

The adjoining medical college serves as a sterling example to the rest of the country, and produces medical professionals who, through the Mandal, dedicatedly serve India's rural poor.

HM's birth anniversary this year, on August 27<sup>th</sup>, marks the onset of centenary celebrations in honour of the memory of this remarkable person, a day on which Charutar Arogya Mandal will dedicate its modern Radiation Therapy Unit to all the citizens of Charotar.

This Radiation Therapy Unit represents an important milestone in the history of the Mandal; its integrated Cancer Project is the first of its kind, combining preventive as well as promotive aspects of cancer treatment in over 600 villages in Gujarat's Anand and Kheda districts, with treatment facilities in the hospital.

But cancer treatment is expensive. And many who are in need of it are unable to pay.

Yet 'Solace for the Suffering' entails never

turning away a patient for just want of money. And therefore, an Endowment Fund is being built, whose income will meet the cost of treatment of indigent patients.

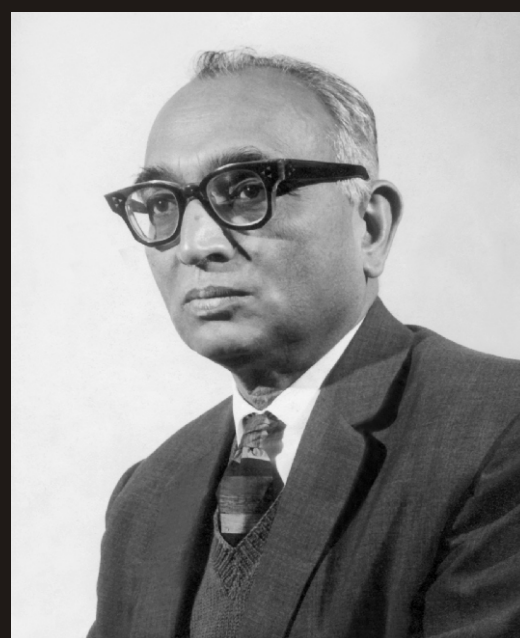
On the occasion of HM's birth centenary, the Mandal intends to announce the setting up of the Endowment Fund with an initial amount of Rs.100 lakhs... Rs.1 lakh for each of the remarkable years since his birth.

No one who has lived in Charotar or who belongs to it, who has had contact with HM, however briefly, can have failed to be infected by his passion and commitment. As someone whose life he touched, we are confident that you will feel strongly enough about his dream and the need to keep it alive to now contribute generously. Share his dream and help us realise his vision through the Endowment Fund. You can help us provide solace

to the suffering. Please contribute generously.

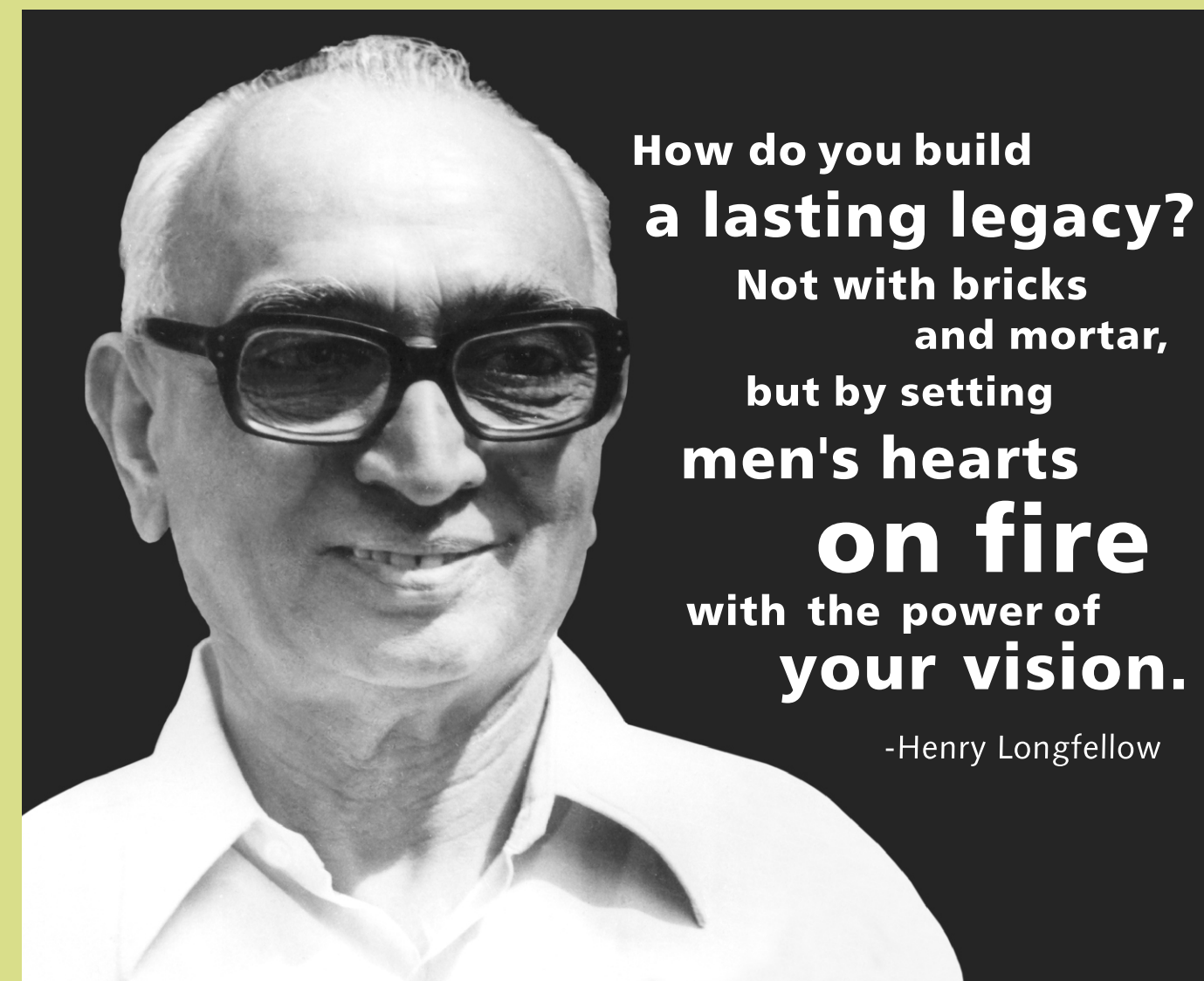
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Please direct contributions to : Charutar Arogya Mandal, Gokal Nagar, Karamsad 388 325, Gujarat, India.  
All contributions to Charutar Arogya Mandal are subject to exemption under Section 80G of the Indian Income Tax Act.



**How do you build a lasting legacy?  
Not with bricks and mortar,  
but by setting men's hearts on fire  
with the power of your vision.**

-Henry Longfellow

**That a man in his 70's, an age when most men retire to a quiet, easy life, can dream of setting up a medical institution is remarkable.**

**That a man can actually achieve such a dream, brick by brick and against all odds, is even more remarkable.**

**But then Dr. H.M. Patel, or HM as he was affectionately known, was no ordinary person.**

One of the first Indians to be appointed an ICS officer, HM donned many roles in the course of his lifetime; administrator, politician, educationist, economist, defence analyst, social reformer. He set up the Life Insurance Corporation of India, launched the National Cadet Corps and left an indelible imprint on the nation's history. And to all that he did, he brought his trademark

clear-sightedness and passion for excellence.

When HM built the medical institution of his dreams in the twilight of his life, he imbued it with a vision so powerful and lucid, it continues to be as relevant today as it was a quarter of a century ago. Solace for the Suffering. The highest standards of healthcare and succor not merely for the rich in India's cities, but particularly for the poor and underprivileged in her villages.

Charutar Arogya Mandal has today become the leading health care facility for the community in Anand and Kheda districts. It has grown from its humble beginnings of a 130-odd bed hospital offering the minimum of services, to one of the largest and best-equipped facilities in the region.