



## Founder's Excellence Award

*“Blessed is a person, who makes a difference  
and walks that extra mile to make  
the defenceless walk with dignity.”*

*Blessed is Dr. K.R. Gangadharan whose contribution to the cause of senior care,  
has given him a special place in the hearts of all those he has touched.*

*Dr. K. R. Gangadharan, wears two hats, the philanthropist and Chairman of Heritage Foundation, and the Businessman with a heart as Founder of Heritage Medical Center, and Co-Founder of Kshetra Assisted Living and Dementia Care Facility, and of Kshemalayam Home for Seniors, all based out of Hyderabad, India. He did his PHD in 2010, Undertaking extensive research on formal and informal caregivers of Long Term Bedridden Elderly patients.*

*Dr. Gangadharan served as a Board Member of the International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing ( Global Ageing Network) between 2013-18. He also served on the Board of the International Federation on Ageing from 2005-2014, becoming its Global President during 2012-2014. He has addressed several international conferences around the world on ageing including United Nations-New York, UNESCAP in Thailand, WHO South-East Asia Region, and has also spoken at the Santa Catarina Parliament, Brazil in 2013 and at the White House (Washington D.C.) Conference on Ageing in 2005.*

*In India, Dr. Gangadharan has served one term as a Member of the National Council of Older Persons during 2006-11. He was invited by the Ministry of SJE while formulating the NPoP 1999. He was again invited to serve the committee to review the NPoP in 2010. He is a member of the Executive Committee of National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI. Working on the review of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2008. He is a member of the Core Group, Protection and Welfare of Senior Citizens, constituted by the National Human Rights Commission, India. He was instrumental in formulating the AP State Policy on Older Persons in 2003.*

*He contributed to the publication of UNFPA India's Building Knowledge Base on Population on Ageing and contributed to its publication of "Caring for Our Elders: Early Responses. India Ageing Report – 2017". He has also contributed to international books on ageing such as "Ageing in India" and "Ageing Issues and Responses in India".*

*Association of Senior Living India would like to record its appreciation to one of India's foremost Social Sector professional in the field of senior care, for his vision, dedication and unstinting commitment, since the last 25 years to the cause of the elders.*

**Mansoor Dalal**

*Founder and Chairman Emeritus  
Association of Senior Living India*

Place: New Delhi  
Dated: 11th December, 2020