

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Canada) donates ventilators for Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital in India

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Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Canada) donates 3 ventilators costing INR 52 lakh (CAD\$ 105,000) to Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital at Dharampur, in South Gujarat, India. The ventilators are installed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for treating critically ill infants.

Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital is a charitable, multi-specialty operation serving the rural population in one of the poorest regions in South Gujarat in India. Annually, over 700 infants are treated in its NICU; almost 30% of infants treated face risk of not surviving. Many are given care in the NICU for over a month. Those in need of early intervention therapies and procedures are also treated by the hospital. Newborns weighing as low as 700 grams have been nursed successfully to health. The ventilators donated by Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Canada) will play a significant role in providing quality treatment to such infants.

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur carries on activities under the inspiration and guidance of Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshbhai, leading to the spiritual upliftment of seekers in keeping with the teachings propounded by Shrimad Rajchandraji and Bhagwan Mahavira. The Canadian chapter offers regular group meetings catering to different ages, collective viewing of discourses, meditation retreats, speaker series, spiritual education programs for children, as well as charitable and humanitarian activities that benefit the local community.

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission (Canada) undertakes various initiatives to offer service and bring joy to the underserved sections of the society.

To honor the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandraji- the spiritual guide of Mahatma Gandhi and a great Indian philosopher, saint and poet, in 2017, Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur produced 'Yugpurosh- Mahatma's Mahatma' - a play showcasing the relationship between Shrimad Rajchandraji and Mahatma Gandhi, which helped raise funds for the hospital. Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Canada) also donated \$23,000 to the SickKids Foundation in December 2018, out of the funds raised from the play.

Pradip Shanghavi, President of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Canada), reinforced the Canadian chapter's commitment to the Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital and to the SickKids Foundation's initiatives. We are blessed with world-class medical facilities in Canada and aspire to make the same available to those in need.