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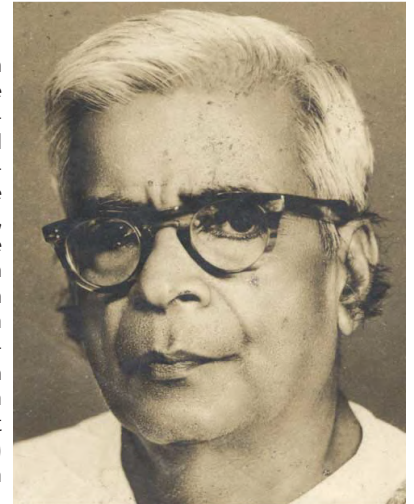
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*"Give The Ones Who you love wings to fly,
roots to come back and reasons to stay"*

- DALAI LAMA

K KELAPPAN 24 AUGUST 1889-7 OCTOBER 1971

Sri. Koyapalli Kelappan was an Indian politician, independence activist, educationist and journalist. He was born in the small village of Muchukunnu at Koyilandy in Calicut, Kerala. During the Indian independence movement, he was the lead figure of the Indian National Congress in Kerala and was popularly known as "Dakshin ka Gandhi" or Kerala Gandhi. After Indian independence, he held various seats in Gandhian organizations. He was a founding member and president of the Nair Service Society (NSS) and was also the founder of Kerala Kshetra Samrakshana Samiti .



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He led the Indian National Congress in the state of Kerala and was a major influence on the Vaikom Satyagraha movement. He later led the Guruvayur Satyagraha in 1932. After independence, he left the Congress Party and joined the Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party and was elected to Parliament from the Ponnani Lok Sabha seat in 1952. At the end of his term, he left active politics and became a Sarvodaya worker, and was actively associated with Bhoodan Movement in Kerala. He opposed the formation of the Muslim-majority Malappuram District in Kerala by the E.M.S Nambuthiripadu-led-Left Government, arguing that it will create a 'mini Pakistan'.

His last big involvement was in the 'Tali Temple Movement' for the reconstruction of the Angadippuram Hindu Temple, which was destroyed by Tipu's forces in the 18th century. Despite several attempts by the Government and police to stop the protests, Kelappan's satyagraha won and the Hindus were allowed to build their temple. The Temple built with his support stands alongside the Mosque, symbolizing the present harmony among different communities.

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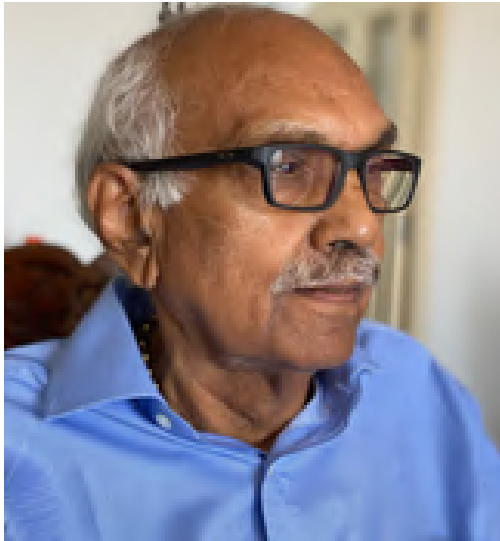


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CHAIRMAN'S DESK



M K G PILLAI

Education is a fundamental human right as per the Indian Constitution. But thousands of Indian students leave the country to get a basic medical degree since it is more affordable and less competitive than in India. The concern of students belonging to lower middle-class families who went to Ukraine availing of educational loans is posing grave problems. In the present scenario, their future is uncertain as they are back in India leaving their studies abroad. We must convince youngsters and their parents that there are several educational and employment opportunities available in our country today. If they are ready to choose other equally promising fields, they don't have to look at riskier options like Ukraine.

The Russia-Ukraine crisis is currently occupying our minds and news headlines. I thought of using this space to share my views on the same. During my active business days, I used to travel to Ukraine and Russia very frequently. And I had a wonderful time with them. By nature and temperament, I found Ukrainians straightforward and honest in their interactions. . Russia's aggression against Ukraine, which began in the third week of February, is showing no signs of slowing down. The Covid Pandemic wreaked havoc on our economy. Inflation is becoming a problem, as is the influx of refugees from neighbouring countries, and economic recovery attempts are being hampered. Uncertainty among Indian students in the midst of the Russia-Ukraine war is another addition to India's present challenges.

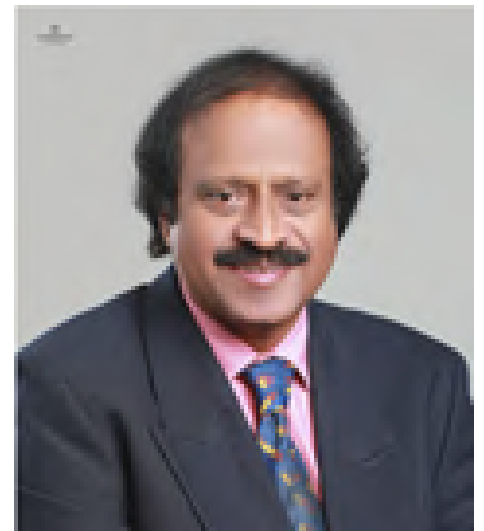
Around 18000 pupils were stranded in the Ukraine warzone. Many students grumbled about having to walk 1000 kilometers from Kiev to the Polish border and then fly to India. India is concerned about the well-being of students in Ukraine's numerous medical universities, as well as their evacuation and re-education in other countries. Russia also proposed a safe travel route for students, and under Operation Ganga, we were able to return them to India.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As you all know, six months have passed since our last AGM on August 29th when the new Governing Body was elected. During this period, the Governing Body conducted nine meetings and reviewed in length the activities for the development of our community. We have also implemented many decisions taken in our meetings. Our Sub-committees have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss various initiatives that may benefit our community's development. The committee for the By-laws amendment had a number of meetings and discussed in detail and drafted the amendments to By-laws. We will disseminate it to our members for their feedback as soon as it is completed.

We will be releasing the third edition of our E-Newsletter Global NSS CONNECT shortly. The Magazine Committee has put in a lot of effort to ensure that the magazine is published on time every month. We would like to include all our state unit activities in the Newsletter and request you to send us articles with full details, together with photographs. Other articles for publishing in the E-magazine are also welcome from all our members. One of the important decisions we have taken is to publish a Souvenir in September 2022 on the occasion of Sri Chattambi Swami Jayanthi celebrations in Delhi. We have sent our appeal for advertisements in the souvenir to all members and request to respond to our appeal by giving us advertisements and also providing us articles for publishing in the Souvenir. Elaborate discussions are going on to make this event a memorable one and shall update you the details very soon. Please extend your maximum co-operation for the successful release of the souvenir.

Our financial year for 2021-2022 will come to an end by the end of March. We plan to conduct AGM Meeting after finalising the statement of accounts and other procedures. We shall update the members on this matter as soon as possible. The Corona Epidemic had prevented members from physically meeting. The next AGM Meeting raises the hope that this stumbling block will be broken, allowing us to meet all our members in person and thereby strengthen our community bonding.



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TRAILBLAZERS

N. R. PANICKER

**FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN & MD
ACCEL GROUP OF COMPANIES**

Entrepreneurial success is attributed largely to being in the right place at the right time. But when we hear the story of Mr. N R Panicker, we learn that nothing could be farther from the truth. Everything about this Trailblazer is quite astonishing. In the midst of the IT revolution that was focused on hardware and software, this Electronic engineer started an IT services company that had no precedence or reference to model itself on. All he did was dream big, pursue his dreams and succeed eventually, to prove that it does not take money or family background to make one big and famous.

Mr. Panicker was born into an impoverished Nair family in a backward village near Cherthala, to Narayana Pillai and Meenakshi Amma, in 1954. His family struggled to give primary education to this bright young boy but by sheer grit and brilliance, he gained admission for the B.E. in Electronics course at the College of Engineering Thiruvananthapuram. He graduated as an Electronics Engineer in 1976 with a lot of potential, but it was at a period when the term "Information Technology (IT)" had not yet been created and work was a prized possession reserved for a select few. In the early days after graduation, he drifted from one odd job to another in Delhi, looking for a way to help his family get out of financial difficulties. His time with Hindustan Computers Limited (now known as HCL) instilled the seeds of entrepreneurship in him and solidified his resolve to pursue it one day.

That day of reckoning came in March 1991, when after fourteen years in employment, he quit his well-paying job and ventured into entrepreneurship - with a dream to create a respectable IT services company. He never had any godfathers or financial backers, yet he persevered and continues to pursue his entrepreneurial journey to this day. Despite several challenges, he built a thriving IT company, had a global presence, and employed hundreds of aspiring professionals. Accel Limited, which he founded in March 1991 with a borrowing of Rs. 50,000 from friends, grew to be a Rs. 500-crore enterprise by 2010, with operations in seven countries. Accel became a member of the elite league and also got listed on stock exchanges. A series of mergers and acquisitions led him to forge partnerships with Frontline Technologies - Singapore and a British Telecom Plc. subsidiary. He had to give up much of what he had created over 25 years after a strategic stake sale to a Japanese corporation went sour, culminating in a corporate dispute.



In 2016, at the age of 60, Mr. Panicker decided to relook at his bearings and gave vent to his passion for the arts by venturing into the Computer Graphics and Visual Effects industry. It soon became a leading name in Visual Effects and Digital Intermediate for the film and media domain. He also set up a cutting-edge electronics research and development company, CETRONICS, with his engineering college mates in Thiruvananthapuram. As a tribute to the city where he did his engineering degree as a young boy, he built a landmark IT Park in KINFRA. The project named Accel Infinium is an engineering marvel and is designed to host state-of-the-art companies both from India and abroad. Not one to sit back and rest on his laurels, the yearning for the fast-paced IT industry life was too loud to ignore and that resulted in Accel's acquisition of an Indian IT Services company in 2020. With a large customer base and a pan-Indian presence, it also saw Accel back into the big league as a mainline IT infrastructure services company.

In 2008, he received one of the awards for most outstanding entrepreneurship from the Government of Tamil Nadu, before which he was chosen as Trailblazer by leading media group Dataquest. A long list of recognitions has dotted his career, including being listed by DataQuest as among the Top Ten Thinkers in the Indian IT Industry at the time. When asked to comment on Panicker, his former colleague and Co-Founder of HCL Technologies, Mr. Arjun Malhotra said " Many entrepreneurs came out of the HCL mould, but Panicker is one of the more successful, who survived through the various turmoil and vagaries of entrepreneurship" Adding to that are the comments of Dr. Sashi Tharoor - MP, who had read Mr. Panicker's life story and said, "Accel has gone on to reach great heights and there are many inspirational lessons to be gleaned from Shri Panicker's story. Actively seeking out and seizing opportunities rather than waiting for them to appear; a determination to succeed despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles; a willingness to take risks; and knowing the importance of one's roots while retaining a connection to the place where one comes from... These are all lessons that would-be entrepreneurs of the future can profit by".

Mr. Panicker, a humble and unassuming person by himself, when asked about the reason behind his success, had the following words to express himself, "Ever since I was able to think independently, I have been taking the liberty to do things my own way. Over the years I realized that it is possible to live life your own way and be successful on your own terms. That has helped me enjoy what I do. People can only be happy if they are honest with themselves and accept life as it comes. It is immensely difficult to live on your own terms as society wants you to play by the rulebook. It judges you immensely if you act differently. But if we believe in ourselves, we should be striving to live up to our craziest of dreams and our insane goals. Never give up on your dreams, even though it may be difficult to realize it fully. Because chasing your dream and losing, is better than sitting back and not even trying". His autobiography titled, "Joy Of Dreaming" published in 2021 became a best seller in Amazon and Kindle.

He is a founder member of Global NSS and GNSS Tamil Nadu.



STATE CONNECT



International Women's day celebrations by Ladies wing of GNSS Tamilnadu on 8/3/22 inaugurated by playback singer , Smt Ambili. . GNSS Tamil Nadu Chairman Sri Sivdasan Pillai, General Secretary Sri Siva Sankaran and ladies wing chairperson Smt. Lakshmi Devi were also present



Karnataka Nair Services Society Chairman Sri. Ramachandran Paleri inaugurated the International Women's Day celebration on 20.03.2022 organised by Women's Wing of KNSS



Mayur Vihar Phase III Karayogam's Women's Wing organized the International Women's Day celebration. Sri. M D JayaPrakash, General Secretary ,Delhi NSS, presided over the function



GNSS Kerala President Sri. I P Ramachandran inaugurated the meeting to constitute the district committee at Thiruvananthapuram Mannam National Club. Adv. Irumbil Vijayakumar presided over the meeting. GNSS State Secretary Madhu K Nair, Sri A M Panicker, Sri K Keshavan Nair, and others were present.