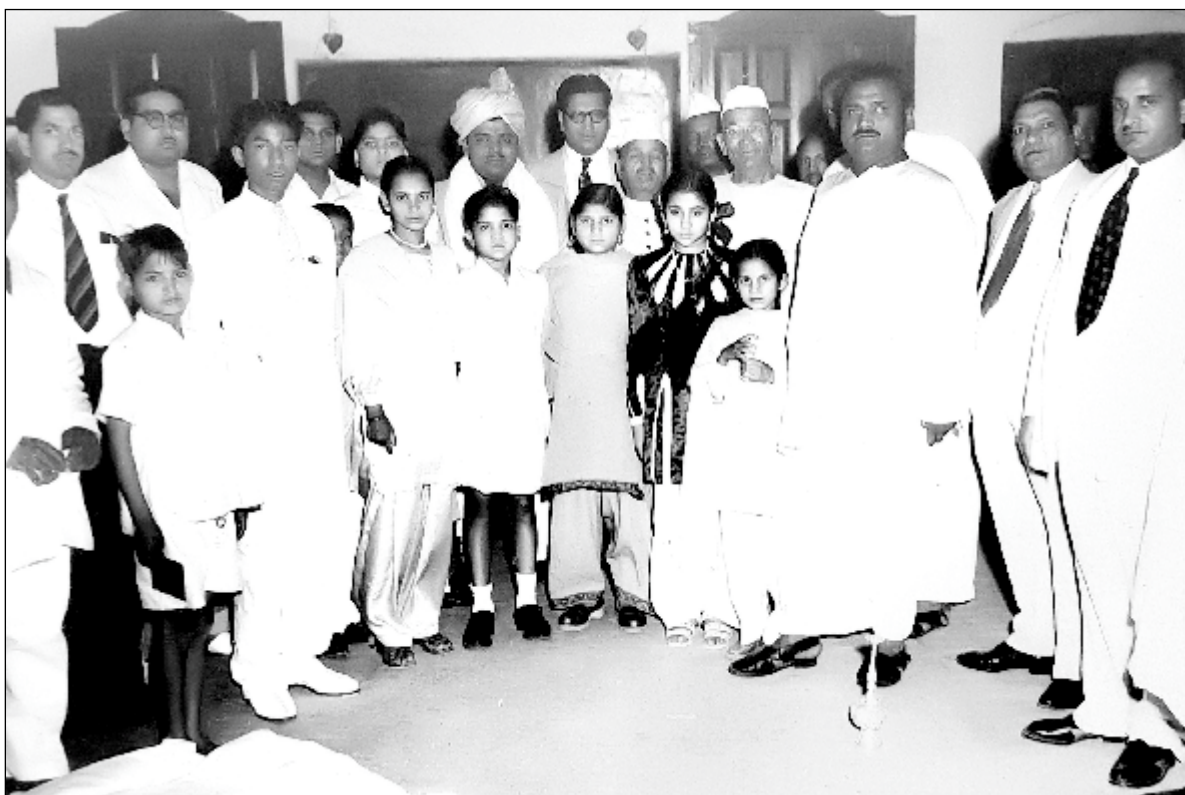
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Seth Mukand Lal at the occasion of the Wedding Ceremony of Sh. Swatantra Kumar.



Seth Mukand Lal, Seth Jai Parkash, Seth Jagat Parkash, Sh. Bishamber Dass, Sh. Vijay Kumar, Ms. Shail during the wedding ceremony of Sh. Swatantra Kumar

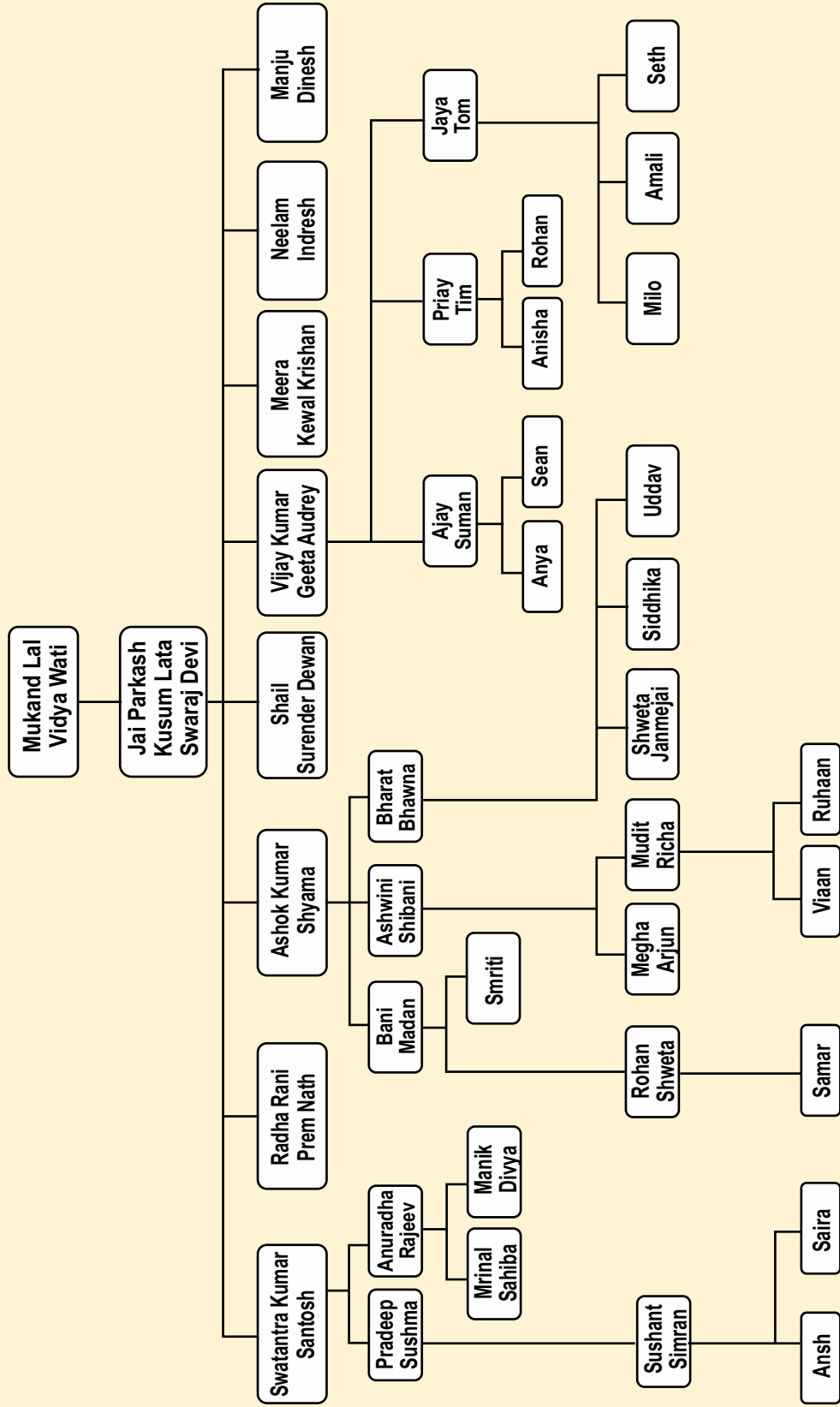


A family photo at the time of the  
Wedding Ceremony of his daughter Mrs. Meera Mittal 1960



A family photo of yesteryears.  
Meera, Manju, Radha Rani, Vijay Kumar, Swatantra Kumar,  
Seth Jai Parkash, Smt. Swaraj Devi, Ashok Kumar, Neelam, Shail

# FAMILY TREE - SETH JAI PARKASH



To achieve absolute contentment

Use voice for kindness - Ears for compassion - Hands for charity - Mind for wisdom



## Smt. Swaraj Devi - A pious soul

Swaraj Devi was born in Muzzaffarnagar on the pious day of 'Sharad Purnima' on Oct. 28, 1920. Seth Jai Prakash was earlier married to her elder sister Kusum Lata, but the fate had willed otherwise. She died within 7 years of her marriage, leaving behind her two young children: Swatantar Kumar and Radha Rani. Swaraj Devi having great affection for them, readily agreed to marry Seth Jai Parkash, out of a sense of love and duty towards the children of her elder sister.

Sethani Swaraj Devi was a simple, religious and a pious lady totally devoted to the welfare of her family. Her generosity and gentle nature became a perfect complement to Seth Jai Parkash, the embodiment of nobility and affinity.

Smt. Swaraj Devi had great love for children. Whenever she visited a school, she never forgot to take along with her sweets and gifts for children and the staff. Swaraj Public School, Swaraj Shishu Niketan and Swaraj Devi Hospital are named after her which are serving the people of Radaur and its adjoining areas. A Public School in her name has also been established at Damla. The luminary figure and a freedom fighter Professor Tilak Raj Chadha used to touch her feet despite her protests, saying that he was touching the feet, not of Sethani, but of the concept of 'Swaraj' of his country.

The sad demise of Seth Jai Parkash in 1971 left her in profound shock but she picked up her courage and continued her social welfare work and the visits to the schools to shower her deep affection and blessings on the tiny tots.

She breathed her last in 2002, coincidentally, in accordance with her name 'Swaraj' on August 15, the Independence Day at Mussoorie. All the relatives and acquaintances remember her as an affectionate and amiable mother and a perfect companion and complement to Seth Jai Parkash's charismatic persona.

## The 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations - 1995

The 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations of Mata Swaraj Devi was organized at Yamuna Nagar with great exuberance and enthusiasm in the year 1995. The whole Mukand Family came together and joined the celebrations. The main function was held in the Mukand Auditorium M.L.N. College where a large number of prominent citizens and the representatives of various institutions paid their tributes. A grand lunch was organized at Jamna Auto Club by S. Bhupinder Singh Jauhar where a galaxy of citizens were present.



Mata Swaraj Devi with S. Bhupender Singh and others at Jamna Auto Club,  
Yamuna Nagar - 1995

On the occasion of these celebrations, her daughter, Mrs. Manju Jain quoted, Seth Jai Prakash, who used to say,

“If a human being helps another human being, he does a more noble work than praying a thousand times in a temple or reciting 'Namaz' a hundred times on each step of the stairs while on 'Hajj’”.

She went on to say that his desire for education and health care for the masses was so intense that he wanted to open a new school or a hospital on every birthday of his father.

The song Seth Jai Parkash loved the most to hum and to listen epitomizes his passion to excel, defying all challenges in the rainbow journey of life to attain his goals :-

### हमें उन राहों पर चलना है

हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	हमें उन राहों पर चलना है
हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है	जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है
जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है	हम हैं वो दिये औरों के लिए	आकाश से आती है ये सदा
हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	जिन्हें तूफानों में जलना है	ग़म आए अगर तो जी न ढला
जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है	हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	आकाश से आती है ये सदा
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जिन्हें तूफानों में जलना है	मैं पास रहूँ या दूर रहूँ	कभी ग़म हैं यहाँ, कभी हैं खुशियाँ
	ये बात अभी तुम से कह दूँ	हर हाल में हम को पलना है
हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	मैं पास रहूँ या दूर रहूँ	
जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है	ये बात अभी तुमसे कह दूँ	हमें उन राहों पर चलना है
	हँसना ही नहीं फूलों की तरह	जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है
जब तक न लगन हो सीने में	दीपक की तरह हमें जलना है	हम हैं वो दिये औरों के लिये
बेकार है ऐसे जीने में		जिन्हें तूफ़ानों में जलना है
जब तक न लगन हो सीने में	हमें उन राहों पर चलना है	हमें उन राहों पर चलना है
बेकार है ऐसे जीने में	जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है	जहाँ गिरना और संभलना है
चढ़ना है हमें चंदा की तरह	हम हैं वो दिये औरों के लिए	
सूरज की तरह नहीं ढलना है	जिन्हें तूफ़ानों में जलना है	

Manju Jain was so overwhelmed with emotions that she paid her tribute in the form of a self composed Bhajan given below:-

## यमुनानगर के संत, तूने कर दिया कमाल

हमें भक्ति शक्ति प्रेरणा दी

ममता और दुलार

यमुनानगर के सन्त, तूने कर दिया कमाल

रघुपति राघव राजा राम ।।



Manju Jain

जै प्रकाश तेरी महिमा अपार

मुकन्द लाल फल रहा तेरा परिवार ।

अशोक विजय स्वतन्त्र

जैसी है तेरी संतान

जो सींच रहे रक्त से तेरे अधूरे काम ।

अनमोल चड़ढा साहब ने जौहर दिया कमाल

यमुनानगर के सन्त, तूने कर दिया कमाल

रघुपति राघव राजा राम ।।

तेरा जहां पसीना बहा

फूल खिल पड़े

ये स्कूल, कॉलेज, अस्पताल

आज बन गए ।

तेरे महान काज की दुनिया में न मिसाल

यमुनानगर के सन्त, तूने कर दिया कमाल

रघुपति राघव राजा राम ।।

मैं तो तेरे उस वृक्ष की

हूं छोटी सी एक डाली

पर दौड़ रही मुझ में

तेरे रक्त की लाली ।

दुनिया में आगे बढ़ूं

लेकर तेरी मशाल

यमुनानगर के सन्त, तूने कर दिया कमाल

रघुपति राघव राजा राम ।।

तेरे जन्मदिवस पे लगा

मेला ये महान ।

अध्यापक, विद्यार्थी दे

रक्त का बलिदान ।

इनका यह रक्त गांधी, जवाहर

के जैसा लाल

यमुनानगर के सन्त, तूने कर दिया कमाल ।।

## A Poetic Tribute

The anthem of Mukand Institutions is a poetic tribute which articulates all about his persona as a son of Goddess Saraswati.

The anthem was composed by Prof. Sachender Rashmi Garg of Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar and was recited on the occasion of Kirya Ceremony of Seth Jai Parkash at Ghaziabad in 1971. Now, the poem composed by Shri Rashmi Garg sung by the students of Music Department of the College has been provided to all the Mukand Institutions. It is played and sung on the occasion of various functions.

## 'The Anthem'

हे सरस्वती के वरद— पुत्र  
शत्—शत् प्रणाम स्वीकार करो ।  
विद्या— इच्छुक जगती—हृद् में  
स्वर्गिक आभा संचार करो ।।

मुकुन्द-वंश में जन्म धरा,  
हो गई धरा पुलकित, सनाथ;  
पा तुम समान पोषक अनुपम  
नत हुए सकल मानवी माथ;  
अर्धाधिक शती तक काय धार  
बन गए गगन-वासी विराट;

हे महा प्राण, निज करुण—  
दृष्टि से वसुन्धरा का त्राण करो ।  
हे सरस्वती के वरद्— पुत्र  
शत—शत प्रणाम स्वीकार करो ।।



मन नहीं मानता— चले गए,  
तुम रहे नहीं हो मध्य— लोक;  
कण—कण रज—रज में दृश्यमान,  
है जय प्रकाश तेराऽलोक;  
तुम राम कथा की अमर ज्योति,  
रम रहे राम—मय सृष्टि—ओक;

हे अमर दूत, शोकाभिभूत निज  
भक्तों का भय—त्रास हरो ।  
हे सरस्वती के वरद्— पुत्र  
शत—शत प्रणाम स्वीकार करो ।।

## Translation of the Anthem

O the blessed son of 'Saraswati' (goddess of knowledge),  
Accept our thousands of grateful obeisances !  
And transfuse the Heavenly radiance in all those hearts  
That crave for edification.  
As you were born in Mukand family,  
The earth itself felt enchanted and patronised,  
And everyone around bowed his head in obligation  
On finding you-like unique nourishing patron.  
Then living a life only upto fifty-plus,  
O the great personality!  
You became a part of the firmament  
O great soul ! Oblige this earth with your benevolence!  
O ! the blessed son of Saraswati---,  
It is hard to believe that you are no more,  
And no longer now dwell in this world,  
But still your aura, O Jai Parkash, is evident in everything around  
For you imbibed the quintessence of Ram's life-story.  
Even today, you seem to inhabit this worldly mansion  
Like Ram's omnipresence itself.  
O, the immortal messenger of Almighty,  
Disprove all apprehensions/ sorrows of your own mourning devotees.  
O! the blessed son of Saraswati---

## Dr. Sanon's Tribute

Mata Swaraj Devi used to spend the summer months at Mussoori at their Silverton Villa in the Silverton Hotel Complex every year. Dr. Sunil Sanon came into contact as a Physician, became a member of the family and served her like a son till her last in 2002. After immersing her ashes in the sacred waters of Ganges at Haridwar, he penned down his emotions in the shape of a poem :

अस्थि प्रवाह दी  
जरा झाँकों  
हस्ती तो खुद आप में है  
क्यूँ रुंधता है गला  
मां, हस्ती तो आप में ही है ।

प्रेम सेवा  
मुस्कुराहट, सरलता और मूल्य  
मिलनसारिता उनकी सीख  
सब कुछ तो आप में है ।

सुनो  
ध्यान से सुनो  
पवित्र गंगा जल की कल-कल में  
कहते हैं  
(हाथ झटक के)  
तुम्हारे हैं और रहेंगे ।

नमन् उस परिवार को  
जो सेवारत रहा  
सैनिक की भांति

ओम शान्ति ओम



The Erudite Pilgrimage continues...

एक घड़ी आधी घड़ी, आधी की पुनि आध।  
तुलसी संगत साधु की, काटे कोटि अपराध॥



## The Erudite Pilgrimage continues...

The three generations carry forward the spirit of the holy Ram Charit Manas and the evolving sense of humanity for the sacred cause of education and human service. Seth Jai Prakash had three sons and five daughters.

Ch. Chhabil Das, elder son-in-law of Seth Mukand Lal, and the guiding force of the family took the decision and gave the responsibility of Vidya Kendra to Sh. Swatantra Kumar and the onus of running the institutions was bestowed upon Sh. Ashok Kumar.



Sh. Swatantra Kumar

The eldest son Late Sh. Swatantra Kumar, popularly known as 'Kaka bhai', was a man of serene nature, large heart and kind towards the needy and the downtrodden. He very efficiently guided the working of Vidya Kendra, Ghaziabad till his last in the year 1990.



Sh. Ashok Kumar

The second son - Sh. Ashok Kumar is shaping the destiny of the institutions established by the family since 1971 in a very precise and professional manner. He has created a team of dedicated educationists and professionals around him to take the iconic and inspirational brand of 'Mukand' to the greater heights. His passion has always been quality and value based education, energy conservation, water harvesting, tree plantation and healthcare. This year, he completes his glorious 50 years in the service of Mukand Institutions.



Sh. Vijay Kumar

Sh. Vijay Kumar, born in 1940, spent his former years in Mumbai studying Science from Bombay University and Mechanical Engineering from University of New York, California and Columbia U.S.A. After gaining a specialized work experience in New York, he returned to join family business in India and ran it meticulously. While running his business, his interest and love

for aesthetics and painting took him to various parts of the world. He became an avid lover of art and world of art became his forte.

Mr. Vijay Kumar now owns his rich valuable collection of artifacts and organizes exhibitions for art lovers around the world. He actively contributes in the running of institutions established by the family. Digitalized and optimum utilization of modern tools and technologies of governance, sanitation and public utilities/facilities are very dear to his heart.

Late Smt. Santosh, wife of Sh. Swatantra Kumar was calm, quiet and a motherly figure of the family.

Mrs. Shyama Aggarwal, wife of Sh. Ashok Kumar was an epitome of nurturing relationships of the extended Mukand family both at Ghaziabad and at Yamuna Nagar. During her visits to Yamuna Nagar, she would indulge in moodling times with her friends, having long chats, candid conversations, eating and making merry. Thus creating moments which are cherished with charm now by her dear friends. She contributed to the charitable cause in her unique manner by knitting small colourful pullovers throughout the year which were distributed among the children of the adopted villages by the institutions under 'Mukand Health Care' Scheme around Radaur.

Mrs. Audrey, an English lady, loves Indian ethos and feels proud of her association with a family which is embodiment of philanthropy and is passionate for the social cause.

Sh. Swatantra Kumar and Smt. Santosh were blessed with a son named Pardeep Aggarwal (married to Late Smt. Sushma) and a daughter Anuradha (Juhi) married to Rajeev. Sushant and Simran, the son and daughter-in-law of Pardeep Aggarwal represent their next generation.

Sh. Ashok Kumar was married to Smt. Shyama in 1958, daughter of Lala Ram Swarup and grand daughter of Lala Roshan Lal of Barabanki Sugar



Bharat Kumar's wife Bhawana, is looking after Sushila Model School, Ghaziabad which under her leadership has been transformed altogether and now has been affiliated to CBSE. She is a very diligent and dedicated person devoted to the cause of social welfare. They have two daughters Shweta and Siddhika and a son Uddhav. Shweta is married to Sh. Janmejai.

Sh. Vijay kumar and Mrs. Audrey have a son Ajay and daughters Priya and Jaya who are happily married. The family has its homes at London, Goa and Delhi.

The great grand children of Sh. Swatantra Kumar and Sh. Ashok Kumar are the upcoming sixth generation of Seth Mukand Lal who have developed a love for the institutions established by them. They have already started visiting the institutions on the occasion of their annual functions.

“Behind every successful man there is always a Woman”, and this holds true in the case of Seth Jai Parkash also, whose life partner, Smt. Swaraj Devi contributed, not only in his worldly success but also in his benign and benevolent disposition through her nobility and empathy.

Besides Lahore in the pre-partition era, the major 'karambhoomi' of Mukand family became Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, Radaur and Yamuna Nagar in Haryana.

हरि व्यापाक सर्वत्र समाना। प्रेम तें प्रगट होहिं में जाना।।  
देस काल दिसि बिदिसिहु माहीं। कहहू सो कहाँ जहाँ प्रभु नाहीं।।३।।

निश्चय प्रेम प्रतीति ते,  
विनय करै सनमान ।  
तेहि के कारज सकल  
सुभ सिद्ध करै हनुमान ॥

नमन - श्रद्धा - संकल्प



Sh. Ashok Kumar paying homage to Seth Jai Parkash ji

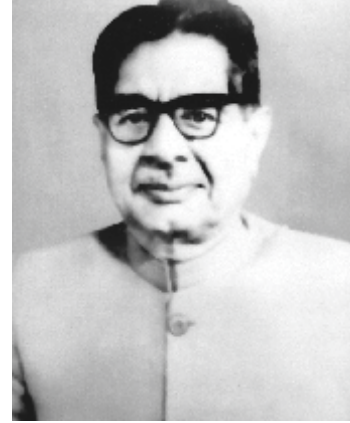
## Mukand Bricks - The Founding Fathers:

At Ghaziabad, it was Ch. Chhabil Dass, who whole heartedly assisted the family in establishing educational institutions. A 'legend' during his own lifetime Ch. Chhabil Dass, was an illustrious elder Son-in-law of Seth Mukand Lal and a worthy brother-in-law of Seth Jai Prakash. He remained closely associated with the Mukand family and assisted them in establishing, maintaining and managing the institutions at Ghaziabad.

Born in a small town, Hansi (presently, in District Hisar, Haryana), on Dipawali day, October 24, 1908, Ch. Chhabil Dass completed his graduation and obtained degree of Law from Lahore and then made Ghaziabad, his 'karambhoomi'.

Some of his great contributions to the society include his association with refugee rehabilitation work undertaken by the Mukand family, setting up of schools, colleges and a charitable trust in the memory of his beloved wife Sushila. After his demise in 1978, his sons have established Chhabil Dass Institutions in his memory at Ghaziabad.





Lala Kailash Chandra

The distinguished citizens of Abudullapur (Yamuna Nagar) who enthusiastically associated themselves in the year 1945 with Seth Muknad Lal to set up the first school of the area were Lala Ishwar Dass, Shri O.P. Verma, Lala Kailash Chandra, Pt. Raja Ram, Sh. Jawahar Lal Bhalla, Bawa Dasaundha Singh, Sh. Ved Parkash Mehta, Sh. Lal Chand, Sh. Babu Ram Sharma, Ch. Gopal Singh and Lala Jyoti Parshad.

Lala Kailash Chandra, a prominent advocate and businessman of the town managed the affairs of both; Mukand Lal National High School and Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar and played a pivotal role in augmenting both the institutions and assisting the family in strengthening the cause of education in Yamuna Nagar where Mukand Lal National High School was established in 1945, Mukand Lal National College in 1955 and a Mukand Municipal Public Hospital, Yamuna Nagar in 1966. He was General Secretary of both the educational institutions for a long time i.e. 1945 to 1978. He was a law graduate and the owner of renowned Kay Iron Works and Chander Pur Works, Yamuna Nagar. His sons Late Sh. Naresh Chandra, Late Sh. Ramesh Chandra and Sh. Sushil Chandra have also been associated with the institutions.

Sh. Sunil Kumar, Sh. Praful Kumar & Mrs. Ruby, represent the members of the third generation of his family and are associated with the management of Mukand Lal Institutions.



Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha

At Yamuna Nagar Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha, beloved 'Bapu Ji' for thousands of students, teachers and citizens of Yamuna Nagar, dedicated about 40 years of his life to Mukand Lal institutions as a mentor, administrator and an innovator. He was a great freedom fighter, a fearless journalist, and a prolific writer during the freedom struggle. He left politics after partition, disgusted with the deteriorating standards and values and chose to be an educationist again. He joined Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar in 1956 as a Lecturer in Economics but very soon was elevated to the post of Principal of the College in the year 1958.

During his tenure of 22 years as Principal, he turned Mukand Lal National College into the most prestigious Model College of the State. He introduced many an innovation in the system of education such as open shelf Library, book bank, Yoga for all, Blood Donation Movement, Interest Free Study Loans, separate toilets for girls. Transparent and democratic functioning were some of his passions as a teacher. He helped Seth Jai Parkash and later on Sh. Ashok Kumar in establishing and running the Mukand institutions at Yamuna Nagar, Damla and Radaur.

After his retirement on Dec. 31, 1979 he continued serving the cause of education as the Honorary General Secretary of the institutions-till his demise in 1998.

He was a Gandhian to the core and was an embodiment of honesty, transparency and humility. He gave practical shape to the ideas and ideals of Seth Mukand Lal and also of Gandhi Ji, being a devout Gandhian himself. He would devote all his time to the institutions and would often say, 'I am wedded to the institutions.'



S. Bhupinder Singh Jauhar

Sardar Bhupinder Singh Jauhar of Jamna Auto Industries, Yamuna Nagar a leading industrialist of Northern India, is one of the senior most members associated with Mukand Lal Institutions. He had been Vice-President of the Managing Committee, Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar and has been a member of Mukand Parivar for more than half of a century. He worked very closely with Seth Jai Parkash and Shri Ashok Kumar for the expansion and development of Mukand Lal Institutions. He provided his guest house for about 15 years for the stay of Shri Ashok Kumar and the other members of the family during their visits to Yamunanagar.

He is dedicated to the cause of Education & had been the Chairman of Guru Nanak Khalsa College and other Educational Institutions. He also established Guru Gobind Singh Institute of Management and a Pharmacy Institute at Yamuna Nagar.



Sh. Surender Nath and Sh. Virender Nath, luminous sons of Ch. Chhabil Dass apart from setting up the Chhabil Dass institutions, at Ghaziabad continued efficiently assisting the Mukand Parivar in running Sushila Inter College, Mukand Lal Inter College, Sushila Model School and VMLG College Ghaziabad.



Dr. K.L. Johar is a distinguished Mukandian and a renowned educationist. He had been a Mukandian as a student, as a teacher and then as the Principal of Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar for about 12 years. He served as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra and later rose to be the founder Vice-Chancellor of Guru Jambheshwar University, Hisar.

After his retirement as Vice-Chancellor, he joined as Honorary General Secretary, Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Institutions and assisted Sh. Ashok Kumar in establishing and running of various institutes at Yamuna Nagar, Damla and Radaur for about ten years.

Dr. Johar is an avid scholar & a prolific writer on freedom movement of the country. He is the author of many books on freedom fighters & martyrs including one on Netaji Subhash Chander Bose.



Dr. Ramesh Kumar

Dr. Ramesh Kumar is an eminent Educationist, Poet, Social Worker and a Sports promoter. He assisted the Society in establishing Mukand Lal Public School, Yamuna Nagar, JMIT Radaur, TIMT, Yamuna Nagar, JMIETI, Radaur and Swaraj Public School, Damla.

Under his stewardship, Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar attained new heights in the field of academics, sports, extra-curricular activities and blood donation. During his tenure as Principal, the college was also adjudged as the best college by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra and was declared as Centre of Excellence by UGC.

After his retirement in 2008 he joined as Honorary General Secretary, Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Institutions and is assisting Sh. Ashok Kumar in the running and establishing of various institutes at Yamuna Nagar, Damla, Radaur and Ghaziabad.

जद्यपि सम नहिं राग न रोषू। गहहिं न पाप पूनु गुन दोषू॥  
करम प्रधान बिस्व करि राखा। जो इस करइ सो तस फलु चाखा ॥२॥

# The Legacy Continues

धर्म न दूसर सत्य समाना।  
आगम निगम पुरान बखाना।।

तुलसी जब तुम जग में आये, जग हंसे तुम रोये।  
ऐसी करनी कर चलो तुम हंसो, जग रोये।।

During his life time Seth Jai Parkash established all the Institutions in the sacred memory of his father and other members of the family. His legacy has been carried forward by his sons Shri Swatantra Kumar, Shri Ashok Kumar and Shri Vijay Kumar. The glorious tradition of philanthropy manifests itself in the new institutions opened by them.

**Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Model High School for Girls,  
Yamuna Nagar - 1973**

Mukand Lal National High School being a boys school, the girls passing out fifth class from our Vidyawati Mukand Lal Bal Niketan had to go to other girls schools. To bridge the gap, a girls high school was established in the name of Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Model High School for Girls, Yamuna Nagar in the year 1973 by procuring a piece of land opposite Mukand Lal National College in Model Town, Yamuna Nagar. The school became the first institution to be established by the third generation of Mukand family after the demise of their father Seth Jai Parkash.

The school developed into a very prestigious institution, known for its academics, discipline and moral values. Under the able leadership of Principal Ms. Saroj Malhotra, it became the first choice of the girls of the town. The school served the society for about three decades.

## Swaraj Shishu Niketan, Radaur - 1974



Swaraj Shishu Niketan, Radaur was established in April 1974 by the sons of Seth Jai Parkash to commemorate the memory of their mother Smt. Swaraj Devi. The School provides education to the needy sections of the society. The School inculcates moral values in the innocent tiny tots by making them recite 'Gayatri Mantra' every morning during the prayer. A variety of activities are organized for the overall personality development of the students. The School has modern facilities and infrastructure for students to have strong foundation needed for their higher education.

The school has about 500 students on its rolls . It caters to the students from the weaker sections of the society with a very nominal fee structure. Even while being a Hindi medium school, all activities are conducted and amenities are provided to the students equivalent to level of a Public school.

## Jai Parkash Polytechnic for Women, Ghaziabad - 1975



The visionary Seth Jai Parkash always had a keen desire to establish Engineering and Medical Institutions to provide skills and professional education to the girls and to empower them to serve the society in the fields of medicine and technology but could not give a practical shape to his much cherished dreams during his life time because of the rigidity of the government policies for opening up the fields of technical and professional education to the private sector.

After his sad demise in 1971, Sh. Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna, the then Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh liberalized the policy to establish Polytechnic institutions for girls. The sons of Jai Parkash immediately grabbed the opportunity and established Jai Parkash Polytechnic for Women at Ghaziabad in 1975 to fulfill the dream of their father Seth Jai Parkash . The Polytechnic is being run in the educational complex at Ghaziabad having the best of infrastructure with the courses namely Fashion Designing and Garments Technology, Modern Office Management and Secretarial Practices etc.

## Seth Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Damla – 1989



In the mid 1980s with Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar having already acquired the position of a pioneer Institution of Higher Education of the state of Haryana, the need for technical courses was being felt. Using the rich resources of the model open shelf library and the very active radio and electronic club of the college in the department of Physics, two one year certificate courses in Library Science and Radio Technology were introduced in the year 1982-83 under Jai Parkash Society at the campus of Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar.

Mohd. Mobin Jairajpuri – Librarian and Prof. O.P. Malhotra ran these courses as Incharges.

With the suggestion of Sh. Madan Raajgarhia, the son-in-law of Sh. Ashok Kumar who was running the Vinod Paper Mills at Malerkotla (Punjab) those days, a diploma course in Paper and Pulp Technology was added as the third course with the help of Star Paper Mill, Saharanpur. The course of paper & pulp technology was the first in the state of Haryana and it became the basis of the establishment of Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Damla which was initially run from the campus of Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar upto the year 1988-89.



## Seth Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Institute of Engineering and Technology (JMIT), Radaur - 1995



Desire of the sons of Jai Parkash continued to be strong to establish medical institution to fulfill the dream of their father. They made best of efforts under the guidance of Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha and tried to establish an Ayurvedic or a Homeopathic College at Radaur also besides a medical college and started construction for the same.







## Mukand Lal Public School, Yamuna Nagar - 1998



After the construction of the Girls Hostel in 1995, Mukand Lal Public School was established on the remaining part of the land. It was inaugurated on 5th January 1998 with 83 students. Now the school is affiliated to CBSE and is thriving under the astute leadership of Mrs. Shashi Bathla as one of the best Senior Secondary schools in the city with a strength of about 2700 students.

The school is known for innovative and creative activities, excellent academics, sports, best of results, outstanding discipline etc. The School has produced – Doctors, Engineers and HCS Officers. It is known for its Hockey & Yoga Nurseries.

Mrs. Shashi Bathla and her team have also helped in the establishment of two more schools i.e. Mukand Public School, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar and Swaraj Public School, Damla. The school is also helping in the academic growth of the other schools at Yamuna Nagar, Radaur & Ghaziabad being run under the banners of Mukand.

To develop human resource and quality teachers, the school is doing an yeoman service by regularly organizing Faculty Development Programmes for the teachers of various schools of the area.

**Tilak Raj Chadha Institute of Management and Technology  
(TIMT), Yamuna Nagar – 1999**



MBA course was approved by the Govt. of Haryana and All India Council for Technical Education for M.L.N. College, Yamuna Nagar in the year 1998. The process of affiliation to Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra was in progress when Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha expired on 12.12.1998. It was at his Shok Sabha at Delhi that Sh. Ashok Kumar impromptu came up with the idea of setting up of an MBA Institute in the name of Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha at Yamuna Nagar and it was announced there and then. Thus an MBA Institute was established in his name as a tribute to a great freedom fighter, an able administrator, an avid educationist and a humble Mukandian by transferring the MBA course from Mukand Lal National College to the newly established TIMT.

Later on other courses like MCA, BCA, BBA were also added. TIMT has prospered into a leading Business School of the region. The establishment of an institute in the name of a teacher is a living tribute by the Mukand Parivar to the teaching community of the area as a whole.

TIMT is known for its professional excellence, the best of infrastructure, admissions and quality placements. The TIMT aluminiess are placed at very high positions in a large spectrum of top companies and the leading banks of the country.

Mukand Public School, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar (2012)

To meet the growing requirement of CBSE pattern of education in the society, Vidyavati Muknad Lal Bal Niketan established in the year 1964 was converted into an English Medium School, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar. The school was established in the year 2012 and subsequently was duly approved by the government of Haryana.

## Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Innovative Engineering and Technology Institute(JMIETI), Radaur - 2012



Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Innovative Engineering and Technology Institute, Radaur was established in the year 2012 with the ultra modern infrastructure and gadgets, Labs, Library, Seminar Halls, building with beautiful plantation and elevations, hostels, Gyms, huge stadium, open air-theater, underground parking and a spacious, splendid cafeteria.

JMIETI will have the capacity to cater to about 2000 students in the coming years. An ultra modern Administrative Block and a beautiful Plaza adds to the grandeur of the institute.



## Swaraj Public School, Damla - 2018



Sh. Ashok Kumar emphasized the importance of strengthening of School Education specially in the rural sector. Thus came the idea of setting up of a Public School at Village Damla which is surrounded by about 50 Villages.

Swaraj Public School, Damla was established on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 with 157 students at Swatantar Vihar that is the residential/hostel complex situated at the back of Seth Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Damla.

The School is a dream project with the state of the art infrastructure, smart class rooms and other facilities. The School has caught the imagination of surrounding villages. The strength has already risen to 450 students. The School is affiliated with CBSE and will have the capacity of taking 1200 students when it reaches the level of class XII<sup>th</sup>. A team of talented teachers led by the Headmistress Mrs. Jyoti Nagpal, is working very diligently to take the school to greater heights and to make it as the best School of the area.

The lush green lawns, the beautiful landscaping, planned plantation and the buds & blossoms make it a rendezvous resort school.

## Swaraj Archives

Shri Vijay Kumar has established the Swaraj Archives at Noida U.P. It's a beautiful Art Gallery aesthetically maintained and well kept with a huge collection of paintings of the renowned painters of different countries of the world.





She has established LEAP Skill Academy and is involved in training and upgrading thousands of students of the leading educational institutions. She has tie-ups and MOUs with prestigious industrial units and government organizations where her team trains the workers to enhance their efficiency and to improve their overall personality to give their best to the industry where they are employed and also to enhance their own employability levels.

## First to Establish

The Mukand Parivar wedded to the idea of providing education and healthcare to their ancestral region i.e. Radaur, Abdullapur (Yamuna Nagar) & Ghaziabad became the first to establish the following institutions of the area at various levels:

1.	First School - Yamuna Nagar	1945
2.	First Hospital - Ghaziabad	1954
3.	First College - Yamuna Nagar	1955
4.	First Polytechnic - Ghaziabad	1974
5.	First Engineering College - Radaur	1995
6.	First Management Institute -Yamuna Nagar	1999

## Future Expansion - the Land Bank

Sh. Ashok Kumar often says that his ancestors had the quest of purchasing lands for the institutions and had left a lot for the future generations to establish more and more institutions as per the requirement of the society.

In the last two decades or so the institutions have invested the surplus funds in purchasing lands continuing the endeavour to invest in the future projects for the welfare of the society. The lands have been purchased at Yamuna Nagar, Radaur in Haryana and Agra & Ghaziabad in U.P.

## Our Commitments

पर हित सरिस धर्म नहिं भाई।  
पर पीड़ा सम नहिं अधमाई॥

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## Mukand Hockey Nursery



With the construction of a huge stadium, a big gymnasium hall, excellent facility for indoor games and lush green well nurtured play grounds, Mukand Lal National College has the splendid sports culture from the very beginning.

The allotment of a Hockey Centre to the college in 1994 by the Sports Department, Government of Haryana laid the foundation for developing the Mukand Hockey Nursery. To catch the young talent, girls from the deprived sections of society, from Seth Jai Parkash School, S.D. School, Labour School of Paper Mill and other neighbouring institutions were enrolled here. They were provided the hockey kits, sports dresses and refreshment etc. free of cost. The girls were intensively and rigorously trained by a dedicated coach Sh. Davinder Sahni. Some of the girls competed and played at the State, National and even at the International level. They brought laurels to the town Yamuna Nagar. Deepika Thakur rose to the position of Vice-Captain of Indian Hockey Team from this Hockey Nursery. Deepika has also been nominated for the coveted Arjuna Award 2020 of the Govt. of India.

Mukand Lal Public School Yamuna Nagar has very systematically collaborated with the Nursery. Today Mukand Hockey Nursery has become a centre of attraction for the young players of different schools of the area.

## Mukand Health Care

Swaraj Devi Jai Parkash Hospital Radaur in collaboration with JMIT has adopted four villages i.e. Radauri, Chhotabans, Rattangarh and Damla for 'Mukand Health Care' Programmes. The following health care programmes are being run under the scheme:

- (i) Medical check up of the students of Govt. Schools/Aanganwari(s) and the Children of brick kiln colonies
- (ii) Distribution of bananas and medicines as per a fixed weekly calendar
- (iii) Distribution of woolens to the needy kids
- (iv) Mother-Child care by arranging free medicines and milk powder and other nutrients necessary for the health of the mother and the new born babies.



Medical Camp for the kids at a Village Anganwadi.

Medical Camp for needy women at Village Radaur.



# The Blood Donation - A Novel Tribute

5<sup>th</sup> September 1972, the first birthday of Seth Jai Parkash after his demise was very innovatively celebrated as a noble tribute by dedicating the day as '**Blood Donation Day**' under the able leadership of Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha at Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar.

The Blood Donation Mela became the beginning of a sacred movement of Mukand Lal Institutions of blood donation to save thousands and thousands of lives since then.

His birthday is now celebrated as a three days Mela i.e. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September by organizing Blood Donation at Seth Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Damla, Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar, Mukand Lal Public School, Yamuna Nagar and Mukand Lal National College, Radaur. In these three days & Four Blood Donation Melas about 1500 Units of Blood are donated to the teams of doctors from AIMS New Delhi, PGI Chandigarh and District Red Cross Society, Yamuna Nagar.

This pious movement started with 50 units in 1972 has become a mass movement by now with about 125 Institutions/Organizations of the district Yamuna Nagar organizing blood donation every year. Mukand Institutions organize Blood Donation Melas throughout the year on 13 occasions as per a fixed calendar.

The Muknad Blood Donation Movement has produced star donors and motivators who have donated blood more than 100times and have been honoured at the state level. Some of the Mukandians now have three generations of blood donors donating in continuity.

Our blood donors always rise to the occasion to meet the emergencies and during the national calamities and exigencies.

Inspired by the students and the teachers donating blood the Mukand family initiated blood donation in their hotels at Jaipur, Agra and Ajmer.

Many old students and star donors have formed their own donor's clubs to meet the emergencies in their respective areas and organizations they work in.



## Our Blood Donation Calendar

S.No.	Date	Name of the Institute
1.	5th Jan.	VMLG College, Ghaziabad
2.	3rd Feb.	Mukand Lal National Sr. Sec. School, Yamuna Nagar
3.	24th Feb.	JMIETI, Radaur
4.	31st March	TIMT, Yamuna Nagar
5.	21st May	Hotel Mansingh, Jaipur
6.	14th June	M.L.N. College/TIMT, Yamuna Nagar
7.	15th Aug.	Hotel Mansingh Palace, Agra
8.	4th Sept.	Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Damla
9.	5th Sept.	M.L.N. College, Yamuna Nagar
10.	6th Sept.	M.L.N. College, Radaur
11.	6th Sept.	Mukand Lal Public School, Yamuna Nagar
12.	2nd October	Hotel Mansingh Palace, Ajmer
13.	19th Nov.	JMIT, Radaur

**A Mukandian's, sacred pledge,  
"Nobody would be allowed to die for want of blood in the region".**

## YOGA FOR ALL



Mukand Lal National College has been propagating and promoting 'Yoga for All' for the last about 50 years. Our commitment is that all students in Mukand Institutions should participate in Yoga and other games in large numbers. 'Yoga for All' is our mission and Yoga instructors in all our institutions have been provided. To improve the health of students in the tender age, regular free medical check-ups and distribution of banana, milk/ lassi to the students upto class -III is ensured.

## BEYOND THE BOOK



To impart value added skill based hands on learning, opening vistas of knowledge putting students on the path of pilgrimage of scholarship, encompassing values of life beyond the class rooms, by adopting surrounding villages and slum areas for welfare activities.

### Moral and ethical values







Special Sessions are conducted by renowned resource persons to impart moral, ethical values and to inculcate sagacious sensibility and sound 'Sanskaras' of 'Satya', 'Prem' and 'Karuna' (truth, love and compassion) to evolve good human beings.

## Honing the Skills

To match the evolving needs of pedagogy, up-gradation of teaching methodology is a perennial process. Personality development, laboratories with latest modules and software with smart classrooms, Language Labs are being provided.



## THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Texas Instruments Innovation Lab	
Industrial Instrumentation & Automation Lab	
Daikin Centre for Air Conditioning	
Robotics Lab	
Solar Energy Lab	
Information & Communication Technology Lab	

To expose the students to the latest technologies, the Centres of Excellence have been created in the emerging technologies in different departments in collaboration with the respective corporate houses to provide hands on training and to encourage the students to take up 'live' projects with the help of the technocrats and other experts of the corporate world.

With help of these Centres of Excellence, we are already providing summer training to the students of Mukand Lal institutions as well as students from the other institutions.

The addition of latest technologies and equipments to these centres will be a continuous endeavour of these institutions.

## ONE ANNA SCHEME

The mission of Mukand to provide education to the poorest of the poor got magnificently manifested in the 'Interest Free Study Loan Scheme' of Mukand Lal Institutions initiated in the year 1966.

Since there were not many institutions for Technical and Medical Education, in Northern India the meritorious students of the region had to go to Karnatka, Maharashtra and other Southern states for a long time which the majority of students could not afford. Prof. Tilak Raj Chanda, the then Principal of Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar intended to help one such bright student who had got admission on merit in Bangalore. Not being able to cope with the hefty fee structure, Prof. Chadha convened a general assembly of the students and narrated the whole story & requested for one Anna each contribution from the students with their fees. The students readily agreed and the student selected for engineering was sponsored by the College for his engineering degree.

The one Anna scheme of Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar not only helped hundreds of needy young students to become Doctors, Engineers but also has become a distinctive feature of all the Mukand Lal Institutions over the years. That one Anna scheme has developed into a very useful corpus. The students pay back their interest free study loans in easy installments after they settle down in their careers and the corpus continues helping the generations of needy students year after year.

The full sets of books of Engineering, Medical and other disciplines are also provided free of cost to such students which they return to the libraries of their respective institutions after their course is completed.

Now the Mukand Lal Institutions have set a target for themselves to provide free education to at least 1000 students per year by adopting the needy students and providing interest free study loans/scholarships and to get them placed for job in companies in the corporate sector.

## THE ADOPTION SCHEME

Abdullapur (Now Yamuna Nagar) being a very backward area was mostly inhabited by the labour class working in the big industries like Paper Mill, Sugar Mill, Haryana Distilleries, a big Railway Workshop and the migrant families after partition. People did not have the means for education. To help the poorest of the poor, adoption scheme was initiated from the very beginning by providing clothes, shoes, woolens from Khadi Bhandar to overcome their difficulties.

Under the scheme the students are adopted by the institution for their fees, books, uniform, excursion fee etc. for the full duration of their courses in the institution.

Subsequently this scheme was implemented in all Mukand Lal Institutions where a student would be adopted at K.G. & Nursery stage and helped to complete their education till the PG in Mukand institutions. Such meritorious students after completing their education in our institutions would also be funded for technical, medical or higher education in various parts of the country and beyond.

Many of the adopted students have touched the glorious heights and are serving the society in their respective fields.

Late Ch. Sher Singh – former Minister, Govt. of Haryana who came from a very small Village Mandebri near Yamuna Nagar would often say from the stage:

“Yamuna Nagar even being an Industrial Town, no big industrialist ever did anything for the welfare of the deprived of the town. If Seth Mukand Lal and Seth Jai Parkash had not taken up the initiative to establish the institutions, thousands from the poor families like me would not have dreamt of standing on their feet & succeeding in life”.

Girl students passing out under the scheme are affectionately called “Daughters of the College”.

## THE WARM TOUCH

In the year 1955, Sh. Amar Nath Saras, the Principal of Seth Mukand Lal Inter College, Ghaziabad approached Seth Jai Parkash and requested that he needed three blankets for the families of three teachers of his college. Seth Jai Parkash refused and questioned the justification of providing blankets to the teachers since such articles are usually donated for the poor workers, labourers or the class-IV employees.

Sh. Saras persisted with his request saying, “ Sir, I am asking only for three blankets but if you send somebody to see the plight of their families, you would certainly donate more.”

During that chilling night, Seth Jai Parkash sent one of his confidante to physically verify the same. He was informed that the families of those teachers were actually in pathetic condition and did not have adequate blankets/quilts. Seth Jai Parkash was moved and provided the needed articles immediately and thanked the Principal for his noble suggestion.

Then onwards, Seth Jai Parkash made it a point that blankets are distributed to the needy employees/labourers and others around him every year. The tradition of distributing the blankets to such needy persons and also the inhabitants of Kusht Ashram every winter continues in all our institutions.

Further Sweaters/Jackets/Jarseys are also provided to the Guards, Safai Karamcharies, Malis, Attendants and labourers engaged in the Mukand Lal Institutions.



All Mukand Lal Institutions are having water harvesting wells in all of their lawns and playgrounds. 40 Water Harvesting Wells have been already installed with the mission:

## STP Plants

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## Clean Energy

A green campus can not be evolved without clean energy. We intend to convert all Mukand institutions into green campuses one day. With this mission Solar Power Plants on the roof tops of all the institutions have been installed. Solar lamps to light the streets of the institutions have been provided. Solar Power Plants of a total capacity of about 700 KWp have already been installed and further expansion is being undertaken.

**REFUSE** 

**REUSE** 

**REDUCE** 

**RECYCLE** 



**No plastic :**

To teach students to say no to use of plastic and encourage them to use biodegradable materials only, a campaign has been launched through NSS Units of the institutions and specially procured carry bags made of biodegradable material are distributed in the villages and other localities.





ना  
काटना है,  
ना  
जलाना है,  
पेड़ तो  
सिर्फ लगाना है



Gas Crematorium Saves Trees

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एक ओंकार

सतिनाम करता पुरख

निरभउ निरवैर अकाल मूरति

अजुनी सैभं गुरु प्रसादि ॥

॥ जपु ॥

आदि सचु जुगादि सचु ॥

है भी सचु नानक होसी भी सचु ॥



Ashwani Kumar, Bani, Bharti and thousand of citizens  
pay their homage to Seth Jai Parkash

## Resurgam

'Resurgam' — I will rise again written on the tomb of Helen, a selfless person who died peacefully to meet Almighty in Charlotte Bronte's novel 'Jane Eyre' is a befitting tribute to this sagacious person who lived and died for the cause of humanity.

Seth Jai Parkash left for his heavenly abode on May 21st 1971. He was hardly 59 when death lay its icy hands on him. Whereas the other members of his family were plunged into an unfathomable grief, the selfless soul carried a broad beaming smile on his calm face and recited thrice the name of Lord Rama before he breathed last.

People from all walks of life - businessmen, teachers, students, doctors and shopkeepers thronged in large number to pay their tribute to the noble soul. Many people from far-off places, carried their beddings and stayed in the town in order to be part of the funeral procession. Never before such a multitude of people was seen in Ghaziabad on such an occasion. A large no of condolence messages were received from the dignitaries from different walks of life.

Prof. Suraj Bhan the then Vice Chancellor, Punjab University, Chandigarh wrote a condolence message as a tribute to him which sums up the feelings of all :-

“Men like Jai Parkash are the salt of this earth. He was, indeed, a true hero, for he strove so hard to better the lot of people around him by his love, sympathy and philanthropy”.

By his humility and spirit of service, he had endeared himself to all those who came in his contact. His death was mourned not only by personal friends but also by all those who had been benefited by his immense contribution in the field of education, health care, social service and industry.

'Farewell My Friends' by Rabindranath Tagore sums up the journey of life of the reverent .

Farewell, Farewell  
My friends,  
I smile and  
Bid you goodbye  
No, Shed no tears  
for I need them not  
All I need is your smile.



## A wide-angle photograph of a school sports day event. In the foreground, the backs of many students in blue school uniforms are visible as they watch the performance. On a grassy field, a group of students in vibrant yellow and pink costumes are performing a dance. A large crowd of spectators, including parents and other students, is gathered around the field. In the background, there are trees and a banner that reads "30th Sports Day". A blue flag is visible on the left side of the field.





A Family Photograph of the Mukand Parivar (2019)



**Ansh, Saira, Viaan, Ruhaan, Samar**

The 6th Generation of Mukand

हम लाए हैं तूफान से कश्ती निकाल के  
इस देश को रखना मेरे बच्चों सम्भाल के



## **A Homage to Humility**

No words are enough to pay homage to Seth Jai Parkash's multi-dimensional persona. He was a shining star of the benign brilliance in the filament of educational realms and the fragrance of his noble deeds continue to enrich and enlighten the coming generations. His selfless spirit is evident from the fact that of the ten institutions of knowledge and service founded by him not even one is associated with his own name.

Another facet of his benevolent personality is that he purchased large tracts of land with a definite objective in his mind, he invested all his earnings in land and shared most of which, in turn, he left in the name of various charitable Societies and Trusts. An amazing but heartening fact is that the present generation of 'Mukand Parivar' has been establishing institutions since 1971, out of the funds and sale of land and assets earmarked for charity by Seth Jai Parkash. All this prosperity came to Seth Jai Parkash because of his deep desire to serve the society.

According to Sh. Ashok Kumar, Seth Jai Parkash had left so much wealth and money behind him that huge funds are still available despite major expenses incurred during the period of about half a century, since his demise.

He further says that so blessed are our institutions that the Trusts and Societies established by him have more than sufficient funds, not only for future expansions of the existing institutions, but for also setting up new institutions as well in the times to come.

Despite working on a vast spectrum of social reconstruction, deep inside he always was a family man and would love to be with his sons and daughters. He would inspire them to recite devotional hymns and scriptures, weaved a sacred thread of soulful bonding in the members of the family.

Family ethos were very valuable to him. These values became a legacy of the family and the younger generations of the family also developed a deep sense of perseverance and passion for working tirelessly for the cause of humanity with a profound sense of honesty & humanity.

**'Live in such a manner that when your children think of passion and compassion, nobility and integrity, humanity and humility they think of you and you alone'**

## The Mukand

The word 'Mukand' has become a brand today, an emblem of institutions which stand for excellence and efficiency, zest and zeal, transparency and triumph, novelty and nobility, philanthropy and piety, working ceaselessly for social cause with sagacious serenity, walking an extra mile to impart the youngsters and innocent minds with physical, social, psychological, emotional, intellectual, vocational, technical and spiritual education, embarking them on the pilgrimage of creative scholarship of self-knowledge and self-realization, inspiring students to excel in the journey of life.

The students in such environment become ambassadors of 'Mukand Ethos' which encompasses basic values of life going beyond class room teachings. From carefree and casual, hesitant and tentative youngsters they become responsible ones, mentally strong, intellectually vibrant, exposed to basic values of life, 'Mukand' brand gives them 'reverberant wings of flame' to reach the horizon. They are filled with a sense of gratitude for their inspirational icon 'Mukand'. They uphold this insignia of 'Mukand' with pride and passion and spread its flame wherever they go - 'Long live this Mukandian Magnamity'.

**'Once a Mukandian- Always a Mukandian'**

## HARYANA


INSTITUTIONS	29
LAND IN ACRES	200+
COURSES	76
HUMAN RESOURCE (Female)	694
HUMAN RESOURCE (Male)	732
GIRL STUDENTS	11,635
BOY STUDENTS	10,841
TOTAL STUDENTS	22,476
HOSTELS' CAPACITY (Girls)	759
HOSTELS' CAPACITY (Boys)	1,214
FACULTY FLATS	69
STAFF QUARTERS	24
PLACEMENTS	13,400+
UNITS OF BLOOD DONATED	52,356+

## UTTAR PRADESH




## 09<sup>th</sup> Decades of an Inspirational & Eventful Odyssey

- Jamna Ashram, Radaur (1932)
- Kasturba Ashram, Radaur (1937)
- Swaraj Devi Jai Parkash Hospital, Radaur (1945)
- Mukand Lal National Senior Secondary School, Yamuna Nagar (1946)
- Sushila Model School, Ghaziabad (1948)
- Mukand Lal National Senior Secondary School, Radaur (1952)



**Seth Mukand Lal Ji**  
(1885-1952)

- Vidyavati Mukand Lal P.G. College for Girls, Ghaziabad (1961)
- Mahila shilp Niketan, Ghaziabad (1965)
- Mukand Lal Civil Hospital, Yamuna Nagar (1966)
- Sushila Model School, Mukand Nagar, Ghaziabad (1970)
- Mukand Lal National College, Radaur (1971)



**Seth Jai Parkash Ji**  
(1912-1971)

- Seth Jai Parkash Polytechnic for Women, Ghaziabad (1975)
- Seth Jai Parkash Polytechnic, Damla, Yamuna Nagar (1989)
- Seth Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Institute of Engineering & Tech. (JMIT), Radaur (1995)
- Mukand Lal Public School, Sarojini Colony, Yamuna Nagar (1998)
- Tilak Raj Chadha Institute of Management & Technology, Yamuna Nagar (1999)
- Swaraj Public School, Radaur (2009)
- Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Innovative Engineering & Tech. Institute (JMIEI), Radaur (2012)
- Mukand Public School, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar (2012)
- Leap Skills Academy, New Delhi (2013)
- Swaraj Public School, Damla (2018)

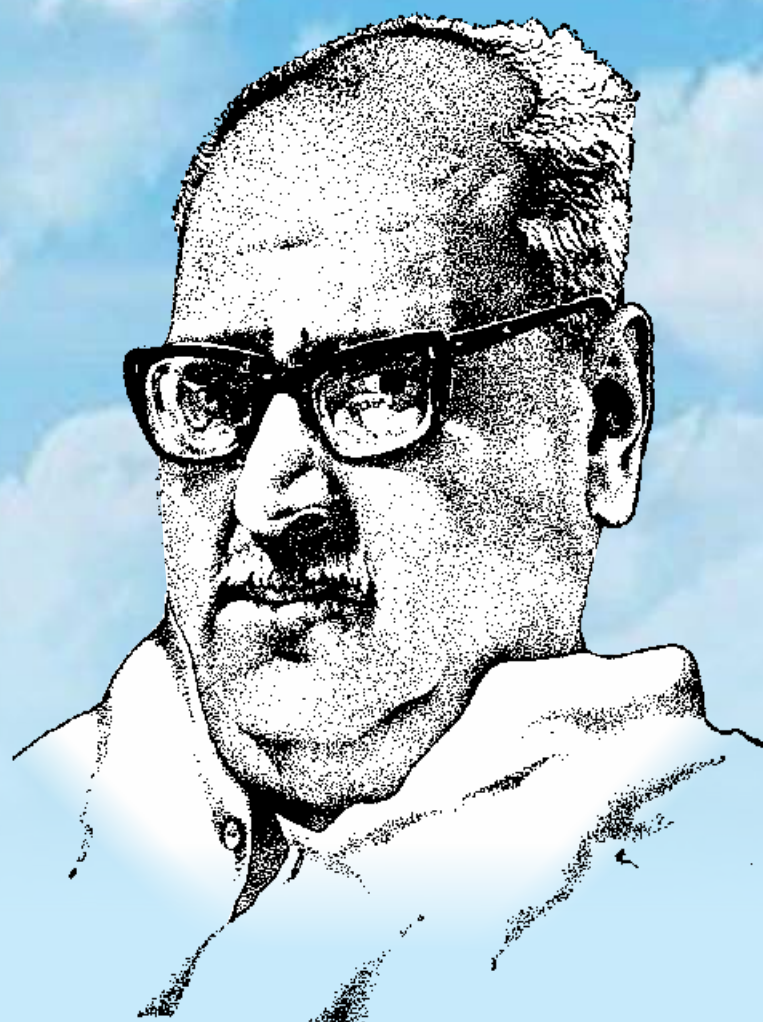
- Mukand Municipal Hospital, Ghaziabad (1954)
- Seth Mukand Lal Inter College, Ghaziabad (1954)
- Mukand Madhav Mandir, Ghaziabad (1955)
- Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar (1955)
- Kusum Lata T.B Hospital, Ghaziabad (1957)
- Sushila Inter College for Girls, Ghaziabad (1958)
- Vidyavati Mukand Lal Bal Niketan, Yamuna Nagar (1936)

- Seth Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Sr. Secondary Model School for Girls (now Mukand Public School), Yamuna Nagar (1972)
- Swaraj Shishu Niketan, Radaur (1974)

“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the minds to think.”

- Albert Einstein





**SETH JAI PARKASH**

1912-1971