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Charitable Trust operates the Programme in India.



It all started in the year 1975, when a plump young lad of 14 decided to ward off the evil and sinister designs of his dorm-mates, and make some space for himself in the world of peers and tough boarding school kids!

Sandeep Dutt alias Fatty, enrolled for the Bronze Award, and what seemed the biggest stumbling block was the Physical Fitness test, then a part of the Programme. Trekking was really the next tough call and all this made him a subject of jeers from schoolmates and often ended up as the food for laughing stock. With grit, commitment and the urge to prove himself he survived the treks, almost drowned in the swimming pool and put in all the emotional strength to work with leprosy patients at Raphael. All helped Fatty to build self-esteem and create a space for himself in the little world of peers and the school community.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Gold Award gained in **1979**. Represented India in the International Gold Event at Australia in **1979**. Helped set-up the Program in India; constituted North zone. Member of the National Award Authority, Head of the National Training Team for four years and conducted workshops for Teachers and Awardees in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malaysia & Australia. One of the distinguished Trainers in India ever since, and must have trained more the **1000** Award Volunteers in the country over the years. Volunteer for over thirty years for the Award Programme.

Alumnus The Doon School and The Indian Institute of Management (Ahmadabad). A qualified mountaineer, with Advanced Course certification from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarakhand, India. Awarded the Keep Himalayas Glean Prize at NIM. Done over 30 treks and scaled many heights in the Garhwal Himalayas. Volunteer **Welham Girls School, Dehra Dun**, for 15 years, helped conduct summer camps and road runs.

Qualified First Aider with St. John's Ambulance Association Medallion Certificate.

" **Bal Sahyog Award** ", for recognition of service to the youth of India.

Member: Doon School Old Boys' Society (DSOBS); The Himalayan Club; Indian National Trust for Art and Culture (INTACH); Federation of Publishers' and Booksellers' Association of India (FPBAI); Dehra Dun Club Limited; Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry; India Habitat Centre, New Delhi; International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Association, UK; Alumnus Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad; India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Author: **Guide to Good Schools of India** and **Guide to Schools of Doon**.

Sandeep's family owns **The English Book Depot (acronym EBD)**, established in 1923 and a landmark in Dehra Dun, **India**. Founder **Book Cafe** chain of small format bookshops in India. Director Quantum Securities Private Limited in India.

Currently working full time as Hon. National Director for IAYP in India, and reports to the Board of Trustees of The Award Programme Foundation.