

## Dr. N. Krishnan Bhattathiripad is no more

The sudden and unexpected demise of our beloved Dr. Krishnan Bhattathiripad is an irreparable loss to the Guruvayurappan Institute of Management. As the Chairman of the Guruvayurappan Educational and Charitable Trust which established GIM, he was the heart and soul of the Institute from its very inception. During the last fifteen years of my close association with him I found him to be a man of deep convictions, devoted and dedicated to the steady progress of the Institute and always fully involved in the welfare and well being of everyone connected with the institute, the students, the Faculty and the non teaching employees. To his colleagues he was always a tower of strength and a source of inspiration. He loved the Institute and was ready to undergo any sacrifice to uphold its unsullied character and reputation.

Personally I have had the warmest relationship with him. He was to me a loving and affectionate younger brother. In his passing away GIM has lost its most valued benefactor, ardent supporter and wise counselor.

May his memory remain with us as a precious source of inspiration and enable us to go forward and render the finest services which would have gladdened his heart.

May his soul rest in peace.

**Emeritus Professor Dr. M.V.Pylee**

Chairman, Governing Council, Guruvayurappan Institute of management

## Working With Doctor

I had the good fortune to associate with Dr. Krishnan Bhattathiripad during the last 6 years. In GIM, Dr. Bhattathiripad was fondly addressed by the Staff as 'Doctor'. I also used to address him the same way. My association with him as Director, GIM and Chairman, SGECT, respectively went beyond the official relationship to a higher degree of personal friendship. We developed a mutual trust and faith between us. There was not a single occasion when he said 'no' to any of my suggestions for development of GIM and always encouraged me to go all out to achieve the goals. I always respected his views and looked forward to his wise counsel in matters of importance. I could see that the Managing Committee members of the SGECT Trust gave Dr. Bhattathiripad their unstinted co-operation.

I had learned that the initial years of the establishment of GIM were very challenging and faced several crises. But for the 'never say die' approach of Doctor, GIM probably would not have survived. A man of vision, Doctor wanted to make GIM a world-class Management Institution. In his march to achieve this, he could cross a number of milestones. But still a long way to go; it is now our responsibility to see that his dream is fulfilled.

A simple, unassuming human being that 'Doctor' was, he endeared himself to all-faculty members, staff and above all, the students of GIM.

All of us in GIM will cherish his memories. Although he has departed, we still 'feel' that he is with us. Can we ever think of GIM without remembering 'Doctor'? No. Never.

**Dr. Verghese Mathew**  
Director

## Reopening

The Third semester classes of 2009-11 batch commenced on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Dr. Verghese Mathew, Director, and Dr. Thomas T Thomas, Principal, GIM, briefed the students regarding the plans for the new academic year and also the need for systematic and disciplined efforts of the students in achieving them.

## Visit to Industries by the Faculty

As part of the Industry-Institute interaction, all the faculty members visited different organisations where the students were undertaking their summer placement projects. This provided the faculty an opportunity to interact with the Senior Executives and Managers and share ideas and understanding about the operations of the respective organisations.

## Summer Placement Project Presentation

The students of the 2009-2011 batch completed their summer placement projects during May-June 2010. Upon returning to the campus, all the students made presentations regarding their respective projects to the entire Class and an expert panel consisting of the Faculty members.

The presentations helped students to consolidate their understanding of the functioning of organizations in different fields.

Apart from this, the presentations and the subsequent discussions provided the students ample opportunities to improve their analytical and interpretative skills and will help them while preparing the final Project Reports.