

This edition of Waves is dedicated in fond memory of our beloved **Trustee late Shri Hemant Vissanji**.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August with sorrowful hearts we all bade farewell to him. He was a great visionary, a legend and one of the main pillars of our institution. It is said that memories are golden. But we never wanted memories. We wanted you Sir. We shall forever miss your gracious presence.

Words fall short when sorrow fills our hearts.



**Shri Hemant Vissanji**

**Began his eternal journey on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*'A Gentle Philosopher, a Caring Boss and a Timely Guide'; this phrase sums up what Mr Hemant Vissanji meant to me.*

*Mr. Vissanji's sudden demise on 16 August 2019 has left a void for all of us at LR&SM Vissanji Academy which we are trying to come to terms with.*

*In the three years that I had known him, I saw him as a store house of information on any subject that would come up.*

*A meticulous man, he would frequently point out to us what needed attention or which plant required more sun; the chairs that needed to be refurbished or the trees that required to be pruned. Such was his power of observation!*

*His fitness regimen and his disciplined regularity of exercise was worthy of emulating by students and teachers; he was an inspiration for all those who have known him.*

*His love for books and for reading is legendary. We have been the recipients of innumerable story books which he found suitable for children or the research titles which he felt might interest the teachers.*

*All those who have had the good fortune to have interacted with him, will miss him dearly and for those who have only observed him from a distance, this great visionary has left a deep void.*

*With a heavy heart I say 'Rest in Peace Dear Sir'*

*We remain indebted to you forever.*

*Your comprehensive knowledge, your determination to take Vissanji Academy to newer heights has indeed instilled the right kind of work culture and ethics into our minds.*

*You were a man of multiple excellence with profound knowledge of all spheres of life and yet so down to earth, generous and soft spoken. You truly practiced the value of "simple living and high thinking".*

*Your departure has left an infinite vacuum as your presence was indispensable.*

*We shall always remain indebted to you for all your teachings and your guidance.*

**Nimesh Vora**  
**Vice Principal, Vissanji Academy**



**Remembering Hemant Sir,**

*It was with deep sorrow that I heard about the sad demise of our Trustee, Hemant Sir.*

*He was the driving force with tremendous energy and vision in shaping the institution, and the knowledge he shared with us will always be a guiding light to us. No words will ever do justice to the impact it has created. We will always cherish those memories.*

**Sudha Rao**  
**Headmistress, Pushpa Vissanji Nursery School**

**TRIBUTE TO OUR HONOURABLE TRUSTEE**  
**SHRI HEMANT VISSANJI**

*Hallowed memories we hold*  
*Echoing all around us, both students and staff*  
**M***otivation was your key charisma*  
*All of us will miss you dearly*  
**N***o one can ever fill your place.*  
**T***rustee true were you to us, all.*



*Visions of progress you presented*  
*In depth you would explain*  
**S***ports you always encouraged*  
**S***ure the Academy will give its best*  
**A***nd shine in whatever they take part as*  
**N***ewer heights they conquer*  
**J***oy it was to have you as our trustee*  
**I***ndeed our Academy will miss you.*

**Ms. Deanna Martis - Pioneer Teacher of Vissanji Academy (1963-2000)**

16<sup>th</sup> August was a black letter day in my life when I heard the sad news of the untimely demise of our honorable Trustee Shri Hemant Vissanji.

I had often interacted with him in person on matters related to improvement of the standard of English in our school and how to motivate the students to communicate only in English in our school campus.

I found in him a very humble person, simple at heart and very well disciplined. He was the main pillar of Vissanji Academy. He was forthright in his views and a perfectionist who would not accept anything mediocre.

He had a keen interest in sports and promoted many sports activities in our school. He himself had a strict fitness regime. He was an avid reader and I found in him a fountain of knowledge. He believed that the school library is the heart of academic activities. His contribution to the school library is tremendous. Our library is a treasure house of wonderful books for all ages. I am yet to see such wonderful collection in any other school.

Hemant Sir will be remembered in the hearts of each and every person whose life he has touched.

We at Vissanji will continue to carry forward his legacy. I pray to God to bless Mrs. Arati Vissanji with all the strength to bear this big void in her life.

To sum up I quote a verse by Bessi Anderson

*That man is a success who leaves the world better than he found it,  
Who always looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.  
Whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction  
REST IN PEACE SIR*

**Ms. Rashna Dumasia, Vissanji Academy**

**Remembering.....**

*I sat in a corner  
Alone and unnoticed  
(Away from the din of the world  
And somewhat depressed)  
When suddenly I realized  
The good ones die early  
Leaving us with their values  
The figure of being fatherly  
He moved on leaving us in the blues.  
Try as we might  
We were not to get him back  
Try as we might  
Of his presence our world will always lack.  
He enlightened us by his words  
His actions were inspirations  
He was the one we looked up to  
He is the one to whom we bid adieu.*

**Khushi Mittal  
Vissanji Academy, Batch 2018-19**