



### **DR.RAMDAS M.PAI**

If Dr.TMA Pai was the Founder of modern Manipal, it was his son and successor Dr.Ramdas M.Pai who took Manipal further and ahead across the mountains and the oceans into Nepal, Malaysia and the UAE, setting up campuses in Pokhara, Melaka and Dubai. Dr.Pai is a firm believer in Manipal's philosophy of education knowing no boundaries, not least that of geography, a belief that has seen Manipal bloom nationally and internationally. For Manipal, the thrust has always been on self-help, on making the impossible possible and on venturing into new and challenging areas - a thought that finds its best Advocate in Dr.Ramdas M Pai.

A medical graduate of Karnatak University and a postgraduate in Hospital Administration from Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, Dr.Ramdas M.Pai began his career as hospital administrator at Kasturba Hospital, Manipal, way back in 1961 and along with his father, ventured into the educational sphere too. The development of various institutions of education and healthcare thereafter is a saga of perseverance and dedicated work paving the way to the establishment of many institutions under the Manipal Group.

The conferment of the Deemed to be University status on the institutions at Manipal in 1993 by the Government of India was the crowning success of the efforts to build an educational and healthcare center of excellence. Today Manipal is the nucleus of 53 educational institutions in the Manipal Group which have an enrolment of 32,000 students of whom quite a large number come from 51 English-speaking foreign countries and Manipal has a large concentration of foreign students in India. With the cumulative experience gained from producing over several thousand graduates and postgraduates, an excellent academic reputation and experienced faculty, Manipal boasts of an ideal educational environment.

An emphasis on growth, on the free flow of thoughts and ideas, on the coming together of universities and countries has resulted in Manipal opening up to the world. The most significant of Dr.Pai's contributions has been the opening up of Indian society to the virtues of education, in providing to the youth avenues to tap their potential, in making available the best of facilities in education and healthcare and above all, in showing to the world that a small coastal town could, if led in the right direction, serve as a beacon to the world.

Dr.Ramdas M.Pai has been a strong advocate of Public-Private partnership in higher education and healthcare and has been articulating a vision for the future of India in which higher education which builds up the nation's intellectual capital, plays a vital role with the government transforming itself 'into a facilitator and a catalyst rather than a mere regulator promoting the cause of higher education, improving access and upgrading standards. The education and healthcare initiatives in different regions of India as also in Nepal and Malaysia have brought about a total transformation of the local economy. The entire society has been benefited through provision of high quality education and healthcare and creating new employment opportunities to the people around. In countries like Nepal and Malaysia, nearly 30% of the health professionals are Manipal alumni. The creation of campuses has had a multiplier effect on the economy in terms of increase of property values, demand for local products, improvement in infrastructure and growth of tertiary institutions, all directly and indirectly contributing to the Gross Domestic Product. By providing educational opportunities to foreign students, the Manipal Group has succeeded in creating constituencies in various countries which look to India as a beacon of light and knowledge. More recently, Manipal Group hospitals have been attracting patients from developing

countries as well as developed countries. In all these initiatives, Dr.Ramdas Pai's commitment to excellence, vision and organizing ability has played a decisive role. The cumulative effect of all these efforts has resulted in foreign exchange earnings to the nation of Rs.73.91 crores during 2005-06, treatment of over 150 lakh patients in the Manipal Group Hospitals, direct employment to more than 13,000 persons, indirect employment to over 25,000 persons who could not go to school, who do not own land, are not trained in any craft nor can get any government jobs, artisans, craftsmen etc.

Dr.Ramdas M.Pai is guiding the destinies of the Manipal Group institutions as the President & Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), the Deemed to be University and the President of the Manipal Education & Medical Group (MEMG) He continues to offer creative, inspirational and dynamic leadership to the Manipal Group of educational and healthcare institutions which are poised for further expansion and diversification in the 21st century. He is also the Pro Chancellor of the Sikkim-Manipal University of Health, Medical & Technological Sciences, Gangtok, Sikkim. He is the President of the T.A.Pai Management Institute, Manipal and the Registrar of the Academy of General Education, Manipal.

At the national level, Dr.Ramdas M.Pai has held responsibilities in important organizations. He was an Executive Committee Member of the Medical Council of India and a Member of the Dental Council of India. He was a member of the Core Group constituted by the Govt.of India to report on the new initiatives on higher education. He was a member of the U.P.State Development Council and a member of the Education Council set up by the Confederation of Indian Industry. In 2008, he was nominated as a Member of the Govt. of India constituted UGC/ AICTE Review Committee. He was a Panel Member of the British Council sponsored UK-India Education & Research Initiative - 2008.

Dr.Ramdas M.Pai has received a number of awards and honours recognition of his community service as listed below: -

- Was presented the Key to the City of Lorna Linda, USA in 1982 and 1991.
- National Professor of General Practice/Family Medicine in 1992 by IMA College of General Practitioners.
- Dr.B.C.Roy National Award for Community Health Work presented by the President of India in 1993.
- Honorary Doctorate, Milwaukee School of Engineering, USA in 1996.
- 'Intellectuals Honour - The Great Son of the Soil' award by All India Conference of Intellectuals in 1997.
- Honorary Doctorate, Andrews University, USA in 1998
- Honorary Professor of International Health by the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1999.
- Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (FGDP) of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 2004.

#### **Civic & Business Awards:**

- Award of Philanthropy by Bunts' Sangha, Bombay in 1992.
- 'Konkani Prathibha' award by Konkani Bhasha Prachar Sabha, Cochin in 1994
- Award by World Konkani Convention in 1995
- 'Chikistha Dhanwanthari' award by Paryaya Sri Sode Vadiraj Mutt Swamiji, Udupi, in 1996.
- New Year award for distinguished service in the field of education presented jointly by Academy of General Education, Syndicate Bank and Rotary Club of Udupi-Manipal in 2000.
- 'Paryaya' award conferred by Sri Vishvesha Thirtha Swamiji of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi in 2000.

- Lions Millennium Award 2001 conferred by Lions District 324-D4.
- Ernst and Young Entrepreneur award of the Year 2004 in the services category.
- Deccan Herald Avenues HR Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2005
- 'Udupi Rathna' Award by Udupi Utsav Committee 2004-2005 in August 2005.
- 'MMA-KVK Outstanding Manager Award-2005' by Mangalore Management Association in December 2005.
- Honoured by the Government of Karnataka in November 2006 in celebration of **Suvarna Karnataka Year.**
- 'Kanara Ratna Award' by Kanara College Society, Kumta in Feb 2008
- 'Chanakya Award 2008' - National Awards for Achievers – conferred by Public Relations Council of India, for 'Leadership in PR Education & Business Communication - 2007.' .