

## Shri Kantisen Shroff

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Shri Kantisen Shroff was founder of member and patron of NCCSD. He was veterans NGO. He contributed to Development of NCCSD. He left for heavenly abode on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Hon. Shri Kantisen Shroff – ‘Kaka’ was a visionary, philosopher, thinker, social activist, agriculturalist, industrialist, environmentalist and philanthropist – thus a multidimensional human being who was dedicated to the wellbeing of the society. He was a person with result oriented and growth-oriented approach who always used to ensure that works taken on hand must meet implementation. All his works used to have a unique flavour owing to his spiritual and nationalistic ideology. He always sought to get the right people for the right job together and bring about the best results which indeed proved him to be a ‘Mahajan’ in true sense of words. He also did numerous activities for the environment as an effort to repay the debt of the mother earth. He was always active for the awareness and safety of the environment. He was an inspiring source in campaigns like –tree plantation & conservation. Water harvesting and water management were also on his high-priority list. He made a huge contribution by working significantly in this direction and giving substantial results to Kutch. He firmly believed in progress of the rural areas and therefore did many works in the direction of Animal husbandry and helped livestock rearers by spreading awareness in number of villages. He literally crusaded for the development of the agriculture and considered the agriculture no less than an industry and that’s the reason why organizations engaged in agriculture research coined a title ‘Krishi-Rishi’ (Sage of the Agriculture) for him.

Many of his projects were focused on nature and the wise use of the natural resources and through this approach he completed various projects which inspired others to work alike. Human welfare was one agenda he was always concerned about and this quality made him an exponent of education as well as health of the people. Conservation and care for the

culture was another paradigm he was truly concerned about and he justified it by working relentlessly for the development of the crafts and the craftspeople. He also contributed in the fields of education as well as literature.

'We will rather be givers than borrowers" – keeping this pivotal thought he sent out a strong message for the care and welfare of the people, animals, water, trees and the land. He used to believe that we would be able to build a healthy society and a healthy nation if we follow this thinking. He gave people a thought of 'Becoming self-reliant by doing a considerate and discreet usage of the local resources'. He ensured it too by employing many people by putting this thought in practice.

Kaka's persona was filled with simplicity, self-confidence, skill of discerning complex matters, integrity towards work, meticulousness, sense of discipline, child-like fascination at the octogenarian age and attitude of always learning new things. 'Best or nothing' was the motto of his life. Accumulation of so many qualities in one person made his personality larger than life and as good as a saint!