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A kind and compassionate soul,
also a mentor to us and the entire IMIS Family.
His grit and grace will always be remembered.
May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Late Prof. H. K. Patnaik
Director General, IMIS, Bhubaneswar
(9th July, 1958 - 19th June, 2021)



Late Prof. H.K. Patnaik Sir.....





Deepest Condolences from our *Friends*

Dr. K.K. Beuria
Advisor, IMIS

Dear Patnaik Babu (Dada)

“As per our promise to each other in the past you won and I lost the battle. I always feel as if you are there in your chair close to me and we take strategic decisions to run our lifeline IMIS as we have been doing it for the last 26 years”

Remain invisible but please guide me till my last breath

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A Tribute to Late Prof. H. K. Patnaik In honor of your precious memory

Dr. Usha Kamilla
Director, IMIS

It was with immense sadness that we heard the tragic & heart-breaking news about the sad demise of our Director General Sir & since then, we have not been able to come to terms with it. It is indeed hard to believe that he is not with us anymore. The world really needed him for many more years. His sudden & unexpected passing away has created a huge void which nothing can ever fill. IMIS was his lifeblood, his brainchild created out of several challenges. Through his unwavering dedication & devotion he transformed IMIS into a vibrant institution. He had an enormous impact on the personality & performance of the people who looked up to him for guidance & feedback. With his early demise, IMIS has lost an incredible visionary leader who played many roles & impacted many lives positively.

Director General Sir, was a fine gentleman & a good human being- Always calm, gentle & focused. His calm presence even in adversities will always be a source of inspiration for us. In all our meetings & conversations, he always treated everyone with respect & courtesy, which comes as a flashback, every time I remember him now. He was indeed special for everyone who worked under him. We were honored, we got a chance to work with him. Our best tribute to him now would be to turn his vision & values in life into meaningful decisions & actionable goals. Sir is not there with us, but his legacy will continue forever through his goodness in life.

Sir, you made your presence invaluable. The IMIS premises feels empty now, without your voice echoing & your smile greeting us. I truly believe- A great soul never dies. A great soul serves everyone all the time & will bring us together again & again. Although we can't see you now, you still reside here & always would be.

In this time of sorrow, my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members. May the almighty grant them strength to accept the truth & go through a positive grieving process. I feel, the most painful of goodbyes are the ones that are never said & explained, but are spent in silence. In purposeful silence, let's collectively send words of praise & vibrations of peace, for his soul to rest in eternal peace in God's heavenly abode!

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A Tribute to our Director-General Shri Hemant Kumar Patnaik

Dr. Surya Dev
Dean, CAD

It's very difficult to pen down 21 years of association with our beloved Director-General Shri Hemant Kumar Patnaik. As I sit down to write about him, lots of thoughts run through my mind. It takes me back to January 2000 when I had visited as a guest faculty to teach International Finance. He was present in my class and that was my first meeting with him. After the class, he had a few words of encouragement and a genuine expression of a smile on his face. By the end of the course, I joined as a full-time faculty member at IMIS which was then situated at Vivekanda Marg, Bhubaneswar.

He was an astute administrator. Nevertheless, he was compassionate, kind, and merciful. As a person, he always believed in giving. He was the one who reached the earliest to the institute and was the last to leave. His passion to create a world-class organisation always made him look for people who were passionate to work for the institute and could fulfil his vision of making IMIS the most talked about academic institution among corporate, students, researchers and faculty members. He and our advisor sir Dr K K Beuria worked tirelessly to bring IMIS to its present status.

DG sir would make you comfortable while working and give you the confidence to work. As a young faculty member, he helped me design a stock market game for Management Odyssey 2001 a National level inter B-School meet. He

motivated the entire faculty team to fulfil academic achievements and integrate those with institutional goals. He gave energy, commitment and inspiration to his staff and to others with whom he worked. All the employees working under him were always willing to go that extra mile for the organisation and work for longer years.

He had a brilliant knowledge of the stock markets and was a genius when it came to investments. He not only invested but also trained the students from his practical experience. He had also helped me learn and master a lot of concepts on the stock markets. His dream was to see his students at very senior positions in companies for which he left no stone unturned for their development. He encouraged faculty members to bring the latest practices to the classes through cases or invite practitioners and trainers to share their experiences to expose students to the latest industrial practices. In this regard, in the early days, Saturdays were converted into a Business Session Day where there would be a developmental session, followed by an interaction with an industry practitioner and finally ending with some event with prizes, throughout the year. For his focus on an industry-academic interface, a lot of big corporate leaders visited the campus on various occasions.

He practised the three pillars of IMIS i.e. discipline, leadership and commitment. He worked for very long hours to achieve the vision he had set for IMIS. He had a participative leadership style which helped him achieve high productivity levels from his employees. He would delegate work considering the strengths of each person. In any programme of the institute or even the family functions of the employees, he was among the earliest to reach and last to leave. He along with our advisor sir was present in all activities like the welcome ceremony, farewell function, Diwali, New Year celebrations, conferences etc.

Besides being an able administrator, head of the institution and stock market genius he had a penchant for cooking. In staff picnics, he would himself contribute to the process of cooking. His involvement and merrymaking with everybody would make all feel he was just like one of us.

He always said that IMIS would never bid farewell to anybody, rather it made everybody a part of their family. At this hour he is no more physically present with us but his virtues, his deeds would be eternal. Today I certainly miss him a lot. It would be impossible to fill the vacuum he has left behind. But his insistence to work with commitment will keep on inspiring us.

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Prof. Divya Gupta

Dean, Academics

I feel deeply saddened with the thought of not having Mr. H.K. Patnaik amongst us. He had been a bolster to each one of us during our IMIS journey. I started my journey in academics with Sir and always found his guiding hands above me in the time of need. His constant support helped me to go extra miles in my career. My admiration fell short of words today when I think of affection, concern

and encouragement extended by him towards all staff members and faculties. I have an admirable collection of memories with him, which cannot be described in words. The vacuum which has been created with his absence is difficult to fill. A legend, an edupreneur who is no more with us, but left us with his legacy to carry forward and hopefully we will continue to sail through these tough times and make his dream gleam brighter with his unseen blessings.

May God give you eternal peace and let his perpetual light shine upon you.

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Tribute to DG Sir

Prof. Dibakar Mohapatra

Dean, Placement

When I write this, I cannot but think of a pure soul, so smiling, inimitable and indomitable, is no more with us.

Unbelievable, but true, a valiant hero has fallen silent, but immortal, as if his lively past will live forever in our hearts. Memories will be difficult to erase. IMIS will be the mute witness.

A deft academic entrepreneurs & administrator has cut short his earthly visit and left for heavenly abode, unexpectedly, leaving behind his dreams, nurtured in the architectural landscape, embedded in academic excellence of IMIS, the institution he built & held so close to his heart.

His tryst with IMIS started early in eighties and took shape in 1995, when very few institutes in the east could venture into Management Education. Starting in a humble way, IMIS began to flourish and flower with students making the institute as their career destination. IMIS did vindicate its educational excellence in more than one way. Alumni stand to bear this as testimony of this great visionary, institution builder and a dreamer.

Sir, we promise and stand committed to carry forward your unfinished task & move ahead on the path charted & guidance given by you.

Our salute as true soldiers and torch bearers.

Sir, Rest in peace, Om Shanti

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Prof. Sujit Ku. Baboo

Professor, IT

It is very hard to bid this final good bye. He was an incredible and undoubtedly the most caring leader I met. He always helped me and his death is one of the hardest pill everyone has to swallow. He touched so many lives, helped so many people and made them walk in the right path, the path of wisdom. Sharing your sorrows, all my deepest sympathies are with you. You will always be here with us, in our minds. My sincere condolences. I wish him all the happiness of the universe.

A Passionate Edu-preneur and a Harbinger of Change in Management Education...

Prof.(Dr.) Ashish Mohanty
Professor, Business Communication
& Soft Skills, IMIS, Bhubaneswar

For the young Shri H.K. Patnaik, the initial days were filled with struggle. The circumstances were challenging, the resources meagre, and at times, the manpower insufficient. However, he persevered till he reached perfection, guided by his foresight, intuition and creativity. His highly principled, ethical and transparent manner always led those around him to recognise the merit of his views and intent. His story is that of raw enthusiasm and passion chiseled in experience grown to this stature today.

Rising from humble origins and growing through challenges and embracing every opportunity, Shri Patnaik has always upheld integrity, transparency and honesty. A firm believer in a hands-on approach, he maintains an instinctive understanding of the tiniest details of every project he handled. Keeping an eye and an ear to the ground even while pursuing a lofty vision, his style is a flawless blend of the micro with the macro.

As a philanthropic gesture of giving back to society what you earn from it, Shri H.K. Patnaik founded Institute of Management & Information Science in the year 1995 under the Educational Charitable Trust. The journey with IMIS began from Shri Patnaik's quest for knowledge. His dream was enlarged reaching undefined magnitudes. Today, IMIS, Bhubaneswar is one of the top-notch b-school in the eastern part of the country known for its excellent learning environment, research and innovation in management education.

Shri Patnaik always believed in people first, than disbelieve. He delegated and trusted people rather than mistrust. He lead by example and believed in charismatic and dynamic leadership rather than democratic and dictatorial style of functioning. He believed in forgiveness and in focusing on the strengths of every human being as an advantage rather than focusing on their weakness. He believed in not looking back at a failure. According to him, every lesson in life is to be learnt but not to be mourned forever. For Shri Patnaik, his employees are no less than his family and that's why he always did his best to provide them with every possible facility without compromise. He was such a leader who was available for his employees at any moment. What mattered the most to him most was 'customer happiness (students) through delightful products and services' (quality management education) and hence, he unconditionally left no stone unturned for the same. According to him it's not a leader who makes a difference but it's the teamwork which makes the things work wonder. Truly, a hallmark of a visionary leader, who championed for the cause of quality management education.

According to Shri Patnaik, It is important to dream but it is even more important to work for it as there is no magic wand in the world that can turn a dream into reality. It takes the courage to dream the impossible, the determination not to give up when you do not succeed and the hard work to cement the desired success. Some of his Life Lessons are:

- Impart quality education to meet the needs of profession and society, and achieve excellence in teaching-learning and research.
- Attract and develop talented and committed human resource, and provide an environment conducive to innovation, creativity, team spirit and leadership.
- Facilitate effective interactions among faculty and students, and foster networking with alumni, industries, and institutions.
- Practice and promote high standards of professional ethics, transparency and accountability.

Today, among numerous individuals talking about reforms in the educational sector, we have had one such remarkable leader Shri H.K. Patnaik who truly believed in 'doing' things, rather than talking about it. He was one who actually walked the talk. He was the one who continually exerted himself for disrupting the status- quo. Change starts with you. And, it is a well-known proverb, "Be the change you want to see in others". All his actions validated and dedication and commitment to change he possessed; Shri H.K Patnaik actually personified this statement in a true sense.

As a catalyst of change, Shri Patnaik wore multiple hats in order to effectively deliver his responsibilities. If needed one day he would don the role of a Resource Provider, the next day he would play the role of an Instructional Specialist. He was the one who not only shaped the curriculum but would also act as a learning facilitator, a leader, and a mentor, all at the same time.

More importantly, besides helping the students achieving their dreams, Shri Patnaik would take care of his teaching and non-teaching staff too. All in all, Shri Patnaik played the vital role in inspiring the teachers to give their best of themselves in the classroom.

Last but not the least, I would like tell the entire teaching fraternity, students, alumni and other stakeholders of IMIS that let us all celebrate the contributions, achievements and the legacy of the Enlightened Heart, our beloved late Shri H.K.Patnaik who had always kept the benefit of society above all his personal interests.

Enlightened Hearts strengthens the empowered hands, Empowered Hands shape educated minds and Educated Minds create a better society.

The void created by him can never be filled. He was and will be irreplaceable. But, as they say... the show must go on... we all have to work harder to uphold his values & principles and to take his legacy forward.

Our beloved late Shri H.K.Patnaik will always be in our prayers and thoughts. I pray the Almighty for his soul to rest in peace.

MEMORIA

A branch has fallen down from the IMIS family tree,
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".

Remember the best times, the merriment, the melody,
The virtuous life I lived while I was sturdy.

Continue my legacy for I am counting on you,
Keep beaming and certainly the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Reminiscing all that how I justly was blessed.

Endure the traditions, no matter how paltry,
Get on with your life, worrying not about adversity.

I miss you all profoundly, so keep up the good faith,
Rise and Fight, but never get reduced to a wraith.

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Gone, but not forgotten...

Satyabrata Bhuyan

Former Dean, IMIS

"You have the talent, competency and vast experience. So, wherever you go, you'll be an asset." That was the last encouraging and contented response from Late Mr. Hemanta Kumar Patnaik, the founder of IMIS, when I met him on my exit day on Feb 11, 2021. I had an opportunity to work under his leadership for a period close to 25 years. My experience with him at the professional front was quite eventful. He was instrumental in shaping the career, and illuminating the future, with rays of hope for more than twenty thousand students. People, who have worked under him have a huge amount of respect for his phenomenal leadership skills. Everyone will remember him as a leader, fighter, and a very resilient person. I felt inspired on many occasions, with his passion for building the institute, and his unique ability of handling situations. His personality was a blend of different characters i.e. a leader, a dreamer, a motivator, a counselor, a guide and a co-worker.

We all know that when there is sunrise, there will be sunset; when there is a beginning, there will be an end; and when there is life, there will be death, the ultimate truth. But, I never thought it would come so soon. The untimely departure of DG Sir, being commonly addressed in the work circle, has created a deep void and irreparable loss for IMIS. He will be dearly missed. My heartfelt condolences to family members, friends, admirers and the entire IMIS fraternity.

May his soul rest easy in the wings of eternity! Gone, but not forgotten.

I'll remember you SIR.

An Institution Builder

Kishore C. Padhy

Former Director, IMIS

Hemant Kumar Patnaik is no more. He along with his right hand man Dr. Beuria built the institution IMIS. Literally speaking brick by brick. IMIS, at one time, a leading management institute in Eastern India survives despite uncertainties of management education in recent times. So, Hemant Kumar Patnaik lives in memory of thousands of his colleagues, employees and students.

Mr. Patnaik is a leader leading from the front, he did not follow Andrew Bonar Law's of dictum : I must follow them, I there leader. His information system was so strong that despite being 2 miles away from campus he would know details of events, bickering unrest and manipulations thoroughly well and would take proactive steps to rip problem from the bud. While other Engineering / management campus had bout student unrest and strike, IMIS during its long inning had one strike which was firmly resolved within a day. Mr. Patnaik was a good talent-hunter. Wherever he found talents, he invited them. He had a galaxy of scholars and good teachers which was envy of neighbouring management institutes. I was with him in every interview board as Director of IMIS. I invariably found that the best were chosen. There was no nepotism or favoritism. The faculty grew in stature / teaching and a few of them are managing other institutes with name and fame.

Institution builder and strong leader, Hemant Kumar Patnaik will live as long as IMIS, his creation survives and prospers.

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Remembering Prof H.K. Patnaik

Prof S.C. Sahoo

Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Business Administration, Utkal University, Odisha

Professor Hemant Kumar Patnaik was one of the founders of management education in Odisha. He along with his friends shifted their coaching centre from Satya Nagar to Vivekananda Marg, Bhubaneswar renaming it as the Institute of Management and Information Science (IMIS). IMIS is now renowned in India as well as abroad. Students of IMIS have been placed in different public and private sector undertakings.

Late Prof Patnaik has been able to establish international linkages for IMIS starting with PGDM programme with AICTE approval. I was associated with Prof Patnaik and IMIS management as a visiting faculty in marketing since its inception. I have taught students of many batches.

Prof Patnaik and his team, particularly Prof K.K. Beuria associated me in the advisory committee, curriculum designing, faculty selection committee and the journal PRATIBIMBA. I have attended all Seminars both National and International as well as all the Convocations. Prof Patnaik was an able academic administrator and a true leader, believer of quality in academic arena, and the word "Impossible" was not there in his Dictionary.

Prof Patnaik was a great soul and true human being. Always gave utmost priority to the interest of students, faculties and staffs. Prof Patnaik was working meticulously at all times (24x7). We were proposing to convert IMIS into a university. But alas, this dream has remained unfulfilled. Let us all hope to fulfil this dream.

The state and the academic fraternity has lost a great man and a genius. I along with my family pray Lord Jagannath for blessing his soul and a peaceful stay in the abode of Heaven.

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In remembrance of Late Mr. Hemant Kumar Patnaik

B.N. Mishra

Former Emeritus Professor (UGC)
Dept. of PMIR, Utkal University, Vani Vihar

Mr. Hemant Kumar Patnaik was a rare blend of good personality, humility, friendliness as well as of academic and professional excellence. He was an affectionate person, who endeared his colleagues, students and friends of his institute by sincerity and concern for promoting their career and success in life. A great visionary, educationist and entrepreneur, Mr. Patnaik, through his innovative and value based approaches leaped a milestone in bringing IMIS from a two rooms small setup, initially known as (OJET) in 1982 to an admiring presence. IMIS got its autonomous status from AICTE, Govt. of India.

My association with Mr. Patnaik way back since inception of the institute. It has been worth memorable and appreciable because of his relentless service towards the education sector. He has been a torch bearer of many young minds and have taken a long toil in bringing up IMIS to what it is today. These are matters of pride and inspiration for his fellow members of his institute. What is even more important, he was gifted with uncommon humility amidst all these achievements.

To his colleagues, students and friends in his institute and beyond his institute, Mr. Patnaik was an embodiment of cheerful spirit, pleasant demeanor and loving manners. This has been fairly evident in his constant, continuous and ongoing participation in all the academic and non-academic activities for the growth and development of the institute. His thoughtful and concerted efforts to bind everyone with togetherness and kindred kinship has paid off.

Whenever we met each other, he never failed to express his gratitude to God, his parents and few friends like Professor K.K. Beuria and others.

It is sad and shocking for his family and for all of us--that he had to leave us in this most unexpected manner. Its no doubt a great loss for his staunch admirers.

I will miss you Hemant babu for ever.

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Amiya Patnaik

Visiting Professor, IMIS,
Director, Blue Dome Intelligence,
Former Executive Director (H&A), NALCO

H.K. Patnaik Sir has brought revolution in management education in Odisha by establishing IMIS. Best leader is just known. His deft management of the institute, by delegating to the trusted friends, novel way of networking and considering the operation of the institution as service to the society, has brought him many laurels in addition to carving a name for IMIS of its own in Eastern India. His successors will continue to live to his visions. Personally, I'm grateful to him for his management style, humble yet firm way of communication and his nature of sharing n caring.

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Tanmay Panda

Board Member

Hemant Sir would be missed and not simply within his immediate, loved precincts - his family and the IMIS.

I have been a beneficiary of his insights and affection as have been thousands of his direct and indirect pupils.

He will be remembered for the inspirational trail that he blazed as a knowledge entrepreneur. He will be remembered for his passion, commitment and method in institution-building.

Even in his death, he will keep advising, cajoling and reminding us of the impossibly high standards which he himself represented.

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Prof (Dr) Jyotirmaya Mahapatra

The corporate and academic community is shocked at the sad demise of Prof Hemant Kumar Patnaik, the founder Director General of IMIS. Since the very inception of IMIS I am associated with him. An inspiring colleague, astute academic administrator, a visionary institution builder and above all an uber cool and complete gentleman. His widely spread network in the industry and academics gave the faculty and students an opportunity to be enlightened by an enviable large number of learned Professors and senior executives. His visionary leadership enabled the institute to organise large number of seminars, management meets and other events which has made profound impact in its ranking as a premier Business School in India. His untimely death is an irreparable loss to the academic community. May his soul rest in peace.



Debasish Ghosh Chaudhuri
Batch : 1999-2001

Condolence to our beloved DG Sir, the founder of IMIS, Bhubaneswar, Late Prof. Hemant Kumar Patnaik. He was a kind, visionary & strategic thinker. From a modest beginning in a small building and a hand picked team of professors, through IMIS, he provided a launchpad to many aspiring students, like myself, to pursue their dreams. With a vision to create a world class management institution, under his leadership, IMIS blossomed over the years and was gifted a new campus that truly embodied his vision. I have very fond memories of Late Prof. Hemant Kumar Patnaik who inspired all students and built our confidence in embarking on our journey into our budding careers. He cared for us greatly and during the super cyclone that struck Orissa in 1999, when all students, including myself, were stranded in Bhubaneswar, he organized a safe passage for everyone so that we could join our anxious families back home. I am a proud alumni of IMIS and would uphold the legacy of our visionary founder in any manner possible as a tribute.

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MD Israil Ansari
Batch : 2007-09

“I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Hemant Patnaik sir . He was a remarkable leader with energy & true vision, who created lot of professionals thru IMIS for India as well global market. His passion for excellence led to lot many MBA aspirants. His passing came as a shock to me personally as it is not only a great loss to IMIS ,but also to the educational society as a whole. He will definitely be missed as a leader and as a person.”

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Deepest Condolences from our Alumni

Memoir of Director General Sir H K Patnaik

Nandini Chaudhuri
Batch: 2004-06

Vladimir Nabokov in his book “Speak Memory” said that, “The cradle rocks above an abyss and common sense tells us that our existence is but a brief crack of light between two eternities of darkness.”

We all die and the truth is we are all passing through. Mystics have said our existence is like an air bubble and with a slightest puff we are gone.

Yet every death creates a vacuum in us. It creates a startled response and every time we are unprepared to face the news of death. I was saddened and deeply affected by the news of sudden demise of Prof HK Patnaik. A great life gone too soon.

I recall my first meeting with Prof Patnaik. He was the Director at the time I enrolled as a student. I had visited the campus for enrolment and he invited me for a chat in his chamber. I was very influenced by his words and vision of the Institute. He was so proud of the achievements of the alumnus of the institute and he spoke very highly of the standard of education provided by the faculty of IMIS. After my enrolment I offered him an Assamese Gamusa, a traditional hand woven scarf given as a way to show respect in Assam.

He was very moved with the gesture and while I was leaving the Institute he had told me that he still kept the gamusa as a gesture of respect.

Prof Patnaik was always for his students. As a Director he lived the values Discipline, Leadership and commitment in his everyday life. A capable administrator, he worked to create an environment in IMIS where teachers were like parents trying to nurture students with love and disciplining them at the same time so that they could face the corporate world outside.

Prof Patnaik was a visionary and though his interactions with the students were limited compared to the teachers yet the students had immense respect for him.

Prof Patnaik’s vision with the support of Prof Beuria and the team of faculty has taken IMIS from a small campus to a huge campus and a big noteworthy name in B schools

of India. In 2004-2006 we were the first batch in the new campus. We literally saw how Prof Patnaik and all the Professors of IMIS strived hard to give us the required facilities and exposure in the new campus to build the Institution to what it is today.

They say, "A man is not dead while his name is still spoken." The dead lives through our words and our memories of them and Prof Patnaik lives through his students and his prolific Institution IMIS. Wherever you may be Sir you will always be alive in our thoughts and words.

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Debasish Rout
Batch : 1996-98

Aah not now!!!

Down the memory lane....I faintly remember entering the IMIS campus in Peerless Building at Swami Vivekananda Marg and meeting Mr. H.K. Patnaik at his office, back in 1996.

Few regular questions and intro and then he said we will meet again. We met several times during my studies at IMIS (1996-1998). Some were good and some were not so pleasing. But he always gave a smile while walking past and I used to look down. I always secretly admired his tuxedo. They were never the "Janta color" but vibrant and youthful....

I will not condole for the departed soul. Rather a gratitude and remembrance for a life well lived and inspiring many should be paid rich tribute. A young man thinks to turn around the management education in Odisha way back in 1994 when a few knew about such course also speak volumes about his vision.

My last meeting with him, I believe was in 2018, when I was invited to IMIS for the Industry interaction. He couldn't meet me and my classmate at the institute. But I got his message that he wants to meet me in the evening.

I still remember his tight hug and murmuring "Kemti acchu" meaning "how are you" in odia, in the hotel and the same smile.

I wish he lived longer

Some inseparable emotions are difficult to explain.

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Our Beloved Sir

Pritam Purkayastha
Batch : 2001-03

I still remember my first day at IMIS. At that time it was an institute in a very small space unlike today. But the motivation, passion and dedication to make IMIS one was the best and most sought after institute was very visible in the eyes of the management led by our beloved Late Prof. H.K. Patnaik Sir. Whatever IMIS is today is due to the hard work and dedication of he and his team.

Late Prof. H.K. Patnaik Sir was and always will be a guiding light in our life. Miss you Sir. Your smiling face will always guide us as a blessing from the heaven.

May his Soul Rest in Peace !!!

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Dr Sibaranjan Mohapatra
Batch : 1995-97

Sometimes I feel angry and cheated. Sometimes I accept that things are different now. Sometimes I'm simply heartbroken.

I wasn't ready. I'm still not ready.

I think of you Prof H K Patnaik Sir the wonder in your work and commitment that you gave off to the world. I think of the days you spent as guiding and exploring and the goodness that you expressed toward everyone. It is not easy to say good by but destiny made it happen, Hemant Sir, Rest In Piece! I offer my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May Hemant Sir's soul be at peace with our Heavenly God.

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Sanchita Guha
Batch : 2002-04

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again". When I was asked to pen down my thoughts for Patnaik Sir, I walked down the memory lane & recalled my stint as student of IMIS. My words felt short for the visionary leader who has built the Institution paving way for many youngsters like me from small towns to realize their dreams. As a student we have known him as a man of humble origin, impeccable integrity & capable of instilling discipline among students. I have tried to implement those key qualities in my professional as well as personal life after graduating from the institute. I consider myself quite fortunate since I had the privilege of meeting & interacting with him personally during my recent trip to campus to address students during 2019. His warm welcome & kind words for my betterment of future will be etched in my heart forever.

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Sudipta Chakraborty
Batch : 2001-03

Our Beloved H.K. Patnaik Sir, had always stood as our guiding force during our days at IMIS.

He was that individual whose priority were his students and their wellbeing.

It's hard to believe that he is no longer there amongst us however his memories will always remain alive in our hearts.

Forever in thoughts !

Sujata (Dash) Dwibedy
Batch : 1997-99

“A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they live on in our hearts and minds.”

Our beloved Director Sir was our mentor and guiding light in so many ways. Considering we were one of the first few batches, he was extremely close to each one of us. He ensured we receive all possible amenities in the college and created opportunities for us to shine. He encouraged us to participate in inter college competitions even those outside the state. His encouragement fueled our confidence to enable us to pursue our dreams and become what we are. So proud to have learnt under his leadership.

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Shantonu Chaudhuri
Batch : 1998-00

Director General Hemant Kumar Patnaik's ever smiling face will always be etched in our memories. A stalwart in ushering in premier class management education in Eastern India, Patnaik Sir literally breathed academics, enrichment, empowerment and development through his stupendous efforts! From humble beginnings in Vivekanda Marg to where IMIS is today, has a lot to do with what Patnaik Sir dreamt and sincerely believed in - unflinching commitment to academic excellence catered to the ever evolving corporate requirements. So many of us owe where we are today, to the platform that Patnaik Sir gave us. Patnaik Sir had this unique ability of macro and micro management depending on circumstances to help the institute grow and prosper. He got down to the minutest detail where ever required as well as delegated important responsibilities on able shoulders when deemed appropriate. He traversed from the mundane to the sublime with ease and finesse. We will surely miss you Sir!

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Sukanya Roy Choudhury
Batch : 1998-00

Year 2000 it was ... when I met Sir Hemant Patnaik the first time. My admission was delayed due to some personal reasons and so I was the last student to enroll into my batch. Naturally I was a bit apprehensive and nervous. But the moment my father and I entered Sir's office, he greeted us with a warm smile and we had a quick conversation. I don't remember what we spoke about, but I remember feeling relieved and happy as we exited his office. That's my first memory of Sir.

As I write this note that I never imagined that I would ever have to, I recollect a few more good moments of interaction that I had with Sir even after passing out from the institute. I will treasure them ... always.

Mr. H.K. Patnaik - A Man with a Pristine Touch

Sanjeeb Chatterjee
Batch : 2003-05

Genesis:

- Mr. H.K. Patnaik the Founder / Director General has been a visionary and lead to set up one of the greatest educational institutes of Eastern India. The man who had foreseen the future of management studies post LPG era of 90's and established IMIS Bhubaneswar in the year 1995. At the nascent state to start up with, the Institutes' journey began from a stand alone building in the Vivekananda Marg, Bhubaneswar with a batch size intake of 60 students in the PGDM course.

A Visionary:

- As and then being a visionary, he felt the need for Corporate Alliances and infrastructure expansion. Prime objective in mind to give the students placement in the Corporates to shape their future. Transformed the pedagogy into a corporate culture where he could groom the students to gel up with the corporate world in the very moment they stepped in. Built the state of art infrastructure and shifted the academic section to the new location even before a decade of it's existence. Kept in mind, while shifting the institute, the values of our nation to transform the individuals. The new IMIS beside the banks of River Daya was a symbolic theme to replicate transformation of Chand-Ashoka to Dharma-Ashoka and spread the knowledge. Each students are expected to enlighten themselves here, spread their knowledge and skills imbibed. And subsequently he got the institute accredited to the hall of fame in 100% placement of the students year after year. Time came to grow more and started adding up student intake, increasing the batch size, introducing more courses in the portfolio.

Personal Touch:

- I remember my student days, he personally admitted each student post selection and ensured the future of the student to their parents while admission. That being the Day 1 for the incumbent, built a lot of self confidence. A personal care of the accommodation and food was ensured by him so as the students doesn't get refrained from their basic needs. But at the same time, ensured the students to follow the three pillars of Discipline, Leadership and Commitment. Ensured the supply of several books and journals in the library. Updated course materials and the IT infrastructure was at utmost priority.

Faculty Management:

- Being a leader he ensured the intake of best of Faculty Team and maintained the desired Student :: Faculty Ratio. Encouraged the Faculty Development Programs and Management Development Programs for the Faculty members. One unique thing being that Faculty were ensured to bear in mind the names and students' and

their background even before the start of the session. Just like corporate a 360 degree appraisal approach was taken. Even the students were asked to provide feedback in a structured scale and that meant a lot. Ensured each faculty to develop the students for their professional life.

Corporate Alliances, Activities and CSR:

- Besides the academics he has ensured the participation of the Students in the Management Odysseys, HR Conclaves and Industry Visits. Activities like Blood Donations, Disaster Management Camps were been organized and his omnipresence will be always felt in Bhubaneswar

Overall - A Man with Pristine Touch

Nabarun Deka
Batch : 2001-03

Our beloved Revered H.K Patnaik Sir was a saint with a magnanimous persona. His visionary eyes has led to many success stories and created leaders across the country and worldwide. He had a magnetic aura with a sweet, calm and confident smile. His simplicity , choice of words and his composure was exemplary . His teachings would always remain close to my heart . He was an inspiration to all of us and we were lucky to be associated with him . Wherever and however may he be I behoove to be blessed by him as always.

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**Tribute to (late) Shri. H.K. Patnaik
– Director General of IMIS**

Pritish Jena
Batch : 2019-21

He is no more with us, but will always remain in our hearts

Prof. H.K. Patnaik, was an enterprising soul, took up the challenges of pioneering academic entrepreneurship in the state. Sir, worked closely with Dr. K.K. Beuria an eminent Educationist, and was very popular amongst the students, faculty, staff and the Management. He was always adored by all his students due to his clam and loving nature.

*Deepest Condolences from our
Students*

Though my interaction with him was for a short period of time but he is one among those who will make you feel as if we are his own children. I would like to share an incident with him. During our college feast students had put few food stalls where almost everyone incurred loss. While having a casual chat with students he got to know about this and without a second hesitation he took out money from his wallet for each student who had put stall and paid them for their loss. The words that he said while giving the money is “You are courageous enough to take risk and put a stall. You have the guts to be entrepreneur and we are looking for more such in future. But it’s not your money it’s your parents. The loss incurred is on me. Keep it as a blessing.” This shows how deeply he thought about us and also for the parents.

He also used to meet students from time to time to know about the grievances faced by them during their stay in

hostel or regarding any academic problem. He used to listen and note down everything so that he could rectify and make it more comfortable for his beloved students. This shows how humble and great as a person he was.

Words will not suffice such a great soul but last but not the least I would like to show my gratitude towards you with the following lines:-

You are a true mentor, a torch bearer. You inspired a lot young souls like me to be a better version of us. You are always there to hold our hand when we fall. Thanks for inspiring me. You are my hero and you will be.

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Sukanya Pal

Batch: 2020-22

I remember it was our 2nd day in college when I saw him for the first and last time. It was the occasion of republic day. He gave us a speech and it was my first and last hearing of his voice. Then the day when I got the news of the demise of our loving DG sir on the same day in the evening I was talking to one of my friends who is working as a CA intern in Hyderabad. In between our conversation I told him that our DG sir is no more and surprisingly I got to know from him that he knows our sir very well. Even sir has visited his office many times. From this I could guess that sir had good contacts and many people know him and many people prayed for his soul to rest in peace. This prayer is the biggest thing one can earn by his/her deed from his/her life in this earth. I can proudly say that our DG sir has got that biggest thing from his life. All the name and fame sir has earned will keep him alive within us forever and ever. He was then with us as a human being and he is now with us as an angel. He is living in the heart of IMIS and in the hearts of IMIS family members.

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A Tribute

Sourav Patnaik

Batch: 2020-22

When I heard the news of his passing away, some small group interactions and his speeches raced through my mind. Just like many of you, I thought about the last time I saw him & had the memories of our fresher's day. I recalled some special moments when we all were in our campus like on Saraswati Puja and the Republic Day. If I talk about our 1st occasion in the campus and the 1st speech, I so dearly remember the inspirational speech of our loving DG sir. Apart from that in the condolence meeting when our advisor sir described us the history of our institution, tears came in my eyes. At that particular time I could realize how much our DG sir had struggled to make our institution from 0 to 100. Today he is not there, but his struggle will take his institute to greater heights. He will be always in our hearts.

A Tribute Message

Anindita

Batch: 2020-22

Sir, you will be always in memories of the whole IMIS family. As a student of IMIS I know what was your role was in the institute's development. And I still remember the first day we met you was on the Republic Day 2021. Your inspirational words on that day will be remembered by me forever. This is too soon for us that as we have just joined the institute. We wished to know you more and learn more from you during the tenure of our course, which remained unfulfilled.

Your presence in our institute will always be there in every corner. We will always walk on the righteous path that you've created for us. You will forever be in our thoughts & prayers.

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The First and Last Meet

Gyanaranjan Swain

Batch: 2020-22

The first time I met professor. H.K Patnaik sir was at our college freshers' party. Before that I had just heard his name and people used to say that he is the Director general of IMIS. At first, I had no idea whether I will be able to see him any day. But my luck and fortune were so good on that day of freshers' party that I was given the Mr. Freshers title by him and I got the biggest opportunity of taking his blessings in front of all my seniors, my friends and my professors. That day I realised what a charismatic man he was. His speech is still echoing in my ears but to my surprise he is no more with us and that was the first and last meet with our most respected DG sir.

“YOU ARE A HUGE LOSS TO OUR IMIS FAMILY AND IT FEELS LIKE IMIS HAS LOST ITS KING AND WE HAVE LOST OUR GUARDIAN”

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Tribute

Biswajeet Pradhan

Batch: 2020-22

“Teachers are the persons you can always seek advice from whenever you think you need one.” Prof. H.K. Patnaik sir was very closed to his students, he always involves himself in the events organised in the institute. He motivates his students, encourages all the participants and the prize winners of the events. He had a good relationship with the faculty members and the working staff of IMIS. So, at last I want to say that, every occasion is going to be different without him. My deepest sympathy is with you sir and may your soul rest in peace.

My heartfelt condolences for Director General Sir

Minulata Nayak
Batch: 2020-22

Our beloved sir might have left us but I feel very fortunate having known him. I was made a stronger individual by his leadership and mentorship. The amount of time I have seen him, he emits a positive vibe around his subordinates and students. I truly appreciate his positive and helping nature as a human being and wish to become like him. I am honored to receive an award from him on our fresher's day. He is one of the best examples of a true leader who is known for his work in the field of academics and entrepreneurship. When I first came across him on the Republic Day this year, his words of wisdom inspired me and I am very proud to be a part of the Institute founded by this great leader.

May God bless his soul and make him rest in peace.

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Tribute to Late Prof. H. K. Patnaik

Shalmali Acharya
Batch: 2020-22

Our beloved Late Prof. Hemant Kumar Patnaik sir was the founder and Director General of the Institute of Management and Information Science, Bhubaneswar. He was an outstanding personality. He was confident, generous, compassionate, kind and humble. The result of his enormous hard work and struggle is right in front of us - "IMIS". He left for his heavenly abode on 19th June, 2021. God is cruel. We all know death is inevitable. We cannot avoid death but the untimely demise of such a personality left the entire IMIS family in utter shock. It is very hard to believe that the father of our institute is no more with us. But sir will always be in our memories and hearts. He will always remain alive through this institute he made for us. May his beautiful soul rest in eternal peace.

Sumit Kumar Jena
Batch: 2020-22

I remember when I met DG sir first time it was on the Republic Day. He gave us a good motivational speech. I still remember the day of Saraswati Puja when I genuinely feel that how generous person he was, when it was the moment of puspunjali when I didn't have the flowers to give to goddess Saraswati, DG sir gave me the flowers from his hands and I felt really warmth in the heart. It made my day really cheerful. Sometimes people forget the generosity when they get good position in the society but DG sir proved that wrong. I still don't believe that he is no more with us, but this man has given his will, kindness, motivation, righteousness within us. I am proud that we all are a family of IMIS thanks to the person who gave us this wonderful opportunity, we'll achieve success and make you feel proud. In the end I want to say that "May the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, how much we love and miss you and wish that you were here".

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Suchishree Sinha
Batch: 2020-22

Goodbye is never easy. Photos never add to the warmth. Memories are always calming and we can't say everything in words. I am deeply sympathetic for our dear DG sir. I still remember the first day in my college and that was republic day and sir recited the whole preamble standing in front of all of us where we, the today's youth, couldn't speak out the preamble. With his knowledge and wisdom, he kept the whole IMIS brighter. I hope he is in a good place now and looking at us. Everyone will miss his existence. I never thought I would write this.

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Bidisha Mondal
Batch: 2020-22

Life is the best gift God has given us. Death is nothing more than a bridge to eternal life with God. I sincerely regret the loss of our mentor, late Prof. H.K. Patnaik. Sir, you have taken IMIS to its peak and now it's our responsibility to bring glory to our institute with your blessings. I pay my respectful tribute, please accept my deepest condolences. May his soul rest peacefully.

🕉️ **DEEP CONDOLENCES** 🕉️



On the Sad Demise of our beloved professor

Late Professor Kunal Patnaik

You will be in our memories for ever.....

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