KP SANGHVI

SINCE 1965

PAVAPURI

ANIMAL SANCTUARY



CARE WITHOUT CONDITION

01 OVERVIEW

A responsibility held for three decades

Founded in 1996 and run by KP Sanghvi, Pavapuri is an animal sanctuary in the desert region of Rajasthan, India. It sits in Sirohi district, the ancestral home of the KP Sanghvi family, and was created to give back to the land and community that shaped them. Today it is home to thousands of animals, guided by one founding principle: no animal is ever sold, traded or slaughtered. Every animal that arrives is cared for life.

What began with 100 cows rescued from a slaughterhouse has grown, over 30 years, into a self-sustaining sanctuary. Every animal is cared for around the clock, supported by a veterinary hospital and the sanctuary's farmland provides fresh, nutritious fodder in steady supply through the year.

Beyond the sanctuary, the work reaches the surrounding communities. Pavapuri provides steady jobs and learnings, with a focus on women empowerment in a region where few women hold paid work. KP Sanghvi has also built various schools and colleges nearby and supported local healthcare infrastructure. The aim is for the community to grow alongside the sanctuary.

At KP Sanghvi, responsibility is not an initiative but a way of doing business, built to last for generations. Pavapuri is one of the clearest expressions of that belief.

5,500+	740,000	USD 1.8M
Animals cared for every day	Sq. m of shelter and grounds	Invested in animal welfare annually



AT INCEPTION



TODAY

02 ANIMAL CARE

Care organised around each animal

Animals arrive at Pavapuri from slaughterhouses, road accidents and abandonment, or from owners no longer able to keep them. Most are cattle, many of them aged or injured. Buffaloes, camels, dogs and wildlife in need are cared for alongside them.

Every animal is tagged on arrival, giving it an identity and a record that tracks its health and history for life. The daily diet combines green grass and dry fodder from the sanctuary's own farmland with cattle feed. Mineral supplements such as calcium, phosphorus and magnesium are added for strong bones and immunity. Daliya (a soft porridge of broken wheat) is kept for the sickest animals in isolation along with the other required diet for the recovery. Float-fed troughs keep water within reach at all times. Calves stay with their mothers, and the youngest are fed milk until they are weaned.

THE CARE PATHWAY

01

Tagging

Two tags on arrival, under the government system and Pavapuri’s own

02

Assessment

Every animal is assessed for its health, age and condition

03

Grouping

Calves & sick / aged animals, are housed apart on tailored diets

04

Records

Daily feed & medical treatment are logged for each animal









03 HOUSING

Housing that follows the seasons

In Sirohi, Rajasthan, temperatures can range from around 10°C in winter to over 45°C in summer. Housing at Pavapuri adapts to these seasonal extremes, ensuring the herd stays comfortable throughout the year. Sheds and grounds are cleaned twice a day, and wells refill automatically as the animals drink.

SUMMER
Shelter and shade

The herd lives across covered shelters through the hottest months. Each shed is well ventilated and fitted with fans, with space set aside for feeding and for rest.

AUTUMN & FALL
Shelter and open land

When the heat eases, the herd moves between the sheds and open grassland. More than 250,000 trees across the sanctuary give natural shade and shelter.

WINTER
Open grazing

In the cooler months, the cattle graze the open fields freely, as they would in their natural environment, and settle at ease. Calves and sick animals stay indoors, where the sheds keep them warm.





04 VETERINARY CARE

A hospital and rehabilitation unit

Since 2021, Pavapuri has run its own veterinary hospital, open around the clock. Advanced medical equipment and modern facilities for diagnosis and treatment allow a resident team of veterinarians and trained assistants to handle most cases on campus. Treatment combines modern veterinary medicine with Ayurvedic preparations made on site, and each animal's diet is planned as part of its recovery. As word of its work has spread, people from nearby villages now bring in sick and injured animals for treatment too.









SCOPE OF CARE

Diagnosis & Treatment

Assessment and ongoing care for every animal

Surgery

Carried out on site by the resident team and specialists from outside

Rehabilitation

Hydraulic lifts, prosthetic limbs and support aids

Vaccination

Two drives a year for the full herd, plus special drives as needed

Specialist Consultation

Video access to veterinarians across India

Calf Delivery

Births supervised within the hospital

05 SELF-SUFFICIENCY

A self sustaining sanctury in arid Rajasthan

Set in rural Rajasthan, where access to essential resources can be challenging, Pavapuri has developed systems to meet its needs from within. Water, fodder and power are generated on site, while by-products are returned to the cycle. The result is a self-sustaining ecosystem built to support the sanctuary for years to come.



CHECK DAM

29,844 sq. m

Rain water harvesting for the farmland, the herd and the people

irrigates

water for the sanctuary and its operations

powers the pumps

THE SANCTUARY

The herd and the people

fodder and vegetables

power

manure



SOLAR

425 kW

Powers the sanctuary and its operations



FARMLAND

1,214,000 sq. m

Fodder for the herd, vegetables for the people

CLOSING THE LOOP

Cow dung from the sheds is composted and returned to the farmland as organic manure. Dung cakes insulate the shed roofs and cools the floors.

06 COMMUNITY

Beyond the sanctuary gates

Pavapuri is run day to day by more than 300 people from the surrounding villages, working as cowherds, farm workers, veterinary assistants and support staff. In a region where steady work is hard to find, the sanctuary offers it close to home, and for many families it has become a dependable source of income.

That opportunity matters most for women. Few women in the region hold paid work, yet they make up 40% of the team at Pavapuri. An income of their own brings independence, and shows the girls growing up nearby what is possible.

Education is where the longest-lasting change begins, because it shapes the next generation. KP Sanghvi built two colleges in the area: a law and a degree college. A primary school is already up and running, and a secondary school is under construction. Together, they bring quality and affordable education to rural India.

The same care extends to health. In 1998, KP Sanghvi built an OPD block for the government hospital that serves the region. That support continues today. Medical equipment is regularly donated to local hospitals and clinics, and free health camps are held throughout the year, bringing care to underprivileged families.

KP Sanghvi has always believed that its own growth is tied to wellbeing, not only of its own people but of the wider community around it.





LAW COLLEGE, SIROHI



DEGREE COLLEGE, REODAR



PRIMARY SCHOOL, PAVAPURI



OPD BLOCK, SIROHI



SECONDARY SCHOOL, MALGAON - OPENING 2027

07 MILESTONES

Three decades of Pavapuri

1996	Founded with 100 cows rescued from a slaughterhouse
1998	Phase 1 of shelter inaugurated
2001	Phase 2 of animal shelter for sick and aged completed
2002	Check dam built for rainwater harvesting
2005	Bamba Farm: Dedicated 1,214,000 sq. m of farmland grown to feed the herd and people
2011	Phase 3 of animal shelter for rehabilitation completed
2016	Awarded Best Animal Shelter, by Gopalan Nideshalaya, Rajasthan Government
2020	Solar installation commissioned
2021	Veterinary hospital opens on campus
2021	Awarded Best Animal Shelter, by Gopalan Nideshalaya, Rajasthan Government
2024	Recognised by the Rajasthan Forest Department for wildlife rescue
2025	Phase 4 of animal shelter for open habitat completed
2026	Letter of appreciation from Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, to the KP Sanghvi family for animal welfare initiatives

LOOKING AHEAD

A benchmark for animal welfare

At KP Sanghvi, the same long view that has shaped the business since 1965 shapes Pavapuri. Care is planned for decades, not seasons, and held to a standard that does not bend. Pavapuri also reflects the three commitments behind KP Sanghvi's wider sustainability work. It protects the planet through its land, water and wildlife. It empowers the people and villages around it. And it pioneers practices that let a sanctuary sustain itself. The ambition is for Pavapuri to stand as a global benchmark for self-sustained sanctuaries, and for the welfare they can achieve.

LEARN MORE

Scan to discover the KP Sanghvi Group sustainable practices