

BROADWELL



JIWAN JYOTI



KACHHWA



PREM SEWA



Focus on the NORTH CENTRAL REGION

A LONG HISTORY OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

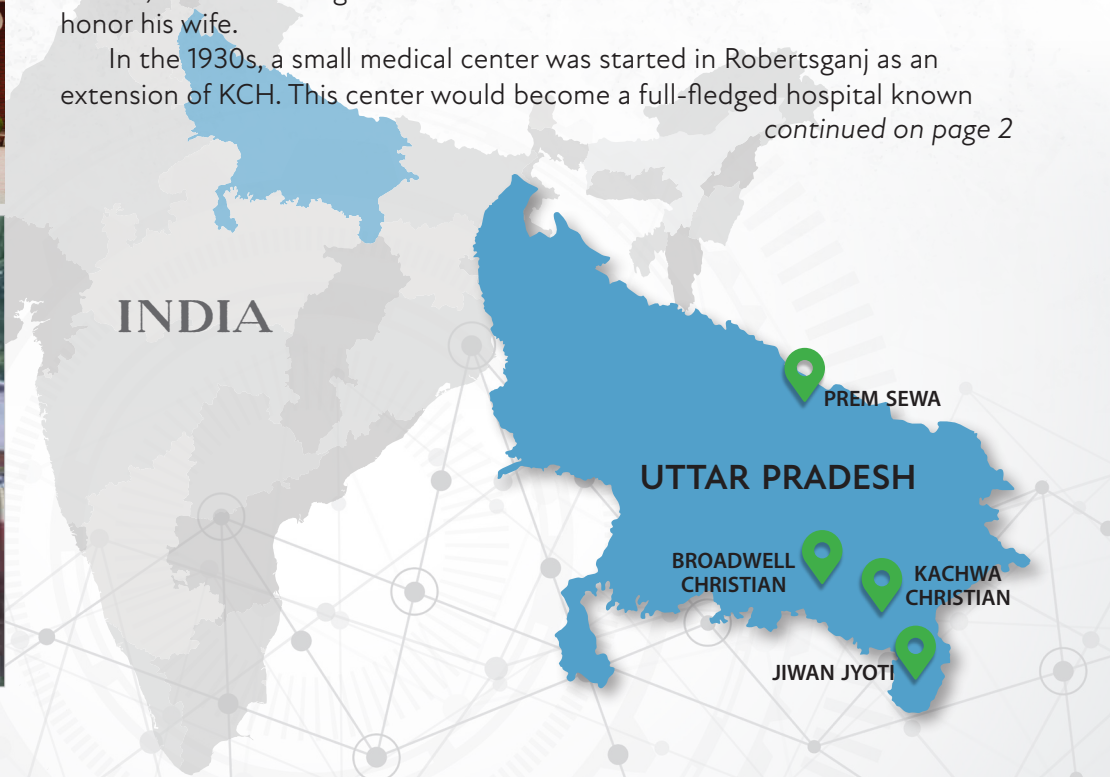
This issue focuses on the four EHA hospitals in the North Central Region of India: **Kachhwa Christian Hospital** (KCH) in Kachhwa, **Broadwell Christian Hospital** (BCH) in Fatehpur, **Prem Sewa Hospital** (PSH) in Utraula, and **Jiwan Jyoti Christian Hospital** (JJCH) in Robertsganj. All are located in the state of Uttar Pradesh and in the heartland of Hinduism, near many holy Hindu sites.

All four hospitals were founded by doctors and nurses from around the world with hearts of compassion. KCH is the oldest EHA hospital and was established in 1897. KCH is known for treating TB patients, offering palliative care, and providing education to children and adolescents. BCH was founded in 1909, thanks to a large donation from a Cincinnati man who wanted to honor his wife.

In the 1930s, a small medical center was started in Robertsganj as an extension of KCH. This center would become a full-fledged hospital known

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SERVING DESPITE OPPOSITION

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as JJCH in 1953. Today, JJCH is known for eye care, palliative care, obstetrics, and the making of artificial limbs. PSH was founded in 1956. Currently there are more Muslim patients than Hindus coming to PSH.

In all four of these locations, EHA's hospital staff and community health teams faithfully serve people in their cities and surrounding areas, providing much-needed medical care and community development and offering a heart of encouragement and compassion. We hope these stories will lift your heart and help you learn more about this part of India.

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THE VALUE of twin girls

Anju and her husband had been trying to have a baby for ten years. They went to Allahabad for treatment, and after spending a significant amount of money, they were blessed with a twin pregnancy.

But three months before her due date, Anju was dismayed to feel her labor pains begin. Since the couple had heard about the excellent care offered at EHA's **Broadwell Christian Hospital**, they chose to have their babies delivered there.

To their dismay, Anju gave birth to twin girls, weighing just three pounds and two and a half pounds. After all their complications and enormous expenses to get pregnant, they were severely disappointed not to gain a son. They refused to give any care to these two babies.

Broadwell's staff immediately began counseling the couple and advising them of the blessing of having two precious daughters. Eventually, the staff convinced Anju and her husband to stay and care for the babies. After 12 more days in the hospital, the twins had gained enough weight and were strong enough to go home with their parents.

EHA is constantly working to counteract and change societal mindsets that don't value female infants, girls, and women. They teach that we all have value, no matter our gender, race, religion, or caste.



BETTER SKILLS

Better health

EHA's community health and development staff make a difference in villagers' lives in myriad ways. While they do hold health camps and care for medical needs in rural areas, they also do everything from helping get roads fixed by the government, to bringing in fresh water sources, improving literacy especially among women, and improving livelihood skills.

Recently, **Jiwan Jyoti Christian Hospital (JJCH)** community staff conducted a number of trainings on organic farming techniques and animal health care. They distributed seeds for vegetables and grains, and they provided materials to make vermicompost pits (composting using worms). The staff focused on teaching 84 farmers better techniques to grow kitchen gardens, which would provide better produce on the table of each family. They also instructed them in improved horticultural skills so that they could get as much food as possible out of their land.

In addition, the JJCH staff held 12 animal health camps in 12 different villages, training 61 farmers directly, who then reached another 212 farmers with the information. A total of 1,105 animals were treated by JJCH staff. By training these farmers in better animal husbandry, the staff have brought them a better future and improved nutrition for their families.

EHA staff are serving the poorest of the poor in these rural areas, 70 percent of whom are unable to meet their basic needs. Much of the land available for them to farm is not arable, causing these families to struggle to have enough to eat. By improving their skills, EHA is bringing better health and a better life to these people.



About 70 percent of the rural poor in this area are unable to meet their basic needs.

A CLOSER LOOK: EHA'S NORTH CENTRAL REGION 2022-23

HOSPITAL	BROADWELL CHRISTIAN	JIWAN JYOTI CHRISTIAN	KACHHWA CHRISTIAN	PREM SEWA HOSPITAL
Year established	1909	1953	1897	1956
Incorporated into EHA	1973	1976	1974	1974
Number of beds	30	75	20	35
Outpatients	22,800	76,600	25,500	51,000
Inpatients	2,000	4,400	3,700	1,500
Babies delivered	1,100	530	25	400
Surgeries	550	2,400	500	1,400
Doctors	8	9	6	7
Nurses	19	56	24	24

This month we are featuring four smaller hospitals. Kachhwa Christian Hospital is the oldest facility in EHA, having been in existence for 127 years!

At each of these hospitals you can see how hard the staff works when you look at the number of patients served per doctor or nurse—imagine treating 76,600 outpatients and 4,400 inpatients in one year with only 9 doctors!



Death brings **NEW HOPE**

Suman was widowed at a young age. Her husband had been addicted to chewing tobacco, and he paid for it with his life. Oral cancer is extremely common in India due to the practice of chewing tobacco and betel nuts—men, women, and children alike—and due to lack of knowledge about cancer.

The **Kachhwa Christian Hospital** palliative care team and the surgeon who cared for Suman's husband also provided encouragement to Suman as she adjusted to life without her husband. She struggled to support herself and her two young children, but when KCH started a tobacco cessation project, she was the first to volunteer. Eventually, she was hired to work at the hospital.

Today, Suman is doing well and is able to provide for her family. She is thankful to everyone at Kachhwa for helping her through her most difficult time and for helping her find ways to meet her family's needs.



RESTORED *and reconciled*

Rahul had traveled many places for cancer treatment and had no more money and no hope. He was referred to **Prem Sewa Hospital** for palliative care, but he and his family did not trust the team. After numerous home visits, the family eventually allowed them to examine Rahul and teach them how to care for him.

After getting to know the family well, the palliative care team also counseled Rahul and his daughter-in-law to heal their broken relationship before he died. They were not speaking to one another, but the team stressed the need for taking care of one's parents. Rahul and his daughter-in-law resolved their differences before he died. The family was thankful for the help of the palliative care team, and they still trust the Prem Sewa staff and feel comfortable going in to the hospital if they have a health concern.



THANK YOU *for your support*

As you've seen in these stories, EHA staff at these four hospitals are touching the lives of many patients in North Central India. They not only provide medical care but look after other aspects of their patients' well-being. We are grateful for the support you provide to make this care possible. Go to <https://ehausa.org/donate/> to support any one of EHA's hospitals and projects.



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