

## **INDIA CARES**

### **A Reflective Space Focused on India's Children**

#### **About INDIA CARES:**

India Cares is a new forum created under the auspices of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Leadership and Development (MGIPLD)

Its objective is to create a shared space for listening, reflecting, and engaging in action in order to serve the best interest of India's children. As part of this forum, leading minds will be invited to share their aspirations for the progress and protection of children in India. This event is organized every year on or around the eve of Children's Day.

India Cares was launched on 6th of November, 2014.

**PADMA VIBHUSHAN. PROFESSOR.M.S.SWAMINATHAN** delivered the inaugural oration on the title 'Hunger free India as a legacy to India's children'.

Leaders and children from around 50 organizations, each year, are part of the invited audience. The talk is shared with a wider audience through social media and print.

When the lives of children are at stake, there can be no silent witnesses.

#### **World Health Organization**

### **'INDIA CARES' 2018 oration delivered by**

**Dr.M.RAMASWAMY**

Senior Paediatrician

Honorary Medical Director, Masonic Medical Center for Children

Mentor, International Center for Child and Public Health (ICPH)

#### **On the theme:**

- ❖ Who cares for India's children?
- ❖ An opportunity for the health care community to reflect and curate a better tomorrow for our children.

A Paediatrician par excellence, one million children have been treated by him and the wonderful institutions he has built to provide the highest quality of paediatric care.

This year marks a key milestone; Dr.M.Ramaswamy completes five decades of practice. Over 200 paediatricians and three generations of parents and children have been influenced by his scientific temperament, compassionate care and ethical commitment to 'health for all'.

We celebrate with his family his commitment to serving society and helping create a brighter tomorrow for all our children.

He lives Mahatma Gandhi's inspiring call to be the change; we want to see in this world!

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### **Dr.M.Ramaswamy**

#### **Paediatrician par excellence**

One million children treated over five decades of practice in Greater Coimbatore. He currently serves as the Honorary Medical Director at the Masonic Medical Centre for Children in Coimbatore. Beginning with his residency training in Paediatrics, he has collaborated closely with his mentor Prof Arnold H Einhorn, a co- editor of the Barnett - Rudolph's Text Book of Paediatrics. Dr. M.R, as he is fondly known, completed his MBBS degree from the Madras Medical College in 1964. He has to his credit several presentations and has given orations at regional, national and international gatherings on a variety of topics in General Paediatrics.

#### **Pathfinder**

Dr.M.Ramaswamy has helped set up five institutions of global quality across Coimbatore to provide essential child health services. They include the Masonic Medical Centre for Children, the busiest children's hospital in the city which serves over 50,000 children annually. He also serves as Chief Mentor to International Centre for Child and Public Health (ICPH). ICPH is an innovative model of integrating primary care with public health, where the best of global knowledge steers our comprehensive interventions for children.

## Guide and Mentor

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## Family man

A devoted father and husband, he has been a loving elder to his immediate family and the 'periya kudumbam' he has nurtured around the world.

## Inspiring human being

His personal example, affectionate support, legacy of social responsibility, global thinking, constructive collaboration and power of persuasion for the common good remains a 'lesson on life' for generations to come.

## The 2018 edition of INDIA Cares is being coordinated by:

Shanti Ashram's DPAC observance, International Center for Child and Public Health(ICPH), Kumaraguru College of Technology, Masonic Medical Centre for Children and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics.



