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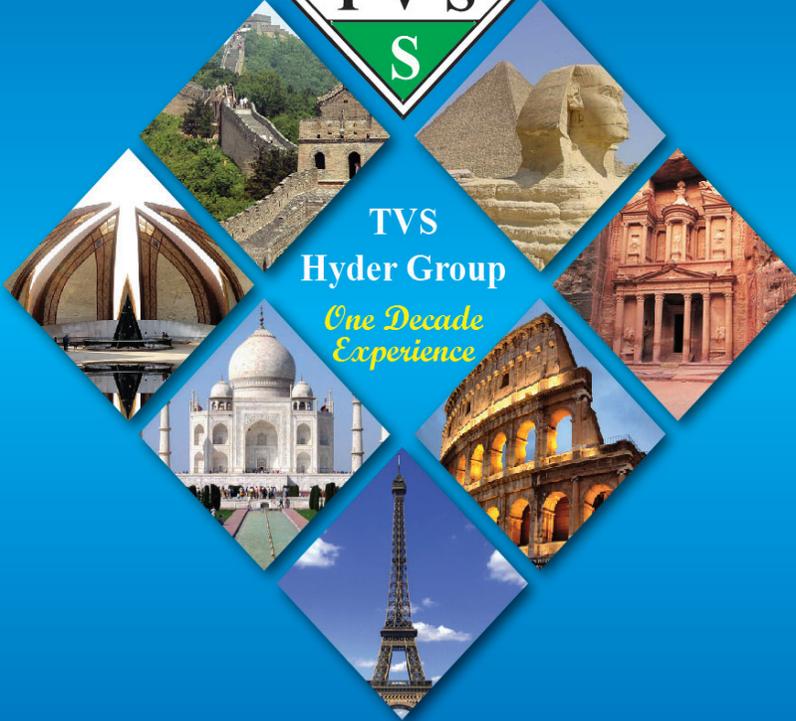
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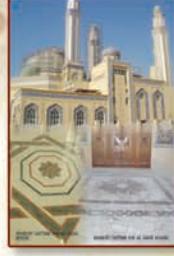
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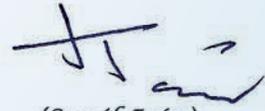
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### M E S S A G E

*It is a matter of great satisfaction that Indian Frontliners, Kuwait is organizing its annual function to release 'Indian Frontliners Part-18 ACHIEVERS book' showcasing the talents and achievements of prominent Indians in Kuwait on Friday, 23rd May 2014.*

*Indian Frontliners, Kuwait has been successfully contributing to various welfare activities while reaching out to a wide spectrum of the society in Kuwait. Indian Frontliners have motivated a large number of persons to actively participate in community service by highlighting the achievements of many prominent Indians who have done commendable work for the Indian community.*

*On this happy occasion, I extend my heartiest warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the Indian Frontliners, Kuwait and wish the publication a great success.*

  
(Sunil Jain)

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I am pleased to learn that Indian Frontliners plans to bring out Frontliners Book Part - 18 on 23rd May, 2014 and further noted that it is actively involving in rendering assistance to the needy people. The Articles about the prominent Indians echoed with their Success mainly due to hard work and devotion to duty, will no doubt motivate fellow Indians to come up in their Life

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# MESSAGE



**DR. R. SEETHARAMAN**  
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I am very pleased to know that IFL is releasing Indian Frontliners Book, Part 18, at their annual function on 23rd May 2014 covering Indian Achievers Worldwide.

Indians have spread across globally on account of their knowledge, skill and commitment. On account of this Indian culture has also transcended borders in the form of dance, literature, food, music, festival or cinema. Indian dance has themes drawn from mythology, legends and classical literature. Indian literature dates its origins to vedas and the great epics of India, which are still an integral part of daily life.

Indians have a diverse selection of cuisine types and is loved by tourists all over the world. Presently Indian cinema has attracted global audiences. Indian festivals are celebrated across the globe by overseas Indians. On the Global front, India is one of the growing economies in recent times and Indians have truly become global citizens. Global Indians have made significant achievements in various fields such as art, music, dance, economics, business, science and technology.

Hard work and cultural sensitivity are the key factors for Indian's success in the Global world. The Global Indians have set new benchmarks through their achievements and will inspire the next generation to achieve great heights.

I appreciate the efforts of IFL and wish them success for their annual function and for future endeavors.

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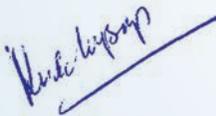
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MESSAGE

I am pleased to note that Indian Frontliners is releasing **Frontliners Book Part-18** featuring articles by prominent personalities at their Annual Function to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.

Indian Frontliners is an active socio-cultural organization doing charitable work by extending a helping hand to those in need both in Kuwait and India. Through its selfless and dedicated service, Indian Frontliners has become an example for the Indian Community. Further, I applaud the initiative taken by you in inviting various dignitaries, and thereby giving an opportunity to Indians in Kuwait to interact with them.

I wish the Indian Frontliners all success for the annual function as well as for their future endeavours.



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***Sirish Ramkumar***  
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The team of Indian Frontliners, have proved how every person, irrespective of his social or financial status, can contribute to the welfare of the society. Ranging from top businessmen, engineers, doctors to workers, the assorted group of people have unified under the banner of FRONTLINERS in an astonishing way for years to contribute money, their time and efforts to bring happiness and cheer to the lives of others.

The fusion and cohesion seen in the Indian Frontliners team in serving the distressed, needy and poor people is remarkable and deserves all appreciation. It is no wonder that this team was felicitated by our beloved ex-president, Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam himself.

Indian Frontliners, founded by Writer N.C.Mohandoss is sure to be an inspiration to the young persons by showing them the joy that comes out of social service activities. My best wishes to each and every member of the FRONTLINERS team!

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# President Message

## *Shantha Maria James*

*President Indian Frontliners (IFL)*



The release of Indian Frontliners Book Series – 18 at the grand gala annual function on 23rd May 2014 represents one more feather in the cap of IFL !! My congratulations to all members of IFL.

The untiring and sustained efforts by IFL over the years is a proof of the deep commitment of the members both to serve the needy section of the society and to work together as a cohesive team. They truly live up to the motto of IFL “United To Serve; United We Serve”.

I wish to record my sincere thanks to all our Patrons, Sponsors and Friends for their well-wishes and support to the activities of IFL.

I hope that they are bestowed with happiness and joy for their kind and generous support to the success and growth of IFL.

I seek the continued support from all to make IFL a vibrant organization of social service.

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# H.E.Sunil Jain

(Indian Ambassador to Kuwait)

**The simplicity, sincerity, humanitarian approach as well as the experience and skill of this top-notch diplomat**

Who can be better qualified to represent India abroad than a person who cherishes the principle 'Ahimsa Paramo Dharmah' (Non-violence is the highest duty) in its widest meaning? H.E. Sunil Jain, Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, is guided in thoughts, speech and belief by his staunch belief of non-violence and kindness to all living beings.



The Indian Ambassador has brought a whiff of fresh fragrance of thoughts and outlook to the functioning of the Embassy of India in Kuwait. The multi-faceted personality of the Ambassador becomes evident with each minute as the discussions progressed.

As far as Kuwait is concerned, the Indian ambassadors consider it as a unique opportunity and compete in providing to the needs of the Indian community in Kuwait. The number of staff in the embassy hasn't changed much from years ago when there were just 3 lakh Indian expats in Kuwait to the current 7.5 lakhs now. The embassy needs to meet up the constant demands and needs of the community in Kuwait and is no simple task. Since December 2013, Shri. Sunil Jain has taken up this complex challenge and to advance further the historically close, warm and friendly ties between India and Kuwait.

Hailing from Rajasthan, H.E.Sunil Jain acquired his B.Tech degree in Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. After a short stint at Larsen & Toubro in India, he followed his heart's dictate and joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1981. He has always been fascinated with the idea of travelling around the world which motivated him to join the IFS.

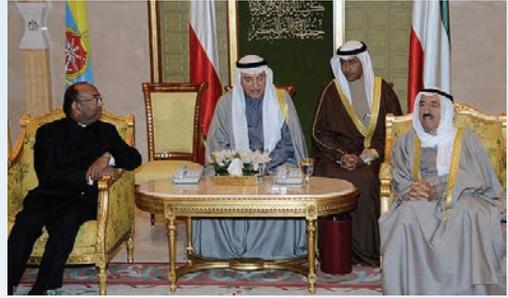
Starting his diplomatic career abroad in Venezuela, H.E.Sunil Jain went on to hold key assignments at Myanmar, Japan, Kazakhstan, USA and Turkmenistan before his current posting to Kuwait as Indian Ambassador.

The Foreign Service Programme for Diplomats at Oxford University covering diplomatic practices, global economics, world politics, international law and interaction with members



of other diplomatic corps gave H.E.Sunil Jain a strong foundation for achieving success in his career. Shri. Sunil Jain also holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International affairs, Princeton University, USA.

'Learning is strength and is a continuous process', highlights the veteran diplomat. "I have learnt from my seniors, from my predecessors and from others; from their achievements; from the way they deal with problems; from their success stories."



H.E.Sunil Jain has always been ready to handle any responsibility. In the true spirit of a career diplomat, he never hesitated to venture into new areas in his career. When invited by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, New Delhi, he readily accepted the posting as the Director General of International Co-operation division and strengthened his knowledge in that field.

He was hand-picked for being posted as the Indian Ambassador to Turkmenistan as a person of high caliber expertise and talent was needed to guide the implementation of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project.

While at Headquarters, he has also served as Director in the Prime Minister's Office; as Director-General of Multilateral Economic Division in the Ministry of External Affairs;

The man who has achieved success in every inch of his career carries no ego and comes through as a simple person keen to help all. H.E. Sunil Jain seems to exude the concept of "Parasparoparaho Jivanam" (All life is bound together by mutual support and interdependence). For him, life is to be viewed as a gift of togetherness, accommodation and assistance in a universe teeming with interdependent people.

H.E. Sunil Jain has a pleasant demeanor and easy way of talking to put anyone at ease. Despite his wide experience and in-depth knowledge on all subjects, he still listens attentively to understand their point of view. Perhaps, that is why he is a successful diplomat!!!

He is keen to know from others the needs and expectations of the Indian Community in Kuwait. He is a skilled administrator and can have actions implemented in a step-by-step approach to achieve the final goal. After taking over as the Indian Ambassador,

he has made the Auditorium at the Indian Embassy available for public functions.



He has made available to the public, the mobile numbers of key Embassy officials, including his own. He has initiated steps to open an office in Abbasiya to provide consular services to

people in that area. All the staff at the Embassy have imbibed his drive and enthusiasm in further improving the services of the Embassy of India .

H.E.Sunil Jain points out that Indians here are well-respected for their knowledge, talent and peace loving nature. However he is distressed that uneducated people in India are still falling prey to agents who promise them foreign jobs etc., Under his directions, the Embassy is



adopting an even more facilitative approach to provide Air-tickets to destitute workers / sick people to return to India or to send the mortal remains of deceased workers etc. Embassy also provides free legal advice to Indian expatriates in need of the same.

The Indian Ambassador wants to enhance the Indo-Kuwait relationship in all aspects. Improving the trade relationship between the two countries is top on his priorities. Providing multiple-entry visas to Kuwaitis to visit India for medical, tourism or business purposes is one aspect that would see lot of improvement shortly. The Indian Ambassador is also focusing on assisting Indian Companies to establish business ventures in Kuwait, either on their own or in collaboration with others.

H.E.Sunil Jain is happily married to Mrs.Gargi Jain, a doctor by profession. Like her husband, she too has deep commitment to be of assistance to others and engages herself in a host of social & community services activity. The couple have a son (Mr.Siddarth, Financial Analyst in New York) and a daughter (Ms.Malavika, graduate student in USA).

The Indian Ambassador can speak Spanish, Russian, French and Japanese languages. When asked about his hobbies, the Indian Ambassador replies with all sincerity "Service, Service". He does really devote all his time to do things that would make life easier and better for others. "We all live life day by day; I pray to God every day before going to sleep – to give me the next day. I have to use the gift to serve others". He likes mountaineering and enjoys the natural sceneries. Incidentally, he has removed the curtains in his office so that he could always look out at the world and never be out of touch with reality.



The simplicity, sincerity, humanitarian approach as well as the experience and skill of this top-notch diplomat are reflected in his every word, action and thought. With such a man as the Indian Ambassador in Kuwait, both India as well Indians here can look forward for a peaceful and prosperous future.



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Very few persons coming from a humble background and a commoner, treading this planet Earth, make a difference in the lives of other humans and uplift them. It is fitting to shower glowing accolades and commendations to Shri. Srinivasan, who is right at the forefront of shaping the lives of the future generations in a non-descript backward area in the State of Tamilnadu in India.



In the present day fast moving topsy-turvy world, where get-rich-quick is more the norm, here is a man, who is full of compassion, love, vision and a lion hearted charity-minded focus to fellow human beings irrespective of caste, creed, religion, gender to enlarge and enrich their lives.

The growth of a town or a place is mainly dependent on the characteristics such as rainfall, minerals, type of soil, water, manpower resources bestowed on &/or attracted by that locality. On top of the above, connectivity by road, rail, sea and air, including expandability and communications network, are paramount. With none of the above, and with just an attribute that it is located off of Chennai – Thiruchi Highway, lies the backward town of Perambalur, a dry and arid town in the State of Tamil Nadu, India.

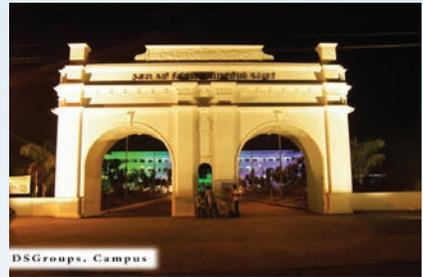
It will be an understatement to record and glorify that Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Group etched the town of Perambalur not only on the map of India, but firmly and permanently on the world map, as well. Shri. A. Srinivasan is a much sought after person to be the Chief Guest for any ceremony, although coming from a very humble background and not even having a formal education, having had to quit mid-way through his primary schooling.

Had Shri. Srinivasan been just after money, he could have started the educational institutions and the businesses at advantageous locations than Perambalur and minted money. But since his noble aims and objectives are service minded and oriented for betterment of society at large, he chose Perambalur and is uplifting the entire surrounding areas through his vision and activities. Srinivasan's gigantic efforts coupled with continuing hard work are the reasons for the phenomenal rise of the Group, he founded in terms of businesses



and educational institutions of world class and he is a role model for all aspiring youth, to come up in life.

In a short span of 15 years, the Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Group (DSG) has grown by leaps and bounds to many businesses and 17 Educational Institutions and continues with its stupendous and phenomenal growth. Together with Educational Institutes, business interests in dairy, transport, financing companies, sugar mills, hospitals, star hotels and power generation are taking roots and spreading wings in a breathtaking manner. Presently, about 30,000 students are reaping the benefits, out of who, nearly 25 % avail hostel facilities and 150 buses are used to commute the students, with very low fees structure. Besides the above, not-so-well-to-do students are provided with lots of other free facilities, as well.



Moreover, Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Hospital at the village of Siruvaachur on the Chennai – Trichy National Highway offers free treatment along with free bus facilities for the patients of the surrounding areas. The person shaping the future of 30,000 students with honour, dignity and world class education is neither a highly educated person from a city nor born in a well to family.

He grew up amongst poverty and not being able to find time for studies, discontinued mid-way through primary school level. The world witnesses so many persons who could not cope up in life, although born rich and go astray without scaling new heights, but to start from scratch and just on one's own and come up in life and help others is a glowing example of human spirit, freedom, vision and self-realisation.

The DSG Head Quarters is located at 5 minutes travel towards west of Perambalur on Thuraiyoor (one of the most famous historical Kingdom city's name of Pazhuvettaraiyars). True to his identity as the foundation of the DSG, the fondly called "Iyya" (respectfully as father/guru), Shri. Srinivasan's office is at the ground floor of the imposing building. He always wears a charming smile with a welcome attitude and a childlike curiosity.

He is so simple and soft spoken and his attire is a long half sleeve shirt and a dhoti. He



is easily approachable and is a typical colloquial village type of person. He has made it his routine to take rounds in the evenings in the college and dormitory to assist students with his/her problems, if any.

“I’ve not gone to any school to learn what is justice or what is good and bad, quips Srinivasan, all just by sheer own experiences, bereft of parental guidance, he states, as an afterthought”. I’ve wronged none and all my dealings are on the up and up, he adds. Ill will towards none and without any thick friends, he does not have any vice and leads a healthy life style.

Self conscience and God Almighty are his friends. Not having friends does not mean that he is not a friendly person, he simply does not have time for politics, gossip and small talks or even minor vices. He has been forced to tend for himself since childhood, hence didn’t have time for friends or any indulgence.

Two traits stand out in people who came up in life the hard way – ‘I toiled so hard to come up, why should others have it easy, let ‘em struggle too’ and ‘I struggled due to circumstances, let others not struggle, let me help ‘em in whatever way I can’; Shri Srinivasan certainly belongs to the latter category. Before taking up any major activity, he thoroughly examines and discusses with related persons in the know how. Even for a new business venture he keeps in mind and reckons about the persons, families and environment who and which would benefit from the venture, rather than profits, which is a very rare quality, these days.

Concrete Ready-Mix plant for construction is additional milestones in the continued growth saga of the Group. A world class medical facility, a medical college, an integrated engineering college campus, star hostels are added to the landscape of Perambalur by Shri. Srinivasan’s family, including promoting Indian culture, heritage and fine arts. His so successful ventures as a big joint family system questions the very efficacy of modern trend of practicing nuclear family system.

Srinivasan’s city of birth and chosen place to live are all in and around Perambalur.



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His father Shri. Arunachalam Reddy’s native place is a nearby Peragambi village and he is from an agricultural family. His father had 3 brothers. Shri. Arunachalam Reddy left Paragambi village and in search of livelihood, moved to another nearby village – Pudhu Naduvalur, although agriculture was the common denominator.

Srinivasan has 5 brothers and sisters. When he was a sibling of 10 months, his mother Periammal passed



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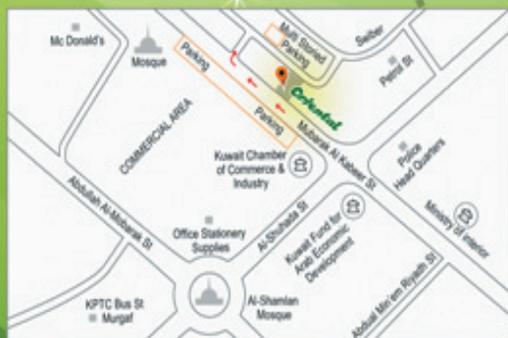
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away. She could not be diagnosed what she ailed and suffered from, just that there was some swelling of stomach and could not be treated at that village/town. Shocked by the loss, his father too passed away just after two months of his mother's demise. What a tragedy ? – Srinivasan could not even know his parent's faces or remember about his parents properly.

To tend to cattle and to work in agricultural fields, he could not study beyond 4th standard primary school. At the age of 14, he mustered courage and banking on self-belief, took to planting of onions, chilies and groundnuts, which gave good yield.

As was the trend in those days to seek better living and green pastures in mega cities, Srinivasan too reached Chennai based on the advice of a few friends, who could not make a living at village. A friend of his secured a job for him at a theatre on Waltax road, Chennai. He did 2 jobs in a day and earned whatever he could.

By staying at a lodge nearby, he did a 4 PM to 11 PM job and then another at Egmore (terminus of south bound trains) between 8 AM and 1 AM. Putting his nose to the grindstone, with practically a few hours of rest and sleep, he did both jobs. Meanwhile, his grandmother fell ill and Srinivasan returned to his native village and back to the old routine of working in the agricultural fields and tending to cattle.



How to increase his income was constantly on his mind and an idea struck – provisional store, then a tea stall and a cycle shop, he started one by one. The year 1961 was a turning point in his career. One business led to another and he started his own dairy farm and then won a tender for milk supply in the village of Vellaari Pattu.

Experiences gained while tending to cattle earlier, came in handy. The grueling hard work he put in for 5 years from 1963 to 1968 was extremely difficult – milking the cows at early mornings, then commute in cycle one way trip for about 30 Kms, followed by work at the tea stall till 5 PM, then one more round of milking and delivery, totaling a grueling 120 Kms of cycling alone, per day. Once the tea stall business stabilised, he started a fertilizer shop, cattle feed etc. Srinivasan struggled a lot between 6 and 18 years of age, then started tasting success due to his hard work, honesty and integrity. Shop businesses clicked one by one and to multiply money, he started finance business and did well.

“Behind every man's success, there is a women”, so goes the adage; in Srinivasan's life too, luck lady came in the form of his wife, Dhanalakshmi, in the year 1967. She hailed from a nearby town, Thuraimangalam and after marriage, shared her husband's burden, in

business. Giving necessary advice and exercising appropriate controls, she instilled in him wise business decisions. Testing times do come in every aspect of life; course correction should be exercised at the right time and appropriately. Shri. Srinivasan too had to undergo similar circumstances during the emergency period; he had to give up financing business, but opted for Chit Fund business, instead.

He invested in all possible joint holding businesses in Perambalur, along with others. He invested in transportation, movement of goods, liquor bar, hotel, lodging etc. and expanded his businesses. He started a Matriculation School in the year 1994 and the first day enrollment of students in that backward area, numbered 320. Growing by leaps and bound, today DSG runs 17 Educational Institutions.

In the intervening years, he secured a license to deal in chemicals for blasting. He believed that he could run any business. He did not believe in luck or bad luck. His inputs were hard work, efforts, struggle and self-belief. He was not of the herd mentality of 'make your fortune, when your time is right'. He has always been swimming against the tide, be it flash flood, under current or TSunami.

He had the courage to succeed in life against all the odds, as he encountered them. He did not give up in trying times and in the event of facing failures. He was focused, coordinated and synergized his efforts always towards success. He knows no enemy and does not consider anyone as his opponent. He assists even his competitor, that is, his style. Honesty and gratitude are his forte. He keeps up his words, expects the same of others and does not indulge in lies or wheeling dealing.

Going beyond caste, creed, religion and petty politics, his service to all humans is commendable indeed. He donates very freely for all noble causes. He has touched the lives of many and people from Perambalur and surrounding areas have benefitted in more ways than one by DSG and the Group has successfully branched out and operating its offices at Thiruchirapalli and Chennai.

In the recently conducted Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women 14th Graduation Day Celebrations at the College campus on 26th February 2014, His Exceleency Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamilnadu State, India was the Chief Guest and Dr. Darez Ahamed, I.A.S, District Collector of Perambalur delivered a special address, while Shri. Srinivasan , Founder and Chairman of the Institutions presided over the function, wherein 1184 graduating students comprising of 814 Under Graduates, 337 Post Graduates and 33 M.Phil Graduates were honoured; 62 Rank Holders were amongst the above group of graduates.



## Peeyush Jain

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Born in Meerut and later settled in Delhi, Peeyush Jain, as a young boy, moved to Kuwait along with his father to join 10th grade in The Indian School in 1981. His father Mr. S. K. Jain, a 1963 Engineering Graduate from Roorkee, started his career in Engineers India Limited and later joined KNPC in 1981.

Peeyush Jain, a Masters degree holder from IIT-Mumbai also secured MBA degree with honours. He started his working life with a gold medal for excellent performance as a shift Process Engineer in Transfec Chemicals in Baroda.

In 1990 Peeyush Jain moved to Kuwait. Unexpected Gulf war at that time caused him a huge loss. ‘Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration’ Keeping this in mind, Mr. Jain came back to Kuwait again in 1993. He says ‘Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first and the lesson afterwards’. He joined Al Khaleejia Modern, General Trading & Contracting Company and served for 6 years.



Later in 1999 he joined ROC as a Sales Manager. His own skilful and hard working hands framed and nailed the cleats upon which he climbed facing

many challenges and risks to reach the height of fame. He rose to the leading position of COO of ROC.

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good analytical knowledge, continuous learning and self-development has helped him pursue great heights.

“In this 21st century, changes are happening every hour, that has to be updated, adopted and executed in work” says Peeyush Jain, a down to earth person, whose office doors are equally open to workers as well as to Managers.



‘A man’s best fortune is his wife.’ Being a wife can be a challenge and one of the biggest role a woman can take. This is successfully fulfilled by his better half, Mrs. Kamal Jain. Holding a Masters degree in Genetics and Psychology, she is more into social service and charitable activities through IWA and Art Of Living. She supports her husband in all his achievements by taking care of the family as Peeyush Jain is always busy in his official tours.

This couple is blessed with two sons. Eldest, Pranshu Jain completed his Engineering in Electrical & Communication from BITS, Pilani and joined his father in ROC Limited. Younger, Shobhit Jain is studying in 9th grade in British School, Kuwait.

Peeyush Jain dreams of making ROC as one of the best company in MENA region. We wish him success in all his future endeavours.

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## Malayil Moosa Koya

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Malayil Moosa Koya, an able administrator and a modest polymath, has contributed immensely to the growth of the school and is highly responsible for its present elevated status. He is a popular personality among journalists and educationists in both Kuwait and India. Early in life he set his eyes on a noble goal and has steadfastly worked towards its fruition.



Mr. Moosa Koya started his illustrious career, right after his graduation, as a proof reader in one of the most popular Malayalam newspapers in India, namely Chandrika Daily. He was very soon promoted as the Sub-Editor for the same newspaper. During this time he gained immense exposure in various fields including politics, arts, literature, sports, etc. He has attended several press conferences and social gatherings and has conducted personal interviews with prominent figures in India.

In 1983, he joined as a sub-editor in Kuwait Times Daily -a leading newspaper in Kuwait which has a Malayalam section for Keralites in Kuwait. Here too he proved his talent and was soon promoted to the esteemed position of Managing Editor. He worked here till 31st Dec, 2010.

He is not only a voracious reader but also a prolific writer. He has penned several short stories, cover stories and dramas.



His experience in Education Management began more than 35 years ago. From 1975 to 1980 he worked as a correspondent of C.M.M Higher Secondary School in own village Thalakulathur, Calicut Kerala. Presently apart from controlling and directing India International School, Kuwait and he worked more than two years as a Director of Integrated Indian School, Kuwait. He has also worked as the Managing Director of C.H.Mohammed Koya Hospital, Calicut.

His vision of empowering the rural areas with standard and quality education and also his desire to lend a helping hand to those not able to attain proper treatment, medicines and medical facilities in rural areas and the steps taken to make it a reality prove him to be an invaluable member of the society. He is a patron of several charity institutions in Kerala and also of various social organizations in Kuwait and Kerala.

In recognition of the high standard of his work he has been awarded The Best Journalist Award at C.M. Stephen Memorial and Madyama Kairali in Kuwait. He has also been honored with various awards from different organizations in Kuwait and India. A keen observer and considerate leader, as the director of IIS, he is constantly looking out for the welfare of the students and teachers and strives successfully to raise the standard of the school.

## Honouring Ceremony - held at India International School

Management, staff and students of India International School take in legitimate pride in organizing, honoring ceremony for the Director to acknowledge and felicitate his tremendous accomplishments in his unprecedented journey of three decades.

To mark the significance for the very purpose, 24th October 2013, was made pretentious emphasizing his successful completion of meritorious 30 years of glorious service in Kuwait in various fields. His outstanding span of dedicated service is a milestone for pace group of institutions too, which is run under the chairmanship of Dr. P.A Ibrahim. To honor and celebrate for same, special assembly was held at our sprawling ground with a humble intention to enrich and enlighten our students in particular to follow the footsteps of role model Malayil Moosa Koya and emulate his qualities in their day-to-day life.



At the outset, Principal F.M.Basheer Ahmed expressed his gratitude to the chairman Dr.P.A.Ibrahim for choosing an honest, hardworking and a good administrator, Malayil Moosa Koya to look after the affairs of IIS, Kuwait. Further, in his welcome speech, he congratulated the Director on behalf of the management, staff and students for successfully completing 3 decades of outstanding service in Kuwait in different scenarios. He highlighted

his distinguished qualities as a human being who inspired the student community with counseling, guidance and blessings. He instructed the students to emulate his good qualities, to cherish the dream and achieve the vision of our chairman and Director - to make IIS a center of excellence and to maintain the dignity and uphold the honour of school which bloomed to its present magnificence under the guidance of our beloved Director.



Malayil Moosa Koya extended his sincere thanks for the management and staff in organizing the ceremony and making it a cherished one. He was overwhelmed with the honour bestowed upon him and focused on the point that as a person he is very simple & approachable. Further, he assured everyone that IIS is one family and appealed to vow sincerely for the noble contribution of uplifting the institution with utmost dedication and commitment, which will be the best gift for him.

He proudly appreciated the dynamism and indomitable spirit of the teachers. The glory of the day doubled with a highly motivating note by one of his well-wisher, F.M.Nazeer

Ahmed, wishing him good luck & health in future endeavors on this solemn occasion. Management, staff and students extend heartfelt congratulations, warm greetings, prayerful wishes and cordial felicitations to their Director. His hard work and simplicity spells success in all his accomplishments..



This stands as a testimony for IIS to reach the pinnacle of success under the guardianship of director Malayil Moosa Koya. Under his supervision, guidance and trust, India International School is marching ahead under his compassionate care to take education and ethical behavior to laudable heights of excellence.

## Eesha Khare



An Indian American Eesha Khare, received the Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award of \$50,000 for the invention of a tiny energy-storage device that can be fully juiced in 20 to 30 seconds.

Eesha Khare's invention is called 'supercapacitor' that could charge your phone in 20 seconds.

## 'Metro Man' Sreedharan gets Lokmanya Tilak award

E.Sreedharan, the architect of the ambitious Delhi metro project, was conferred the 'Lokmanya Tilak award' for 2013 for outstanding contribution to society.

Professional competence marked the development of the Delhi metro project which was a technical marvel and also a sustainable model. He emphasised integrity, punctuality and professional competence as vital factors for undertaking any major infrastructure project to avoid cost overruns, saying, "In infrastructure projects time is money."



Deepak Tilak, chairman of the Lokmanya Tilak trust presented the award, which carried a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a citation to the Padmashree laureate, who is also credited for pulling off the Konkan railway projects.

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## Ayyoob Kachery

**“I am part of a successful organisation and it gives me immense pleasure to note that I am part of other’s success.”**

“It is better to lead from behind and put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory and take the front when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership..... ”

“It does not give me satisfaction to quote that my success belongs to my efforts, rather it gives me satisfaction & happiness to quote that I am part of a successful organisation. In fact it gives me immense pleasure to note that I am part of others success.” The above quote from Mr. Ayyoob Kachery, Regional Director and Partner of ‘Grand Hyper’ supermarket chain, indeed strikes us.



Grand Hyper supermarket chain, a part of Dubai Regency Group, is successfully operating 5 hyper market outlets & 2 small outlets in Kuwait.

Qualities like magnanimity, integrity, responsibility, openness, dedication, creativity, excellent communication skills and fairness & last but not the least – a good sense of humour has taken him to great heights.

Born to Mr. Kader Pallikkandy and Mrs. Ayisha Kader, Ayyoob hails from a remote village in Wayanad Dt, Kerala. His father was a small scale Timber trader. Ayyoob Kachery completed B. Sc. Statistics from Calicut University in 1991 and started his career as Liaison Officer in Delhi with his cousin Mohammed Iqbal Kachery. During the six months period there, he gained experience in dealing with Ministries and Diplomatic missions.

Later, he joined his father in timber trading and supplied timber to different places in Tamilnadu and Karnataka. During this time he met a Kuwaiti and got an idea to start an import business in Kuwait. He came to Kuwait in 1993 but his first attempt was not fruitful. He did not give up though.

“If you’re doing your best, you won’t have any time to worry about failure.”

“A failure is not always a mistake, it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying.”

He joined Khalid Al Wazzan Contracting & Trading Company and served for 3 years. As part of his job, he travelled to Europe and Africa on business negotiations. Later he joined Zahab General Trading & Contracting Company as Commercial Manager and proved his leadership by turning the company profitable. Nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced. Similarly serving as a manager gave a good experience to Ayyoob Kachery.

Subsequently, he joined hands with Dr. Homoud Al Rqobah, Ex. Minister of Petroleum, Public Works and MEW Government of Kuwait, as a partner, in a new venture of oil field

testing equipment business. During this period he handled companies like ACS, Wipro India and Motorola Data Communications.

In 2009, he had an idea of starting his new business. When Dubai Regency Group, Dr. Anwar Ameen contacted and the idea of starting of Grand Hyper Supermarket chain stores in Kuwait got initiated.

“Luck is what happens when Preparation meets Opportunity. Coming together is the Beginning, Keeping together is Progress and Working together is Success.”

There was a time, I Supposed “leadership meant muscle power” but today i realised that it means getting along with people.....” Mahatma Gandhi

Keeping this in mind, Ayyoob Kachery proved himself as a good leader. He is a simple, broad minded, down to earth person and is easily approachable. He owes his success to his fellow employees, his subordinates and to the Government of Kuwait.

He says, “If a business unit is successful, it does not mean, that the Director is doing it right and he is the reason for success”. It only means that the Director has got all the parameters for success available within his reach, such as appropriate location, good middle and lower management, dedicated staff with integrity, non greedy investors and experienced Managing Director & Chairman with patience to guide.

He continues with his ambition to reach for the stars. He feels that if every piece of customer satisfaction is closely monitored it will automatically lead to success.

People think money alone is good enough to start a business. This is a wrong illusion, says Mr. Ayyoob. In fact, it is the last requirement. One needs opportunity and planning at the beginning. Many concentrate only on profit when they get in to the business ventures, but Ayyoob concentrates only on reliability, liability and responsibility rather than profit alone.

His wife Mrs. Sabine Rabehe is from Algeria. Daughter Oumniya Ayyoob and Son Haitham are pursuing their studies in SIMS. He says that his wife will not get convinced with any of his ideas or efforts easily. He has to argue and convince her in many ways to make her accept his views. Cricket is his passion from his college days and Football his hobby.

Steel Barrels factory and Integrated automated Slaughtering house are his future business plans. He wants to be behind many successful ventures.

Success is about creating benefit for all and enjoying the process. If you focus on this and adopt this definition, Success is yours.

### **Ayyoob opines, Directorship is responsibility than celebrity position.**

Unfortunately we all are good in celebrating success created by our subordinates without recognizing or appreciating their efforts.....

Directors must be good in communication with subordinates and solving problems than reporting it to MD or investors..... He must be solving problem without blaming others/ subordinates for failure.....

**The following are very important qualities of a director:-**

Honest dealings, predictable reactions and well-controlled emotions are all signs of integrity. A leader who is centered in integrity will be more approachable by followers.

Dedication means spending whatever time or energy is necessary to accomplish the task at hand. A leader inspires dedication by example, doing whatever it takes to complete the next step toward the vision

Magnanimity means giving credit where it is due. A magnanimous leader ensures that credit for successes is spread as widely as possible throughout the company. Conversely, a good leader takes personal responsibility for failures. This sort of reverse magnanimity helps other people feel good about themselves and draws the team closer together. To spread the fame and take the blame is a hallmark of effective leadership.

Openness means being able to listen to new ideas, even if they do not conform to the usual way of thinking. Good leaders are able to suspend judgment while listening to others' ideas, as well as accept new ways of doing things that someone else thought of. Openness builds mutual respect and trust between leaders and followers, and it also keeps the team well supplied with new ideas that can further its vision.

Creativity is the ability to think differently, to get outside of the box that constrains solutions. Creativity gives leaders the ability to see things that others have not seen and thus lead followers in new directions. The most important question that a leader can ask is, "What if ... ?" Possibly the worst thing a leader can say is, "I know this is a dumb question ... "

Fairness means dealing with others consistently and justly. A leader must check all the facts and hear everyone out before passing judgment. He or she must avoid leaping to conclusions based on incomplete evidence. When people feel that they are being treated fairly, they reward the leader with loyalty and dedication.

A sense of humor is vital to relieve tension and boredom, as well as to defuse hostility. Effective leaders know how to use humor to energize followers. Humor is a form of power that provides some control over the work environment.



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## Irom Sharmila



Irom Sharmila has not eaten a meal for more than 12 years. Her hunger strike, aimed at stopping the bloody conflict between militants and the state, is the world's longest. The 41-year-old started her fast on 3 November 2000, a day after 10 people, waiting at a bus stop in the town of Malom, Manipur, were shot dead by paramilitary forces. Three times a day, for 12 years, nurses have poured a liquefied mixture of vitamins, carbohydrates, proteins and laxatives into a plastic feeding-tube through her nose. Her hospital ward has been converted into a jail.

## Harikumar

Harikumar won gold at World Transplant Games, the equivalent of the Olympics for persons who have undergone transplants.

Harikumar threw the discus to a distance of 18.44 m to land the gold medal at the World Transplant Games held in Durban, South Africa, last year. The World Transplant Games are the equivalent of the Olympics for persons who have undergone transplants, and are held once in two years. Harikumar, 27, qualified for the games two years ago, after he underwent a kidney transplant, the donor being his wife of two months, Saranya.



## Kalyanaraman enters Hurun India Rich List

Chairman and Managing Director of Kalyan Jewellers, T S Kalyanaraman has made it to the elite Hurun India Rich List 2013 at the 50th slot.

Kalyanaraman, who also finds mention in the lists of Geographical Spread as well as Sectoral Break-up for Jewellery business, has an estimated net worth of approximately Rs 7,500 crore.



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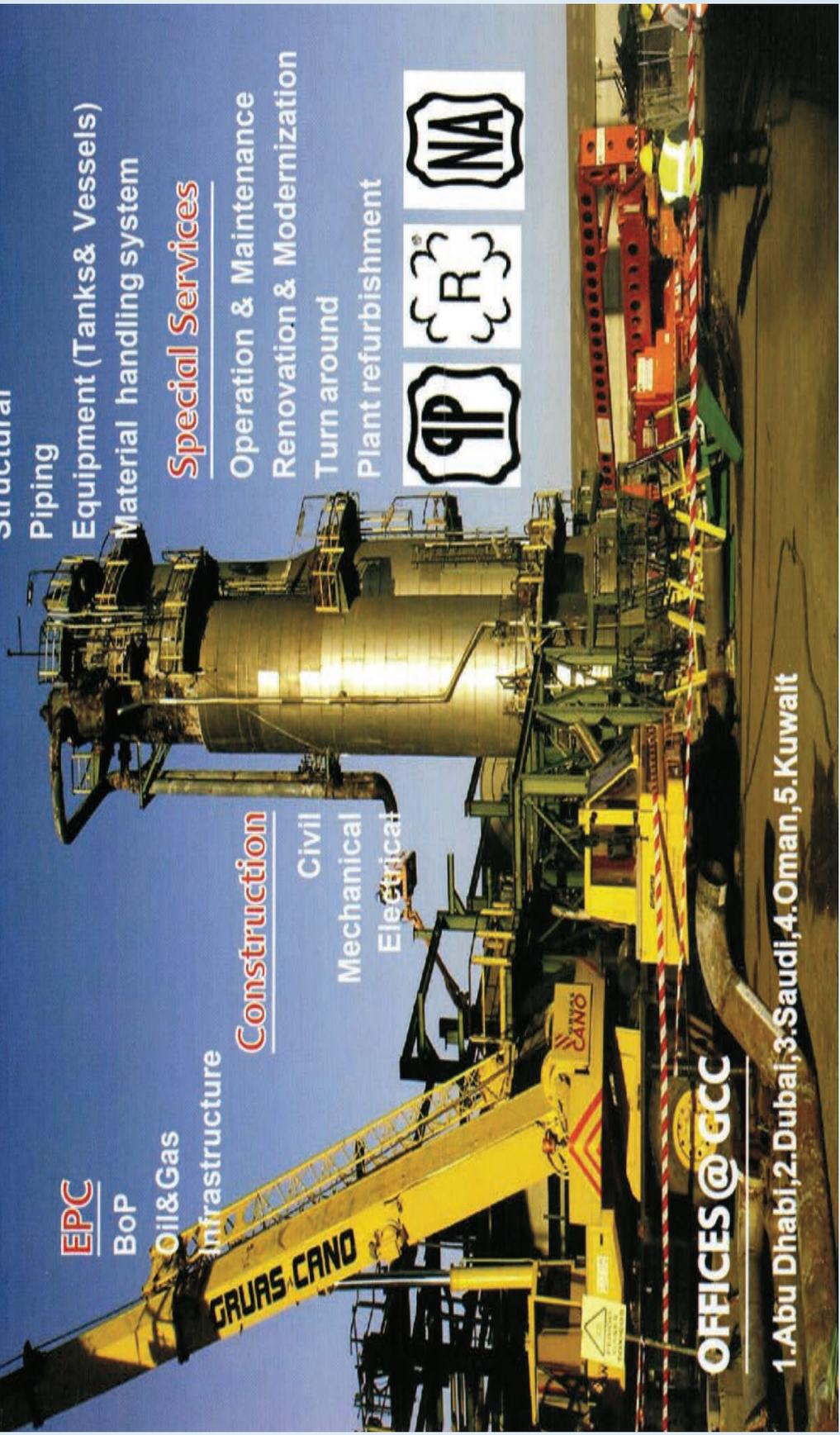
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## Dr. Rajan Natarajan

### Deputy Secretary of State for Policy and External affairs, Maryland, USA

Dr. Rajan Natarajan, a leading entrepreneur, has created history in Maryland by becoming the first Indian American to be appointed to a sub-cabinet level position in the state administration. He was appointed as Deputy Secretary of State for Policy and External affairs by Governor Martin O'Malley in June 2011.



Dr. Natarajan is also currently serving as a Member of the Governor's International Advisory Council. He was the principle architect of the Governor's trade mission to India in planning, executing action plans and arranging high level ministerial, diplomatic and business meeting in India.



Natarajan's responsibilities include representing the governor or secretary of state at designated public and community outreach events, advising the secretary on external affairs, planning strategies, fostering and promoting international diplomatic relationships, building private community and industry partnerships, overseeing and advancing international sister-state programmes, coordinating the legislative and executive branches of government with the governor's office and overseeing the Maryland International Consortium.

Prior to this position, he was the founder of a Health Care Technology firm and served for more than 12 years as senior Vice President of three IT and biotech companies. An entrepreneur, Dr. Natarajan served on the transition teams of both Governor O'Malley and Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett. He also served as the President of Maryland-India Business Roundtable and Executive Board of Director of Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce and the US-India Chamber of Commerce.

Natarajan came to US in 1989 to pursue his post-doctoral research at the Michigan State University and then become a biotechnology scientist. After completing his MBA in 1999, he became a technology entrepreneur and business leader. He brings over 20 years of extensive industry and private sector experience and senior leadership background in the areas of business management and administration, technology development and commercialization, information technology and biotechnology, and economic development to his first stint in public sector.



Natarajan served as the vice president of government initiatives at GANTECH, one of the fastest-growing technology companies in Maryland.

He has received numerous commendations and awards from various organizations including the National Science Foundation's Small Business Innovation Research Award, Indian National Young Scientist Merit Award, Outstanding Community Leadership award and Emerging Business Leadership award.



Natarajan was born in Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu. He holds an M Phil from the Madras University, an MSc in Botany from Poondi Pushpam College in Thanjavur and a BSc in Botany from Rajah's College in Pudukkottai.

After completion of his doctoral degree in bioscience at the University of Madras, he came to US in 1989 to pursue post-doctoral research at the Michigan State University, from where he also pursued a MBA. He has authored more than 30 articles and publications and holds a US patent. He currently lives with his family consisting his wife and two sons in Montgomery County, Maryland, USA.

## Riddhi Dasgupta

Kolkata-born Riddhi Dasgupta, the 28-year-old chief draftsman of British think-tank The Wilberforce Society, was a driving force in crafting the Tunisia's new constitution. The new charter, ratified in January 2014, is the first progressive document in the Arab world. A 35-member team, of which Dasgupta was a key member, drafted the constitution, keeping in mind Tunisian wishes.



## Satya Nadella



Microsoft has handed the responsibility for its future to Mr. Satya Nadella, who replaces Steve Ballmer and becomes only the third chief executive in the company's nearly four-decade-long history.

At the still relatively young age of 46, Satya Nadella is a proven leader with hard-core engineering skills, business vision, and the ability to bring people together.

## Lakshmi Ramakrishnan

The compassion and empathy she has for the victims of social ills; the determination and resolve she holds to do whatever is possible to alleviate the suffering; The happiness and peace she feels when a wrong is righted or justice is done.

“She embodies the anger of a woman who decides to take up cudgels and cleanse society of vermin” wrote a review about the character ‘Annapoorni’ she successfully portrayed in the Tamil Movie ‘Yuddham Sei’. It is possibly an apt description of Lakshmi Ramakrishnan in her real life too. Intolerance to any ill-treatment or injustice she witnesses in the society and a strong courage and commitment to counter them are the natural characteristics of Mrs. Lakshmi Ramakrishnan, the well known actress, director, fashion-designer and TV anchor.



Born in Palakkad, Kerala as the youngest daughter in a family of six children, Lakshmi was brought up as a liberal thinker by her father Mr.P.K.Krishnaswamy. He was a yarn merchant and was ranked as 4<sup>th</sup> top among businessmen in Kerala then. His patriotism led to his involvement in Freedom struggle and close association with great leaders and social reformers like Rajaji.

Watching the business activities and the social inclination of her father, it is natural that Lakshmi unconsciously picked up both the managerial flair to deal with the world of men and commerce as well as the concern and compassion one should show to the needs and sufferings of others.

Lakshmi’s mother Mrs.Vijayalakshmi was well educated by the then standards and encouraged and supported Mr.Krishnaswamy in his life. From her, Lakshmi possibly realized the role and power of women in shaping the society apparently ruled by men. The frequent tours and travel with her parents widened Lakshmi’s social perspective and deepened her service attitude.



In line with the practice of those days, as soon as she completed her 10<sup>th</sup> standard, Lakshmi’s wedding arrangement to Mr.Ramakrishnan was finalized. Becoming a part of an ultra-orthodox family was the first experience that made Lakshmi realize and understand the way

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conflicts take root between an individual's desires and the society's rules and impositions.



Mr. Ramakrishnan, did MS at IIT, was abroad in USA, Singapore and Gulf. For Lakshmi, it was her stay of 12 years in the Gulf with her husband that shaped her mission in life.

During her stay in Muscat in Oman, Lakshmi Ramakrishnan started a summer camp to about 60 children. While it was started as a venture with a simple aim to assist young minds to develop and acquire new talents by engaging in various arts, drawings and craft work, she brought all her creative talents and professional competence to the venture. Hence, it was no surprise that she gained a fine reputation and the venture grew to cover more than 5000 students at one point.

Her attention was also focused on women, both of Indian and other nationalities including Arab countries. Realising that the best way to empower women was to provide them with additional skills, Lakshmi Ramakrishnan expanded the scope beyond the normal cookery and knitting to cover new areas such as Interior decoration, fashion designing etc.,

Soon, her good work was realized through out the country and she even received an award from the Omani Government itself for her contribution towards welfare of Omani women.

Returning to India in 2006 after nearly 12 years abroad to take care of her daughter's education, Lakshmi was at her home in Coimbatore when an unexpected opportunity literally knocked on her doors in the form of Mr. Lohidhadas, a film director, looking for a house location to shoot his Malayalam film 'Chakkara Muthu'. Persuaded by Mr. Lohidhadas to act in a role in the movie, the performance by Lakshmi Ramakrishnan was so convincing that she is even now referred to as 'Devayani Teacher' in Kerala, the name of her character in 'Chakkara Muthu' !!

Her scintillating debut brought her a deluge of roles in Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu and even Hindi. As a person who does not miss out to make use of any opportunity presented, she entered Tamil Film industry with the movie 'Pirivom Santhippom' in 2008. Awards and accolades started pouring in after each movie.

But Lakshmi Ramakrishnan was not to be content with just acting in the movies. Realising the power the films as a medium to communicate thoughts and connect with the minds and actions of people, she stepped into the role of film director. She tried to convey social problems in proper perspectives so that the viewers would become aware of the problem and the response expected from the individuals in the society to such problems

or circumstances. She has so far made six short films and has directed and released one Tamil film with another one on the way.

The debutant Tamil film 'Aarohanam' (2012) directed by her was shot with a Canon EOS 5D digital camera and was completed in Just 20 days!! The film, revolving around a mother suffering from bipolar disorder, was rated by many as possibly the best Tamil film of the year.

The fame and popularity has left Lakshmi Ramakrishnan unchanged. She continues to be the simple woman with courage and confidence to identify various evils and aberrations in the society. However, instead of just exposing it, she takes it upon herself to assist those suffering.

Her 'motherly' nature and sincerity invokes respect and confidence from others and makes her an ideal counselor to persons with problems. Counseling is normally done in total privacy. On the other hand Television shows, such as chat shows, game-shows etc are mainly meant for entertainment and not for conveying any lasting social message. Lakshmi Ramakrishnan felt that bringing 'counseling' to the TV platform with its wide audience would result in the benefit of counseling flow not only to those directly involved, but also to the entire society through the large number of viewers watching the programme.



'Solvathellam Unnmai' is a TV show anchored by Lakshmi Ramakrishnan that deals with interpersonal problems, real-life stories, family courts, miracle claims, social issues etc., There have been stunning results to the counseling in the show with many happy endings, some of them sensational.

Lakshmi Ramakrishnan does not talk much about herself or her work or its impact for others. She does not have to; Looking into her emotion filled eyes, one can see the pain she suffers whenever any ill-treatment to anyone is noticed by her; the compassion and empathy she has for the victims of social ills; the determination and resolve she holds to do whatever is possible to alleviate the suffering; The happiness and peace she feels when a wrong is righted or justice is done.

Lakshmi Ramakrishnan is a mother of three daughters in real life and mother of innumerable actors/actresses in the film life. But the soul of Lakshmi coming through her every look, thought, word and action is the mother of all the oppressed, sufferers or needy. "This is only a beginning; there is much to learn and lots to do", she says.

The famous deity 'Annapoorni' holds the rice pot and ladle to keep the hunger and sorrow away from people. Lakshmi Ramakrishnan wields a camera and mike with the same compassion and purpose. May her efforts be crowned with overwhelming success.

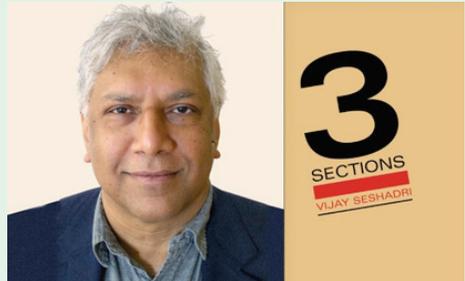
"I have been lucky to have got a very understanding spouse who encourages me in all my adventures! There are so many talented women out there who have not come to limelight." Lakshmi prouids. "I think not missing out on opportunities has been the reason for my success, if we can call it success. This is only a beginning of a journey, there is so much to learn and lots to do.."



## Vijay Seshadri

India-born poet Vijay Seshadri has won the prestigious 2014 Pulitzer Prize in the poetry category for his collection of poems "3 Sections."

Seshadri's '3 Sections' is a "compelling collection of poems that examine human consciousness, from birth to dementia, in a voice that is by turns witty and grave, compassionate and remorseless.



According to Seshadri's biography on the Pulitzer website, he currently teaches poetry and nonfiction writing at liberal arts college Sarah Lawrence in New York. Born in Bangalore in 1954, Seshadri came to America at the age of five and grew up in Columbus, Ohio.

His collections of poems include James Laughlin Award winner The Long Meadow and Wild Kingdom (1996). Seshadri has received grants from the New York Foundation for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, and has been awarded the Paris Review's Bernard F Connors Long Poem Prize and the MacDowell Colony's Fellowship for Distinguished Poetic Achievement.



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## Ashish Jain

### Manifesting Enviably Personality & sowing Leadership seeds

Correct is the verbatim " Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence " - is the key to unlocking our potential, as exemplified by Mr. Ashish Jain-- the Chief Operating Officer of M/s. A.K. Modern for Gen. Trad & Cont. Est., Kuwait & Director of Achievers Academy - by his onerous and arduous efforts.



Here, we offer a glimpse into the life of one of the most influential and admirable personality, Mr. Ashish Jain. The man with the rectangular glasses instantly recognizable by much of the world stood in the rays of dispersion, staring at the recent developments but was in a gasp of reaching the zenith of his residing dreams.

He Believes in :

**" Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds, cannot change anything " – George Bernard Shaw**

Mr. Jain after attending elementary school where he excelled in studies and schooling and then graduating from an alma mater IIT Madras, India in 1989, started his career with BHEL, India for three and a half years from October 1989 to April 1993 as Engineer Trainee. With a vision of exploring new possibilities, he came to Kuwait in 1993 and joined Alghanim Int'l Corp.

He worked there for almost 4 years and then left Kuwait in 1997 to upgrade his skills. With his multi-pronged approach, he upgraded his performance by working in various commercial activities like Sales, Manufacturing, Consumer goods etc. in different countries like India, New Zealand and Dubai. He worked from lower level to upper level and hence has diversified knowledge of all the related activities.

He arrived back in Kuwait in 2004 and joined once again Alghanim Int'l Corp., for nearly 4 years from August 2004 to April 2008 as Head of the Marketing Department. His journey embarked when he was appointed as the Chief Operating Officer in one of the fresh concerns in Kuwait, called M/s. A.K. Modern for Trad. & Cont. Est. in the year 2008.



He started his journey from a small room nonetheless of the impact of whether it was an unbearable heat wave or consternations of upcoming difficulties, he with his full honesty and hardwork stepped to an escalation of

tread and his work is appreciated in accede a lot. In such a short span, he has successfully given a name to his Company with his acumen and astute observation.

**The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy irrefutably redeemed by the visionary and strenuous work.**

His journey took another leap, when he started with one more venture, called ACHIEVERS ACADEMY in Kuwait, in the year 2009. The concept behind this is to provide the children with quality education. When we take a glimpse of the yesteryears, we find that it was very comfortable for the students then to choose their career options. However, nowadays the scenario is far from that. Mere desire does not work in today's cut-throat competitive environment.

One has to be aware of the latest examination patterns, and has to put in efforts, in the appropriate direction to pave his/her way to success. He, with his aesthetic- nous and ingenuity has taken the responsibility of bringing the best educators under one roof and creating a knowledge pool par excellence.



His motto is “ **Enriching Minds and Unleashing Potential** ”. He believes that there is a winner in every student and that it just needs to be identified. He made a concerted effort to make a difference to every single student . He provided the students of Kuwait with the best teachers from India who will discover this hidden potential of every student and work with heart and soul to enable every student to achieve his/her goal by preparing them with subject knowledge as well as the skill to apply it in competitive examinations.

Initially, he struggled a lot in changing the mindset of Indian Parents about the spirit of competitiveness and raising the confidence level of the child by exploring their minds. It is not that all educators have to move at the same pace, and differentiation is essential for all learners, but not trying is not acceptable. He tried every possible way to spread his message to all and was able to convince many of them. Initially, people were unable to gauge his efforts and methodology but later his efforts came into limelight with his incessant fruitful work.



According to him, “ Discontent is the principal necessity of positive growth, but only if one does something constructive with it. Without deviation from what one has been doing, progress is not possible.

Don't be someone who goes through greater lengths to avoid change than obtain what one desires. One must define and embrace the necessary changes that move him/her forward is the basic and constructive approach."

With great sparks of divinity, he considers teaching as a dedicated service towards divinity. An extraordinary combination of spiritual values and modern technology is what Mr. Ashish Jain is. He ensures that his endeavour at ACHIEVERS ACADEMY is to prepare students for life by developing in them, an analytical mind, the right attitude and a spirit of goodness backed by academic excellence.

The greatest effort in the onerous struggle was poured unarguably by Mr. Jain. The way he gave shape and character to his struggle and achievements are note worthy. The respect that he has earned, despite leading a simple lifestyle is much appreciable. Mr. Jain plays a pivotal role in the escalation of the life of his students. His methods to students could well be the foundation for gaining a new perception towards betterment in life.

The complete journey of elation and contentment of Mr. Jain between the twin imponderables of hardship and glitch would have surely and certainly been impossible without the four-square support, timely appreciation and sacred prayers and backing of his benevolent and benign better-half, Mrs. Purna Jain, and two endearing kids, Divanshu Jain and Eshaan Jain.

His wife hails from Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) where she earned the degree of a baccalaureate from Bundelkhand University. His kids are studying in the renowned schools of Kuwait, Divanshu Jain in Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Private School, Ahmadi and Eshaan Jain in Indian English Academy School, Salmiya. His father, Mr. Surendra Jain, retired senior engineer from Kuwait Oil Company and mother, Mrs. Sudha Jain, a homemaker.

His brother, Mr. Peeyush Jain, Chemical Engineer by profession from IIT, Mumbai is heading one of the biggest industrial house of Kuwait, M/s. Refrigeration and Oxygen Co. as Chief Operating Officer. The impact of family involvement on educational outcomes always shows a positive correlation as is better exemplified by Mr. Jain and the member of his family.

**"Life is a constant climb, but the journey is rewarding and the view is great. It's just a matter of pushing forward when the going gets tough."**



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# Asha Sharma

## An educationist cum Entrepreneur

Mrs. Asha Sharma is the Principal of a CBSE International school in Kuwait, Popularly known as Indian Learners Own Academy. She has done Post graduation from Delhi University in Two Subjects - Political Science and History after completing her B.A honours in Political science from Kamla Nehru College of Delhi University.



She did her B. Ed from Central Institute of Education, Delhi University. Her flair for writing took her to Rajendra Prasad Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi, from where she did her diploma in journalism. She has authored 17 text books and revised a number of books for famous publishers. Besides this she has written extensively, while free lancing for famous dailies of India.

In Kuwait, she has written many features for educational awareness of parents and did one column for 'The Times' Newspaper. Her thirst for knowledge made her explore more grounds for enrichment in education. Hence she graduated from Principal's Training college (PTC) in the year 2009 by earning an expertise in the courses like Instructional Supervision, Creating and administering an effective school, Leadership in group dynamics and curriculum development in an international school at U.K. and U.S. A. As learning has no terminals, so her quest for knowledge is still on.

Asha Sharma has rendered nearly 36 years of service in the field of education as



The Prime minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh meets the winners of National Teachers Award 2007 in New Delhi on Sep.04.2008

a teacher and administrator. She started her career at Mother's International School, Delhi where she worked for a year. She served Delhi Public School as PGT – History & Pol. Sc., Head of Department Social science , House Warden, Centre Superintendent and Head examiner of CBSE, Senior mistress & Headmistress – Sr. School for 17 ½ years.

She was invited to start a new school in Kuwait, hence, she became the Founder Principal of Indian Central School, Kuwait, where she worked for 12 years. Then after, she was requested to start another Indian school. Hence she became the founder principal of Indian Educational School (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan) where she worked for 4 years.

Indian Learners Own Academy is her own creation which changed her profile into an educationist cum entrepreneur as she is the Founder Principal of third school in Kuwait. Her school became a pioneer CBSE international school, when she took the challenge of following only CBSE international curriculum for the entire school from the very inception and did not adopt the national curriculum of CBSE for any of its classes.

She has also worked as Visiting Professor of Madurai Kamraj University for B.Ed and M.A. Pol. Sc. Courses and organized a number of workshops and in-service training programmes, not only for teachers in Kuwait but for the whole gulf region. The first Kuwait Chapter's sports meet was organized under her convenorship.

She joined the Gulf council in the year 1995, when her school was inspected by two leading persons from the council. In the very next year she received an invitation to host the 11th conference of the council, which she readily accepted and hosted that successfully. She did not accept any post at the council in that year as she felt that she was quite new to this educational body, but became the first convenor of the newly formed Kuwait Chapter in 1998 and remained on this position for two consecutive years.



She managed CBSE helpline from 1998 till 2012 to aid and assist board examinees to overcome examination phobia and in selecting right careers. She hosted the 17th conference of the council and was made secretary of the council in 2005 and in the ensuing conference of the council; she was unanimously made the Chairperson of the council. She organised a number of workshops as secretary and Chairperson of the council and managed the work of council diligently during her tenure.



Mrs. Sharma was also given the responsibility to inspect two schools for up gradation (Don Bosco, Kuwait) and affiliation (Kuwait Indian School, Kuwait) respectively by CBSE board. She was Awarded 'Dedicated Teachers Award' by Lions Club, Gaziabad, U.P. She adorned a big feather in her cap when she was felicitated with the 'National Teachers Award' by the President of India in the year 2007 for her meritorious services in the field of education. Whatever she has accomplished and earned in the field of education, has become a propelling force to do better in this field day in and day out.

She is the member of mentoring and monitoring committee of CBSE to aid and assist four schools in the Gulf. Besides this, she is advisor to the management of Scholars International School, Doha.

As her profile indicates, the field of education is her passion. She reads extensively in the light hours of the day. Besides this she has spiritual inclination and likes to expand her knowledge in metaphysical matters. She loves to assist students and teachers in finding the right path in the field of learning.





Mrs. Sharma is married for 31 years now and is blessed with two daughters. Her elder daughter, Gunjan is an architect and topper of SCAD, U. S. A. She has recently been married to Vic at Delhi who is an engineer and currently working at BrisBan in Australia. Her younger daughter Geetika, who is a graduate in mass communication and journalism, is currently pursuing her M.B.A alongside B. Ed. Her husband Mr. D.K. Sharma is the manager of Jabriya Indian School. The hallmark of all the members of this family is sincerity and professionalism.

## Himanshu Jindal

Placements in the Delhi Technological University broke their highest record yet, when a student bagged a job offer of Rs. 93 lakh per annum during the placement season, which started on August 2013.

Google, USA made the offer of Rs. 93 lakh per annum (which includes about 125 Google stock units) to Computer Engineering student Himanshu Jindal.



## Saha

21-year-old Kolkatta college boy, Saha has built spy camera himself and claims to have outdone flying spy camera.

The third-year computer science student at Manindra Chandra College has written to the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for help and funds. If he can develop it to the level he desires, Saha believes the drone will be good enough to be used by the Army for surveillance and security operations, especially along the turbulent borders with Pakistan and China.



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## Dr. T.R. Pachamuthu

Chancellor of SRM University

**“Learn while you earn” gave him a great sense of dignity and strength.**

Dr. T.R. Pachamuthu is a well known Indian academician, best known as the founder and chancellor of SRM University. He is also the founder of the political party – “Indhiya Jananayaga Katchi”.

TR Pachamuthu, isn't well-known across India as the education brand he created out of nothing nearly three decades ago. His SRM University, with its main campus near Chennai, has often found itself as one of the top private universities in rankings, attracting students from all over the country. Success over the years has made him smoothly diversify beyond just education - from energy to construction and transportation to media.



Dr. T.R. Pachamuthu was born in 1941, in a small village of Tamilnadu. Having lost his father at a very early age, young Pachamuthu was brought up by his mother Tmt. Valliammai with courage and determination.

The financial constraints did not deter young Pachamuthu in rising to eminence in his village. He had his schooling in Salem Athur, and proceeded to do his University Graduation (B.Sc. - Mathematics) in Trichy. He fulfilled his ambition to qualify as an engineer by completing A.M.I.E. “Learn while you earn” giving him a great sense of dignity and strength.

He started his career as a teacher in a corporation school in Chennai, at the same time pursuing his education in the evening. Simultaneously he was also working in a private Tutorial College.

In 1967 he started “Tamil Nadu Tutorials” with the help of his co-teachers. During this period he was appointed as a Lecturer in Chengalvarayan Polytechnic. He took up this assignment in addition to his commitment in the Tutorials.



In 1969 he established Nightingale Nursery School with an initial strength of 25 students. Now the school has grown up as Matriculation Higher Secondary School with more than three thousand students. The school has two branches in Chennai.

Asian Institute of Engineering Technology was started in 1976. Students from all over India were attracted towards this Institute. His

thirst for the service in the cause of education made him to take a decision to resign the post of Lecturer. This became a turning point in his career. He planned and started several educational institutions.

In 1984, he started a Polytechnic college and there after, gradually 20 institutions were founded offering programs in Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Management, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, Education, Natural sciences, Commerce, Film studies etc. Over 40,000 students are studying in the SRM group of Education Institutions and in SRM University alone, there are 22,000 students.

Dr. T.R. Pachamuthu was awarded PhD (Hon.Causa) by Birmingham City University, UK on 19th February 2010 for his contribution in the development of education, specifically in the fields of engineering and technology.

SRM Hospital, run by Mr. Pachamuthu is equipped with all modern facilities and is of a high standard. It caters mainly to the needs of the poor and downtrodden.

Mr. Pachamuthu is a unique example of a human being, who combines the qualities of vision of future with hard work; whatever he does, he aspires for excellence, be it education, information technology and software, health services, hotels and hospitality, construction and buildings.



'Anbu Paalam' a, NGO, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a function presided over by Dr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam on 4th Oct 2013 at SRM University Auditorium (which is the biggest in Asia), Chennai. Dr. Kalam felicitated Indian Frontliners Founder Writer N.C.Mohandoss for his services through IndianFrontliners service organisation-kuwait. Dr. Pachamuthu, Chancellor, SRM University also graced the occasion.

Standard Leather and champion leather industries bear testimony to his business acumen. He has made a mark in the field of flat promotion also. SRM Investment and Credit Corporation founded by Thiru. Pachamuthu is devoted for the upliftment of poor and downtrodden.

He actually visualizes god in the smiles of the neglected lot of the society. He has undertaken the education of some orphans. He spends enormous amount every year for the education of meritorious students in Tamil Nadu.

"Persistent and dedicated hard work is the key to success". This is the cherished philosophy of Thiru. Pachamuthu. Imbued with this dictum and immense self confidence, he is marching from success, imparting a spirit of robust optimism in younger generations.

Dr. T.R. Pachamuthu is a man of action. His concern for social upliftment and general well being has resulted in starting of the organization called "PARI NARPANI MANDRAM". In a short span of one year, nearly 200,000 members have been enrolled in this organization with the sole objective of working for the betterment of the economically deprived and physically challenged persons in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu.

## Dr. B. Babu Manoharan

**‘Simple living and high thinking’**

Dr. B. Babu Manoharan has made a distinct mark in his career as a Founder Director of Sathyabama Engineering College and Director of St. Joseph's College of Engineering. He has completed his M.A., M.B.A., Ph.D., in the field of Economics, in the University of Madras.



He has about twenty four years of experience in the field of education. He has guided many institutions in India in the accreditation process for applying and facing NBA formalities and many management authorities have approached him for his valuable guidance to start their Institutes in the recent years.

He is the man, who has strong belief in imparting education and has a marvelous record in strict discipline, proper dress code for staff and students and the first one to ban the use of cell phones in the academic institutions and scaled its height in glory and fame by securing more number of ranks in the University.



He also provides quality engineering education along with the requisite personality traits and thereby most talented engineers matching the needs of the contemporary industries of software and core companies.

For Sportsmen it was only a dream for them to join engineering colleges but only after the establishment of St. Joseph's College of Engineering ,their dreams came true because of the magnanimity of Dr. B. Babu Manoharan. He has set the trend in the year 2000 giving 'SPORTS QUOTA' admissions in his Institutes for deserved & poor sportsmen, later on the leading Institutions like Sathyabama University, Panimalar Engineering College, Jeppiaar Engineering College and SRM University have followed his strategy.

Every Academic year more than 80 students are admitted on "Sports Quota" in various disciplines and their expenses for their entire course of study to the tune of Rs. 3 crores is borne by him, every year.

His sparkling human qualities have endeared him to one and all. Under his aegis, St. Joseph's College of Engineering conducts JETS, an annual state level Inter Engineering & Arts Colleges Sports Meet conducted at an estimate of about 20 lakhs with more than 100 colleges and about 5000 participants are engaged with free boarding and lodging in the campus.



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Dr. B.Babu Manoharan has never failed to leave behind his own stamp of excellence. Looking at his achievements as a sportsman, St. Joseph's College has bagged TIES Championship for 9 consecutive years and also received Anna University Sports Overall Championship for 9 consecutive years among 400 Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu.

His efforts are persistently directed towards making the education a culture of cooperation instead of competition and rivalry. Routine never led him to drudgery and mediocrity. Today he stands as an embodiment of hard work and dedication. He always shows a concern for the slow learner and ensures that he has understood and challenges the bright to rise to the level of excellence.

He is the head, who directly meet students daily, and their requests will be solved then and there and treats them empathetically like family members. As a dedicated administrator he wins the love and affection of all his students. His seemingly stern appearance is deceptive for he has a heart that is child-like, docile and loving. He leaves his footprints on the sands of time. He is the man familiar to the public by his attitude and activities in the fields of education and sports.

Does the best and leaves the rest to God', 'Simple living and high thinking' these few words will sum up this great renowned Director of St.Joseph's College Of Engineering.

**Dr. Jeppiaar**, a man of success and a wide-angled ideology is the chancellor of Sathyabama University . He is a leading educationist, industrialist, who has left an indelible mark in the field of politics under ex-Chief Minister Dr. M.G. Ramachandran's leadership. With his rich political background he is presently imparting technical education and well known among academicians as a dedicated educationalist and eminent Philanthropist.



He is noted for thinking ahead of times and for his progressive plans that are a unique combination of vision, effective management and the spirit of promoting technical education. He has dedicated himself completely for promoting technical education and to spread knowledge amongst the youth of India. With his insatiable thirst for knowledge he has taken up and completed research leading to PhD in Water resources Management at Anna University Chennai.



He has also served as Chairman of Metro Water Board, Chennai and is serving as an Advocate in Chennai High Court. He is the President of the Tamil Nadu State Self-Financing Engineering Colleges association and was a

member of the Legislative Council during late Dr. M.G.R's regime in Tamil Nadu. During this period he served as the chief whip of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

A multi faceted personality, he has clear long term social service plans such as a multi specialty hospital for all groups of society, women care education and multiple social awareness programs. His unique plans of providing food, transport and training for students in job oriented areas are being followed by many engineering colleges. With his diverse experience he is the Founder and Chairman of

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He has never failed to stamp his excellence in establishing Industries too. He is the Managing Director of

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## Dr. CNR RAO

Head of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India

**“Inspired a generation of young minds by showing what is possible under difficult circumstances with little external support”**

Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao FRS, also known as C.N.R. Rao, is the Head of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India. Recently the Government of India conferred him Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, making him the third scientist after C.V.Raman and A P J Abdul Kalam to get the award.



C.N.R. Rao was born on 1934 in Bangalore in a Kannada family to Hanumantha Nagesa Rao and Nagamma Nagesa Rao. He was the only child, and his learned parents made an academic environment. He did not attend elementary school but was home-tutored by his mother, who was particularly skilled in arithmetic and Hindu literature. He entered Middle School in 1940, at age six. Although he was the youngest in his class, he used to tutor his classmates in mathematics and English.



He studied BSc at Central College, Bangalore. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Mysore University in 1951, in first class, and only at the age of seventeen. He obtained a master's in chemistry from Banaras Hindu University. In 1953 he was granted a scholarship for PhD in IIT Kharagpur. But four foreign universities, MIT, Penn State, Columbia and Purdue also offered him financial support. He chose Purdue. His first research paper was published in the Agra University Journal of Research in 1954. He completed PhD in 1958, only after two years and nine months, at the age 24.

Rao returned to Bangalore in 1959 to join Indian Institute of Science (IISc) as a lecturer. He started his own research with six PhD students. After three years he got permanent appointment in the Department of Chemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

In 1976 he returned to IISc to set up a solid state and structural chemistry unit. He became Director of the IISc from 1984 to 1994. He has also been a visiting professor at Purdue University, the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and University of California, Santa Barbara. He was the Jawaharlal Nehru Professor at the University of Cambridge and Professorial Fellow at the King's College, Cambridge during 1983-1984.



He had taken IISc to new heights by procuring substantial funding and using it to expand its activities. He had founded the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute for Advanced Research a few years before, and it was showing promise as a special centre for advanced and interdisciplinary research. It was a good way to sign off a career, but Rao did not rest.

At another level, Rao had been constantly pushing the government for more investment into science. As one of India's great institution builders, he has played a big role in the creation of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), a series of high-profile institutions now being developed on a par with the IITs. As the director of IISc, he was known for his ability to spot young talent quickly.



Rao is currently the National Research Professor, Linus Pauling Research Professor and Honorary President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore which he founded in 1989. He was appointed Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Indian Prime Minister in January 2005, a position which he had occupied earlier during 1985–89. He is also the director of the International Centre for Materials Science (ICMS).

Rao is one of the world's foremost solid state and materials chemists. He has contributed to the development of the field over five decades. His work on transition metal oxides has led to basic understanding of novel phenomena and the relationship between materials properties and the structural chemistry of these materials. He is the author of around 1500 research papers. He has authored and edited 45 books. Rao serves on the board of the Science Initiative Group.

Those who know him closely would compare him with Sunil Gavaskar. When Gavaskar started playing, India did not have cricketers respected globally. When he finished, a young generation of cricketers were ready to take the team to the next level. CNR Rao did to Indian science what Gavaskar did to Indian cricket: inspired a generation of young minds by showing what is possible under difficult circumstances with little external support.

He is a member of many of the world's scientific associations, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Society (London; FRS, 1982), French Academy, Japanese Academy, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Pontifical Academy.

Rao has honorary doctorates from 60 universities from around the world. He has authored around 1,500 research papers and 45 scientific books. He is the recipient of most of the major scientific awards, and is member of all major scientific organisations.

Professor Rao has been awarded the Padma Shri (1974) and Padma Vibhushan (1985) by the Government of India, as well as the Karnataka Ratna by the Karnataka State

Government. On November 16, 2013 Government of India declared that it would confer the Bharat Ratna on Prof. Rao. He became the first recipient of the India Science Award, instituted by the Government of India, for his contributions to solid state chemistry and materials science, awarded in 2004. In 2005, he was conferred the title Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by France, awarded by the French Government. He is a foreign fellow of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences. He was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Science by the University of Calcutta in 2004.

Dr. Rao has also been conferred with China's top science award for his important contributions in boosting Sino-India scientific cooperation. The award was given by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in January 2013, which is China's top academic and research institution for natural sciences. He received 'Distinguished academician award' from IIT Patna in 2013.

Dr. Rao is married to Indumati Rao in 1960. They have two children Sanjay & Suchitra. His son Sanjay Rao is engaged in popularizing science in Bangalore's schools. His daughter Suchitra is married to K.M. Ganesh, the director of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Pune, Maharashtra.



## Veerabhadran Ramanathan

An atmospheric scientist whose landmark research showed that cutting emissions of 'black carbon' or soot can significantly lessen the impacts of climate change, improve the health of millions of rural poor, and avoid crop losses, is to receive a 2013 Champions of the Earth award; the UN's highest environmental accolade.



Veerabhadran Ramanathan – Distinguished Professor of Climate and Atmospheric Sciences at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California at San Diego and UNESCO Professor of Climate & Policy, TERI University, New Delhi, India – co-lead an international research team that in 1997 first discovered the climate impact in Asia of widespread air pollution, known as the atmospheric brown cloud (ABC).

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## S. Sridhar

**Success has been savored but never allowed to get into head**

"I have experienced the pinnacle of success in my life and have also gone through desperately trying circumstances as well". Success has been savored but never allowed to get into head, neither failures have thwarted me. 'Succeed' and 'anything is possible' attitude, coupled with unstinting support of family has made my life meaningful and allowed me to blossom in life, proudly shares Engr. S. Sridhar, Project Manager of Ali Alghanim Group Mechanical Engineering & Contracting Company, Kuwait.



He hails from the town of Erode in Tamil Nadu State, India. His schooling was at Government schools, Erode and he completed a Bachelors Degree in Engineering (Production) at SIT – Thumkur University, Bangalore. His father Shri. K.M. Srinivasan worked in Kuwait, which bolstered Sridhar's confidence in many ways and his father's guidance has propelled him forward, enriching his life.

Upon his graduation in 1994, Sridhar took up employment with Trichy – Thuvakudi – Baby Industry. Moreover, he took a keen interest in learning computers and ran a computer educational training business.

The highly profitable business tanked, owing to new Indian Government regulations and red tapism, resulting in heavy losses and debt burden. He resolved to clear the debts and to come up in life, with renewed vigour. It was an unforgettable experience to receive total support and unwavering confidence of his parents and his wife at that difficult juncture.

Mr. Jabarullah Khan, a friend of his father came forward to help him and offered a job in Ali Alghanim Company in the year 2002. Without much experience and practically no overseas experience, he was advised to join as a Supervisor and that later on promised to be promoted based on his performance.

Sridhar's starting monthly salary was KD 150/- only. Setting aside the feelings that he is a qualified engineer, he met the challenge head on, did extremely hard work, learnt the tricks of the trade along the way and proved trust worthy and today, works with the same Company in the capacity of a Project Manager, rising through the ranks.

With determination, grit and hard work, he paid back all the loans, without ever availing vacation for three straight years. He worked in between with Atesco, at Abu Dhabi, and then continues till date with Ali Alghanim Company.



Sridhar is a very simple person. He does not differentiate between people due to might, money or class. He learnt his works in the Alghanim Company from grassroots level. Although, he is very strict with Company employees, when it comes to Company's works, he takes part in their good and bad and intercedes with the Company to sort out issues and helps deserving cases.

By the same token, he advises others to save, to fall back during needy times, a lesson from his bad experience. Owing to his dynamism and disposition, the Company has given him complete freedom to operate and assigns him straightaway on any new projects, secured by the Company.

His dutiful work continues with his Company very promisingly and satisfactorily. His hobby is listening to music and he indulges in Computer and new electronic gadgets. His wife Kalyani is a pillar of strength for him. Through his difficult and bad times, she has encouraged him for the better. The couple has two wonderful daughters, Sandhya Devi (studying in 9th Standard at DPS, Kuwait) and baby Srinithie.

His motto in life is to assist and help the community in whatever possible ways that he could and in particular to run a "Shelter for the Elders".



## Shantha Maria James

Mrs. Shantha Maria James, The Principal of Indian Central School Abbasiya, President of Indian Frontliners and the former chairperson of CBSE Schools Gulf Council is a great leader and the winner of thirty other International and National awards received the Best Teacher Award for the year 2013 from H.E. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India.



## P. Balasekhar

**“Self confidence, perseverance, thorough understanding”**

Touring all over the world and ‘undergoing training in and exposure to’ big Multi-National Corporations have laid strong foundations to my managing capabilities, and organizing talent, thus adding flavor to my subject knowledge and showcasing presentation skills of undertaken tasks, which in turn have benchmarked my career growth, says Deputy GM of Universal Projects General Trading Contracting Co., Shri. P. Balasekar.



His native is Naattuchalai, a village near Pattukotai in Tanjore District of Tamil Nadu, India. His father (late, Shri.Palanivelu) was a Goldsmith and although not well educated, had inculcated the importance of good education in his son.

Balasekar completed his schooling at his native place and did a Diploma in Electronics and Communications Engineering at Aranthaangi Town, Tamil Nadu. In the year 1985, he joined Century Instrumentation Private Limited Company (with Headquarters at Chandigarh) as Bangalore Area Sales & Service Executive and served the Southern States of India, for the Company.

He moved to Kuwait in the year 1992 and joined Specialized Security System Company as a Project Engineer. Moving from one Company to another, added to his body of knowledge and sound professional experience. Joining the Security Systems Division of Universal Projects in the year 1998 and moving across ‘Fire & Gas Detection & Low Voltage’ and ‘Oil & Gas’ Divisions, he has grown from strength to strength and today is the Deputy GM of the Company.

With more than 50 employees, his present Employer is within the top ten ranked Companies of Kuwait, having Projects for Kuwait Government Authorities, US Army etc. spread all over Kuwait and which have been and are being executed, very successfully.

Self confidence, perseverance, thorough understanding of any issue before making a decision and following through the decision to logical and successful conclusion are his hallmarks. He regularly tours US, France and other European Countries for business related works. His firm belief is that education is limitless and boundless and thus keeps updating himself regularly by browsing the internet. Listening to music and web browsing are his hobbies.

He shows keen interest in doing new things,





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differently and useful for others. He possesses a down to earth attitude and is calm, quiet and composed, by nature. He derives pleasure in helping others, in need. Solving any difficult issues through consensus and without hurting concerned people, is one of the keys to his success story. Treating co-workers as an extended family, lures and glues them to remain with him for longer periods of service. He has a good heart and shows keen interests in the needs of his colleagues and fulfills them, on his own, without being asked.

Earlier, during his work related train journeys across India, he has come across destitute and poor sections of society, which has left an indelible mark in his heart and he nowadays helps them, in many ways. Together with any service Organizations he helps elders, abandoned and orphaned girl children, including helping Trichy Annai Asram, on an yearly basis, for their needs.

His wife LathaBalasekar supports him and stands shoulder to shoulder with him, encouraging him to the hilt, in all his activities. She holds a Diploma in Civil Engineering and after having had worked on some projects earlier, is a homemaker, these days.

The couple has two adorable children, Sneha and Vinotha, both studying at Carmel School, Kuwait, in 10th and 9th Standards, respectively and both are very good in painting & dancing. Balasekar loves his parents and grandmother, a lot. His love for his family members and kind heart, has made him to love society at large, and permeates to helping the needy and under privileged.

Successfully completing any given task is his strength and forte, which is his flip side also, since he expects the same of others. His truthful experiences are 'don't be greedy', and 'growth and abundance begets giver' and he is a living example of these characteristics.

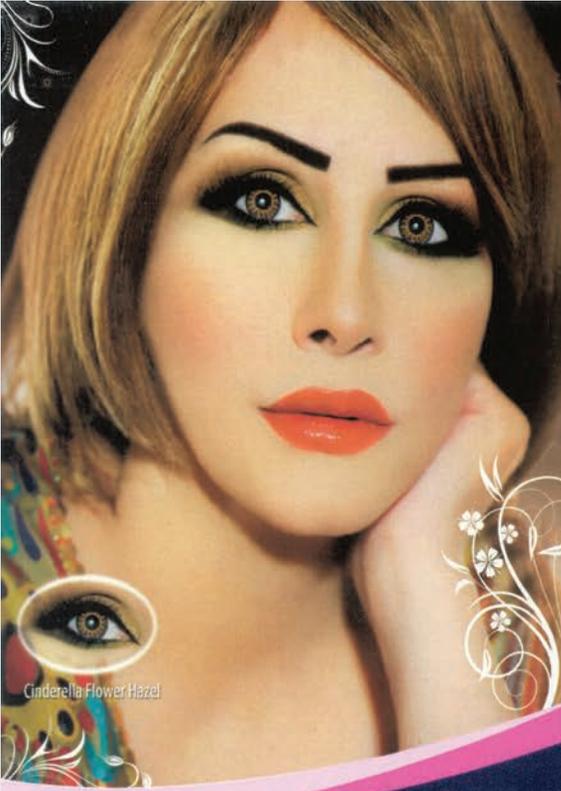
## Somen Debnath's Around the world Bicycle Tour

Somen Debnath, started his 'Around the World on Bicycle' initiative in 2004 to spread awareness on HIV/AIDS. Debnath said he expects the local government to award him eight hectares of land for his global village. He plans to cover 200,000 kilometres, reaching up to 2 million people by the end of his journey in 2020.

About his plans for a global village, the idea is to share and care for everyone in society irrespective of their caste, color or creed and give dignity to each of them.

The young adventurer also claimed that all his expenses were covered by people he met during his journey.





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## Pascal Baptist Pinto

Ask not what I have done for you

Ask what I can do for you

The gentleman Mr. Pascal Pinto, son of Late Baptist and Mary Pinto from Paduperara Mangalore India needs no introduction. He is an institution in himself, a social worker, community leader and a great friend, always fighting for a cause. He will go to any extent to fulfill his dreams. He stood tall to get Mangalore Airport International Airport status along with likeminded people, he was instrumental in getting direct flights to Mangalore from Kuwait, a dream that all Mangalorean had dreamt for several years.



He is mainly involved in Socio-Cultural activities, providing help and succor to the needy. He worked tirelessly as co-coordinator with United Associations of Karnataka (UAKK).

He has served as President of Kuwait Canara Welfare Association (KCWA).

He is Patron and served as Vice President TuluKoota Kuwait (TKK) General Secretary of Indian Arts Circle.

President of Kuwait Konkans Kuwait.

Advisor of Indian Cultural Society (ICS) Kuwait,

Managing Trustee of Padma Shree Moh'd Rafi Foundation Mangalore/Kuwait.

Vice President (Gulf) Global Konkani Organization,

MJF member of Mangalore (main) Lions Club International, and associated with most Charitable Institutions in Kuwait and In India, recently he was elected as President of Gulf NRI Forum.

He was the sole NRI guest when Mangalore Bajpe Airport was conferred as International and International Cargo Terminal by aviation minister Mr. Ajit Singh in presence of Mr. Veerappa Moily, Petroleum minister, Mr. Venugopal, State Minister of aviation and Mr. Oscar Fernandes, General Secretary of Congress and Member of Rajya Sabha.



He is married to Geneve Pinto a nurse by profession and has two siblings. First daughter Pramila Mary a B.sc M.L.T, who is married and second a son who is a M.Tech/MBA graduate and is single. Mr. Pinto pursued his education at St Xaviers Primary school-Permude and St Joseph's Parocheal School Bajpe Mangalore.

He did B.Com from Bombay University and did his Mech.Diplomna in surface, cylindrical Grinding & Machining Technology from Small Scale Service Institute from Bombay, (a govt. of India Undertaking). He came to Kuwait in the year 1979 and joined Al-Merooj Petroleum Supply Company as Machinist/Supervisor and later promoted as works Manager and General Manager till Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

He left for India during the crisis and returned back to Kuwait in 1991 and started his own M/S Fadak. General Trading and Contracting Company as Managing Partner and is still a proud Partner.

He plays active role for the needy people by giving them assistance and timely help in resolving their matters. Many laborers, domestic help and other well to do people have often knocked his door for assistance, be it issuing visa, medical help, travel ticket or to fasten the process of issuing travel documents to get back home in case of those who are cheated by sponsors and their agents.



The officials at the Indian Embassy of Kuwait share a great bond with Pascal as his activities and charity service to humanity is worth praising. He is often seen in the Embassy premises and in hospitals visiting the needy and sick people to voluntarily offer his services.

Throughout his long journey, Pinto showers Praise to the Almighty for giving him good health, courage and determination and above all, blessing in disguise to fulfill the dream of the poor and the destitute people here in Kuwait and In India. Pascal also acknowledges that without the support of his Better Half. It would have been very difficult to choose this path without the support of his dear Wife and children, who are his backbone and has supported and encouraged him at all times.

## Ashish Kumar



Ashish Kumar, student from Dhaulera village of Mahendergarh district, Haryana has been selected for a three-year astronaut training programme of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the U.S. Ashish has also cleared Indian Institute of Space Aeronautics and Technology (IISAT) competition organised by ISRO, as well as the IIT entrance test.

## K. Gangadhar Shirsath

### Principal, The Indian Community School Kuwait- Khaitan

Mr. K. Gangadhar Shirsath, the principal, Indian Community School, Khaitan branch is a dynamic, creative and visionary leader. He joined ICSK on September 2012, Prior coming to Kuwait, he worked in various schools in India.

Mr. Shirsath's passion remains to create a model school with perennial system and unique educational culture to tap & nurture the latent talent of young students, and educate them to excel in actualizing themselves as global citizens who shall act as the ambassadors of peace and sustainable development.



After working for an NGO for the academic growth of a school, Mr. Shirsath joined a residential school at Mumbai and worked there in various capacities like Hostel in Charge, In Charge for Mess, Language Lab., Educational Tours, Coordinator for Jr. college etc.

As a Principal for a school at Pune, he was awarded with the National Integration Fellowship Award by the Association of All Maharashtra Journalists for his glorious achievements. Then he took a project as a founder principal for a CBSE school in Thane and established a school with integrated system & culture. Thereafter, he came as a principal for an International Residential cum Day School at Nasik and did his best for its development.



For his academic contribution, he received the Best Head of the Department Award and the Appreciation Award for his outstanding results in classes X & XII. Having authored and directed many short plays, he has also won award for "The Best Direction" for one of his plays at interschool level.

Mr. Shirsath has done M.A. in English Literature from Pune University and B. Ed. from Mumbai University. His vocational passion is seen in his pursuance of a course in Electrics and Engineering Drawing during high school, course of Medical Laboratory Technology with Sr. Secondary and a University Diploma in Computer Management during degree. He received Best Cadet Award in National Service Scheme, has represented at State and University levels in various competitions and played roles of College Vice President of an all India students' body and Treasurer of Students' Council.



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He was also awarded with The Most Resourceful Student Teacher Award and has bagged The Best Action Research Award on developing global perspective among students, a project of studies by the government of UK. He was also founder and director of 'Career Computers', a computer institute.

Possessing profound interest in pedagogy, he has also conducted many workshops and orientation

programmes for students and teachers and his experience and expertise were sought by some upcoming schools as an advisor. Apart from attending many in service training programmes and courses, he is a certified internal auditor for ISO 9001-2000 and has a certified course in School Accreditation from Quality Council of India.



## Seline Jacob

### Charity without Break

For the last 13 years Seline Jacob has been providing lunch, three days a week, to the patients and bystanders at the Government Hospital at North Paravur

Old age and loneliness have not deterred Seline Jacob from serving the poor. They have in fact spurred her on her path of social service. She has persisted with the service she started 13 years ago despite adversities she has faced.

A childless widow, the 68 year-old cooks food in her home and serves it to 120 patients and bystanders at the Government Hospital, North Paravur. A native of Olanad near Varappuzha, she takes the lunch to the hospital, which is 10 km from her house, and even helps serve it.

It is usually rice, pickle and sambar. Nearly 15 kilos of rice has to be cooked for 120 patients. Locals, on hearing about Seline's mission, make monthly contributions.





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## S. Sai Ramalingam

**-Traits such as honesty, righteousness and no short cuts, took deep roots in his mind & heart**

"My present position can be said to be a reward for honesty and hard work, gently says, Mr. S. SaiRamalingam, Projects Director of Gulf SPIC General Trading & Contracting Company, Kuwait."



He hails from the town of Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu State, India. His father Shri.Sankaralingam worked as an Auditor in the Indian Railways. Sai did both schooling and graduation in Mechanical Engineering (GCT) in the city of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Sai's mother was a home maker. Sai is the youngest of two children and the elder one is Sai's sister.

Sai's father is a very honest person and hates short cuts. Sai's father advised him that no capitation fee would be paid for his college seat and that Sai has to secure a seat only on merits. Upon completing his 10th Standard at School he tried to secure a seat to pursue a Diploma in Engineering and not being able to do so, continued with plus two school studies. His hard work in School plus two final examinations, secured a seat for him on merit at the prestigious Stanley Medical College, but he was not that keen on pursuing studies in medicine, since his ambition was on Engineering studies.

"Don't worry what others would think or say, pursue your dreams, do what you feel is right" were his father's words to him, at that juncture. Tongues wagged when Sai gave up medical seat for engineering studies, but Sai was least bothered.

"Sustained hard efforts and self belief is the pathway to success, not only in studies, but in all pursuits of life" were his parents advice. Traits such as honesty, righteousness and no short cuts, took deep roots in Sai's young mind and heart from his father.

Upon graduating in Mechanical Engineering in the year 1991, he joined SPIC Group TAC at Tutucorin, Tamil Nadu and worked there for about five years.

His whole career has been with SPIC Group Companies namely SPIC Petro, Chennai & SPIC Fertilisers, Dubai, which gave him multi-faceted experience and helped him to gain immense knowledge. He joined Gulf SPIC Kuwait in the year 2002 as a Project Engineer and has raised through the ranks to the position of Projects Director in 2012.



His way of working is simple & quiet with no ego and a no nonsense approach. He is friendly with all his colleagues irrespective of his/her position but very demanding with performance and results and rewards accordingly.

Gulf Spic grew multifold in the last decade which includes successful on time completion of major Construction works in the New EQUATE Olefins Project. Gulf SPIC performs EPC Projects (Engineering, Procurement and Construction), Construction projects & Maintenance Contracts in KOC, KNPC, PIC, EQUATE, and Joint Operations. There are nearly 3000 employees working in Gulf SPIC Projects and Maintenance Team. Dr. Fouad Al Khadra, Chairman of Gulf SPIC is a very active, sincere and dynamic person, who trusts his employees and gives them full freedom to function, operate and take decisions. He appreciates employees who take up responsibilities and based on performance rewards them adequately.

Sai is obviously happy for the trust placed in him by his Chairman and his Company and considers himself very fortunate with his present status. He is fully aware that quite a lot of people do not get an opportunity to reach higher positions despite very good qualifications and their efforts and this makes him strongly believe that "Things happen by chances". This belief helps him in keeping his foot firmly on the ground and not carried away by the current position or power.

The growth and success story of the Company is all due to team effort of the Chairman, employees and all related family members, he fondly ascribes.

Sai's wife is Usha, and she holds Masters degree in Computer applications. She is a housewife taking care of the home and fully supports her husband which in turn helps him to concentrate on his works. The couple has two children, son Rahul, who is studying in 7th Standard at DPS School, Kuwait, while daughter Sanjana is in UKG.



Sai's hobbies are reading books and watching cricket.

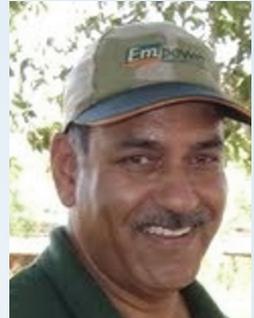
**Sai's motto:** "Whatever one does, do it whole heartedly and be a good person to colleagues. Give 100 % to enable the Company you work for, to grow further and scale new heights".

## Brig Sushil Bhasin

**An Executive Trainer, A Corporate Facilitator, A Mentor and A Motivational Speaker**

Brig Sushil Bhasin has served the Indian Army for over 34 years.

From the elementary training of recruits at the grass root level to formulating training doctrine for the Indian Army at ARTRAC (Army Training Command), Brig Bhasin has been deeply involved in multiple training processes throughout his career. His coveted command of a training establishment, the Army School of Mechanical Transport, Bangalore gave him a holistic training experience as he conceived, planned and implemented guidance of over 3000 students every year with a team of about 120 instructors.



Brig Bhasin was the Chairman of Army Public School, Bareilly from 2002-2004. During this tenure he developed a great passion for education and fell in love with children. He decided to give up his brilliant Army career to start his own training company.

Taking his rich training experience to another level, Brig Sushil Bhasin has now turned into an executive trainer, a corporate facilitator, a mentor and a motivational speaker. He is the co founder and Chairman and Managing Director of EMPOWER ACTIVITY CAMPS - a training company for students, teachers and corporate executives. Empower has its own outdoor and adventure facility with over 50 acres sprawling land near Mumbai.

In the 8.5 years out of uniform, Brig Bhasin has conducted over 500 Outbound Management Development Programmes for various corporate clients, Principals & teachers and students with overwhelming response.

In the Education sector, Brig Bhasin has conducted 4 Educational Leadership programmes for Ryan International and Podar Schools. He has conducted teachers training for over 2000 teachers and camps for over 15000 students.

The training fraternity recognises Brig Bhasin for his extreme passion, innovation, creativity and a deep sense of involvement in pre and post work related to training.

Brig Bhasin has had an opportunity to conduct leadership and team building training in Singapore, Philippines and USA.

Brig Bhasin did his B Ed at the age of 54 and concentrated on Value Added Education, 'beyond the classroom' and 'Experiential Learning' in outdoor environment.

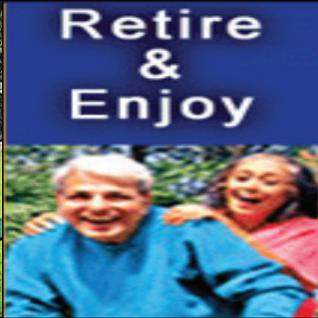
Been a part of the Education Leadership Programme which he attended with 14 Principals of Dehradun Schools in 2005

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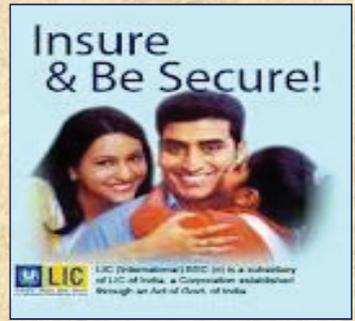


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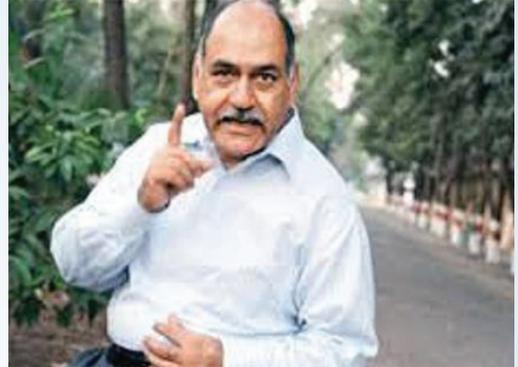


the important ones are - by Jack Canfield, Michael Losier - Law of Attraction, Brian Tracy - Psychology of Winning.

He has visited USA twice to attend the International Trainers conference of AEE. In Nov 2011 he became the first Indian to present a workshop (College to Corporate) in this elite forum.

He was recently recognized by Rotary club with a Vocational Excellence Award

He has visited outbound training facilities in USA such as NY City Outward Bound, the Browne Outbound Learning Centre at South Hampton University, a students camp at Fishkille, and the Outbound Centre at Baltimore to study the 'Experiential Learning' pedagogy in use in USA. He also met and networked with some of the leading Leadership and Team Building trainers in USA. He has been the Co Chairman of the International Affiliation Group of AEE.



### Anjana Thamke

Anjana Thamke won the gold medal in the 800 m at the Youth Games in Nanjing, China. Anjana started running when she moved to her uncle's house at the age of 9 to continue her studies as her village does not have a secondary school. She studies at the Bhonsala Military School in Nashik now.

### Dr. S. Neelamani



Dr. S. Neelamani, Senior Research Scientist and Program Manager of Coastal Management Program, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) was bestowed with the "Scientific Achievement Award" by KISR. Every year, KISR selects the top 20 outstanding scientific performers from all scientists working in KISR in all scientific disciplines. The selection is based on the annual scientific contributions. Dr. S. Neelamani is one among these top 20 achievers and his position is 6.

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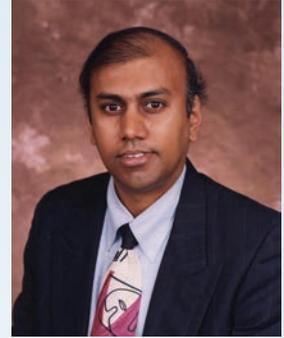


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## Dr. Jagannathan Sarangapani

**Professor at Missouri University of Science and Technology - developed 'brain' for robots**

Dr. Jagannathan Sarangapani, an Indian-origin Professor at Missouri University in US has developed what could serve as brain to Autonomous machines reducing their dependence on Human.



The System would allow robots to operate with minimal supervision something analogous to human thinking, learning and adaptation.

Dr. Jagannathan is at present a Rutledge-Emerson Distinguished Professor at Missouri University of Science and Technology (former University of Missouri-Rolla).

Technically it is a feedback system that makes use of current formation moving robots and introduces a fault-tolerant control design to improve the probability of completing a set task.

The new feedback system will allow a “follower” robot to take over as the “leader” robot if the original leader has a system or mechanical failure. In a leader/follower formation, the lead robot is controlled through a holonomic system, meaning that the trajectory is set in advance, and the followers are tracing the same pattern that the leader takes by using sonar.

When a problem occurs and roles need to change to continue, the fault tolerant control system comes into use.

It uses reinforcement learning and active critique, both inspired by behaviourist psychology to show how machines act in environments to maximise work rate, to help the new, unmanned robot to estimate its new course.

Without this, the follower wouldn't have a path to follow and the task would fail.

“Imagine you have one operator in an office controlling 10 bulldozers remotely,” said Sarangapani, the William A Rutledge – Emerson Electric Company's distinguished professor in Electrical Engineering at S&T.

“In the event that the lead one suffers a mechanical problem, this hardware allows the work to continue,” said Sarangapani.

The innovative research can be applied to robotic security surveillance, mining and even aerial manoeuvring.

Sarangapani believes that the research is most important for aerial vehicles. When a



helicopter is in flight, faults can now be detected and accommodated.

This means that instead of a catastrophic failure resulting in a potentially fatal crash, the system can allow for a better chance for an emergency landing instead.

The fault tolerance would notice a problem and essentially shut down that malfunctioning part while maintaining slight control of the overall vehicle.

“The end goal is to push robotics to the next level,” said Sarangapani.

“I want robots to think for themselves, to learn, adapt and use active critique to work unsupervised. A self-aware robot will eventually be here, it is just a matter of time, he said.

Dr. Jagannathan received his BE in Electrical Engineering from Anna University (Chennai) in 1986. He was University Gold Medallist (1982-86) as well as National Merit Scholar (1982-86). He was also Recipient of Papu Subbarao Medal for the best machine design (May 1986).

Dr. Jagannathan has co-authored around 109 peer reviewed journal articles many in various IEEE Transactions with his students, over 200 refereed IEEE conference articles, several book chapters and three books.

He holds 20 US patents and his funding is in excess of \$13 Million. His research interests include adaptive and neural network control, networked control systems and sensor networks, prognostics, and autonomous systems/robotics. He is serving as the co-editor for the IET Book series on Control.

He received the NSF Career award, Caterpillar Research Excellence Award, Boeing Pride Achievement Award and many others. He served on the editorial board of many IEEE Transactions. He is currently serving on a number of IEEE Conference Organizing Committees.

## Rohit Kumar and Rohit Sahdev

Rohit Kumar and Rohit Sahdev, both students of UC Berkeley, met when they were



doing a semester in India in 2006 at the University of Delhi. As they became friends, they realised what damages plastic waste was doing not just to India but to countries across the world. And so, Kumar and Sahdev decided to give up plastic but realised that there were not many eco-friendly alternatives especially for toothbrushes. In July 2012, after much trial and error, they launched Brush with Bamboo

which is naturally anti-microbial and anti-fungal, so it does not mould in wet environments.

## Raju C. Ninan

**“Achieve your goals through hard work and dedication”**

Well known and respected person, who has come up the hard way in life, Raju C. Ninan plans to retire and travel back home to India and settle either in Bangalore or Kerala and voluntarily provide services to the poor and the needy people. Ninan has a plan in mind and wants to work towards achieving his goal.



Ninan faced hard days in his childhood and his upbringing was not so easy. He had to take up work in order to fulfill his dreams of education and was determined to face all odds and challenges that came his way. Born in an Army Havaldar house, he had to face many hurdles due to the frequent transfer of his father's posting. After his father's retirement he took up his first work assignment to pay his fees, so that he could enroll for higher education.

During his school days, he was the scout leader of his school at St Thomas which helped him to modify his life and character. He always stands grateful to the scouts who shaped his life for good and made him more courageous and bold. With dreams and ambitions to become a doctor, He joined S.D. College Panipet in Hariyana to achieve his goal of becoming a doctor. He worked in a petrol pump to make ends meet but had to drop out due to the education level in Kerala University as he had already passed the equivalent exam.

While working at the petrol pump, Ninan noticed lot of corruption and cheating and his conscience did not permit him to continue his services and joined P.W.D. Irrigation Branch of Hariyana as a supervisor for some time. There too he saw the same kind of injustice and leaving everything behind he went to Bangalore and joined for Bachelor of Commerce for evening classes, and his fate had something wonderful in-store for him and in 1978 he landed the beautiful state of Kuwait. Initially he joined small companies to make ends meet and in 1980 joined the Ministry of Health Department as a Data Entry Machine operator. Since he was working for government, he had ample time at his disposal and to utilize his services, he took up part time job and improved his financial backing.

Now Ninan is the In Charge for Computer Work Shop of Ministry of Public Health Kuwait for the last 33 years. His hard work, dedication and commitment have rewarded him back for his early struggle with financial status.



Ninan shower words of praise for his mentors and maternal Uncle

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Presently Ninan is the President of Ranny Pravasi Sanghom, an organization of more than 600 people hailing from Ranny a mountainous place in Pathanamthitta District of Kerala. He is also the President of Kerala Sports Club Kuwait from 1984. Even at the age of 63, he loves to play outdoor games specially volleyball with young people. Ninan also happens to be the Executive Member of Kuwait Town Malayali Christian Congregation.

Ninan says that throughout his journey, his life partner and mother of three children supported and encouraged him in life. His wife was working as an English Secretary in Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital X-Ray Dept of the Ministry of Health , inspired Ninan and extended all her support. His wife is now retired and their three daughters are educated, disciplined and respected in life. They follow the footsteps of their father and are ready to take on any challenges in life.

## Pabba Soujanya

Pabba Soujanya, a B.Tech student, accomplished a rare feat by clapping with just one hand. Soujanya has mastered the art of producing the clapping sound using just one hand. She uses her fingers to make the clap-like sound. Soujanya clapped 1,150 times in four minutes 56 seconds.



## Rohildev N

Palm working as the interface of a smartphone has been made possible by 23-year-old Rohildev N start-up in Kochi and this technology is promising to be the next revolution in wearable technology. Fin, a smart ring developed by RHL Vision that can be wore on the thumb, has been attracting many technophiles with the sheer simplicity of its concept and its ease of use.

## Arundhati Bhattacharya

Arundhati Bhattacharya was the chairperson of State Bank of India (SBI), becoming the first woman to head India's 206 year old largest bank which together with its subsidiaries, accounts for 22% of the country's bank deposits and 23% of total lending. The 57-year-old Bhattacharya, is also the first woman to ever lead a Fortune 500 company in India, and the only woman banker on that list of giants anywhere in the world.





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## Jonathan Fernandes

### Sky's The Limit for Multi-Talented

Young people have much to offer in making the world a better place. They are clever and tech-savvy and more engaged, and passionate than any other generation.

Meet Kuwait-based Jonathan Fernandes, without question, one of the most unique and bold new voices in the world of music and art.

Music has been a large part of his life, inside of school and out, and it offered him comfort, as well as a sense of pride in his own creativity.

Born to Mario Fernandes (Mario de Majorda) and Janette Franco, Jonathan studied at Carmel School, Kuwait from Kindergarten up until 10th grade before moving to Pune and Mumbai for higher studies.

Always interested in music, Jonathan is proud to state that his tryst with music began when he saw his uncle Mr. James Franco, formerly a member of Kuwait's popular band Stepping Stones, playing the guitar.

#### Art of singing at an early age

The art of singing was instilled in Jonathan from a very young age; his first performance on stage was at the age of 9, in his native language - Konkani. He acted and sang in the drama 'Aliza' produced and directed by Rafael de Majorda on 9th April 1999. Jonathan went on to sing in 'Kitem Mhozo Fuddar' and later won 'Best Child Artiste Award' in the One-Act Play Competition organized by AVC in 2002.

Jonathan feels that music is something that he brought from his roots. His dad is an amazing artiste – a singer and a musician. Boosted by the encouragement in his early years, he learnt the guitar with the help of his uncle who taught him the first 4 guitar chords, after which there was no looking back. His uncle is really a gifted musician and singer, so he's got it on both sides and he's surrounded by it.

Asked how he groomed his skills, Jonathan said, " My dad who is a professional Goan artiste has been instrumental in showcasing my talent. Together with him, I played the keyboards for the Holy Family Choir (now St. Anne and St. Joaquim Choir) for quite some



time. I also took part in my dad's Konkani drama Chuklelim Panvlam (staged on 24th June 2005) at the age of 15. "

### **Innovating new trend of music**

Eventually, Jonathan took interest in producing his own tunes with his guitar and keyboard as a means of innovative study.

" My participation at the 'Battle of the Bands' in Kuwait made me learn a lot and helped me grow into a songwriter, music composer and producer. "



At the tender age of 16, Jonathan stepped into the culturally rich and musically abundant motherland of India, moving to Mumbai city to pursue higher studies. With all its surprises, he put his life in tune with two guiding stars who are renowned producers themselves. He credits Mr. Deep & DJ Chantz as his heaviest influences till date. With their help, Jonathan collaborated with artists of the likes of Apache Indian, Boy Ricci, Bombay Bassment, Microphon3, DSouza KC, DJ LionL and DJ Twisted bass to hone his talents in music.

" My performances in Kuwait, Pune and in Mumbai's finest venues like Enigma at JW Marriott, and Blue Frog have been very successful and I am glad I was a part of them. "

When it comes to creating music, Jonathan reveals that he works hard to turn most ideas into songs. " Some however, are turned into musical projects to explore the boundaries of my creativity, " adds the youngster.

Jonathan's music fuses instrumental artistry that range from simple, subtle melodies of rock, pop, rap and reggae to complex, layered works. " I try to create a sort of a unique identity in my music that encompasses my efforts as a singer, songwriter and musician. "

The song 'Feel Good' released on You Tube on Christmas Eve 2012 remains one of Jonathan's favorite. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN6To9wVHY4>

Further referring to his style of songs and singing, he said, "Although my music sounds much western, my style is influenced by my surroundings and upbringing as a Goan."

Together with friend Bertrand D'Souza (D'Souza KC), the duo has created some inimitable songs. Their song 'Adrenaline' with the entire musical score by Jonathan has become extremely popular among friends and fans.

### **Jonathan as an Artist**

No doubt, Jonathan is a good singer but it doesn't end there. He is also a talented visual

artist. A quick glance at his home, one can notice the paintings on the walls. Every artwork is complete with minute details.

Jonathan speaks a lot about his love for drawings from a very early age and how he filled the margins of his school books with illustrations, causing the furor of more than one teacher. The lad is an ingenious artist looking to convey his art through any form, and experiments in any pictorial style (graphic design, comics, graffiti, fantasy, realistic, etc).

Some of his art displayed in the images will speak about the genius behind the creations.

After completing his graduation from Rachana Sansad College of Applied Art & Craft (BFA) in June 2013, the gifted youth will be pursuing higher studies in Canada for a Master's Degree in VFX (Visual Special Effects). He has a cloud of songs under his belt, ready and completed, waiting for the right time for release.

" My parents are a motivating factor in my life, " admits Jonathan attributing all that he is to the grace of Almighty.

### **What the future holds**

About the future, Jonathan says, " I want to stick to what I love doing best which is creating music, producing, writing songs for myself as well as people I collaborate with. I want to connect with people from around the world through music and make sure everything I write about or sing is straight from the heart, the soul of where music really lies... "

To aspiring musicians and fellow dreamers like himself, Jonathan says, " Follow your heart and live up to your own expectations. You will meet your own stars which will guide you on your way to success. Keep faith and never give up. "

The multi-talented star sure has a lot to offer and he is yet to share his unimaginable talents with the world. So you better watch out for him.

**Jonathan's Sound Cloud profile - [https://soundcloud.com/j\\_ferns](https://soundcloud.com/j_ferns)**

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## Ajee .P. Varghese

### A simple, conscientious and well liked business person

“Success in business has been achieved due to God’s grace and straight forward approach, built on hard work, coupled with patience: recalls Ajee, Manager of Waves Printing Press, Kuwait”.

He hails from Thiruvalla in Kerala State, and his father Mr. Varghese retired from Indian Military Service. Ajee is the 4th and last sibling of his home and upon his schooling reached Mumbai in the year 1991 in search of green pastures.

He was fond of printing and searched for related jobs in printing presses, but owing to inexperience, could not land in a job, for quite some time. And when the opportunity presented itself he spotted a printing press, walked in, requested for a job and was offered one.

Starting from lower rungs his keenness to learn laid strong foundations in printing career. He was longing for praise, recognition and always burning with desire, ambition to achieve something. Three months into his first job, he felt the need to improve his qualifications and joined Bhavan’s College, where he completed his Diploma and then a Degree in Printing Technology, which helped him to gain insights, knowledge in his chosen field.

After switching Companies and jobs thrice in Mumbai, Ajee landed in Kuwait in the year 2001 and joined AIRailam Press and worked for about 6 months. Then he worked with Darwaza Press Kuwait for some time. His present Company, Waves Press was started in the year 2007 and he got an offer. Along with his Kuwait Partner, he developed the Company and registered exponential growth within a period of six months. Due to his hard work and support of his team, it’s now evolved to home, a number of employees and is now a well-established company in the printing industry of the state of Kuwait. The Company has all the resources necessary to satisfy any customer’s printing or design needs.

When any problem surfaces, he decides it on its merits and let the parties solve it amongst themselves by consensus and involvement of the related parties, failing which, enables it to be resolved amicably. In his business, in dealing with his staff, he does not act as if he is the boss, and all behave like a close knit family and the employees have developed a close bond with Ajee. He arranges for choosing the “Staff of the Month” on a regular basis and rewards him/her, along with celebrating staff’s birthday and special occasions. His





hobbies are reading and watching cricket. He does not have an ego and his closeness with the employees is truly appreciated by all.

His wife Ansa Ajee has stood with him through thick and thin in his growth saga. She is presently serving as a Nurse at Sabah Hospital, Kuwait. The couple has two children, Arpitha Ajee (Studies in 2nd standard) and Athuliya.

Ajee is also very thankful to the Company Owner Mr. Ebrahim Al Awadhi for his continuous support towards running the company. Ajee at this juncture appreciates his best guide and well-wisher Mrs. Priya who works as an Admin at Waves press. Later in year 2010 till date he was also supported by Mr. Anishad who works as a Press Manager. He appreciates and thanks all the staff of Waves Printing Press for

their hard work, dedication, loyalty where the company progressed year by year, and none of this could have been possible without the team's effort.



## IASCO chairman S.A. Labba won Excellence award "Voice of Kerala"

Indo Arab Socio Cultural Organisation (IASCO) Kuwait Chairman and a Social worker has won an Excellence award from the Rotary Club International, Trivandrum in recognition of his voluntary work to promote Kerala Tourism and his dedication to foster and fortify the ethos of our rich and ancient civilization, the tolerant and accommodating nature of our multicultural relationship between the Kuwaiti nationals, Other Arabs in Kuwait through dialogue, alliance and cultural exchange.



## Firoz Merchant

### Philanthropist With A Heart of Gold

Mr Merchant, 54, is the chairman of Pure Gold Jewellers and gives away a vast amount of his wealth each year to those less fortunate than himself.

Mr Merchant, who owns more than 125 jewellery stores across the Middle East, paid off the debts of more than 4000 insolvent prisoners and paid for their airfare back to their home countries, along with their families.

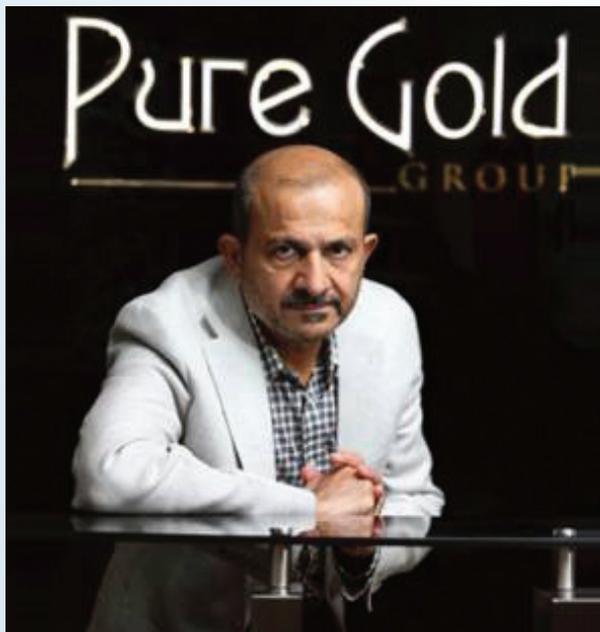


Firoz Merchant, who with his \$1 billion (Dh3.67million) net worth is ranked 26th of the 50 richest Indians in the Gulf, had to claw his way out of poverty to reach the top. The self-made billionaire and chairman of Pure Gold Jewellers dropped out of school at 11 because his father couldn't afford the fees. He shared a cramped bedroom with eight siblings in the busy Bhandi Bazaar area of Mumbai.

Yet Firoz, 54, is grateful for those early years because they taught him the most important lessons in life. " I learnt not to give up whatever the challenges," he says. " More importantly, I realised that there is no shortcut to success. Only hard work and determination can help you realise your dreams. " That's why the youngest son in the family was happy to work at his late father Gulam Hussain's fledgling real estate business after leaving school.

" I used to run errands and maintain basic accounts for my father, " Firoz explains. " That taught me how to manage people, deal with business partners and to be honest and transparent in all dealings. When my father would ask what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would say 'businessman'. I didn't know what I wanted to trade in at the time,

just that I wanted to carve out my own destiny. "I had basic reading and writing skills, but I learnt to be street smart living in Mumbai.



It's not difficult to earn a little money there if you are enterprising, and I would earn around Rs 50 to Rs 100 a month running errands for neighbours. We often had to skip a meal as it was difficult for my father to make ends meet. But I don't ever remember despairing about it. " My father always told us, 'This phase is temporary and it will pass'. I believed him because I had an ambition of doing something really big."

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Over the years his family's fortunes improved, and when Firoz married he had enough savings to take a two-week honeymoon to Dubai with his wife Rozina in 1986. Walking around the Gold Souq in Deira, he realised this was the trade for him and vowed to learn everything he could, about it. " I had a strong gut feeling that I would do well in Dubai, " he says. " And I was determined to make it even if it meant working 24/7. "

Back in Mumbai, Firoz spent all his free time picking up valuable tips in the gold trading hub of the city, and in 1989, at the age of 30, returned to Dubai and set up a business with zero capital. He traded in gold bars but didn't have enough money to buy them, so he'd find small-time merchants who didn't have any contacts with wholesalers and arrange transactions, taking a small commission.

He made a small profit - just Dh 5 a bar - and, living frugally, managed to save. By 1991 he had enough money to set up a gold trading business and opened his first retail jewellery store in 1998. Now Pure Gold Group has 125 outlets in ten countries and is valued at more than \$1 billion. " I do not know how it happened, " he says. " All I know is that I had this desire to succeed in what I had set out doing and somehow I've achieved my dreams. "

Despite his vast fortune, Firoz has never lost sight of his humble beginnings nor his humanitarian responsibilities. In 2011 he launched a rescue and repatriation programme for prisoners of all nationalities who had been arrested under insolvency laws. Working closely with the government



and various charities, he helped about 1,200 people in the first year, paying upto Dh 25,000 debts for each. Last year, he helped 1,500 prisoners and this year he has already helped in the release of around 600 prisoners, spending a total of Dh 3.5 million to settle their dues.

" I do not bail out hard-core criminals, but only those who have ended up in jail due to financial issues, " he explains. " I cannot forget that around two decades ago I was struggling without any money or help to set up a business. I grew up with pain and sorrow and vowed that if I became successful in life I would do something to help people. I don't want others to be in the position that I was. "

Firoz also works with the governments of the Maldives, the Philippines, India and Sri Lanka, donating money to help villages affected by natural disasters. Over the years he has allocated around Dh 200,000 for relief work in each of these countries.

They've also established two jewellery manufacturing factories in India and one in China.



I have about 35 shops in India alone and employ around 3,500 people internationally. I plan to expand to around 25 countries and have at least 450 stores and a presence in around 200 duty-free stores around the world in the next five years. I like my employees to feel they are working for themselves and expect 100 per cent dedication and loyalty from them. I have always operated very ethically and that is how I expect my employees to conduct their transactions.

Transparency and honesty are two factors I feel are vital for our success. We are above-board in all our dealings with customers, which is very important in this business. I think if you are ethical, hardworking and transparent, positive results will follow. I never mix my personal life with my professional life. At the office I am the chairman of the group. My son, Karim, 27, is the CEO of Pure Gold Jewellers, my daughter Amreen, 26, looks after the diamond section and my son-in-law Amran Iqbal is the director of the La Moda sunglasses section.

As a child I have seen some really tough times. I was one of nine children in the family – six boys and three girls. I was the seventh child and we lived in a tiny house. My father Gulam Hussain, who died in 1995 at the age of 75, was a real estate broker, a man of ethics and extremely principled. My mother Malek bai was a housewife. The real estate business was not always doing well and we led a hand-to-mouth existence. I was about 11 years old when I began accompanying my father to meetings, watching him closely as he negotiated prices, interacted with his clients and closed deals.

Although they were tough times, my father was never willing to compromise on his principles and business ethics. He used to tell me, ' Son never be shy to accept a challenge. Failures are temporary phases in life. Have a dream and focus on it and you will succeed '. My father was the university of my life. He taught me about hard work, enterprise and optimism. I remember him telling me, ' Never focus on short-term gains. Look at the larger picture. Always have a long-term vision. Think about all the consequences, a decision you make today is likely to have later. '

He was very understanding when I told him I wanted to go to Dubai and start trading in gold. Although he felt it was a huge risk to take as it was a new field for me, he was willing to support me as best as he could. ' My son, I have nothing more than my blessings to give you. I hope you will do your best. Always remember never to betray your homeland and your host country. Never take shortcuts in life and be honest, sincere and loyal to your host country, honour the law of the land and the systems.

If things do not work out, the doors of my home are open. We will welcome you with open arms', he said, bidding me farewell. He was very happy for me and proud of my



success. From my mother, who died last year, I learnt the values of humanism. She had so many mouths to feed and if she was left with one piece of bread for herself at the end of the day she would happily give it to a hungry person at our door. She always taught me to put myself in another person's shoes and understand the pain and struggle other people went through.

Once all my brothers started working – in real estate and other businesses – our financial situation improved and we moved to a bigger house in Bandra – a nicer suburb of Mumbai. It was there that I fell in love with Rozina, who lived in the neighbourhood. She had completed high school and we both shared the same family values. She has been my unflinching supporter and confidante. These days I'm very particular about my health. Five days a week I am at the gym in the Burj Al Arab doing cardio, weights, etc.

I wake up at 4.30am for morning prayers and then spend time with my family. I reach the office by 10am after a light breakfast. I work hard until 4pm and then head to the gym in the evening before going back home. At the weekend or whenever I have the time, I love riding horses. I think the horse is a very noble and graceful animal and riding de-stresses me.

I feel deeds are more important to me than business transactions. I dream of creating a system where I can help genuine people who are in trouble. The happiness and contentment one gets in bringing a smile to a person's face or in helping a person who's in trouble can never be compensated with money. I did not get an opportunity to have a good education, but I realise its value. Today one needs to keep abreast of new technologies to be on a level playing field with others in the sector.



I trusted my instincts and relied on the lessons my parents taught me. But both Rozina and I were very keen to give the best education to our children, who both graduated from good universities and are assets to my business. Three people have played vital roles in my life – my parents and my wife. My parents provided me with a firm grounding in life and taught me to respect fellow men and my wife has been a pillar of support through good times and bad.

I feel two things are very important to be successful in life. The first is principles that govern your life and the second is your health, which can be achieved only through strict discipline. You can lose money and get it all back, but once you lose health it's extremely difficult to reclaim. I came here with just the clothes on my back. This country gave me love, respect, wealth and the wherewithal to realise my dreams. I dream of being able to repay the country with good deeds and kindness.

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## Dr. Palaniappan Senthamilarasu

### Paediatrician (Children Specialist) of The Next Generation

Dr. Palaniappan with Alia International Hospital in Mahboula, Kuwait in a short span of two years, has become very popular and is a very busy medical practitioner with a magic touch and has earned the goodwill of the parents community. He is a well-known personality not only in that region, but most of Kuwait and is hailed by many parents for his kindness and accurate diagnosing and treatment capabilities for their children.



Dr. S. Palaniappan was born and brought up at Chennai, India and he completed his schooling at SBOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Anna Nagar. He qualified as a MBBS Doctor in the year 2001, from Madras Medical College & Research Institute, which is one of the Country's prestigious educational institutions. He was a born leader among his classmates and a visionary among his colleagues.

He has been very keen in providing good healthcare and awareness to the rural public of Tamilnadu, India and served them from 1998 to 2001. His service oriented mind and kind heart kept him involved in many free medical camps, Pulse Polio immunization programs, immunization camps and many such schemes.



His unquenching thirst for knowledge was kindling inside him, even after completing an under graduation, and he travelled to the United Kingdom and continued his journey in medicine. It was then that he decided about his career and started his saga in saving the lives of tiny tots and became a PAEDIATRICIAN!

Dr. Palaniappan continued post-graduation studies in Paediatrics, in the United Kingdom.

He has worked for about 10 years from 2001 onwards,

**in UK's leading Children's Hospitals,  
including Sheffield Children's Hospital,  
The James Cook University Hospital,  
Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital.**

With overwhelming blessings of God, he had the opportunity to work with many of the World's leading, renowned and popular Paediatricians, during his one decade of professional work in the UK.

He has worked as a Specialist at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, which is England's first Paediatric Health promoting Hospital, accredited by the World Health Organization. It is one of Europe's biggest and busiest Children's Hospital and he became one of the youngest Consultants at the age of 32. Dr. Palaniappan's impressive educational qualifications are as follows:



- 1995 - 2001 M. B. B.S, Madras Medical College (MMC);**
- 2001 - 2005 MRCPCH, Royal College of Pediatrics & Child Health, London ;**
- 2007 - 2008 Diploma in Allergy, University of Greenwich,**
- UK - 2005 - 2010 CCST, Paediatrics, UK**

Dr. Palaniappan is a Member of numerous prestigious Institutes such as General Medical Council (UK), Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health (London), The Tamil Nadu Doctors Association. He has very extensive general paediatric experience with special interests in Newborn care, paediatric allergy, asthma and respiratory infections. He is very popular and hailed for his diagnosing acumen and also for his appropriate treatment planning and procedural abilities. He is a valued team player and relied upon, whenever an expert opinion is required



for a complicated case.

He is not only a clinical person but also an academic and always finds time for carrying out research and doing audits and teaching his juniors, amidst his busy schedule. He has done a Research on Adult sweat salt levels with DR. Kevin Southern, who is one of the pioneers in Cystic Fibrosis Research. He has given many International and National presentations.

Recognizing his extensive publications in the paediatric discipline, clinical achievements and contribution to medical education, he has been awarded several medical prizes in the UK.

He enjoys teaching junior doctors and the nursing community. He served as the educational supervisor for medical students and paediatric post graduates of Royal Liverpool University during their clinical postings at the Alder Hey Children's Hospital. He was also involved in the In-service training sessions, weekly medical presentations and Journal Club of the Alder Hey Paediatric Department.

Dr. Palaniappan relocated to Kuwait in the year 2010 and joined Alia International Hospital in Mahboula, to extend his service to the local and expatriate communities, residing in that region of Kuwait. He is married to Dr. Dhivyadharshini, a Physiotherapist and the



couple is blessed with a son, named Nittin, who is five years old. Dr. Dhivyadharshini studied at Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai and is now working at Alia International Hospital, Mahboula, Kuwait.

His parents are Shri. M.R. Senthamilarasu and Smt. S. Sheela and he has one sister.

Dr. Palaniappan proudly extolls that his father, Sri. Senthamizh Arasu as his Role-Model. He was a popular News Reader at Tamil Doordharsan too. Arasu is a distinguished and a well known personality among the Indian Community in Kuwait. He has been involved in many Indian Socio-cultural activities and is very supportive to the

Indian community at large and not so privileged persons, in particular. Arasu has been associated with the Indian Frontliners in all their activities, since inception.

His hobbies and interests apart from medicine include Badminton, Cricket and South Indian Music. An ardent devotee of Lord Almighty, a socially responsible citizen, a leader in paediatric medical fraternity and a law abiding citizen and expatriate, Dr. Palaniappan is a role model professional of our Nation, mother India and keeps her name and flag, flying high. May God be with him and bless him in all his endeavours.



## Artist Ani Varnam

It is no slip of the tongue. Artist Ani Varnam always has the canvas at the tip of his tongue and that is no tongue-in-cheek pastime of his, for he is a serious portrait and landscape painter who has created more than 1,000 fine paintings by using his tongue as a brush.

The 32-year-old drawing teacher from Karunagapally, who teaches at the neighbourhood Lord's Public School, always had an urge to do something different with his painting talent. The inspiration to get his tongue round the canvas came in 1997 when he read about an artist who paints with his toes.





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## Roshan Lorena

Mr. Roshan Lorena is a very successful business man who started the Arrow International Trading co. in Kuwait. He is young, energetic and focused and an urge to make big in life. He arrived kuwait in 1994 and took up a job as brand supervisor for cameras at Qirtas and Gajaria. After working there for some years, he shifted his job for better prospects and joined as senior sales Supervisor for Black & Decker at Sultan Centre. He was enjoying his job and was interested in meeting people, but the spark that he anticipated was not there.



A simple warm hearted Goan lad who landed in Kuwait with a mission could not see any future for himself and thus in December 2009, He started his own company called "Arrow International Trading co" and started his own business as a sole agent for Bajaj home appliances and Bajaj electrical here in Kuwait. This is Roshan Lorena a bubbling, ever smiling tough guy from Tonca Miramar Goa.

Roshan always had a dream and his mind focused. Ever since he stepped on the Kuwait soil, he wanted to fulfill his dreams and worked relentlessly in fulfilling his goal. He gained knowledge of the markets and studied the demand of the market in terms of brand and pricing. He started with Bajaj Home appliance and Bajaj electrical as major brands and now has Crompton greaves, Mediacom (Karaoke system) and Eclipse under his shelf.

He says, "It's very difficult to sustain in the market and one has to be very flexible and alert to meet customer demands". His backbone is his after sales service which he says bonds him with his clients and gains feedback on the products. When he interacts with them, he understands their problems and their taste for new products and hence caters to their needs. He keeps busy the whole day and hardly finds time for himself, "often I skip my meals to meet the demand and visit my clients" he says.

Roshan had a very serene, fun loving family upbringing in life. His parents provided them with whatever they wanted. His parents gave them the best of clothing, food, education and passed on family morals and spiritual values. He says, "Our parents taught us to move in the society with dignity and honour". Roshan always remembers his parents and showers praise for their care, love and guidance.

Today he is happily married with three sons and is giving them all the time and guidance as his parents passed on to him. A man who starts his day early in the morning and finishes when the lights come on in the evening, finds time from his busy work schedule to be with his wife and sons. For him Money is not everything, but passing on ethics and spending time with family is more important.



Today Roshan Lorena is a very successful businessman, within a short span of time he penetrated the market, skyrocketed and expanded his business. Being a religious man, he attributes his success to God for blessing him with such a loving and understanding wife and his children for supporting him. It's sheer hard work and God's blessing.

Arrow International Trading co. products are available in most of the leading and reputed hypermarkets in Kuwait. Roshan farsighted plans are to use his contacts and influence for further expansion of his business here in Kuwait. We wish to see - Arrow International Trading Co. listed among the top companies in the future.

## Ramilaben

### Gujarat woman milking millions in dairy den

Ramilaben Govindbhai Patel hasn't been to college. But at 43, she earns what some CEOs take home. Nothing fancy here. She milks cows every day and supplies milk to a dairy co-operative. She milked Rs. 1.10 crore - net profit in 2011-12, to be precise!



At Pentarpura village in Sabarkantha district in Gujarat, Ramilaben's dairy farm churns out 5.55 lakh litres of milk per annum. What had started as a backyard business in 2000 is now a full-fledged family business. She is an outstanding success story of the change the White Revolution has brought about in Amul capital.

Twelve years ago, Ramilaben registered herself as a primary milk producer at Pentarpura's dudh mandali (village level milk society) and took a bank loan for five cross-bred cows. Today, she runs 'Jai Ranchod Dudh Utpadan Kendra', which is a five-acre home to 280 cattle where 40 workers get employment, even though the farm has four automatic milking machines.

She and her husband Govindbhai visited Israel last year to finalise plans to set up a calf-rearing farm alongside a fully computerized 'tabela'.

"Our farm has 24-hour water, cooling system, fodder chaffing machines and other things but we now want to adopt Israeli technology where rotary units will milk cows automatically and also indicate the fat content," says Ramilaben. The modernization will cost Rs 1 crore.

Ramilaben is an inspiration to other women in Gujarat who are the backbone of the dairy industry. Out of the total 16,117 milk societies, 2,124 are run by women. Of the 31.8 lakh members in 15 district unions, 8.2 lakh are women.

## Alberto S. Fernandes

### Sporting and Enterprising Goan

Alberto Sylvester Fernandes is a successful Goan in Kuwait, having landed in the country in 1980. The down to earth and a religious person hails from Cansaulim, Salcette, Goa. It's a proud statement to make that he has setup his own workshop with the latest mechanical and electronic equipments and gadgets. He specializes in maintenance as well as repairs and modifications of German-made SUVs and high end luxury cars, more specifically his favorite "Porsche" cars.



Alberto is the nephew of The Trio Kings stalwart of Konkani Stage Anthony D'Souza, a much feared political singer (of his time from early 1960's and up to the present). Though he had intentions to perform on stage but since his first love was to be in mechanical field, he took up a job in a workshop with Books in his hand. He is an ardent lover of football.

Luck was on his side and he landed on Kuwait soil on 13th July 1983. He took up work in Ajwan Garage Shuwaikh and worked there for a lucrative salary. He contributed his 11 valuable years to Royal Garage at Shuwaikh. Later, he started his own garage "Dynamic garage" in shuwaikh and later moved to Al Rai and started the garage with a different name under "Alberto Garage" .

He initially took loan to start his own business and after repaying the financial institution, he was fortunate to win the Dubai Duty Free (DDF) hamper 2001 - a Porsche Car Carrera!

Alberto's wife, Cynthia, is his strong pillar of support. She always stood by him and assisted him in his business and personal life who incidentally is also a sports lover (football in particular). Blessed with two daughters Veronica Fernandes and Vanessa Fernandes pursuing their education in Medical Sciences (including physiotherapy) in India, are following in their parents footsteps.



The Fernandes' couple has assisted many Indian nationals and are supporting too many causes – be in sports, cultural as well as in their professional trades. Having a feel of someone just landing in Kuwait, Alberto would provide them suitable accommodation and look after their welfare as is basically required in the country, and often on short notice, helped resolve their financial and if in emergency, arrange for their travel back home on

short notice due to humanitarian consideration, extended a helping hand and warmth of a true Goan.

Alberto has supported many Indians and majority of his staff were recruited directly from Goa to Kuwait to work in his enterprise, and he trained them putting his time and effort.

In sports field, Alberto donned the Goalkeepers jersey in Football and played for Musudad De Colva in the second division GFA (Goa Football Association organized leagues). Selected directly in the senior division, he played for Mandovi Shipyard and in Bombay, (Mumbai) for Morarji Mills. Also, he represented the State of Goa and played in Bahrain and was adjudged "the Best Goalkeeper" of the tournament.

Alberto and his family are very religious and have a devotion of Our Lady of Arabia and can be seen for the prayer services at the Ahmadi Church on every first Friday of the month. He gratefully thank the Almighty and showers praise for healing him from arthritis which he suffered during his playing days, apart from minor injuries which later had affected his health too.

He proudly and devotedly sends a message to fellow Goans/Indian. "Unitedly we should stand together, support and encourage our brothers in their ventures and business", anywhere in the wide-wide world. "Just criticizing them does not work out for anyone in the community as well as in the host nation. I feel proud and like to continue as a true Goan in my trade and my love for football".

## Sushma Verma

Sushma Verma, prodigious 13-year-old daughter of a daily wage labourer, is pursuing a post-graduate degree in microbiology at Lucknow University.

She recited the Ramayana at a local podium when she was two years old. Her brother Shailendra, has cleared class 10 at the age of nine and the youngest computer science graduate, being 14 when he finished his BCA. He inspired her to read books. She got into a reading habit and she used to look for books all the time. She enrolled at St Miraz Inter College in Lucknow and she took the class 10 exam at the age of seven.

"I read about microbiology at BSc level and was curious about things like what happens when microbes get into the air, the ramifications, etc. So, I opted for it. Moreover, after my BSc, since I couldn't sit for the medical exam, I didn't want to waste time. I enrolled myself in the MSc. I'll do my PhD till I turn 17. I'll then sit for the medical exam" She says.



## Dr. K. Kumar

**“Persistent hard work with dedication is the key for the ultimate success”**

Dr. K. Kumar, presently the Senior Scientist -Marine Resource Sector of the Public Authority of Agriculture Affairs, Government of Kuwait hailed from a small hamlet in the banks of the river Tamiraparani namely Navaladiyour, Srivaikuntam Taluk, Tuticorin District, Tamilnadu.



As a bachelor degree holder in Zoology, Dr. K. Kumar did his Master of Science, Master of Philosophy and Doctorate of Philosophy in Marine Biology and Oceanography in the Centre of Advance Study in Marine Biology at Annamalai University, Tamilnadu. Awarded Doctorate on distinction, Dr. K. Kumar served as Post Graduate Lecturer for a short period in Kamaraj College Tuticorin and Vivekananda College, Kanyakumari and Guest Lecturer for M.Tech., Microbiology at Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi.

Dr. K. Kumar was appointed as Scientist in the Department of Environment, Science and Technology, Govt. of Delhi in 1995, through Union Public Service Commission, Govt. of India. During his 10 years service in Delhi Government, he was the Project implementation officer for Delhi State Government for environment data generation, survey and research projects. He was the Chief Plan Coordinator for the Department of Environment, Delhi State Government for preparation of Government's Five Year Plan and Annual Plans.

He represented the Delhi Government in the National level consultations for drafting 'National Biodiversity Action Plan', Government of India. As a nodal officer, he was entrusted for preparing scientific replies for queries raised on Delhi State environmental issues in Indian Parliament.

In the Year 2003, Dr. K. Kumar was selected as Senior Scientist by the Public Authority of Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Kuwait by open merit. In fact he was one of the four scientists appointed from India out of about 74 Doctorate candidates in that selection. As a Senior Scientist now in the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs, Govt. of





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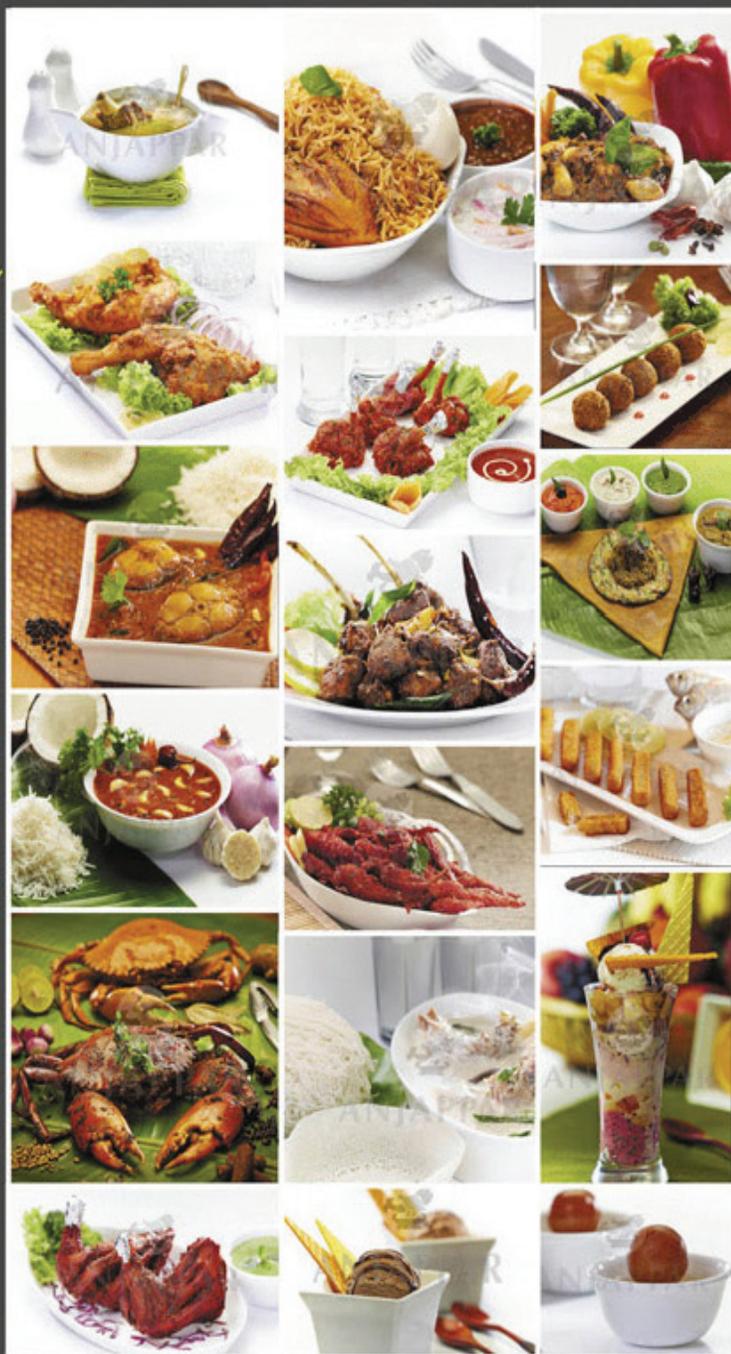
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Kuwait, Dr. K. Kumar is dealing with policy decisions on Conservation of Kuwait Marine resources.

He is instrumental in the preparation of National Reports on marine fishery resources, Scientific & Technical reports. He is the coordinating officer with FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization) Rome, and RECOFI (Regional Commission of Fisheries) on the issues related to Kuwait marine living resources. "Persistent hard work with dedication is the key for the ultimate success" is his slogan of mission in life.



Apart from his official responsibility with sincerity and honesty, Dr. K. Kumar is leading the Kuwait Tamil Poet's Association as President, which is one of the well known literary organizations among Tamil communities in Kuwait.

Dr. Kumar is a well accomplished singer in both classical as well as light music as he learnt Carnatic music in his younger days. This is a burning catalyst for his obsession towards music, also served as the Jury in many musical competitions.

As the President of Kuwait TAMILSOCIETY Association, his ambition is that all Tamil organizations should have a cordial relationship with respect while rendering their social services towards the upliftment of poor children for their education in all over the world particularly in India.

Dr. Kumar is grown up from a traditional agricultural family inspired from the nature of hard work, dedication and simplicity of his father Shri. Kadarkaraiyandi and mother Smt. Rukmani ammal. As an Economic graduate, Mrs. Valarmathi Kumar, the beloved wife of Dr. K. Kumar is the power of his all efforts, ably managing the family affairs and agricultural properties at native place.

Dr. K. Kumar is blessed with two children. His daughter Priyadarshini Kumar is pursuing her Engineering course in Electronics and Communication and his son Ajith Kumar is doing his 12th Standard.



# Indian Business Council Awardees

## Dr. Maqbulahmed Aqdi

Dr. Maqbulahmed Aqdi, a general practitioner in Kuwait, graduated from the National Medical College affiliated to University of Mumbai. While he was practicing in Mumbai with sole intention of securing a Fellowship in the UK, a prominent businessman Mr. Musaad Saleh persuaded him to manage the clinic renowned Kuwaiti physician Dr. A. Al Khateeb, in his absence for brief period. On his return Dr. Khateeb and several prominent Kuwaiti personalities and members of communities persuaded him to stay on – in appreciation of his services.



Even during the Kuwait Invasion, he stayed here in Kuwait and served for the Kuwait and the expatriate communities. On appreciating his humble services, H.H. the Amir of Kuwait conferred the Kuwait Nationality on him.

## Late Mr. Sales Bartholomew Monteiro

Mr. Sales Bartholomew Monteiro, born in Charo, Goa in 1896, after completing his boarding school started working as a clerk in Mumbai. Mr. Sales spent his working life up and down in the Arabian Gulf handling the shipping business.

In the year 1947, Mr. Sales started out on his own first with Bader Al Mulla as an agent for GEC and General Motors and subsequently in partnership with Mohammed Saleh & Reza Yousuf Behbehani as an agent for Maersk Line, Hellonic Lines, Damodar (Passenger), New India Assurance (Insurance) and Commercial Travels.



He was elected President of the Goan Association in the early 50's and was involved with the Hockey Club. In those days, they saw their Parish Priest about once in a year, depending on the Ship movements. It was a difficult time for the ever growing number of Christians, so with the Sales's help, contacts, first a house was built for a resident priest in Kuwait in 1948 and eventually the Holy family Cathedral was built in 1953. For his services to church, he was awarded Papal Knighthood of Saint Sylvester in 1953.

## Late Mr. U.C. Kohli

Mr. U.C. Kohli, left India in 1922 and came to Iraq and then moved to Kuwait in 1948. He established his own business M/s Paul Traders which was one of the leading firms in Auto-Spare Parts. He was keen to improve the conditions of the community and was prepared to take any amount of pains to achieve that objective.



In 1958 he met with the then Indian Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi and made a suggestion to open a Trade Mission in Kuwait. As a result Mr. Nigam was sent as the first Trade Commissioner to Kuwait immediately. Mr. Kohli was the Founder Hon. President of the Indian Merchants Association in Tehran and in Kuwait.

Mr. Kohli was the first Hon. Chairman of the founder committee of the first Indian School in Kuwait and the GCC (Now Indian Community School). He contacted the authorities then in Kuwait for a cremation ground for Hindus and Sikhs and got a place allotted for the purpose.

## SHK. Saifuddin Katabjiwala

Mr. Shk. Saifuddin is the C.M.D. of City Group India, Royal City International General Trading Co. – Kuwait and Katabji International Trading & Contracting Co. – Muscat.

Mr. Katabjiwala, a longtime resident of Kuwait, has been a pioneer in the Oil & Gas Industry supply business for the last 40 plus years. He has single handedly created a thriving business enterprise with offices in Kuwait, Dubai, Muscat, India, Africa and the United States.



Mr. Katabjiwala is constantly pushing to take his business to newer markets, always ensuring to provide the clients with the best possible pricing, limited delivery times and excellent service. In addition to his business activities he takes equal interest in social activities for the betterment of the Indian community in Kuwait. He is the Vice Chairman of the Indian Citizen's committee of Kuwait and has been one of the most important and influential local figures in the Dawoodi Bohra Community of Kuwait.

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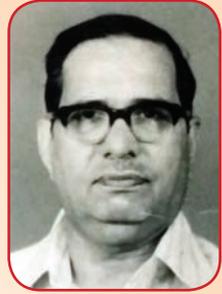
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## Late Mr. Om Prakash Bhasin

The three words most apt in describing the late Mr. Om Prakash Bhasin would without doubt be HUMBLE, SIMPLE, CHEERFUL. Born in May 1913 in Sialkot. He lost his parents in early childhood. After completing his school and College education, in 1933 he joined his elder brother in business in Iraq. The onset of Second World War saw him working with British Army where he was much appreciated and encouraged.



Once the war ended, he found opportunity to setup business of Sports goods and Tailoring in Basra and then he moved to Kuwait in 1950, continuing in the same line of business. His tireless and honest efforts and endearing nature saw his business flourish into a popular establishment.

As the development of Kuwait escalated, so did his business and he established himself as a pioneer in School, Army, Police and scouts uniform, much the need of the hour. Simultaneously he became an active member of the Indian Community, always in the forefront, never shying away.

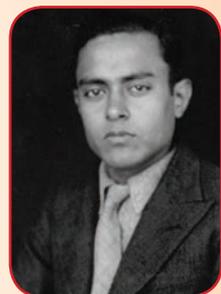
Prosperity came, but never did he forget the needy. He donated generously to the causes of the local communities, as also to the Prime Minister's relief fund in India.

It was his dream to see India as no lesser nation than any other. In pursuance of this, he sowed the seeds for setting up of a trust for the Scientific Community of India which grants awards to eminent Scientist of India operating as the "Shri Om Prakash Bhasin foundation for Science & Technology".

The Business started by him in 1950, is now known as Bhasin Co. W.L.L. follows his principles, is well reputed and continues to flourish.

## Late Mr. Narain Jashanmal

Late Mr. Narain Jashanmal was the eldest son of RaoSaheb Jashanmal, the founder of the Jashanmal group. The Jashanmal's family has been in the Gulf since 1919 (established in Basra by the late Rao Sahib Jashanmal). Mr. Narain Jashanmal came to Kuwait in 1932 and setup the first department store in Kuwait in Safat square. From 1932 until his death in 1974, Mr. Narain Jashanmal controlled the business development in Kuwait and in the Arabian Gulf from Kuwait. He was one of the most prominent business pioneers commanding great respect among the Kuwaitis and the expatriate business community.



## Mr. Yusuff Ali M.A.

Mr. Yusuff Ali M.A. ranks among top business personalities around the world today. Under his leadership, Emke Lulu Group has achieved significant growth and diversified into various business lines. The Group is having around 109 retail outlets worldwide has a vast organizational structure of over 31,440 staffs and employs the highest number of Indians outside India.



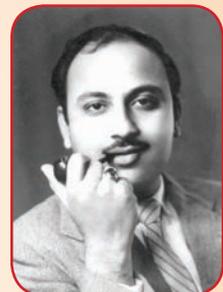
As an Indian Businessman in Kuwait for the past one and half decades, he has strived to promote the trade, investment and friendly relationship between both these countries for the past several years. In recognition of his remarkable achievements in Business & Industry and his distinguished services in the field of social work, he was conferred the prestigious Padma Shri award by the Hon. President of India in the year 2008. Also he was conferred with the prestigious "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award" the highest Indian Govt. Award given to NRI by the Hon. President of India in the year 2005.

Mr. Yusuff Ali is a Member in the Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council and the Central Wakf Council – Govt. of India, Director in Cochin International Airport Ltd., Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation, Trustee in the India Development Foundation and Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC), Director Board Member in Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & industry and the Vice Chairman of Non-Resident Keralites Affairs Department (NORKA ROOTS)

Mr. Yusuff Ali is also the recipient of many prestigious awards both in India & abroad and holds various positions in numerous social, cultural, educational organizations and Business Councils/Groups in the GCC countries.

## Late Mr. Govind T. Mirchandani

Mr. Govind T. Mirchandani... a name that many would react saying he was indeed a Humble and Generous man. From Setting foot on a boat to the State of Kuwait from India in the 1950s and starting his career with the esteemed Jashanmal Group where he grew from Sales Manager to the General Manager, until he ventured out to opening up his own business i.e. Raja Stores and General Trading Co. in 1960.



Raja Stores was a common meeting point for many Indians who stayed in Kuwait far away from their loved ones. There have been innumerable cases where Mr. Govind has rescued the house maids that approached him for help. He was the Generous man so many could count on and not just did he make it big. He left behind thousands that loved him still remember him for his humility.

## Mr. Dhiraj Oberoi

Mr. Dhiraj Oberoi is the Managing Partner of the KITCO group. Born in 1948, came to Kuwait in 1964 after leaving school to help his father Baldev Raj Oberoi. His father had earlier come to Kuwait in 1949 and established a small grocery store KITCO (Kuwait Indo Trading Co.) in partnership with the Al-Wazan family.



The business grew over the years as Dhiraj, soon established the corner store into a trading house, with dedication and hard work. He worked as a salesman on foot for seven years in the harsh desert climate, at a time when air conditioning was a luxury.

The year went by and in 1975, Dhiraj had a vision to manufacture snacks and shift the business model from trading to mass production. He travelled to Europe by road to learn more about the industry, determine to realize this dream. In 1977 the first snack factory was established in the region paving way for what is to become a regional powerhouse in the snacks industry. Over the years through series of acquisitions and management takeovers four more companies were added to the company portfolio.

Today, Mr. Dhiraj continues to grow and fortify the company position with investments in the food industry both locally and abroad. For these endeavors, he was appointed the first Chairman of the Indian Business Council of Kuwait with the endorsement of the Indian Embassy.

## Peacock Fans selling guy Ravi speaks many languages

A small kid who sells Peacock Fans before Hanging Gardens in Mumbai, India. This seller named Ravi, can speak more than 10 different languages to sell his product. This kid speaks a ton of languages including non-Indian ones like Spanish, French, Italian, Hebrew, Arabic, Japanese and so forth.



It is sure that even an IIM graduate can't do that in a short span, for which this guy is from a very poor family and he leads his life by selling peacock feathers. He has never gone to school, he used to sell peacock fans with his grandmother, this poor kid doesn't have any formal training at all, he just picked up all those languages by talking to tourists.

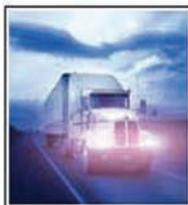
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## Dr. Jagannath Chodankar

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Dr. Jagannath (Urologist) ventured out for various opportunities to serving Indians, mostly Goans in the most humane way and ultimately joined the NRI CLUB 9 in the year 2004. CLUB 9, by then was an established organization - one amongst the many Goan associations which purely served charitable causes only with no vested interest whatsoever.



Dr. Jagannath, Born in 1970 to Mr. Ramnath Chodankar and Mrs. Sharmila Chodankar, in the State of Kuwait, to a Goan family, who shared their roots in Parra and Moira respectively in Bardez Taluka of Goa, he was raised along with his elder brother Mr. Kalidas, the younger brother Mr. Mahesh and youngest sister Mrs. Lata Lotlikar, in Kuwait.

Jagannath pursued his primary & secondary school in Indian School (now known as Indian Community School) and passed out in July 1988. After school completion, he pursued his Medical Career in J.N. Medical College, Belgaum, Karnataka, till he achieved his Master's degree in Urology in 2001.

Jagannath then tied the knot with his friend & colleague Dr. Pooja Chodankar in 2000 and today is the proud father of three children till date. In September 2001, he then came to Kuwait and have been working here since. During his stay here in Kuwait, he also managed to obtain his Super Specialization Degree from Strasbourg, France in Minimal Access Surgery.

During his tenure in Belgaum, he worked at the K.L.E.S. Hospital and Medical research Centre in the Urology department under the care of Prof. P. Venugopal. Here he was bestowed upon the responsibility to look after many Goan patients who came here to seek medical assistance for specialized surgical operations in Cardiac Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery and Urology.

This was when he had his first interaction with our fellow Goan brethren on a personal level which was a tremendous boost to his relations with his fellow Goans. Although it was a tedious task, it was indeed rewarding in the form of warm wishes and blessings, which he always desired for. Unfortunately this mesmerizing experience was short lived for two years only as had to proceed to Kuwait for his next assignment.



Once again back in Kuwait, Dr. Jagannath ventured out for various opportunities to serve Indians, mostly Goans in the most humane way and ultimately joined the NRI CLUB 9 in the year 2004. CLUB 9, by then was an established organization - one amongst the many Goan associations which purely served charitable causes only with no vested interest whatsoever.



Here he discovered a wonderful and dedicated team with a great team spirit, where each and every member treated the organization like its own baby. Eventually he was designated as its President in the year 2006 as per the request of the Club members.

Dr. Jagannath reiterates - CLUB 9, has till date, conducted five annual Goan shows with two mid-year Goan Food Festivals and have managed to collect sufficient funds, all of which we use to support Daddy's Home, a home for the mentally and physically handicapped children based in Gogol, Margao, Goa, which is looked after by Fr. Valmiki Dias.

Till date, we are proud to say we have 88 children under the roof of Daddy's Home, who are well looked after in the most special way just because these children are very special to us .

Here in Kuwait, he also happened to be one of the founder members of the Indian Doctors Forum (IDF), which is an organization of 500 Indian doctors working in Kuwait, established in May 2004.

IDF has successfully conducted more than 150 free health screening camps in the last 9 years, for various sections of the Indian community with the target patient population mainly being the low socio-economic group of the Indian Community. In addition to this, IDF also carries out various other community welfare activities like Seminars, Lectures, School Health Programs and Meet the specialist sessions with the sole intention of spreading knowledge and health care education to the masses.

All said and done, there is no turning back and now Dr. Jagannath is in the process of setting up a Medical Tourism company in Kuwait, through which he wishes to route patients from Kuwait to India seeking medical treatment with the prime intention of supporting and helping the deprived and financially burdened Goan population. Hoping and praying that this venture also turns out to be equally successful.



## **Ilavazhagi - Carrom Champion**

I. Ilavazhagi won the women's title in the 5th World carrom Championship in France in 2008 & also a two time World Cup winner. She hails from Vyasarpadi on the outskirts of north Chennai. Her father Irudhayraj who drives a motorised fish cart & supports the family with his meagre income & mother is a home maker.



## Arunima Sinha

### First woman amputee to scale Everest

Climbing Mount Everest is one of the hardest things any human can do. But climbing it with an artificial leg? That's what Arunima Sinha did in May 2013, becoming the first woman amputee to scale the mountain, in a climb of 52 days.

A former national level volleyball player Arunima Sinha, a resident of Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, was pushed out of the general compartment of Padmawati Express for resisting a chain-snatching attempt by some criminals, while travelling from Lucknow to Delhi on April 12, 2011 describes it as her "darkest hour".



She was hit by a passing train and was seriously injured. Ms Sinha was admitted to hospital with serious leg and pelvic injuries. Doctors had to amputate her left leg below the knee to save her life. A rod had to be inserted inside her leg to provide support to the damaged limb.

"I was shattered. Here was someone who was totally independent, and now I was dependent on others for support. Visitors who came to see me at the hospital showed sympathy. But then I decided to do something that would inspire others."

She says her family's support gave her immense confidence. "I decided to challenge myself with the toughest sport. And I chased my dream with passion."

"Cricketer Yuvraj Singh has been an inspiration for me. If a person can fight cancer and come back and perform in the field then why can't I do something similar," she told reporters. "When he came back from the US, I had come to Gurgaon to meet him and when in hospital I had spoken to him on the phone."



Equipped with a prosthetic leg and an iron will, Ms Sinha rang up Bachendri Pal, the first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest in 1984, as soon as the hospital discharged her four months later. She had read about Pal but did not know her personally. Pal heads an adventure foundation, supported by India's Tata Steel Company, in the city of Jamshedpur in the eastern state of Jharkhand. Sinha underwent a year of rigorous training in Uttarkashi in the northern state of Uttarakhand which demanded toughness - both physical and mental.

"I felt low when I couldn't catch up with other 'normal' able-bodied people. But I was

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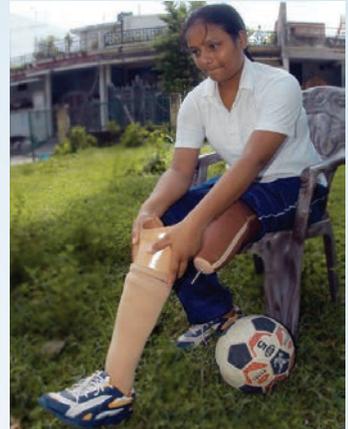
determined to outpace them. And I did," she says.

It took her 52 days of torturous climbing on the snowy peaks to conquer the 8,850m (29,000 ft) summit. At one point, fearing that her energy and oxygen levels were depleting fast, her team leader suggested that she return. But she refused.

While descending, she began to sweat so profusely that at one point she felt the prosthetic leg would slip out. "I couldn't take off my gloves to support the leg for fear of frostbite, so I dragged myself till the camp," she says.

While going up we didn't face so much problems but coming down caused a lot of problems because my prosthetic leg would slip off due to sweat and some blood. I had suffered blisters on my leg and had to drag my feet for sometime till I reached a safe place to open my wound.

Her achievement comes 15 years after the first male amputee made it to the top of Everest. Tom Whittaker from the U.K., who lost his foot in a car accident, reached the summit in May 1998.



There are inspiring words from an extraordinary woman. Also, a stunning demonstration of how she turned her supposed weakness into a winning force.

"When I reached the summit, I felt like screaming at the top of my voice. I wanted to tell the world: here I am. I have saved that moment inside me," she says.

"Actually, my screaming did not last long. You see, I didn't have much energy left. Had I been a painter, I would have tried to capture that image on a canvas," she adds.

Ms Sinha has dedicated her achievement "to those who lose hope". She is now busy with plans to open a sports academy for the poor and physically challenged children. For this purpose, she has already bought a piece of land in Unnao district in Uttar Pradesh. "I want to train these children so that they achieve their dream. This is my dream too," she says.

India is not a disabled-friendly country; even the big cities have hardly any wheelchair ramps, let alone easy-access train stations. "I turned my artificial leg into my strength," says Ms Sinha. In the process, she's provided an object lesson in what strength is.



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## VA Shiva Ayyadurai

### Inventor of Email

VA Shiva Ayyadurai is a scientist-technologist, entrepreneur and educator. He is the inventor of email. In 1978, As a 14-year-old high school student he invented EMAIL, the world's first email system, which was the full-scale emulation of the interoffice paper-based mail system, for which he was awarded the first US Copyright. He holds four degrees from MIT, is a Fulbright Scholar, Lemelson-MIT Awards Finalist and Westinghouse Science Talent Honors Award recipient.

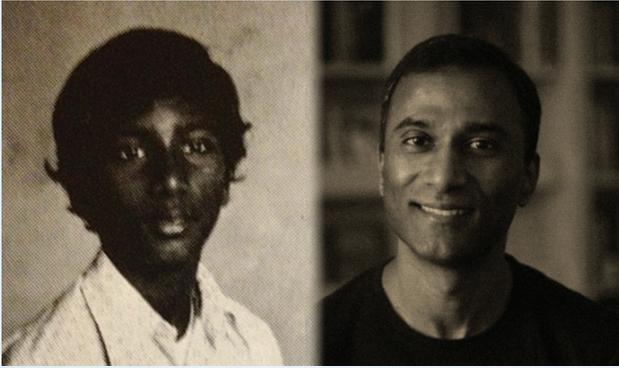


VA Shiva Ayyadurai was born 2 December 1963 in Bombay, India. At the age of seven, he left with his family to live in the United States. At 14, he attended a special summer program at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences of New York University (NYU) to study computer programming, and later went on to graduate from Livingston High School in Livingston, New Jersey. While attending high school, he also worked at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) as a research fellow. His undergraduate degree from MIT was in electrical engineering and computer science; he took a master's degree in visual studies from the MIT Media Laboratory on scientific visualization; concurrently, he completed another master's degree in mechanical engineering, also from MIT; and in 2007, he obtained a Ph.D. in biological engineering from MIT in systems biology, with his thesis focusing on modeling the whole cell by integrating molecular pathway models. In 2008, he was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to study the integration of Siddha, India's oldest system of traditional medicine, with modern systems biology in India.

VA Shiva's research on pattern recognition and large-scale systems development has resulted in multiple patents, numerous industry awards, new computational platforms such as CytoSolve, commercial products such as EchoMail, and scientific and industry publications.

Since the age of 5, VA Shiva, was intrigued by medicine as he observed his grandmother, a farmer and healer, in the small village of Muhavur in Tamilnadu, apply Siddha to heal and support local villagers. Those early experiences drove him to pursue modern Western science and technology and Eastern medicine with the aim of becoming a scientist and healer. Over the last three decades, his formal Western research and study focused on developing new systems for pattern analysis across multiple disciplines. In parallel, he trained in many Eastern modalities including various forms of Yoga, Meditation, Nutritional and Herbal Medicines, learning from esteemed sages and masters in the oral tradition.





Today, VA.Shiva teaches a pioneering new course at MIT called Systems Visualization in MIT's Department of Comparative Media Studies. He is the Chairman & CEO of CytoSolve, Inc., and Executive Director of the International Center for Integrative Systems located in Cambridge. He has started and successfully grown several start-up companies.

VA Shiva Ayyadurai is the founder of the email service company EchoMail, Inc. EchoMail's core technology originated from VA Shiva Ayyadurai's invention for classifying inbound email for the U.S. White House, which was seeking a reliable encryption and classification system for President Clinton's email. Three patents were the basis of the EchoMail platform, a system for automatically categorizing and managing inbound email as well as managing both inbound and outbound email. This system was implemented for large companies to make the reading and response of customer service emails faster as well as to support targeted email marketing for companies such as Allstate, Nike, Unilever, and JCPenney.

VA Shiva continues his passion for entrepreneurialism as Managing Director of General Interactive, a venture fund that incubates, mentors and funds new startups in various areas including rural healthcare, media, biotechnology, information technology, to name a few. He has also started InnovationCorps to fuel innovation among teenagers worldwide. He serves as a consultant to CEOs and Executive Management at Fortune 1000 companies, as well as government organizations such as the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.

In 2009, VA Shiva Ayyadurai was recruited as the First Outstanding Scientist and Technologist of Indian Origin by the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India to establish a new private-public partnership to run Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Tech, which was tasked with finding new ways to spin off new ventures from CSIR labs. He was appointed as Scientist Level H, an Additional Secretary in the Indian government, reporting to Samir Brahmachari, the Director-General of CSIR.

CSIR, over its nearly 70-year history, had produced 2,500 patents across its 37 labs and nearly 4,500



scientists; however, it had generated less than 200 million dollars of revenue. Ayyadurai developed a strategy for such spin-offs and published the strategy and his positive and negative criticisms of CSIR. After submitting a draft report critical of the agency's leadership and organization, he was fired and given three days to vacate his accommodations. CSIR claims he was dismissed for "unprofessional conduct", while Ayyadurai claims he was dismissed for the critical report he prepared on CSIR's governance.

He has appeared in The MIT Technology Review, The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, NBC News, USA Today and other major media. Shiva was named Top 40 in the Improper Bostonian. He has also authored three books on the Internet and EMAIL: Arts and the Internet, The Internet Publicity Guide and The EMAIL Revolution, which will be coming out this year.

VA Shiva is a member of Sigma-Xi, Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi. He supports the Shanthi Foundation, which raises money to provide scholarships for education of orphaned girls. He is also a supporter of various arts and non-profit organizations including the Guggenheim Museum, Very Special Arts, National Public Radio and the National Geographic Society. VA Shiva enjoys yoga, travel, tennis, animals, art and architecture, and lives Belmont, MA, USA.



### Kallidil Kalidasan

Kerala youth-entrepreneur Kallidil Kalidasan's mobile application - Sentinel - a women's security application, was the runner up in the prestigious World Summit Youth Award (WSYA), in Power2Women category among the best youth digital projects addressing the UN Millennium Development Goals.



### Udayan Rao Pawar,

A 14-year-old photographer from India, is the grand title winner of the 2013 Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year award organised by UK's Natural History Museum and BBC Worldwide. Udayan's photo - Mother's little headful - shows baby gharials taking a ride on a female gharial's back in the Chambal river in Madhya Pradesh.

### Rajan Daniel

Mr. Rajan Daniel, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Community School Kuwait is receiving the PRAVASI BHARTIYA SHIROMANI PURASKAR from Shri Kapil Sibal, Honourable Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Government of India. The award was presented at the NRI Global Summit organized by the Institute of Economic Studies.

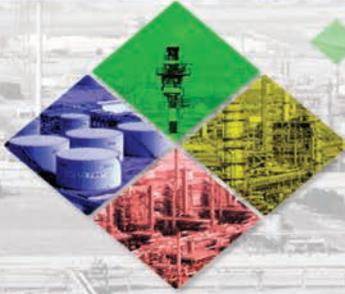




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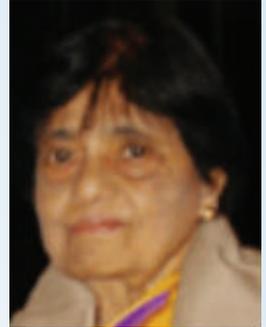


## Dr Sivaramakrishna Padmavati

**India's first & oldest woman heart specialist**

Dr. Sivaramakrishna Iyer Padmavati commonly known as Dr. S. Padmavati (born 1917) is an eminent Indian cardiologist. She is the director of the National Heart Institute, Delhi and the founder president of the All India Heart Foundation. The institute collaborates with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in training students in preventive cardiology.

She was the first woman cardiologist in India in 1954 and established the first cardiac clinic and cardiac cath lab in North India. She was the President of 5th World Congress of Cardiology, New Delhi (1966), and was awarded India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan in 1992.



At the age of 96, she still does the rounds of the hospital she founded and active now as she was when she started treating patients in India 60 years ago. Dr. Padmavati, says cardiology is a very demanding field that was keeping women away, but things are changing.

Dr Padmavati, chief consultant in cardiology at the National Heart Institute, said, "There is no routine; no fixed hours... it is a very demanding field... so not many women choose to become cardiologists.

She is not just the mother figure or god figure, but she is the god of cardiology in India," says renowned cardiologist Dr Ashok Seth of Fortis Escorts Heart Institute about Dr Padmavati.

Dr. Padmavati not only trained herself in cardiology from the UK and the US in the late '40s and the early '50s, but also taught several of India's best cardiologists, notes Seth. "She is profoundly knowledgeable. She created the whole concept of heart treatment in India from scratch," he adds.

"I have seen the world of cardiology grow under my eyes," says Padmavati. The cardiology veteran has many firsts to her credit: she is India's first woman cardiologist; she set up the country's first cardiology clinic; she created the first cardiology department in an Indian medical college; she founded India's first heart foundation meant to spread awareness about diseases of the heart.

She was born in Burma (now called Myanmar) in 1917, on the year of the October Revolution that redrew the world's political map and she had three brothers and two sisters. Her father and elder brother were barristers and she grew up in Mergui, near the oil fields of Burma. A brilliant student, she stood first in the province in her final school examination.

And then she went on to study medicine at the Rangoon Medical College where she

was the first female student. The young maverick completed her MBBS magna cum laude, earning the best outgoing student medal and several other distinctions. "I won so many honours that I can't remember all of them," says Padmavati, who picked up what she calls her "craze" for swimming during her "Burma days".

She has kept at it: she swims every day for six months a year at the Ford Foundation's exclusive swimming pool in Delhi. In Delhi's winter and for the rest of the months of the year, she prefers long walks.

She learnt the art of reading from her dad whom she says was devoted to books. "I am the custodian of the library here "at the National Heart Institute in south Delhi" and reading helps me keep abreast of the latest developments in cardiology," she says.

Just after she completed her medical studies in Rangoon, Japan invaded Burma at the height of World War II and she had to return to India. "We had to run for our lives, literally," says the noted cardiologist. "My parents were told to vacate the house in 24 hours. My father was there for many, many years. Then we had to fly out from Mergui by the last flight. The men were left behind and only the women went. Things were quite bad," she recalls.

Padmavati, her sister Janaki and their mother came to Tamil Nadu and bought a home in Coimbatore. For the next three years, until 1945, there was no news of the men of the family. When the war ended, the family was reunited.

In the year 1949 she moved to London, where she received a FRCP from Royal College of Physicians, London followed by FRCPE from Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Here while working at hospitals like the National Heart Hospital, National Chest Hospital, and the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, she developed interest in cardiology.

Subsequently, after finishing her FRCP, she moved to Sweden for three months, where she took cardiology courses at the Southern Hospital. Meanwhile, she applied for fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, part of Johns Hopkins University U.S., and was selected, and went on to study with noted cardiologist Dr. Helen Taussig. In 1952, she joined Harvard Medical School (Harvard University), where she studied under Dr. Paul Dudley White, a pioneer in modern cardiology.

I came to Delhi and started staying with my sister [Janaki] whose husband was a career diplomat," Padmavati says. In the year 1953 She had plans to return to the US to start her practice, but she decided to try her luck in India, she sought an appointment with Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, the then health minister, who offered her a lecturer's position at Delhi's Lady Hardinge Medical College. She accepted the offer. "Lady Hardinge used to be a primitive place then. They had only girls. There were no male patients at that time. Anyway I decided to stay back," she says, emphasising that she was enamoured of the "Gandhian qualities" of the leaders and ministers of the time.

In 1954, she was among the first few women cardiologists in India, later as an examiner

with Medical Council of India she started the first DM in cardiology in India.

She joined Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi in 1967, and was awarded the Padma Bhushan, by Government of India in the same year. She established one of the first departments of cardiology, at the G. B. Pant Hospital, which is within the college campus. She retired as the Director (Principal) of the college, in 1978. She formed All India Heart Foundation (AIHF) in 1962, group of physicians and industrialist Ashok Jain of Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd.

She also held additional charge of Delhi's Irwin Hospital (now called Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital). MAMC had 26 departments and it was Padmavati who introduced the DM course in cardiology, which admits postgraduates. "It was a big undertaking," Padmavati recalls. But then times were different and things much less complicated back then, she adds. Padmavati feels that the bureaucracy was bad then and is worse today. What helped was her direct access to the Lt Governor of Delhi, AN Jha, who helped her tide over bureaucratic red tape.

After retirement from government service in 1981, she helped set up the National Heart Institute (NHI) in Delhi. As director, she had no doubts about her role: to promote research and spread awareness about diseases of the heart.



She has been founder-director of the All India Heart Foundation, "a sister concern of NHI" since 1962. In India's rural areas, the foundation holds "heart camps" to familiarise people with the disease and its causes.

It was India's - and Asia's - first exclusive heart institute; its rich successor Escorts Hospital was built in 1988. According to WHO, 17.3 million people died worldwide from cardiovascular diseases in 2008. Of this, 80% of deaths take place in low- and middle-income countries, especially in India, which accounts for 21% of the world's disease burden.

From 20 beds, the institute has now grown to 100 beds. "But it can grow further. Unlike many new hospitals, we don't have money from elsewhere. We get money from what we earn," she says matter-of-factly. She didn't elaborate. She finds it heartening that though heart diseases are on the rise in India due to a variety of reasons, technology and biochemistry have shown rapid growth in combating the menace. "I still touch and use my eyes and ears to treat patients, but I have to know technology, too. You can't stop the march of technology," declares Padmavati, who says she attends at least two global heart conferences a year to keep herself "updated".

As regards the use of medicines to treat heart ailments, this renowned cardiologist, who is also an expert in non-invasive surgery, says, "Treat medicines as your servant. You shouldn't let them become your master." Padmavati sees patients 12 hours a day for

five days a week. It helps her that she is a polyglot who speaks Hindi, Tamil, Burmese, a smattering of German and French besides Telugu and Malayalam, she says. "I never married, but I never felt bad about it either because I am always busy with patients and my research," sums up Padmavati whose paternal grandmother lived up to 103. She attributes her longevity to genes, luck and hard work.

## Martha Dodray

### Dedicated woman health worker

Martha Dodray, a dedicated woman health worker from rural Bihar has done the country proud by bagging global UN award for her commitment and dedication in eradication of polio in India. United Nation has conferred the "UN Frontline Workers Global Leadership Award" to Martha Dodray, an Auxiliary Nurse & Midwife (ANM) from Darbhanga district of Bihar. The award was given in recognition of the roles to individuals, organizations, and corporations played in supporting the work of the United Nations' to advance global peace, justice, and prosperity.



She represented the worldwide polio frontline workers, whose contribution to the cause of global health has been recognised and awarded by the United Nations Foundation this year.

Martha, who travels several kilometers a day under tough conditions in one of the most backward rural hinterland of Bihar to administer polio drops to children in the area, has been working day and night to ensure that polio is eradicated.

Martha is living alone in a Primary Health Centre without electricity after leaving her own three children in far- away Jharkhand, to ensure that children of Bihar are polio-free.

"It is my duty to see that all children are free from polio virus and that is why I travel so many kilometers a day to administer polio drops to children going door to door in the interiors of Bihar.

"I hardly meet my children once or twice a year and I live where there is no electricity. But my zeal will not go till every child is made free from polio," she said after meeting officials in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, where she was felicitated.



The health worker, the only person from the Asian region chosen for the honour, has received the award from the United Nations Foundation.

## Ms. Chanda Kochhar

**Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Bank**

**“Ranked fourth in the Fortune’s list of World’s 50 Most Powerful Women 2013”**



Ms. Chanda Kochhar is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Bank Limited, India’s second-largest bank and the largest in the private sector. She is widely recognised for her role in shaping the retail banking sector in India and for her leadership of the ICICI Group, as well as her contributions to various forums in India and globally.

Ms. Kochhar began her career, with erstwhile ICICI Limited in 1984 as a management trainee after her Master’s degree. In her early years in ICICI, she handled Project Appraisal and Monitoring and projects in various industries like Textile, Paper and Cement.

In 1993, Kochhar was sent to ICICI bank as part of a core team to set the bank. She was promoted to Assistant General Manager in 1994 and then to Deputy General Manager in 1996. In 1996, Kochhar headed the newly formed Infrastructure Industry Group of ICICI, which aimed “to create dedicated industry expertise in the areas of Power, Telecom and Transportation”. In 1998, she was promoted as the general manager and headed ICICI’s “Major Client Group”, which handled relationships with ICICI’s top 200 clients.



In 2000, she took on the challenge of building the nascent retail business, with strong focus on technology, innovation, process reengineering and expansion of distribution and scale. The Bank achieved a leadership position in this business. During 2006-2007, she successfully led the Bank’s corporate and international banking businesses during a period of heightened activity and global expansion by Indian companies. From 2007 to 2009, she was the Joint Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer during a critical period of rapid change in the global financial landscape. She was elevated as Managing Director & CEO of ICICI Bank in 2009 and is responsible for the Bank’s diverse operations in India and overseas. She also chairs the boards of the Bank’s principal subsidiaries, which include India’s leading private sector life and general insurance companies.

In addition to her responsibilities at the ICICI Group, Ms. Kochhar is a member of the Prime Minister’s Council on Trade & Industry, the Board of Trade, High-Level Committee on Financing Infrastructure, US-India CEO Forum and UK-India CEO Forum. She is a



member of the boards of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, National Institute of Securities Markets, Institute of International Finance and International Monetary Conference. She was co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in 2011.

Under Kochhar's leadership, ICICI Bank won the "Best Retail Bank in India" award in 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and "Excellence in Retail Banking Award" in 2002; both awards were given by The Asian Banker. Kochhar personally was awarded "Retail Banker of the Year 2004 (Asia-Pacific region)" by the Asian Banker, "Business Woman of the Year 2005" by The Economic Times and "Rising Star Award" for Global Awards 2006 by Retail Banker International.

Kochhar has also consistently figured in Fortune's list of "Most Powerful Women in Business" since 2005. Recently she has been ranked fourth in the Fortune's list of World's 50 Most Powerful Women 2013. She featured in Business Today's list of the "Most Powerful Women – Hall of Fame". In 2011, she also featured in the "The 50 Most Influential People in Global Finance" List of Bloomberg Markets.

Kochhar is honoured with Padma Bhushan Award, the third highest civilian honour by the Government of India for the year 2010 for her services to banking sector.

Kochhar was also awarded the "ABLF Woman of Power Award (India)" in 2011 at the Asian Business Leadership Forum Awards. Kochhar was ranked as the most powerful business woman in India in Forbes' list of 'The World's 100 Most Powerful Women 2013'. Kochhar was also featured in the Power List 2013 of 25 most powerful women in India by India Today, for the third year in a row.



Kochhar was born in Jodhpur, Rajasthan and raised in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Her father passed away when she was 13 and the family moved to Mumbai shortly after that. She did really well throughout her schooling, she topped in the school, college, management studies and in her MBA. She believes that the best wealth that the parents could give to the children was to educate them, and her parents gave her that foundation.

She is an alumna of St. Angela Sophia School, Jaipur. She then moved to Mumbai, where she joined Jai Hind College for a Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduating in 1982 she then pursued Cost Accountancy ICWAI, Later, she acquired the Master Degree in Management Studies from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. She received the Wockhardt Gold Medal for Excellence in Management Studies as well as the J.

N. Bose Gold Medal in Cost Accountancy for highest marks in the same year.

She always says that her mother is her role model. She says “in fact, we were living in a small city called Jaipur where my mother was only a homemaker and suddenly, with the change in circumstances, when she had really three young school or college-going children to look after without any family business to lean upon. She had a talent of dress designing and took up a job in that field. And I think that, at that very young age, gave us that confidence. It is just showed to me that she adapted to the new set of environment and took that as a challenge and performed very well and emerged stronger out of it. Had she crumbled down, we would have all naturally crumbled down”.



Kochhar resides in Mumbai, and is married to Deepak Shandilya, a wind energy entrepreneur and her Business schoolmate. She has two children, a son and a daughter.

## Raghav Joneja

At the age of 15 years and seven months, Raghav Joneja from Moradabad became the youngest Indian to scale the Mount Everest when he along with his five schoolmates summited the fifth highest peak in the world.



## Raghuram Rajan received Deutsche Bank Prize

Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan has been awarded the Fifth Deutsche Bank Prize for Financial Economics 2013, in recognition of his ground-breaking research work which influenced financial and macro-economic policies around the world.

The academic prize is sponsored by the Deutsche Bank Donation Fund and carries an endowment of euro 50,000. The Centre for Financial Studies (CFS) awards the prize bi-annually in partnership with Goethe University Frankfurt.



Presenting the prize to Dr. Rajan, Deutsche Bank co-chairman Juergen Fitschen said that it would have been hard to find a more deserving winner for this year's award.

Dr. Rajan's career “is not only marked by path-breaking, empirically-based research, but he never shyed away from the real world of complex policy issues and special interests.

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## Chanda Zaveri Bhuwalka

At 17, she had resisted an arranged marriage and left the city to seek an independent existence in faraway America. Three decades later, Chanda Zaveri Bhuwalka, 47, has returned to Kolkata to give something back to the city.



In Los Angeles, she has set up her company of skincare products and drugs. She fought and survived leukemia that had her confined to bed for months. Actiogen Corporation manufactures diabetic wound healing medicines in the US and is marketed across Asia. It is now set to be launched in Kolkata in partnership with local firms. It is a business move that will renew Chanda's ties with the city.

Hers is an incredible story of courage, determination and a passion to chase dreams. Born in a conservative Marwari family, Chanda had fled her Kankurgacchi home in 1984 to live with a couple in Boston days after her parents fixed her marriage.

She went to Caltech, graduated in molecular biology, specializing in peptides and turned an entrepreneur. Chanda calls herself a millionaire American and a Kolkatan at heart.

For months she shared a one-bedroom apartment with the American couple, sleeping on the floor. Her first job was to look after an ailing woman at night. "She died on the first night and I lost my job. Soon, I was looking after another woman who had bed sores all over her back. It made me decide that I will develop a cure for this one day. Years later, I managed to do it," she said.

Eventually, she moved to Los Angeles and joined Caltech to study molecular biology. Just as it seemed she was close to her dream, Chanda was diagnosed with leukemia. For months, she was confined to bed, weak and infirm following chemotherapy.

"But I didn't give up despite being alone in an alien country. And it turned out to be the turning point in my career. Being sick and under treatment, I looked pale. So, I started using peptides to develop a paste that would make my skin glow. It worked. I gave it to some of my neighbors to use and they were amazed. When I recovered, I knew that this was going to be the focus of my work."

Soon after graduating, Chanda happened to be at a meeting with the Society of Cosmetic Chemists in Los Angeles, where investors offered to fund her project. Soon, she set up a laboratory and floated her first firm — Geneda Corporation. It developed Angio Healix, a cream to heal wounds in diabetes patients and Skin Healix that helped revive skin glow. She also developed B2 Actigen, a face mask that turned out to be very popular.

"I used peptides in a way that made the skin look fair and attractive without any side effects. It was a scientific breakthrough and people came to know me. I got calls from several Asian countries that were keen to market my products," she said.

Chanda formed her own company Actiogen Corporation three years ago. She remains single. She plans to bring together entrepreneurs in Kolkata and make them dream, not just pursue money. "It's important to dream and chase it with diligence and hard work. I hope to have some women under my wings in Kolkata. It would be nice to see them chase their dreams just as I had."

## HATS off to Actress Hansika Motwani..!

Popular Indian Actress Hansika Motwani adopted the 23rd child on her 22nd birthday. She has already adopted 22 children so far. These kids are living in Mumbai with their parents. Hansika provides the financial support to all of them for their education and also other monetary assistance.



Hansika who is already looking after the education of 22 kids in Mumbai not only personally oversees their well-being but finds time to take them out for a drive in her car, go to the beach and buy them ice-creams.

Apart from this she is going to take care of all the medical expenses for 30 Cancer patients on this birthday.

## Ashok Garlapati

Mr. Fred Fortman, Executive Director of ASSE announced that ASSE Ambassadors will help identify and further explore business and membership growth opportunities in markets outside of the US. They will also represent ASSE globally as needed.



Ashok Garlapati from Kuwait has been chosen as an ASSE Ambassador for Middle East, India and SE Asia. Ashok has been an active member of the ASSE global safety community for over ten years including a building a safety community in Kuwait while more recently lending his support to new ASSE chapter in India.

Garlapati has established himself as a global leader in SH&E field including receipt of ASSE Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the year Award in 2011, role of Administrator for ASSE's International Practice Specialty and also an Advisory committee member of ASSE Kuwait Chapter. As an ASSE Ambassador, Ashok will help move the safety mission forward by continuing to build community, share technical knowledge and identify opportunities to advance the SH&E profession. Ashok is currently working as a Sr HSE Specialist (D&T), HSE D&T Team, Kuwait Oil Company and actively volunteering in ASSE.

# Shikha Sharma

**Managing Director, CEO, Axis Bank**

Starting her career with the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) in 1980, Shikha Sharma was picked to head the life insurance division of ICICI when it became the first bank in the private sector to get a license to carry out the business of insurance. She was able to maintain a lead from the first day which helped the organisation to remain the largest private sector life insurance company in India. Considering ICICI as her second home, she worked towards the development of the organisation, the growth of which can be considered parallel to hers.



Born to an Army officer, Shikha Sharma maintained discipline in her life and this disciplined showed right through her career too. In a male dominated financial world, she carved a niche for herself. She is the kind of person who considers every job that comes towards her as a challenge. It's no wonder that she was chosen as the CEO of Axis bank, almost unanimously.



Shikha Sharma was born to a soldier who travelled all over India, before settling down in Delhi. She completed her school education at the Loreto Convent in Delhi and graduated in economics from the Lady Sreeram College, Delhi. She finished her post graduate diploma in software technology from the National Institute of

Software Technology, Mumbai. She also completed her Masters in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmadabad.

Shikha Sharma started her career with ICICI right after graduating from IIM, Ahmadabad in 1980. In 1992, she set up ICICI Securities which is a joint venture of ICICI and J.P. Morgan. She started setting up various group businesses for ICICI which included investment banking and retail finance. In 1995, she moved to ICICI Securities and was deputed to J.P Morgan.

In 1997, she rejoined ICICI as the General Manager in charge of Strategic Planning and Development. In 1998, she became the Managing Director of ICICI Personal Financial services. Shikha Sharma also served as the Director of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company till April 2009 and was



the Independent Director of ACC limited December 2006 to May 2009.

All went well at ICICI until, in 2009, Sharma became a contender for the managing director and CEO's position. She was up against the equally high profile and meritorious Chanda Kochhar - and Kochhar was eventually selected. Soon after, Sharma quit.

Currently she is the Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director of Axis Bank Limited and Chairperson and associate Director of Axis Asset Management company Limited since June 1, 2009

Shikha Sharma made ICICI Prudential what it is today. It is the organization she built from scratch; the leading player in the life insurance business. In her 28 year old association with the ICICI Group, she was instrumental in setting the foundation for the bank's personal financial services business. Here, she also launched an innovative micro insurance cover of 1 dollar a month for poor people in India. In December 2008, under her leadership, ICICI Prudential commanded a market share of 13 %.

Shikha Sharma is one of the two women entrepreneurs who are at the helm of a private bank in India. In a male dominated banking and insurance sector, she, with her exceptional leadership qualities, made ICICI Prudential, the largest private insurance company in the country. She has left behind a legacy which is followed by millions of women aspirants.

Sharma's corner office on the eighth floor of Axis Bank's new corporate office in Worli, Mumbai, is small and comparatively frugal. It has just a desk - with a family photograph, some books on economics, and Ganesha idols on it - and chairs. It looks exactly the same as the offices of other senior executives at the bank. "I truly believe in egalitarianism, transparency, sharing and learning," she says.

Like every working mother, Sharma, too, frets about not spending enough time with her children. "I consider my children my most enduring embodiments of achievement," she says. "But I haven't focused on them in the last 20 years. If she had to make a tough choice between work and family, however, she says: "I know what I would choose."

### **Awards and Accolades**

'Woman Business Leader' by CNBC TV18, 2007

'Business Woman of the Year' by Economic Times, 2009

Ranked 89th in the list of 'World's 100 Most Powerful Women' by Forbes magazine, 2010

Ranked 32nd in the Fortune's global list of top-50 women business leaders 2013.



## Dipika Pallikal

**With an impeccable track record and has been a perfect role model for the nation.**

A natural athlete, Dipika Pallikal took a liking to squash at the age of nine after which there was no looking back for this Malayali girl living in Chennai. Determined to make it big, she left the comforts of her home at the age of 14 to get trained in Egypt under acclaimed coach Amir Wagh. She flourished under his guidance and in a matter of four years went on to win nine open titles and several other national tournaments thereby firmly establishing herself in the junior circuit. It was only a matter of time before she became the number 1 player in the under 19 category and received a nomination for the “Young Player of the Year” award at the World Squash Awards, 2009 for her exceptional achievements.



Dipika didn't lose her excellent touch as she moved on to the senior circuit and walked away with the WISPA Indian Challenger No. 5 and the Nepal Open titles in 2010. The same year, she was also a part of the women's team which secured a bronze medal at the Asian Games.

The year 2011 was the cardinal point in the career of this distinguished athlete as she claimed three prestigious WISPA titles – Orange County Open (California), Dread Sports Series Tournament (Washington) and Crocodile Challenge Cup (Hong Kong) and advanced into the top twenty world rankings. In recognition of her efforts, she was awarded the L'Oreal Femina Best Sportsperson and the NDTV 24/7 Rockstar best sportswoman awards of 2011.

Dipika scaled new heights in 2012 and reached the finals of the Tournament of Champions squash meet held in New York (Silver event) and the semi finals of the Australian Open (Gold event), becoming the only Indian to achieve such remarkable feats. She later helped India clinch its maiden women's title at the Asian Team Squash Tournament of 2012. However, the



crowning glory for this sportsperson came when the Indian Government acknowledging her consistent string of remarkable performances, presented her with the Arjuna Award. Only 20 years of age, she became the first squash player to be bestowed with such great honor. The year ended with another high for the athlete as she secured the 10th position in the world rankings and became the first Indian to accomplish so.

In 2013, she displayed great tenacity in the Meadowood Pharmacy Open (Canada)

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to set up a final against the second seeded Joey Chan and won the contest in straight games taking her total WSA title's tally to six. Currently training under her coach Sarah Fitz-Gerald, a famous squash player, Dipika aspires to carve a formidable image for India in the international arena by becoming the number 1 squash player in the world.



With an impeccable track record and a clean and controversy free image off the court, the soft-spoken athlete has been a perfect role model for the nation. This view was echoed by Mr. Praveen Kumar [Chief Electoral Officer (Tamil Nadu)] approached Dipika to join the campaign initiated by the Election Commission to spread awareness and encourage eligible voters to enroll during the Summary Revision and exercise their right to vote.

The versatile athlete who flaunts a spectacular attitude and maintains a unique and glamorous style quotient was honored with the India Today Woman in Sports award, 2013. A fine mix of talent, intelligence and good looks she featured in Femina magazine's list of the 10 most Beautiful Women and the People's magazine's list of the 40 most Beautiful Women, of 2013. An articulate speaker she has also been a forerunner in the campaign to include squash as an Olympic discipline.

In her illustrious career Dipika Pallikal has overcome many odds to make a mark for herself. Not afraid of taking challenges head on, she accepts every defeat with the same grace with which she welcomes every victory. Her confident, pragmatic and unpretentious disposition towards life which also reflects in her demeanor on court makes her one of the most amicable opponents on court. Such a quality speaks volumes about this young athlete who aims to continue delivering match winning performances and inspire many athletes especially Indians to achieve and succeed. It comes as no surprise then, that she was invited by ITC Classmate to deliver a talk at the Ryan International School where the suave athlete, who is pursuing a degree in English Literature, while emphasizing on the importance of formal education, advised the 5000 odd young listeners, to follow their dreams no matter how unconventional their career choices were.

Dipika has a long career ahead of her and she desires to be able to make her humble contributions towards the development of the sport which has given her so much. Therefore, as a promising sportsperson and a true youth icon, who epitomizes skill, perseverance and dedication, Dipika Pallikal may be a rightful candidate for the esteemed Padma Shri Award, 2013.



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## ADOPTION OF Schools in India- J. Jeyakrishnan

J. Jeyakrishnan belongs to a typical middle class Indian family and hails from Semmanjery, a Suburb in the city of Chennai, India. In the year 1996, he started a small construction firm, worked very hard and had brought up the firm.

Today, the firm is doing very well, has many branches and Jeyakrishnan is financially sound and stable. He felt that out of the hard earned money, he should spend at least 10 % towards education of the poor and not so fortunate students. Instead of being a mere preacher of such an idea to others, he wanted to implement it on his own first and be a role model for other good and kind hearted human beings, to emulate such deeds.

He categorically and unequivocally states that education is the foundation of all good things, to follow in one's life. He firmly believes that education not only determines one's future, it is the gateway to better standard of living.



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## Lulu Group MD heads list of most powerful Indians in GCC

EMKE Group boss Yusuffali MA has topped the Arabian Business Indian Power List for the fourth successive year. The retail king behind the hugely successful Lulu Hypermarkets chain of stores took the top slot ahead of food giant Feroz Allana, who came in second and Standard Chartered banking boss V Shankar who was named third. Healthcare boss Dr BR Shetty, and legendary investor Ragu Kataria completed the top five. Ashish Mehta was the highest placed lawyer at number seven, with Sunil John leading the way for entries from PR and Media, at number 14. The list was propped up by Geebee Group boss G B Jethwani in 100th place.



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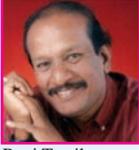
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## Dr. Raju Narayana Swamy IAS

Dr. Raju Narayana Swamy, a bureaucrat of the Kerala cadre of the IAS has been awarded the prestigious Homi Bhabha Fellowship. Swamy, holds a B. Tech in computer science and engineering from IIT Madras and is the all India topper of the 1991 batch of the IAS.

He is an author of 25 books and a winner of the Kerala Sahitya Academy Award. Dr Swamy also has a post graduate certificate in Cyber Law, a PG Diploma in Environmental Law and a PG Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law from National Law University Delhi. He has presented papers in a number of national and international conferences and has published more than 100 papers in journals of repute.



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## Ratan Tata

Ratan Tata, the former chairman of the Tata Group which is one of the largest employers in Britain, has been honoured by Queen Elizabeth with a GBE (Knight Grand Cross), one of the UK's highest civilian awards.

"The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the following honorary British awards in 2014... GBE for Ratan Naval Tata, KBE, for services to UK/India relations, inward investment to the UK and philanthropy," an announcement by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) said on Thursday.

Mr. Tata (76) is the only Indian among five foreigners to be awarded as part of the 'Honorary British Awards to Foreign Nationals' for 2014, others including Japanese and Greek nationals for services to economic and cultural ties with the UK.



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## Indian Frontliners founder conferred with Doctorate Award

N.C.Mohandoss, founder of Indian Frontliners Association(IFL), was conferred with a Honorary Doctorate award by the International Tamil University, Maryland, USA in recognition of his work in the field of literature and community services.

A function for conferring the award was held recently on 6th April 2014, at Madurai V.Grand Hotel graced by dignitaries and eminent persons from different walks of life including Mr.Ponraj ,the Advisor of former President Dr. APJ Kalam. The Doctorate was given by Founder and chancellor of the World Tamil University Mr.Selvin Kumar. From Madurai Kamaraj university Proffessor Mr.ERA.Mohan presided over the function and Mrs. Nirmala Mohan gave felicitation speech.

With Mohandoss Golden jubilee photographer Mr.Yoga, Kallaru sathis an Industrialist from Swiz and 25 other achievers from various fields received this honour. Ravi Tamilvanan and Senior Journalist Nurullah did the MC.

Author of more than 100 books till date, N.C.M is well known in Tamil Nadu with his literary works appearing regularly in leading Tamil newspapers and magazines. He has written 173 novels, 400 short stories and more than 3000 articles. He has also scripted four TV dramas and has crafted an distinct style of writing, including on travels and personalities.

His narration of true-life incidents and life sketch of people who have achieved success against heavy odds have been an inspiration and encouragement for all.

He intentionally refrains from all other time pass activities to devote his efforts solely to writing which started way back during his school days.

Since 5 years NCM's Writings are in the approved list for students pursuing their Doctorate



research studies at Chidambaram Annamalai University, one of the popular Universities in India. And there are few students, already doing research on his works, for their PhD.

Mohandoss attributes his inspiration to the popular “Thuglak CHO” and reveres “Saavi” who encouraged him to write more and more. His success is also due to the efforts of Mr. Ramesh of ‘Dina Malar’ and the constant support and guidance of his friend, Mr. Manohar and Mr. Mathi.

Using his literary flair to the fullest extent, NCM had published series of 18 parts of Indian Frontliners books. These Book series, have been successful in showcasing the talents and achievements of prominent Indians in Kuwait. The varied themes covered have provided inspiration and motivation for a number of people to actively participate in the community service efforts of Frontliners.

In a master stroke of strategy, they arranged for a host of VIPs, ministers, politicians, high-ranking bureaucrats, dignitaries, film stars and businessmen to visit Kuwait to release the books.

The IFL Association founded by him with service minded people in Kuwait has done yeoman service to thousands of people in the past two decades.

IFL is working directly and through other social service organizations, have provided relief and assistance in the areas of Education, Health, Disaster relief, Old-age care, orphanage services, development of differently-abled persons, social work & community welfare, rural development, environmental protection etc.,

In addition they join hands with Indian Embassy regularly and, Frontliners have extended assistance to people in distress like stranded workers / maids, poor and sick labourers in need of medical attention, families of persons who died in Kuwait. For that IFL keeps exclusive welfare secretary Mr. Mathi who is visiting Indian Embassy to assist the needy.

Members of Frontliners Team take part in campaigns, such as tree-planting etc



organized by the Kuwait Volunteer Work Centre under the guidance of its Chairperson, Madam Sheikha Amthal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Mohandoss was recently honored as the founder of Frontliners association by none other than Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India at Chennai at a NGO Function.



Well-wishers of Mohandoss and the IFL are happy that he has been recognized for his hard work, sincerity, humane qualities and dedication to be of service to others. The award is sure to inspire him and his team to reach even greater heights in the years to come.

Mohandoss is employed since 1994, with Kuwait National Petroleum Company. He feels a sense of pride in owning that his success is due to the support, patience and guidance of his wife ARULMOZHI, and their only daughter VINU, who correctly reads his mind and reflects his ambitions and aspirations in every way.

Mohandoss dedicates this honor to the Frontliners team, supporters, well-wishers & Indian Embassy for their involvement and association with him for this achievement.



## Manoj Machra

Manoj Machra was born with no hands. In normal circumstances, someone with his disability would have accepted his fate and moved on, but not this 17-year-old: He hopes to get 80-85 percent in his secondary exams and aspires for a career in law.



His sheer grit and determination to complete his education against all odds is now inspiring his peers in a Rajasthan village these days. Manoj uses his toes to write his answer papers.

It is not for the first time that Manoj, a resident of Amarsar village in Churu district, over 250 km from Jaipur, has fluently written this way. This wonder boy has proved his academic excellence over the past few years despite being disabled.



**Frontliners Service Organization**, registered with Indian Embassy, Kuwait, was started in 1997 by Writer N.C.Mohandoss with service minded people, to join hands for serving the needy people; To Do Things that Count – For Others;

**Frontliners team** consists of people from :

- different cultural background - from all ethnic, linguistic, religious and age groups.
- different walks of life – businessmen, industrialists, doctors, engineers, teachers, managers, office staff, technicians, semi-skilled workers, drivers, maids etc.
- different parts of India - from all states in India; from Metropolitan cities, towns and villages
- different economic strata – Millionaires, high-income, middle-income and low-income people

**Frontliners's Patrons** and sponsors provide financial support needed for the welfare activities undertaken by Frontliners. Each spark of kindness, provides warmth for hundreds of people. Frontliners is a truly diverse group - But strongly united by purpose and action of its members.

**Frontliners' helping hands** have reached out to a wide spectrum of the needy person in the society. Frontliners Association, working directly and through other social service organizations, have provided relief and assistance in the areas of Education, Health, Disaster relief, Old-age care, orphanage services, development of differently-abled persons, Animal care, social work & community welfare, rural development, environmental protection etc.,

In Kuwait, Frontliners have extended assistance to people in distress like stranded workers / maids, poor and sick labourers in need of medical attention, families of persons who died in Kuwait. Members of Frontliners Team take part in campaigns, such as tree-planting etc organized by the Kuwait Volunteer Work Centre under the guidance of its Chairperson, Madam Sheikha Amthal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

**Frontliners Books series**, have been successful in showcasing the talents and achievements of prominent Indians in Kuwait. The varied themes covered have provided inspiration and motivation for a number of people to actively participate in the community service efforts of Frontliners. Each book in the Frontliners Book series was released by a prominent VIP in a glittering function arranged with sponsorship and participation by way of advertisement by various companies and organizations in Kuwait.

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Part 6 Book Release - Mr. Thirunaukarasar



Part 2 book Releases - Mr. T.N. Seshan



Momento to Mrs. Maneka at Part-7 Release



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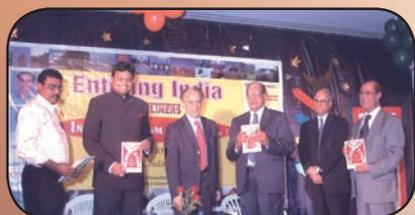
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Momento to Sri. MSV at Part 10 release



Part 11 Book Release - Mr. Arun Shourie & Mr. Karti



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Part 13 Book Release - Dr. Kiran Bedi



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