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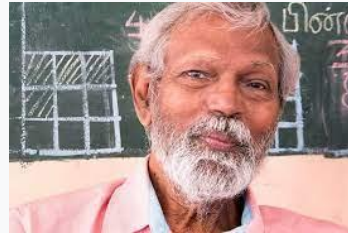
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Remembering a Sri Lankan and JCC Sporting Legend

The Legacy of Dr Ethirveerasingam



Dr. Ethirveerasingam was a modest and courageous individual who embodies the values of Jaffna Central. He enrolled at Jaffna Central in 1943, where his remarkable interest, performance, and achievements in sports garnered praise from his peers and teachers alike. Excelling in cricket, football, and athletics, he earned national and international recognition, representing Sri Lanka in prestigious events such as the Olympics, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games.

A legend in the field of athletics, Dr. Ethirveerasingam was a 17-year-old student at Jaffna Central when he was picked to represent Sri Lanka at Helsinki Olympics in 1952. He also represented Sri Lanka at the next edition of the Olympics in 1956.

He held the national high jump record for nearly four decades since 1953.

Notably, his extraordinary feats as a high jumper was when he clinched the first ever gold medal for Sri Lanka at 3rd the Asian Games in Tokyo in 1958 enhancing the reputation of his country, Jaffna Central College, and the Tamil community worldwide.

Even after leaving school, his passion for cricket endured, as he continued to play for Sierra Leone against Commonwealth, MCC, and British teams from 1967 to 1977. Throughout his journey, he credited Jaffna Central's culture for shaping his academic success, evident in his achievements at universities in California and New York.

Dr. Ethirveerasingam cherished the gold medal adorned with the school crest, bestowed upon him by the revered Principal Rev. C.A. Smith, as much as his Asian Games accolade, symbolizing his enduring connection to Jaffna Central and its profound influence on his life.

The majestic Jaffna Central college Pavilion in memory of Dr Ethirveerasingam now stands as a testament to the school's rich history of achievements, honouring individuals like Dr.Ethirveerasingam whose contributions have left an indelible mark on Jaffna Central. Dr. Ethirveerasingam was one of the founders & Patron of the Ekalvi Project which was introduced to O/Level students at JCC fully funded by UK OBA last year.

He will forever be cherished as a one-of-a-kind Centralite, his legacy impossible to replicate—a true embodiment of Jaffna Central's spirit.

Sincerely,

Mr. K. Vijaishankar
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