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MISS YOU  
AND  
WE  
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*Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji*

*1936 - 2021*

*May Your Soul Rest In Everlasting Peace*





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## **End of an Era...**

March 1, 2021  
Muscat, Oman.

Schools in Oman, Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji, who left for his eternal abode on 18 February, 2021. The entire school is deeply saddened by the demise of our beloved patron.

I wish there was a time portal we could step into and embark upon a journey into the past with our Late Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji.

His Royal Highness the late Sultan of Oman, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al Said and his predecessors, all had worked very closely with several generations of the Khimji's since 1870. Taking into consideration their valuable contributions towards the national development of Oman, HRH the late Sultan



Qaboos granted and bestowed upon Kanaksi Khimji, the rare honorary title of 'Sheikh' making him the only Hindu Sheikh in the entire Islamic domain. Sheikh Shri Kankasi Khimji and his family were extended the Omani Citizenship. I wish I was there to see history in the making, as it was probably the finest feather in his cap to receive the title of Sheikh, a status first granted to a member from the Hindu Community.

When Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji took up his role as the patriarch and chairman of the KR Group, motorized navigational ships weren't even launched in Oman yet and it was through his vision and support that these were introduced into Oman in 1970. I wish I was there with you sir, to understand the struggles you might have faced in a time when Oman was struggling to modernise.

In 1975, Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji founded the first English Indian School in Muscat. Today, there are 21 Indian schools catering to more than 46,000 students in Oman.

To honour his zealous commitment to social activities in Oman and India, Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji was presented India's Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award in 2003 to honour his exceptional, meritorious and continuous contribution in elevating the living standards of NRI's in Oman. He was the first person to receive such an award and honour in the entire Gulf region.

In 2017, Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji laid the foundation stone of our school, Indian School Wadi Kabir International - ISWki. I wish I could have been there to witness this momentous occasion. Today, when Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji looks back at our school, I am sure he would be extremely proud and happy about the rapid progress made by the ISWki staff and students.

I wish I could tell him, we loved him and will love him for ever more.

Vaishant Bafna, 10C,  
Senior Journalist, Local news  
ISWki, The DICE.

The Indian Community in Oman was shook by the unexpected demise of the founding father of Indian

## **The Sheikh and his Empire**

March 1, 2021  
Muscat, Oman.

Founded in 1870, the Khimji Ramdas conglomerate is one of the oldest and most respected organisations in Oman. The late Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji was a well-renowned visionary in the field of business and economics. He has profoundly contributed to the immense strengthening of the trade relationship between India and Oman. His company operates under four distinctive business clusters into which its business operations are divided between Oman, India and UAE.

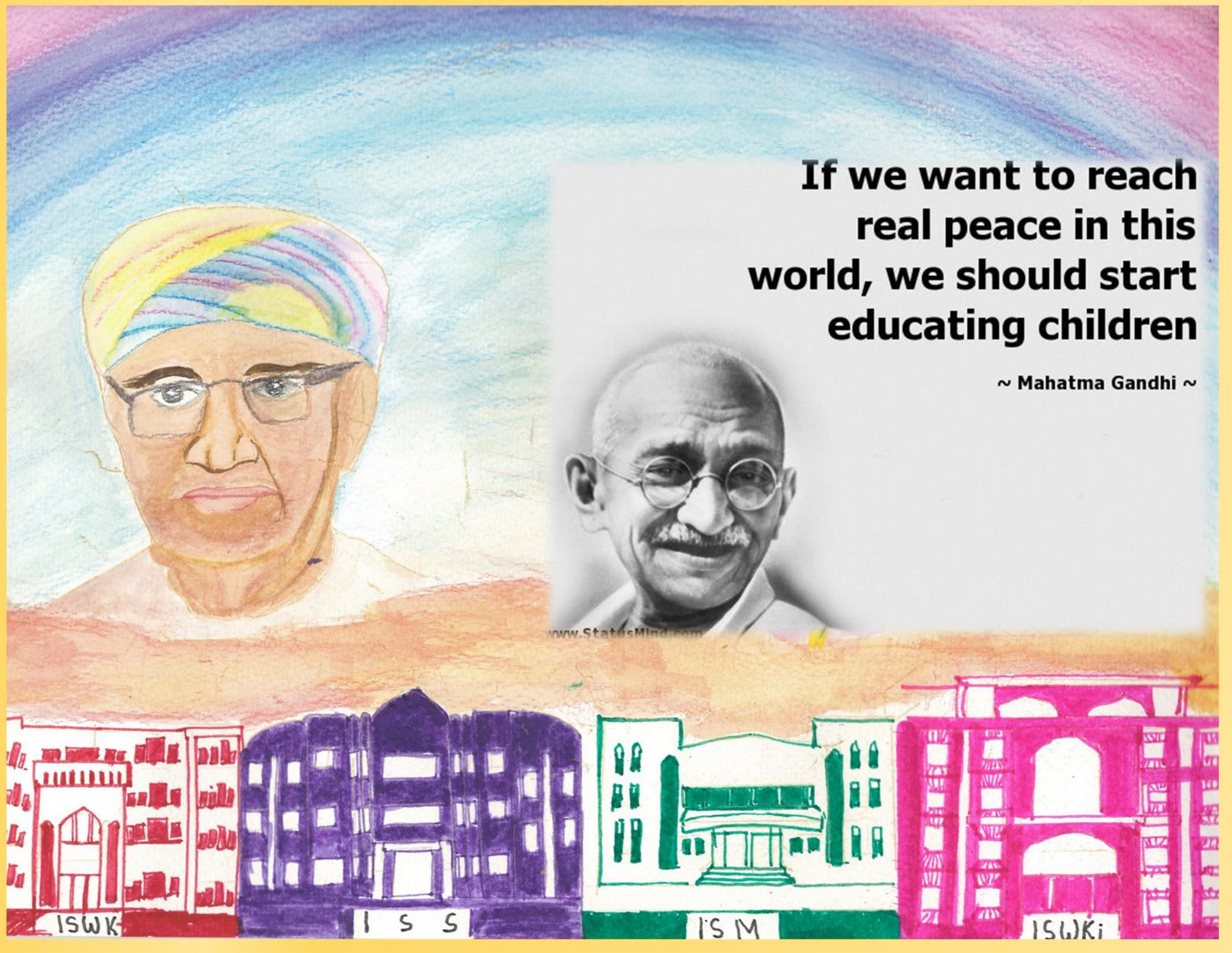
To reinforce the Indo-Oman economic bond, Khimji's have collaborated with international companies like Britannia, Procter & Gamble, Rolex and several other establishments and handle over 400 international and local brands, which led to an exponential growth and success in the business field. Sheikh Khimji and his team of professionals have also achieved another great milestone, the company now boasts a turnover of a billion dollars' worth of revenue. They also helped employ up to 6000 people within their organisations and have been forefront in helping the Omanisation process and training Omani citizens to realise their full potential.

Sheikh Khmiji has succeeded beyond the economical side of business, his efforts have tremendously benefited the community across different segments such as education, training, healthcare and humanity, he has accomplished all of this success by developing and collaborating the opportunities of human connectivity, digital intelligence and more.

Eshraqa, Khimji Ramdas' Social Development Arm, was created to help and support the local initiatives with the thought of spreading kindness, developing local leaderships and building skills and competencies. The KR group embodies the vision and virtues of its forefathers. We proudly salute the efforts of Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji and share our heartfelt condolences with the current leadership and the board of directors.

Aws Aymen, 11C,  
Senior Journalist, International News,  
ISWki, The DICE.





**If we want to reach  
real peace in this  
world, we should start  
educating children**

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

Kamal Kandukuri, 5C,  
Artistic collaborators,  
ISWki, The DICE.

The Visionary Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji inspired and created these  
**Epitome of Education.**

Mahiti Kandukuri, 9C,  
Artistic collaborators,  
ISWki, The DICE.

In an unkind world,  
you showed us what  
kindness was all  
about...



Hand made  
picture frame.

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## Education of the Mind and Soul

March 1, 2021  
Muscat, Oman.

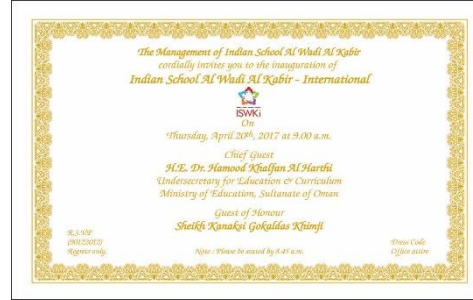
Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji is a Vaishnav Hindu from the Mushtiv Marg sect, like the Bhatias. The Hindu Mahajan Association is responsible for maintaining Muscat's two Hindu temples and was historically responsible for backing up Muscat's Indian schools. As a Hindu Sheikh, he had always helped the development and upkeep of one of the oldest temples in Muscat, the Shiva temple and also took great pride in the community togetherness around the Shree Krishna temple.



With Prime Minister Modi at the Shiva temple  
<https://www.narendramodi.in>

He always espoused children's education and development as the most important and key points for the group. "We will always be thankful for the selfless services of our late founder, Kanaksi Khimji. It was real enthusiasm of our leader which made our very first Indian school Muscat", said Dr Baby Sam Samuel, the chairman of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman.

Let's peak into the past and appreciate the efforts of our elders and be proud.



His life story should be celebrated not just for his leadership but for the hard work and prosperity he brought to Indian students in Oman.

Thanya Anandkumar, 5D,  
Culture Journalist,  
ISWki, The DICE.



*Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed.*

*Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.*

*- Denis Waitley*

Shannayah Khimji, 5D,  
Digital Artist,  
ISWki, The DICE.



*Love the people GOD gave you  
cause he will need them back one day!*



# Stages of Grief

## 1) Understand your Grief

We can be sad about so many things – the loss of a loved one, loss of a favourite thing, loss of a friendship, moving away from your home/school, or loss of a pet. Grief is a strong emotion we all feel at some point in our lives. It is emotional and we all deal with it differently. We cope with our loss quickly or it takes time to heal with the help of others.

"Grief is **NOT** a disorder, a disease or sign of weakness.

It is an emotional, physical and spiritual **necessity**, the price you pay for love.

The only cure for grief is to **grieve**" -- Earl Grollman

unspokengrief.com

## 2) It is OK to have different feelings

Sometimes you will feel like crying, then you might feel angry, or guilty and then suddenly you might feel anxious, lonely, in shock or denial, you might cry again, you might feel hopeless or a lovely memory may sometimes bring a smile on your face. It is all OK to experience several mixed feelings when you have lost a loved one. It might get overwhelming but stay strong and calm yourself to feel better again.

## 3) Don't be Scared, your body is Grieving

Grief makes the body feel tired. You might experience a headache, pain in the brain or in your eyes or have body pain. You may be confused or sleepy or cannot concentrate on your work.

Try to cope up by sleeping well, exercising, eating healthy foods, meditating, praying and surrounding yourself with positivity.

"The reality is, you will grieve forever. You will not 'get over' the loss of a loved one; you will

*learn to live with it.*

You will heal and you will rebuild yourself around the loss you have suffered. You will be whole, but you

*will never be the same again.*

Nor should you be the same, nor should you want to."

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Youth Dynamics

## 4) There is NO Time Limit to Grieving

You can grieve as long as you want to, no matter what anyone else tells you. Everyone has to go through this process in their own way. You Are Not Alone – reach out and learn to cope with the loss.



## 5) Talk About It!

You might feel like shutting down and not talking about your feelings, it is OK to feel that way. It helps to go to a family member, a friend or any adult and talk about your feelings to lessen the burden on yourself. Protect your heart and mind by talking to a trusted adult or your pet.



## Healing

It doesn't have to look magical or pretty. Real healing is hard, exhausting and draining. Let yourself go through it. Don't try to paint it as anything other than what it is. Be there for yourself with no judgment.

Youth Dynamics

## 6) You might be able to help someone too!

There could be others around you who feel the same way and it helps to bond, talk about it and support each other get better. If you are supporting someone, don't pressure them, just be there for them and help them cope with the loss. A hug or kind words will help a lot.

## 7) Do Something Special...

Make time to do something special in memory of your loved one. You could write a letter, meet with people they loved, help other people or dedicate a memorial in honour of your loved one. Do something that is personal and special.

## Life has taught me

I am not always in control. Life is full of experiences, lessons, heartbreak, and pain. But, it has also shown me love, beauty, possibility, and new beginnings. Embrace it all. It makes us who we are, and after every storm comes a clear sky.

Youth Dynamics

## 8) Express your Feelings

You can express your feelings by writing, drawing, singing, cooking, meditating or making some craft. These help you to let out all the emotions you have held within your heart!

## 9) Do things that Make You Happy!

You can try doing things that make you feel happy – that could include going for a drive, eating your favourite foods, reading a book, listening to your favourite music, watching movies, playing some games or even going through fun memories and photos of you and your loved one.



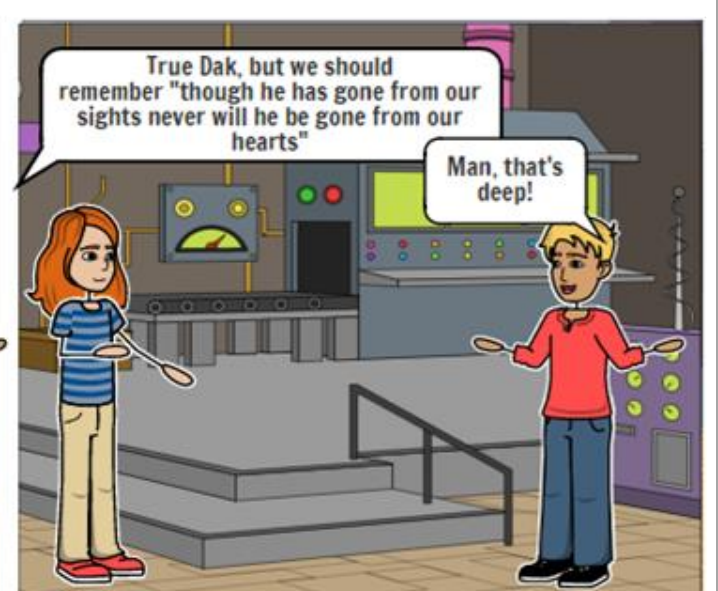
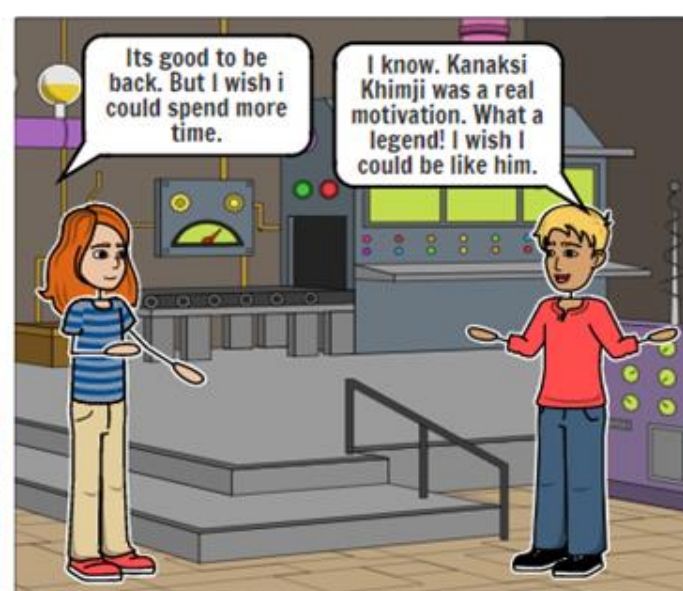
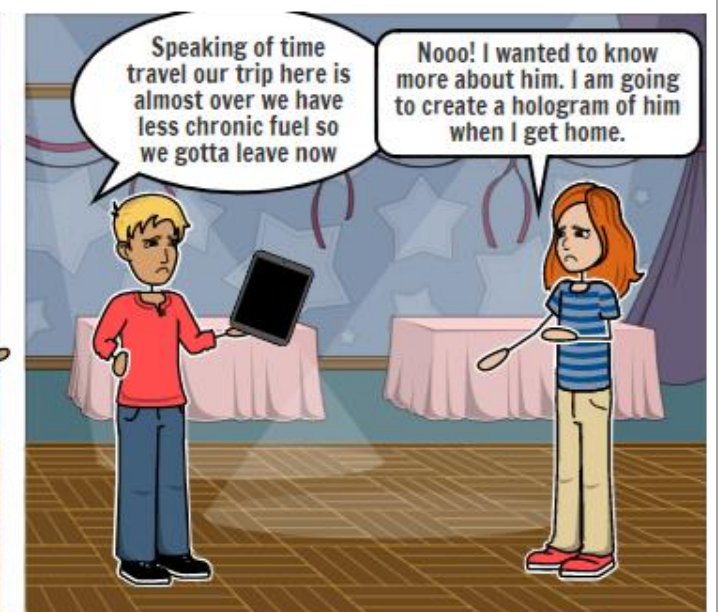
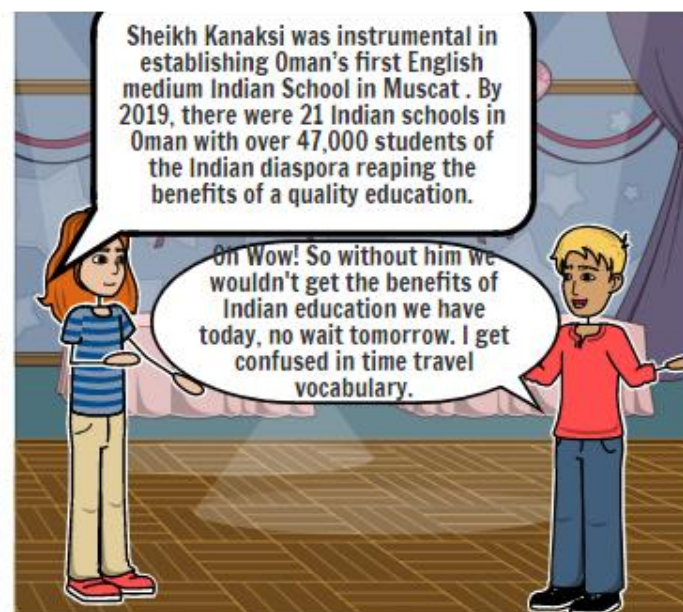
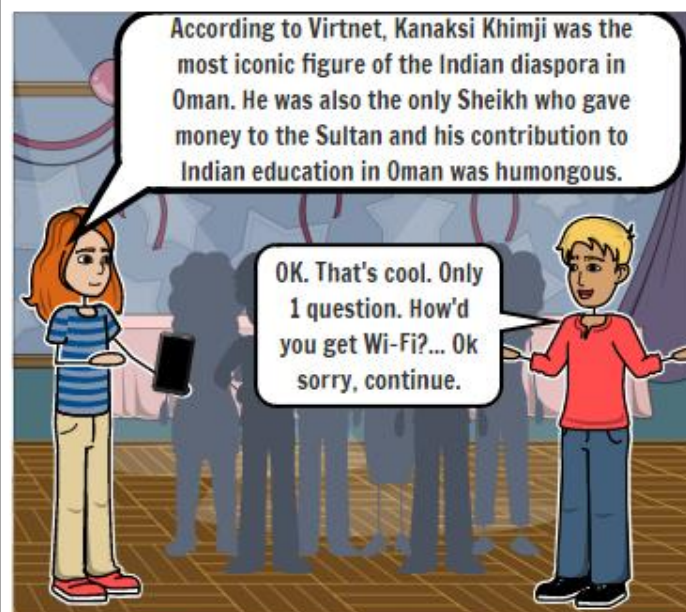
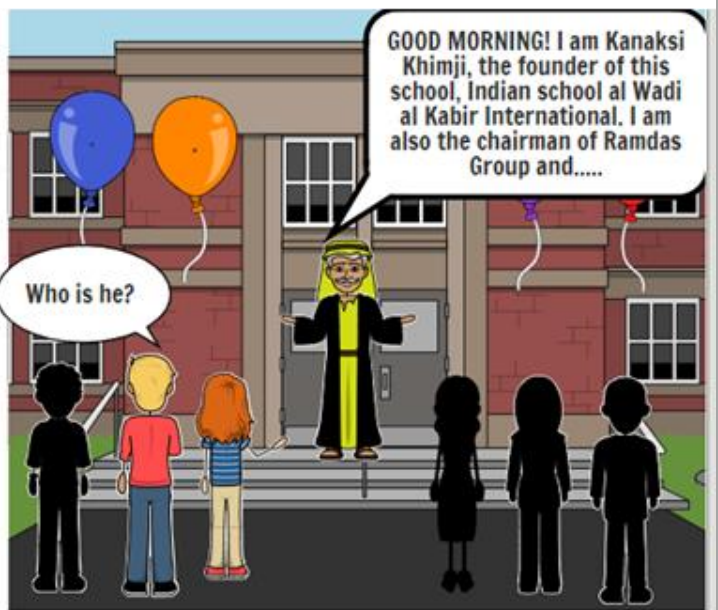
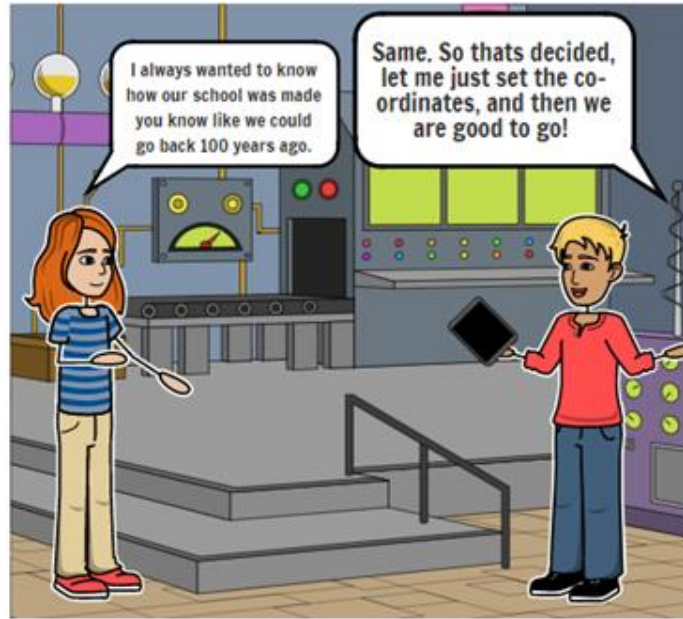
## 10) You are not Forgetting your Loved One! You are Moving On to be a better person!

You must find healthy ways to cope. Accept your loss and that you cannot change it. Find ways to move on with your own life. You have to be alive for those around you and for yourself.

Arnav Jaykrishnan, 5D,  
Student Editor,  
ISWki, The DICE.

# JOURNEY TO THE PAST

Jinay Bafna, 7D,  
Digital Animator,  
ISWki, The DICE.



## Oman cricket mourns the passing of a legend

March 1, 2021  
Muscat, Oman.

Eshan Kumar T ,7D,  
Sports Journalist,  
ISWki, The DICE.

*"You must be the change, you wish to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi*

This is what our beloved Late Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji believed & followed in his life time...

While late Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji was on the forefront of building a business empire, an important part of him was still able to pursue so many other aspects of life. Oman Cricket was an important development and a project very close to his heart.

Late Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji was known as the father of cricket in Oman, he was an ardent lover of cricket and played with the English traders in his early days. He knew it was important to bring Oman forward as a recognised team in the game. As a pillar of strength for Oman Cricket, he became the founding member of OC (Oman cricket). OC was formed in 1979 with Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji at the helm as president along with other founder members and with the support of the royal family. Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji monitored the game's growth from scratch in Oman. He worked indefatigably to enhance the level of the game in the Sultanate.

At the domestic level, under his able guidance Oman cricket made presence in Sohar and Salalah by appointing committees respectively. As a result Salalah cricket league was launched and has now become an annual sporting event.

He also achieved getting an ICC approval to host matches, as a result Oman is now credited for hosting Test matches, One-day international (ODI) and T20 international as an ICC approved venue. He was awarded the prestigious Pepsi-ICC lifetime service award in 2011 by the International Cricket Council. Today, Oman Cricket has an international level reputation and will continue to grow and reach greater heights. Every student can now dream to be part of Oman Cricket Academy, thanks to an ardent fan of cricket, the passionate Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji.

*May the Almighty grant peace to the departed soul.*



## Know your Founding Father



Aswin D Nambiar, 4D,  
Quiz master,  
ISWki, The DICE.

1. In which year was Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji born?

Ans: Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji was born in the year 1936.

2. Where was Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji born?

Ans: Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji was born in Muscat.

3. Where did Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji complete his education?

Ans: Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji completed his education in Mumbai, India.

4. When did he establish Oman's first English medium school in Muscat for the Indian community?

Ans: Indian School Muscat was established in 1975 as the first english medium school in Muscat.

5. Between which countries did Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji strengthen trade connections? What did he trade in?

Ans: Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji strengthened trade relations between India, Oman and Africa – this was known as the spice route. They mainly traded rice, tea, coffee and sugar from India; dates, frankincense and dry limes from Oman; cardamom, spices and timber from Africa. Later on they diversified into more businesses across industries and also built strong trade relations with UAE.

6. How can you describe Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Khimji in 2 words?

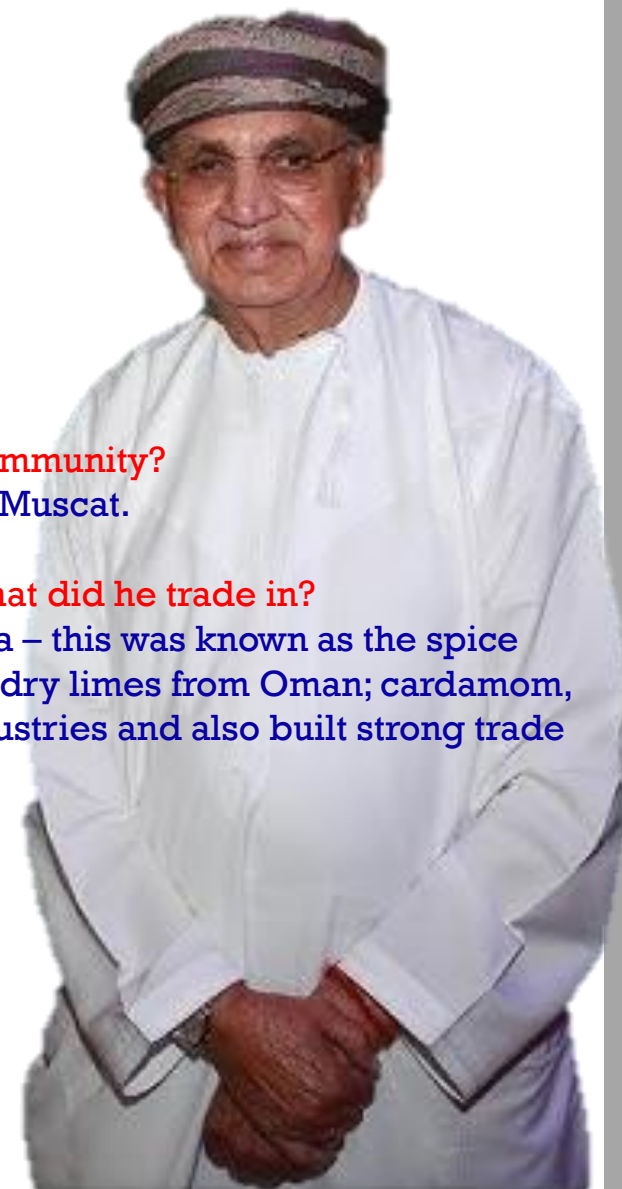
Ans: Popular and always Helpful.

7. What position did he hold in the Oman Cricket Club (OCC)?

Ans: Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji was the founder and the chairman of Oman Cricket.

9. Which business was he heading for over 5 decades?

Ans: KR group businesses were headed by the patriarch Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji.







*Founding President of the Indian Social Club and Patron-in- Chief of Indian School Wadi Kabir International*

*In a gentle way, you can shake the world – Mahatma Ghandi*

*You left us shook,  
our beloved founding father, patron and mentor,  
our beloved 'Kanakbhai'*

Samarth Pujari, 9C,  
Artist Par Excellence,  
ISWki, The DICE.

## Head Girl - Harshita Anand, 11C

*"It's hard to believe that such a great and wise individual is no longer among us. Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji's legacy is sure to live on, and inspire other generations to follow in his footsteps in order to become successful through their own hard work and determination, just like he did."*

## Head boy – Saeed Ahmed Numaer, 11C

*"I am really sad for the loss. I mourn and pray for him from the bottom of my heart"*.

## Sports Captain - Purab Jignesh Tanna, 10C

*"I feel deeply disheartened to hear the news of Sheikh Khimji as with his good deeds he had done miracles in Oman. My condolence to the Khimji Family."*

## Prithvi House Captain - Saniya D'Souza, 9C

*"My deepest regards to all who mourn this massive loss, an icon has departed this world to move on to another yet his values live on. We all are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers."*

## Vaayu House Captain – Samarth Pujari, 9C

*"Every Diya used to light the ways of others has a time when it must extinguish. The demise of our dear Patron Sri Kanaksi Khimji is truly something that is to be mourned but more importantly his eventful and productive life is what we should be celebrating."*

## Jal House Captain – Guneet Kaur Mongia, 9D

*"There are no goodbyes, you're always loved and never forgotten, may your soul rest in peace."*

## Agni House Captain – Blessy Anna Thomson, 9D

*"We pray for him with all our love and respect, may your heart and soul find peace and comfort."*

## Deputy Head Girl – Mannath Ajmani, 10C

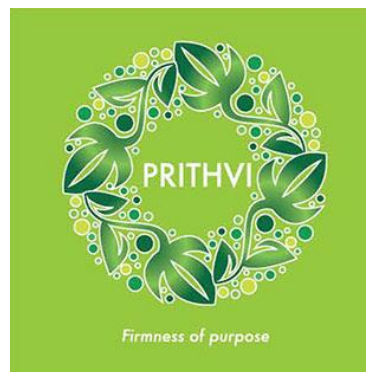
*"Shri Kanaksi Khimji has been the guiding light for 5 decades. He was instrumental in building strong ties between Indian and Omani business communities, a great business visionary, god father of Indian Schools, a true philanthropist. My sincerest prayers for the departed soul. May his soul rest in peace."*

## Deputy Head boy – Vaishant Bafna, 10C

*"A light has gone out of our lives, gone but not forgotten and one that will be remembered by all."*

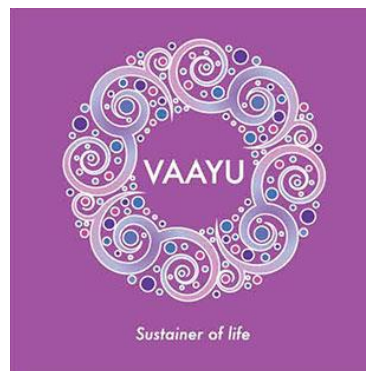
## Activity Captain – Nandini Joshi, 10C

*"Words seem inadequate to express the deep sorrow we feel on the demise of our chief patron, Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji. May his soul rest in eternal peace."*



## Prithvi House Vice-Captain – Harnoor Kaur, 7D

*"Our sincerest condolences on the passing of Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Khimji. He was a very special personality, who will be missed by the entire Sultanate of Oman. Sending prayers, may the soul be at peace."*



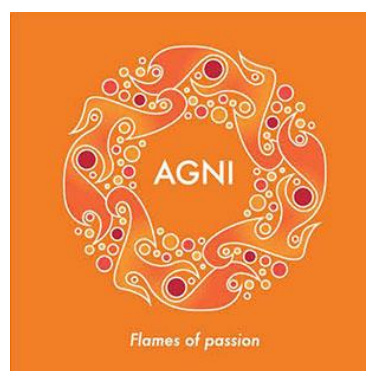
## Vaayu House Vice-Captain – Trushant V Raghavi, 7C

*"Our founder is no more, but I am sure that his light will still glow. I hope he has had a peaceful journey to heaven for gifting us education."*



## Jal House Vice-Captain – Jinay Bafna, 7D

*"Without Sheikh Kanaksiji Khimji, Indian education in Oman would be impossible. But though he has gone from our sights, he will never be gone from our hearts."*



## Agni House Vice-Captain – Cailyn Justine Durham, 7D

*"Wishing you comfort and strength as you remember the life of such a wonderful and special person. Sending you my deepest condolences."*

## “Footsteps”

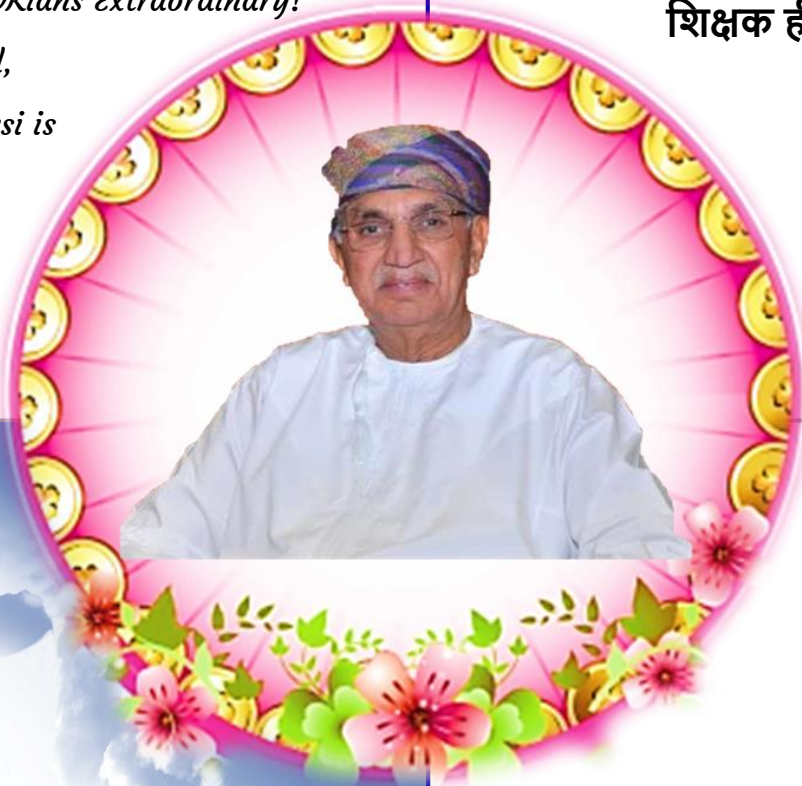
### An Ode to Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji

*Our very own Kanakbhai was an inspiration, a mentor to many.  
The journey which began with his grandfather Shree Ramdas,  
Trading for a dhow, from 150 years ago,  
To the present; establishing schools, businesses and a giant company.*

*He was the supporter, the Messiah of Indian education in Oman,  
An institution builder and “Bapu” to the Indian community.  
Bestowed with Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award,  
for his zealous social commitments and generosity.*

*An Ode to his remarkable life by following his footsteps;  
to be future leaders and global citizens –ISWkians Extraordinary!  
A humble man, a pure heart and a great soul,  
His journey from Kanakbhai to Sheikh Kanaksi is  
quite Exemplary!*

Dev Mallikarjun, 6D,  
Poet,  
ISWki, The DICE.



### Au-delà des Portes du ciel

*Une personne avec un sourire gentil,*

*Un cœur chaleureux et accueillant,*

*Rempli de paroles de sagesse à partager avec les autres.*

*Une inspiration pour tous,*

*Une personne que vous pouvez toujours admirer,*

*Tous les souvenirs qu'il a laissés sont une marque de son travail acharné.*

*Il n'est peut-être plus, mais il s'occupe toujours de nous,*

*Au-delà des portes du ciel...*

*Beyond the Gates of Heaven*

Aarya Raina, 6C,  
Poet,  
ISWki, The DICE.

## शिल्पकार

इस रूह ने दिया शिक्षा का अनमोल वरदान  
कभी ना करते वो अपने हुनर पर अभिमान।  
हर ऊंचाई से ऊंचा उनका आकर है  
शिक्षक दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा शिल्पकार है।



सोचते सदैव वे वतन का कल्याण  
देवो से भी ज्यादा है वो महान  
पग पग पर फैलाई ज्ञान की सुनहरी ज्योति  
क्योकि जानते थे वो कि शिक्षा,  
हर राष्ट्र की नीव है होती।

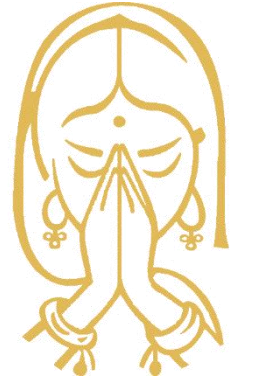
दयालुता का भाव हर पल उनके मन मे था,  
दूसरों की मदद का जस्बा कीमती था।  
आज के ओमान का श्रेय उन्हें जाता है,  
श्रोत थो वो शिक्षा की, छवि थे दयालुता की।

एक एक शब्द उनका अमृत सा असरदार होता है  
शिक्षक ही दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा शिल्पकार होता है।

- शेख श्री कनकसी खिमजी जी को  
श्रद्धांजलि स्वरूप यह कविता समर्पित है।

Harnoor Kaur, 7D,  
Poet,  
ISWki, The DICE.

## श्रद्धा सुमन



सेवा अर्थे जेमनुं ज़वन अंजलि थयुं अेवा  
पूज्य श्री कनक सी पीमज्ज दादा ने डेम  
भुवाँ जेमने समाज क्षेत्र व्यवसाय क्षेत्रे भव्यता प्राप्त  
करी ने प्रोत्साहन पुरा पाऽनार सामाज ना भव्य  
शिल्पी अेवा पूज्य श्री कनक सी पीमज्ज  
दादा ने भाव भिनी श्रद्धांजलि



ज़वन तमे अेवुं ज़विया ज़वनारा ज़ोया  
करे कार्य अेवा कारिया सदा  
अेम हृदय मां गूंज्या करे।

Gujarati Condolence

Twisha Rao, 5C,  
ISWki, The DICE.



His Majesty Sultan Hailam bin Tariq Al Said at Oman Cricket in 2018, with Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji and respected seniors.



Pravasi Bharatiya Award



From architectural designs to the actual building, this was possible only because of his unwavering support.



The glorious 1<sup>st</sup> ISWki Annual day with Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji

Late Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji and senior management interacting with students from ISWki.



Our heartfelt gratitude to all the members of the School Management Committee for their efforts in making "Teachers' Day" so special for us.

**INDIAN SCHOOL WADI KABIR INTERNATIONAL**

Leading by example, Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji and senior management members supporting the Teachers during early Covid -19 struggles.



An evening to remember



OUR LOVE FOR YOU WILL NEVER CEASE —  
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE OUR MISSING PIECE —





### *In Our Hearts*

*We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too,  
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,  
Now all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame,  
Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part,  
God has you in his keeping ,  
We have you in our HEART.*



*By Crafty Akel*