

IN FOCUS

At 73 this Karm Yogi goes great guns

THIS 'PRIDE OF ASIA' WINNER WORKS 18 HOURS A DAY EVEN AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 73. WITH A CAREER LOADED WITH ACCOLADES CAREER, HE NOW RUNS 'NEEDY HEART FOUNDATION' AND IS ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF MANIPAL HEART FOUNDATION. HE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ORPHANAGE SERVICES, EDUCATION, UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY AND OLD-AGE HOME.

OP Khanna came to Bangalore in 1981 and started his 'Needy Heart Foundation' in the year 2001. His foundation has helped many poor people to have heart surgeries. Till date 1,785 operations have been successfully performed.

He supports nearly 12 government schools and provides awards like Excellence award, to motivate students and also helps with other education facilities which are required by the schools.

He completely vouches for women upliftment, saying "On the one side we go to the temple and worship devi and other side we won't give respect to women. This is very bad and needs to be changed. I am trying from my side to provide vocational training for women so they can stand on their own feet".

When asked about his memorable movements, he said "The day I got the award 'Pride of Asia' was very moving for me. Around 2500 chief executives were nominated and when my name was called for that award, that moment was stupendously special for me".

A GLORIOUS CAREER PATH

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education from Delhi and pursued B.Tech from IIT Kharagpur. Later he went to Germany for post graduation. He was CEO/MD for around 15 years in different companies. He has worked for over 48 years with some of the top industrial names like TATA, Thapars, Birlas and Mafatlals in India and on International level he has worked for Daimler Benz/Damage: Germany, Saurer/Loepfe: Switzerland, General Motors/Twin Disc: USA, and Vauxhall/Dorman

Diesels: UK etc.

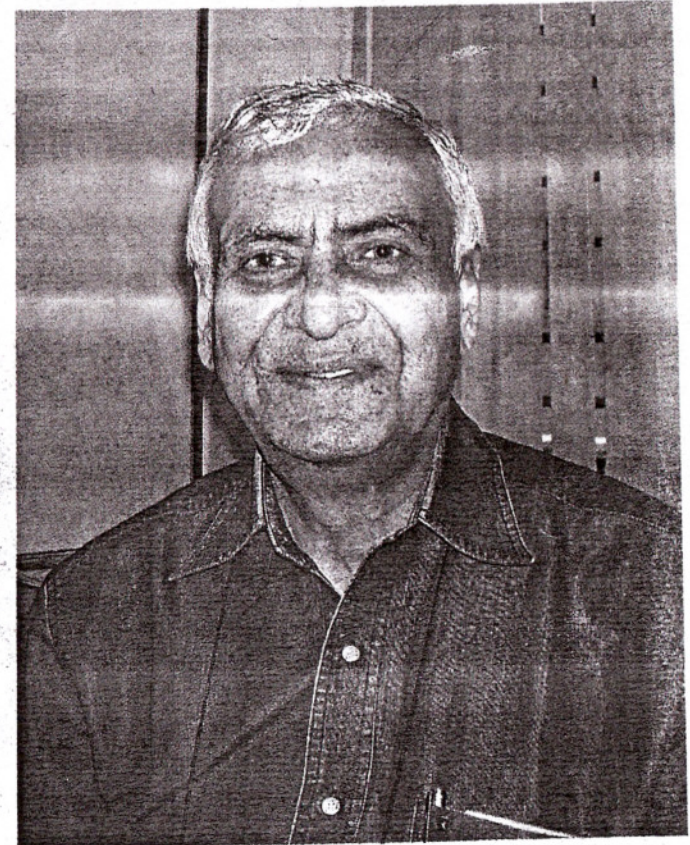
He has created many success stories in company management and he has an active involvement at national, state level with professional bodies like Confederation of Indian Industry, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, and National Chairman IPE (2003-05) etc. After retirement as MD of Schlafhorst Engineer, he has worked as advisor to some Indian companies.

AWARDS

For his hard work he got many accolades including, Takraf Gold Medal in Germany in the year 1965, Carl Benz in Germany in the year 1981, Udhyog Rattan in India, Service above Self through Rotary International in the year 2004, Karm Yogi Award RID 3190 in the year 2009, Hind Rattan in the year 1994, Shiromani in 1992, Vijay Shree in 1991, Udyog Shri in year 1990, and Pride of Asia in Singapore in the year 1992.

MESSAGE FOR SOCIETY

He wants to tell people, "When you pass away from the material world, you will go empty handed, for who are you collecting money and doing



things to the extent which make you corrupt? Help others and especially the needy people,

if I will die anytime, I can say I am the most satisfied person."

-ANJALI SRIVASTAVA

Three Taekwondo champions