



Chief Guest for the Launch

Educated in Bombay, Mr. Khalil Ahmed started his career in a consulting firm engaged in H.R. practices in Bombay as an Assistant to the Managing Director.

In 1985, Mr. Khalil Ahmed left India to work in the Sultanate of Oman. He worked in various capacities looking after the business interests of the Hon'ble Omani Foreign Minister. This assignment gave him a very vast exposure to different industries as the investments portfolio of his principal included stakes in varied sectors such as Cement Manufacturing, Beverages (**Coca-Cola**), Banking: J.V. with Bank Paribas, Investment Management, Hotel & Leisure, Contracting, Aviation, Mines & Quarrying, General Stock Market Investments, amongst others.

The opportunity to work and be associated with a career diplomat expanded his horizon and brought him in contacts with several distinguished personalities.



In 1993, Mr. Khalil Ahmed identified an opportunity for his Omani principals to invest in a Greenfield project in biotechnology and returned back to India in 1994 to successfully establish an Indo-Arab joint venture christened Shantha Biotechnics. Mr. Khalil Ahmed also took an entrepreneurial step by investing in this venture.

As a Co-Founder / Promoter and full time Executive Director, Mr. Khalil Ahmed was instrumental in steering the establishment and growth of this enterprise.

The Company went on to make history in India, by being the first to indigenously develop the country's first genetically engineered health care product (Hepatitis B Vaccine). Shantha's meteoric growth has attracted several big names like Pfizer and Morgan Stanley who have partnered Shantha in its growth.

Mr. Khalil Ahmed facilitated and structured an acquisition of the majority shares of Shantha Biotechnics Ltd by the French Biotech Major, Merieux Alliance in November 2006. Subsequently, in 2009 the Company was sold by Merieux Alliance to SANOFI AVENTIS, wherein Mr. Khalil Ahmed sold his stakes and exited the company

Mr. Khalil Ahmed was responsible for the overall operations of the company. Today, Shantha Biotech is the first name that comes to mind when people talk about the biotech industry in India.

Subsequent to the disinvestment in Shantha Biotechnics, Mr Khalil Ahmed has invested in KSK Energy Ventures Ltd, a company listed in the Bombay Stock Exchange & London Stock Exchange.

The iconic Hyderabad House Restaurant brand has been acquired in 2015 by his company Foodkrafters marking an entry into the food retail business.

Other Activities

Associated as a Trustee of Urwah Charitable Trust – an organization which runs 3 schools in Hyderabad imparting modern & Islamic education to the poorer sections of the society.

Associated as a Trustee of Foundation of Economic & Educational Development (FEED) – an organization concerned with supporting poor students with scholarships in the state of Andhra Pradesh

Founder & Chairman of Karnataka Zakat and Charitable Trust – an organization set up on identical line of the Hyderabad Zakat & Charitable Trust. Working in 14 districts of Karnataka since 1 Jan 2011 supporting poor students.

Member – Governing Council – Hyderabad Institute of Excellence. A unique initiative by FEED and GBKCT in establishing a school dedicated to the poor who are extremely talented. School started on a 120 acre campus in Vikarabad, RR Dist, A.P. in June 2013.

Member of the Advisory Board : Aakar Asha – a unique hospital set up by Dr Bharatendu Swain, which specializes in Reconstructive Plastic surgery, rendered free to the poor who are deformed either by birth or accident.

Member of the Advisory Board : Aarohi Blood Bank – set up by Dr Aditi Kishore, provides safe and tested Blood and Blood product to the poor and the need at a very low cost.

Alumni of Harvard Business School – Completed the Advanced Management Program (OPM 33-04)



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