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## **Dr. M.S.Tarakanth**

Dr. M.S.Tarakanath hails from a family belonging to Educational and political background. Born in Mysore, his father was an educationist and mother was a freedom fighter. They had a humble background being the ardent devotees of Sri.Ramakrishna Paramahansa. Most of Dr.Tarakanth's childhood was spent at Ramakrishna Ashram in Mysore.

After graduating from Mysore University, he joined Physics department of Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay. While working, he studied for his Masters' and as well as Doctoral degrees at Indian Cancer Research Center, the Research wing of Tata Memorial Hospital. He emerged as the first Physicist at Banaras Hindu University in 1967. He then moved to Kuwait in 1968 and worked in the ministry of Public Health as Senior Physicist at Kuwait Cancer Control Center from 1968-1995. During his tenure, he was instrumental in introducing most of the advanced technology in the management of Cancer treatment. He also was a consultant physicist to the Govt. of Bahrain Cancer center from 1996-1997. He worked as a consultant physicist at Curie Center of Oncology, St. Johns hospital in Bangalore from 1995-2006.

During his stay in Kuwait, he pioneered the formation of Kuwait Kannada Koota (KKK). It was he along with his cheerful wife Smt.Mala Tarakanath, used to socialize and entertain the small community of Kannadigas in his house. All the friends would meet on major festivals, exchange pleasantries and children were told the importance of our festivals; also make them understand of our rich cultural heritage. It was during one of these meetings, a group of Kannadigas came together and under the guidance of Dr.M.S.Tarakanth formed Kuwait Kannada Koota in the year 1984. From then on KKK, what nurtured as a little sapling has grown into a big strong tree. It is due to the efforts and vision of Dr.M.S.Tarakanth, Kuwait Kannada Koota was formed and till date all of us and our children are being benefited to keep abreast of our cultural heritage with our children.

Dr.M.S.Tarakanath is blessed with two daughters who are married and settled down in Bangalore.

Now as KKK is celebrating "Vishwa Kannada Samskruti Sammelana", it is only apt to invite the founder of KKK Dr.M.S.Tarakanath. The executive committee of KKK 2007 takes pleasure and honor to have the founder of KKK during this Mega event. We wish him and his family good health, wealth and prosperity.

