



Dr.M.Aram

Padma Shri Awardee
Founder, Shanti Ashram
Former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Former Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural University
Former Member, University Grants Commission
Former President & Moderator, Religions for Peace International
Former Director, Nagaland Peace Centre

A leading peace-worker wedded to Truth and Non- Violence Dr. Aram, hardly needs any introduction. For long he served as an untiring soldier for peace and stability in the highly strategic, charming, and resourceful region- Nagaland, and was one of the principle architects of the Shilong Peace Accord.

Since 1963 Dr.Aram was a prominent member of the peace movement in India. His services in the capacities of member in Delhi-Peking Peace March, Secretary of the Asian Regional Council of World Peace Brigade, Convener in Nagaland Peace Observes Team, and Director of the Nagaland Peace Centre in Kohima, have all left an indelible impression on all understanding minds especially in hearts of the people of Nagaland. He was closely associated with the Gandhi Peace Foundation in New Delhi.

In his first ten years of professional life beginning in 1950, he served as professor of Education, Principal of Teachers Training College and Deputy Director of Rural Higher Institute, Coimbatore. From 1980 till 1986, Dr.Aram worked with distinction as Vice- Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University near Madurai. He served later at the National level as Member of the University Grants Commission and Central Advisory Board of Education. From 1988 Dr. Aram served as President & Moderator of the World Conference of Religion and Peace (WCRP/ International). One of his memorable international assignments was his appointment to the team of international observers led by President Kaunda for the first Democratic Elections of South Africa.

Dr. Aram was nominated to the Rajya Sabha (Upper- house of the Indian Parliament) in 1993 by the President of India, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the fields of Education & Peace.

Widely travelled, he was Founder- President of Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore. He has been honoured with many International & National Awards, which include, the Padma Shri Award by the Government of India, the Niwano Peace Prize, the Mahatma Gandhi Award by the Meghalaya, the Defender of Peace award, by the Sarvodaya Movement and the Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy, from the NEHU University.

Born in 1927, he earned his M.A. degree from Madras University and Ph.D. from Ohio State University, U.S.A. As a follow-up to his post-doctoral work in creative thinking he had the rare honour of meeting with Albert Einstein and discussing his thesis.

Married to a much-loved Gandhian, Smt.Minoti Aram from Bengal, he has two children, Dr.Kezevino Aram & Mr.AshokTuniho Aram. Dr. Aram in his five decades of life and work authored several widely read books and pamphlets on Education, Peace and Sarvodaya.



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