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In Loving Memory of Shri Mahesh D. Dharmadhikari

"A guiding light who touched countless lives with wisdom, humility, and music."



SRI. MAHESH D DHARMADHIKARI
FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
CBSE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



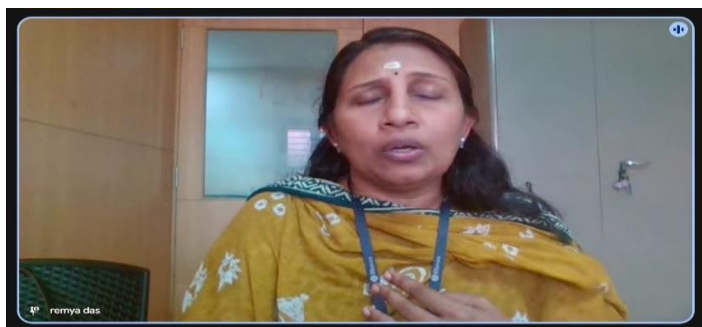
Shraddhāñjali

In memory of

Late Mahesh D. Dharmadhikari

The Council of CBSE Schools Kerala organised a **Shraddhāñjali** on **6th August 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** in honour of **Late Mahesh D. Dharmadhikari**, former Regional Officer of CBSE Trivandrum and CBSE Chennai, who departed from our midst on **2nd August 2025**.

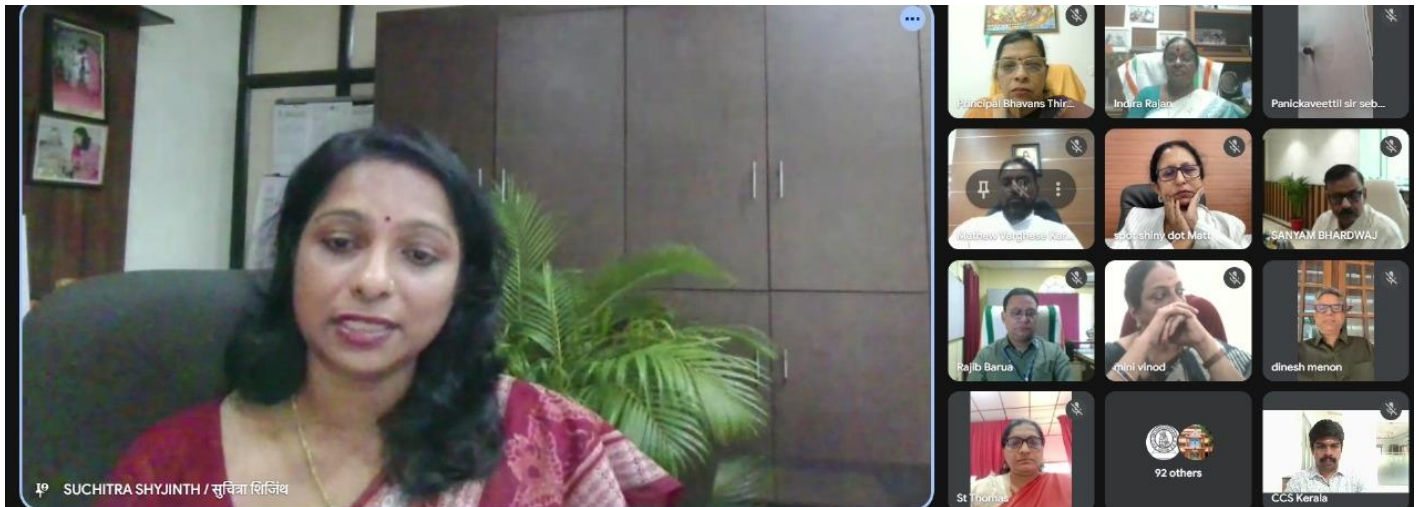
"In the light of remembrance, we find strength to carry forward the legacy of those we have lost."



Mrs. Poornima Varma, Offering Prayer....

न जायते म्रियते वा कदाचित्
नायं भूत्वा भविता वा न भूयः।
अजो नित्यः शाश्वतोऽयं पुराणो
न हन्यते हन्यमाने शरीरे ॥

(Bhagavad Gita 2.20)



Mrs. Suchitra Shyjinth, General Secretary, CCSK and Principal of Pragati Academy, delivered the welcome address to the esteemed CBSE officials and dignitaries. From the very first day of the CBSE Regional Office's opening in Trivandrum, she had worked closely with him—as the CBSE Master Trainer, National Testing Agency, Regional Coordinator, and City Coordinator for CBSE—in all examination-related activities. She remembered the many discussions they shared, his constant communication, and the way he offered guidance, always acting as a steady pillar of strength. She fondly recalled Dharmadhikari sir's consistent support for CCSK initiatives and his openness to the concerns of school managements, describing him as a leader who listened deeply, valued every voice, and spoke with sincerity and purpose.

Shri Sanyam Bharadwaj, Controller of Examinations, CBSE



Moving were the words of **Shri Sanyam Bharadwaj**, who remembered Late *Dharmadhikari as “a man whose commitment to education was matched only by his kindness to people. He could take a difficult challenge and turn it into an opportunity—not for himself, but for the students and colleagues around him.”*

He spoke of the high regard in which Shri Dharmadhikari was held in all areas of his work—his punctuality, meticulous coordination, and spirit of cooperation—qualities that consistently inspired those around him. Shri Bharadwaj also conveyed the sentiments of the higher authorities of CBSE, who recognised him as an exemplary officer, a trusted colleague, and a true asset to the institution, adding that their support and goodwill will always remain with his beloved family.

He reminded everyone of the importance of being mindful of their health, emphasising that well-being is the foundation for all that we do. He urged the gathering to take proactive steps to care for themselves and not to neglect regular check-ups and healthy habits. Health, he said, should always remain the first priority, for only then can we serve others effectively.

Dr. Indira Rajan's Tribute to Late Mahesh D. Dharmadhikari

*"A pioneer who shaped the CBSE Regional Centre in Trivandrum,
A leader whose vision overcame challenges and built excellence,
An educationalist, artist, and humanitarian
whose life was like music.*

*From our first meeting in 2013 to his last letter in July 2025,
his words, his warmth, and his wisdom remain with me.*

*He spoke with pride of his team's successes,
with reverence of his beloved mother Smt. Kaalindhi,
and with deep respect for the ideals of education.*

*His journey enriched our region, inspired our students,
and left a legacy that will endure beyond time.*

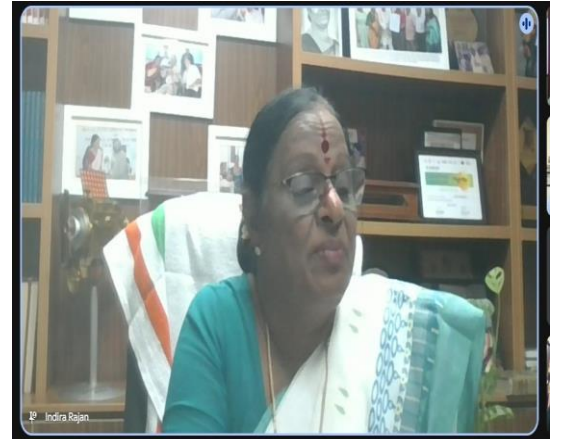
*He was deeply devoted to his wife and children,
whose love and support were the constant anchors in his life.*

*With prayers for his eternal peace
and strength for his family in this hour of grief. "*

**Dr. Indira Rajan,
Secretary General, National Council of CBSE Schools
Managing Director, Pragati Academy**

Mahesh D. Dharmadhikari was a pioneer in establishing the CBSE Regional Centre in Trivandrum. Dr. Indira Rajan first met him in 2013, when, on the directions of then CBSE Chairman Shri Vineet Joshi, he came to Kerala to set up the Regional Centre. Their discussions in Ernakulam laid the foundation for the centre, where he served as the first Regional Officer.

News of his untimely demise reached Dr. Indira while she was attending the CCSK "**Snehapoorvam**" scholarship programme for 42 students from the landslide-affected region of Wayanad on 2nd Aug-2025 at cochin —a moment that turned a day of hope into one of deep loss.



His legacy as an educationalist, artist, and humanitarian will continue to inspire, and his memory will remain deeply cherished by all who knew him.



Shri Jai Prakash Chaturvedi, Director, CBSE Affiliation, fondly remembered – Late Dharmadhikari as a leader who combined exceptional administrative acumen with rare human warmth. He spoke of how Late Dharmadhikari could balance rules with compassion, creating a culture where colleagues felt valued, trusted, and inspired to give their best. Beyond his professional excellence, he was a deeply compassionate human being, sensitive to the needs of others and always willing to extend a helping hand, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of working with him. His humility, even in moments of great achievement, reflected the grace of a

true leader. He never sought recognition for himself, but found joy in the success of others. To those who knew him, his guidance was not just professional—it was a source of moral strength and personal encouragement.

Shri Sachin Thakur, Joint Secretary, Affiliation, and Former Regional Officer, CBSE Trivandrum,

fondly recalled his close professional association with Late Dharmadhikari, even though they had not worked together in Kerala. He spoke of their strong connection over the years and how Late Dharmadhikari approached difficult decisions with calm dignity, always keeping the welfare of students at the forefront. He described him as a leader who carried responsibility with grace and executed every task with dedication.



Shri Rajib Bharuah, Regional Officer, CBSE Trivandrum, who succeeded Late Dharmadhikari when he was transferred to Chennai, shared his heartfelt admiration for the late officer's remarkable contributions to the region. Shri Bharuah spoke warmly of their professional rapport and his own association with me during that time. He reflected on the enduring relevance of the systems and values instituted under Late Dharmadhikari's leadership, noting that the region's continued excellence is a living testament to his vision.

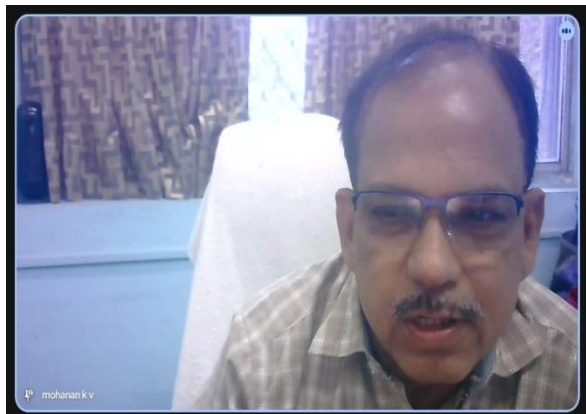
In his address, he conveyed, on behalf of the entire CBSE Regional Office, and the CBSE fraternity in Trivandrum Region for their deepest condolences to the bereaved family, and appreciated Dr. Indira Rajan, Secretary General, and Mrs. Suchitra Shyjinth, General Secretary, along with the CCSK team for thoughtfully organising the condolence meeting.

Shri Ramesh Menon, Regional Officer, CBSE Vijayawada, spoke with deep emotion, recalling how his journey with Dharmadhikari sir began when they worked side by side to make the vision of the CBSE Regional Office at Trivandrum a reality. He described him not merely as a senior colleague, but as a mentor whose guidance was always infused with empathy, sincerity, and a firm sense of purpose. Shri Menon reminisced about moments of personal counsel and quiet encouragement that left a lasting imprint on his professional life, adding that Dharmadhikari sir's work ethic and integrity remain a benchmark worth emulating. He also highlighted Dr. Indira Rajan's steadfast support in the initial stages, working alongside Dharmadhikari sir to turn the idea of the Trivandrum Regional Office into a functioning reality.



Mrs. Annapoorni, Assistant Secretary, COE, Trivandrum, spoke emotionally of Dharmadhikari sir's commitment to empowering teachers. She remembered his words that "the strength of an education system rests on the strength of its educators" and how he worked tirelessly to build their capacity for the benefit of students. She conveyed her deepest condolence on behalf of the entire fraternity.

Mrs. Geetha, Under Secretary, CBSE Regional Office, Bangalore, - shared a heartfelt memory of working alongside Dharmadhikari sir during their time at the Trivandrum Regional Office. She recalled his approachable nature, collaborative spirit, and the ease with which he built strong professional relationships, leaving behind memories cherished by all who worked with him.



Mr. Mohanan, Under Secretary and Regional Officer, CBSE Chennai, spoke with deep emotion about Dharmadhikari's fairness, humility, and respect for everyone—whether a student, parent, or official. He said Dharmadhikari sir always worked for the good of the whole education community. In a touching note, he shared that he was with Dharmadhikari sir during his final hours and also accompanied him on his last journey, standing beside his family in their time of sorrow. It was, he said, a heartbreaking experience, but also a privilege to be there for a colleague and friend he deeply respected.

Mr. Joji Paul, Principal of Benchmark International School, Tirur, President, Confederation of Sahodaya:- Conveyed a heartfelt condolence message on behalf of all CBSE fraternity . He spoke of his long-term association with Dharmadhikari sir, recalling his constant support to school leaders, and paid tribute to the enduring legacy he leaves behind.



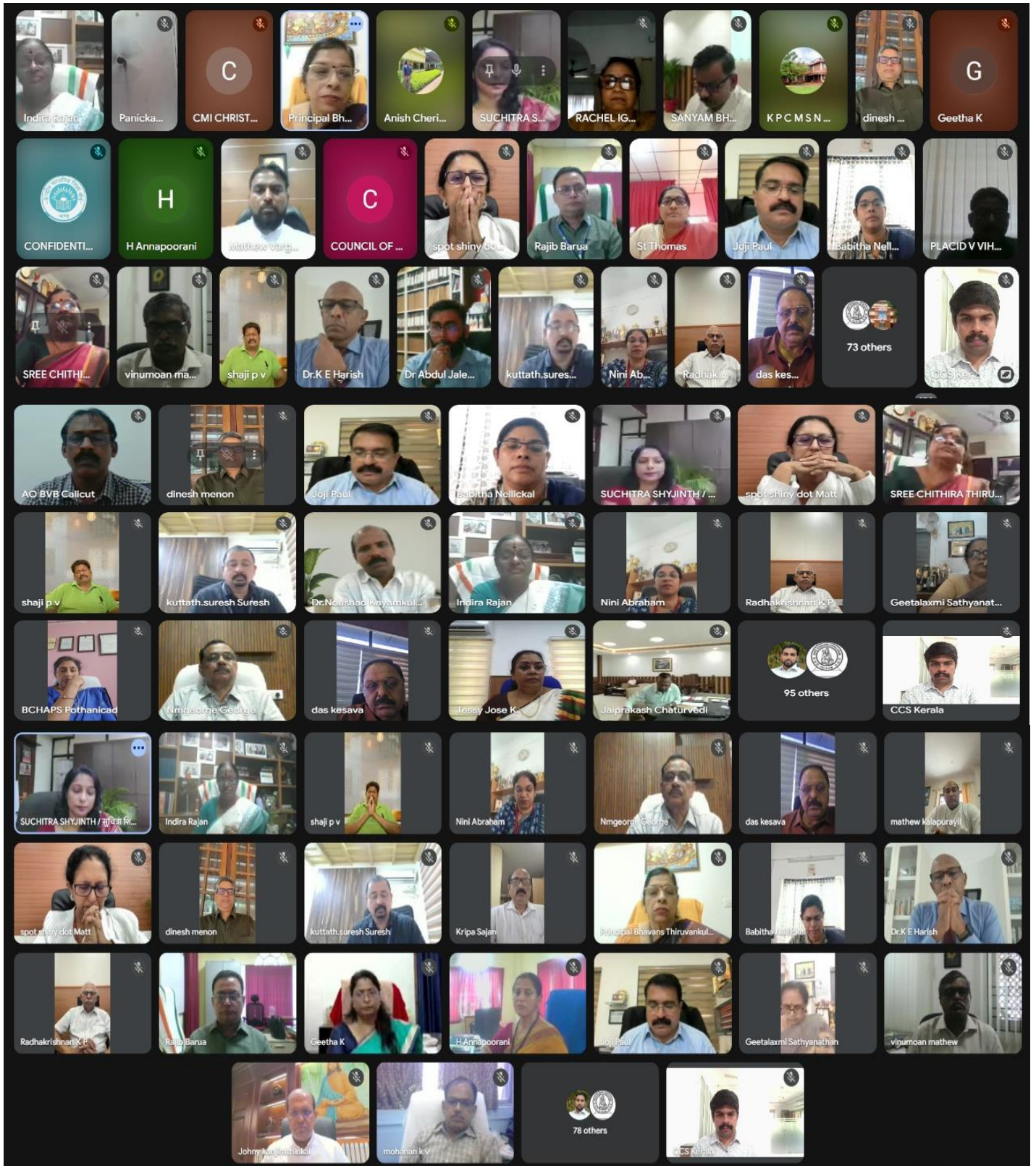
Fr. Johnny Kanjirathinkal CMI, Principal of Devagiri CMI School, Kozhikode, and President of CCSK Northern Zone, conveyed his heartfelt condolences with folded hands to the departed soul, remembering Late Dharmadhikari as a noble educator and a man of grace. He prayed for strength, peace, and comfort for the bereaved family, and reflected on how his life and work will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. K. Suresh, Deputy Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kochi Kendra, and CCSK State Executive, paid a heartfelt tribute to Dharmadhikari sir with deep reverence. He reflected on the deep respect and affection that colleagues and principals from across regions held for him. He spoke of Dharmadhikari's ability to forge genuine connections that transcended official roles, leaving behind a legacy of warmth, mutual respect, and enduring goodwill.



Mrs. Latha Jayaram, Principal of Bhavan's Munshi Vidyashram, Kochi, moderated the meeting with sensitivity and deep emotion, guiding the proceedings in a manner befitting the solemn occasion. She conveyed heartfelt condolences in honour of Dharmadhikari sir's memory and contributions, and set the context for the gathering by recalling his remarkable service to the CBSE community. She reminded the participants that such moments of remembrance are also an opportunity to draw inspiration from his values and carry forward his vision for education..

*The meeting concluded with a silent prayer—offered not only for the eternal peace of Late Shri Mahesh D. Dharmadhikari, but also for the souls lost in the recent **Uttarkashi tragedy in Uttarakhand**. It was a solemn moment that honoured their memory, shared in the grief of their families, and gently reminded everyone of life's profound fragility.*



With Folded Hands.....