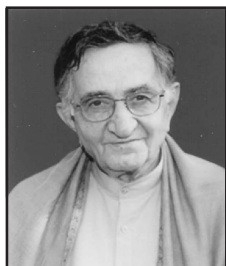

**National Symposium on
SCIENCE OF HOLISTIC LIVING AND ITS GLOBAL APPLICATION**
Inaugural Function

Chief Guest

Shri. J. N. Kaul

President, SOS Children's Villages of India, New Delhi



Shri J. N. Kaul, 83, is the founder of the SOS Children's Villages of India. He started the first SOS Children's Village in India in 1964 at Greenfields, Faridabad, in Haryana State. Shri Kaul was the first SOS Children's Village Director in India and also served the SOS Children's Villages of India as its Executive Director and Secretary General. He is providing his services to the organisation as its President since 1989. The organisation has now grown to 40 SOS Children's Villages and about 130 allied projects all over India that include family strengthening programs, primary & secondary schools, social & medical centres, kindergartens, emergency relief programs etc. The SOS Children's Villages idea was pioneered by Dr. Hermann Gmeiner, an Austrian doctor, in the aftermath of the Second World War, to provide long term family based care to orphan and destitute children. The first SOS Children's Village was established in Imst, Austria, in 1949. SOS Children's Villages of India every day touches the lives of many thousands children and families through its programs. Shri J N Kaul has pioneered many of these programs in India and has been awarded with Padma Shri by the President of India in 2000. He has also been bestowed with 40 other International & National Awards for his distinguished and dedicated service to needy children and underprivileged sections of the society in India.



Presided over by

Shri. Dhiru S. Mehta

President, Kasturba Health Society, Sevagram

Shri Dhirajlal Shantilal Mehta, a Chartered Accountant and dynamic personality, dedicating considerable time to social cause has taken over the Presidentship of Kasturba Health Society in Jan. 2001 to nurture its baby the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences at Sevagram. Dr. Sushila Nayar, a Gandhian associate, chose Shri Mehta as Vice President to help her in developing MGIMS in its mission to take the advances in health care to the doorsteps of the poor. Shri. Mehta helped her in expansion by establishing new research, diagnostic and therapeutic facilities such as Jamnalal Bajaj Tropical Disease Research Centre, Sri Sathya Sai Trauma Centre, CT scan, Radio therapy, and other facilities. Under his dynamic leadership, the Institute and the Hospital are expanding rapidly with sophisticated research and health care and economic residential facilities accessible to the rural poor patients. He has been a Fellow member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India and is associated with Bajaj Group of companies since 1966. He has extensive experience in corporate law, taxation, finance and investment. He is chairman of Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Indore and Trustee of Gujarat Vidya Pith, Ahmedabad which was established by Gandhiji. He is also President of Sivanand Mission, a rural based eye hospital near Rajkot in Gujarat. Shri D. S. Mehta had participated in the JP Movement during Emergency and an Executive Council Member of Gandhi Peace Foundation.

