

Timpany Schools, Vishakhapatnam

YOU WILL BE MISSED

A Tribute to Dr. Ken Gnanakan



In Fond Memory

"When we last saw you in Feb 2020, we didn't know it would be the last time, basking in your ever-unfolding love. It is a fact that the hour of death cannot be predicted. Yet, we never imagined Sir! You would become sweet memories. Death, so cruel, has left us orphaned. Your departure came in too early, totally unexpected!"

Nevertheless, it is what Sir has instilled in us. All of us do have different memories of our beloved Sir, but we all have one thing in common, that is of his unfailing love for the school. He loved and lived it and all that it contained. "Every aspect was real to you and had every attention of yours in always trying to improve and progress with time..."

The environment of the schools, the cultural all-round activities of the schools will never be the same again. The jingling of bells during Christmas, the spirit of Christmas re-kindled with your childlike enthusiasm permeating to everyone one who was a part of The Timpany Schools, the love of nature during the PEAS programmes, the dominant desire to excel during sports & games with your almost childlike participation, the enthusiasm of delivering and upgrading of the teachers' competency; and much more all lost?"

His love for people was almost tangible, manifesting itself by making his staff and associates striving, almost jostling themselves, upfront to be within his sight, claim his appreciation and to show their loyalty and win his adoration.

His competitive endeavors to integrate subjects into one common destination of teaching/learning essential life skills, through activity-based learning followed by seminars and workshops that ensured teachers acquisition of the content, thus comprehensively delivering and upgrading teacher's competency.

His knowledge bubbled and overflowed. A proof of which he



bequeathed to us, in the form of books penned by him in various streams of sciences, to glean and harvest. Musing on Music, he was an encyclopedia of the old classics. An avid musician he enthralled all of us with his musical shows. The musical nights with Dr. Ken enjoyed by the parents, children, and staff will be a part of the school forever. His presence will always remain echoing within the compound of the leprosy mission in Anakapalle, a mission, he so fondly nurtured into a sustained stabilized charitable venture.

“Your schools here in Visakhapatnam will be a sadder place without You, Dear Sir! Every individual here, stands in deep reverence, anguish at the loss of a dear departed leader, friend and driving light. May you Rest in Peace Sir, and your fond memories will remain fresh in our minds.”

- Nalini Nelson, Academic Director

Living in Thankfulness

Christobel Stevenson
Principal, Timpany School ICSE

On May 9, 2021, I was saddened to hear the terrible news. My benefactor and mentor Dr. Ken who hugely shaped my view on life, work, and many other things, had passed away.

I've never met someone as equally impressive, smart, and grounded as Dr. Ken. It is not that common at this stage of our careers to have teachers who shape our intellect, interest, and life in general. But my mentor did that. It is an honor to pay tribute to a multi-talented individual with a variety of accomplishments to reflect the multi-dimensional personality,



Dr. Ken Gnanakan, Chairman of ETASI -Timpany Schools, a loving husband, a doting father, an affectionate grandfather, a well-renowned author, and a deeply devotional human being. Dr. Ken was a man of letters and a visionary in the field of Education. He was an inspiration to many and was instrumental in positively shaping several people's lives.

We all know that life isn't fair sometimes. It is not fair that Dr. Ken was taken away from his beloved wife, Prema at a time when love blossoms. And it is not fair that Timpany schools will be bereft of him, his guidance, and the wisdom that he shared with us from time to time. We all have learned from his views and perspectives and his wealth of knowledge. He was a frequent speaker at workshops and seminars.

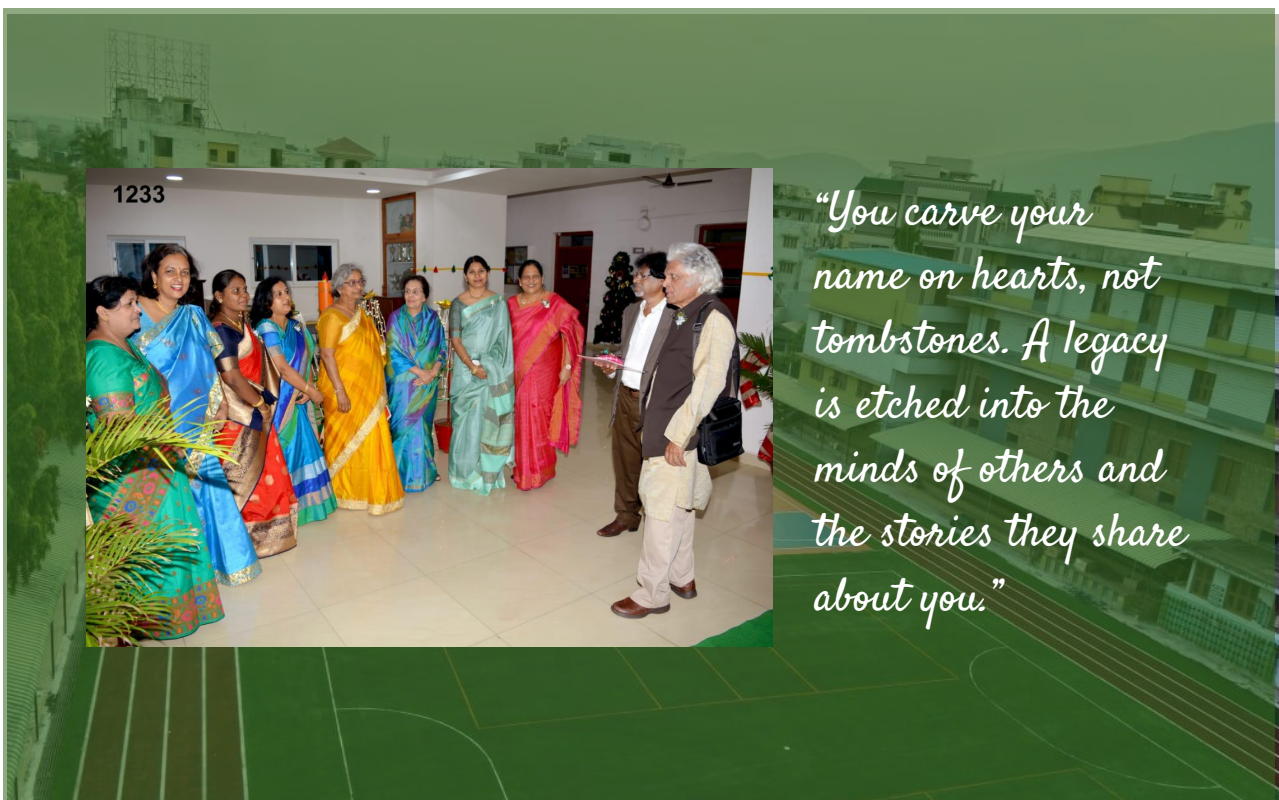
The information conveyed by report cards by focusing on students' specific strengths and weaknesses in individual subjects and generalizing the level of inter-curricular skills and competencies.

Most conferences take place without the presence of the students whose progress is being discussed, although there is evidence that their inclusion increases the productivity of the meetings.

Dr. Ken also initiated the Programme for Environmental Awareness in schools (PEAS), a nationwide network aimed at motivating the students into action. Dr. Ken has written an environmental theme song sung by children all over the country.

Dr. Ken was a philanthropist who believed that “The hands that give are holier than the lips that pray”. He set up a leprosy mission at Ankapalli. Children were encouraged the joy of sharing with those who were less privileged than them.

Dr. Ken was also an accomplished musician. He would encourage musicians by bringing them to Timpany School for our Annual school fete to enthrall the crowd, and children too participated to showcase their talent. A life well lived for the glory of God. A blessed man and a blessing to many, we will miss him. Dr. Ken was able to serve the Lord until the end. I will always be grateful to Dr. Ken. May his soul rest in peace. Until we meet again.



Remember his Contributions

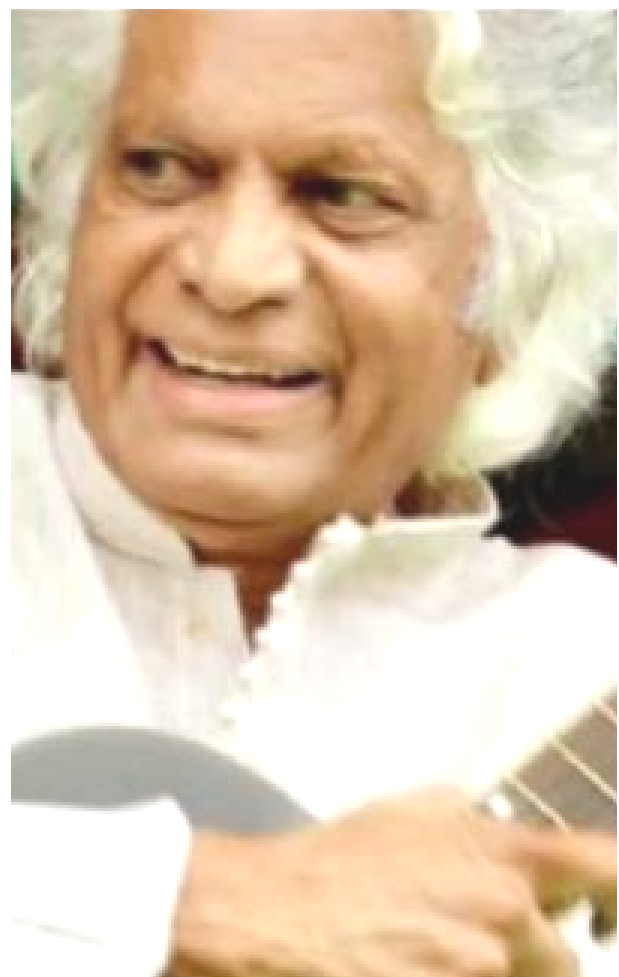
"Some of the best moments are never captured by cameras but are cherished in the hearts and are shared".

We have fond memories of Sir cherished in our hearts forever. His visionary-minded persona has led our Schools to adopt integrated ways of teaching and learning. His incredible zest for life, youthfulness enthusiasm always had a great impact on each one of us. Sir always encouraged us to adapt to the ever-changing trends and technology. His relentless work brought out the best in every individual. Sir encouraged us to take small steps towards the conservation of the environment. Sir had tirelessly given his time and resources and ensured that we all are proactive. This helped us improve in our professional area and keep ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually well. It's our privilege to work under his able guidance. Sir's life is a blessing and will be missed beyond measure.

- Vinitha Rezeena
Principal, Timpany Secondary
School

Celebrating His Exemplary Life

Today we fondly remember our esteemed Chairman Dr. Ken Gnanakan, a selfless and great visionary who inspired every generation he came across, with his power of creativity and innovative practices. He was a leader who completely dedicated his time, talents, and visions to ensure a bright future not only to all the numerous organizations that he headed but also to the society at large.



The most praiseworthy contributions of colossal value by Dr. Ken Gnanakan Sir remind us of his great passion and vision beginning from the development of the Timpany Schools giving them International exposure and recognition through prominent platforms like UNITAR, GCF, organizing countless seminars, conferences and excursions, and masterly developing the infrastructure needed to confront the ever-evolving criterion of today's society.



Sir relentlessly encouraged and supported the Timpany teaching fraternity catering to professional as well as spiritual growth at all times. The teaching fraternity is indeed indebted to his revolutionary concept of "Integrated teaching and learning that has given us an

immovable foundation enabling us to reach the optimum levels of teaching and learning that involve the integration of all fields of education which we now proudly hold as a great tool the world desperately needs.

His artistic painting masterpieces reflecting a bright and beautiful creation; his massive contribution of literature brought a great revolution in the field of education namely, “Managing yourself”, “Living and learning” Wellness and well-being”, “Trees” (an anthology of poems on the environment used by various schools to date), and many more.

A Pioneer and founder of PEAS (program for environmental awareness in schools) that has sensitized students and teachers alike for more than two decades especially in the initiation of organic farming, terrace gardening, best out of waste, eco-friendly use of plastic, collection of urban waste both in



in schools and homes. He is an accomplished musician, composer, and singer bringing to light through his compositions the highest sense of divinity and a fervent spirit to save the environment namely “Yeh Desh Hamara Hai”, one of his original compositions that are sung by children and adults all over. He relentlessly encouraged and bringing great results with his support from the Timpany teaching fraternity catering to professional as well as spiritual growth at all times.

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feel highly privileged and honored to be a part of his great legacy.

In this era, if we could follow, be inspired, emulate an individual who lived his life worthwhile presence and a lasting impact in his absence, a stalwart, a legend with an indomitable spirit, humble in word and deed, would, without doubt, be our Chairman sir, Dr. Ken Gnanakan, whom we will fondly remember forever.

- Vandana Abraham
Principal, Timpany School



His physical and emotional battle with a terminal illness, which sir often referred it as (Tango with cancer) nor his age could ever deter him from visiting the campus in person and encouraging us to give our best to the students.

His exemplary life and legacy are etched in the hearts and minds of all generations. The entire family of Timpany locally and globally laud his immense contributions towards the betterment of schools, society and

