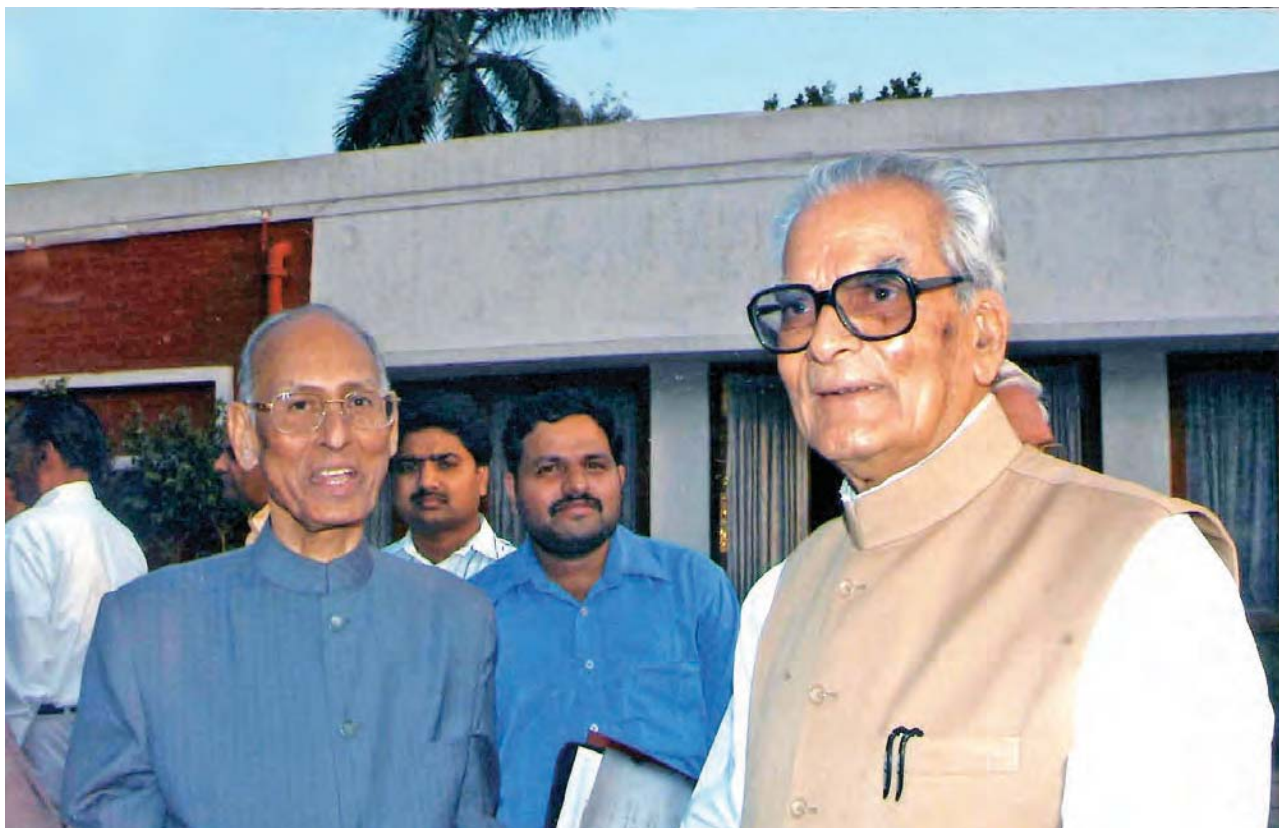




L to R, Dr Singhvi and Mr Naveen Pandey with Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, then Vice President of India



Dr Singhvi has been my true role model for not only being a good soul but also for the quality of contribution he gave to the society and the kind of management he demonstrated. He was an intellectual, having been blessed with characteristics of a poet, a philosopher, a professor, a chancellor, a columnist, a scholar, a lawyer and a politician, among others. He was a rarity in politics – honest and clean; an advocate who always fought only for truth. It is difficult to attribute one title to refer to him. Dr Singhvi was associated with more than 1000

institutions with the capacity of Chairman, President, Vice President, Chief Patron, Patron, Honorary founder, Founder Member and Life Member. It was a great learning curve for me to undertake dealing with UNESCO, United Nations, Ministry of External Affairs, offices of the Prime Minister, President and Vice-President of India, offices of various embassies in India and abroad and working along with offices of charitable and non-profitable organisations. One of the biggest lessons I learnt very early on was – not even a single letter or email should remain unattended. If there was any delay in reply, it should be properly regretted and respond must be provided at the earliest were the standing instructions from Dr Singhvi. It was learning of immense value while working at the office of Dr Singhvi - his secretariat was the most occupied after the secretariats of President and Vice President of India.

Working under the leadership of Dr Singhvi gives one the feel of a 'dancing peacock' who perks when he looks at his feathers but feels differently when he sees his lower limbs. I used to feel proud of being associated with such a great dignitary but self introspection made me realise there was so much to learn from the vast ocean of knowledge. I strongly believe in Dr Singhvi's principles related to life and have tried to adapt the 'honesty' and 'strength of character' he had showcased. I was nothing more than an onlooker when Dr Singhvi and GIS Chairman Atul Temurnikar were contemplating a suitable name for our current organisation. It is a combination of great vision, mission and confidence of strong and experienced minds that has helped to transform their dreams into reality with a leading presence in 21 campuses across seven countries. Today, I feel proud to be the part of Global Schools Foundation.

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MR NAVEEN CHANDRA PANDEY

MANAGER OFFICE ADMINISTRATION, GIIS INDIA

I became an integral part of GIIS family from April 2010, but my acquaintance with GIIS has matured by over a decade.

During the past three years, I found it providential to have got an opportunity to perform in different roles, which indeed has taken up my learning graph and morale to a different level. I had begun my learning voyage as Executive Assistant-Country Manager for

GIIS India; before moving on to Administration and Procurement respectively. I can say with confidence that working with GIIS is no less than a marvel - the more we share, the more we have.

After graduating from Delhi University, I started my professional career under the guidance of late Hon'ble Dr L M Singhvi as his Personal Secretary in the year 1999, immediately

after his return from London as an Indian High commissioner to United Kingdom. Dr Singhvi was at the same time nominated as Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Govt of India. I was also fortunate enough to be able to work for the Ministry of Culture in the capacity of Personal Secretary to the President, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Trust.

Back row- L to R, HE Dr P C Alexander former Governor Maharashtra, Mr K C Pant, former Union Minister and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Hon. Dr V P Singh, former Prime Minister of India

*Front row- L to R, Dr L M Singhvi, Mrs Venkataraman, former President of India, Dr R Venkataraman, **Mr Naveen Pandey (standing)***

