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The Sankara Nethralaya Academy (TSNA)
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Cordially Invites you to the

Teacher's Day Celebration

Chief Guest

Dr Susan Edward, MSc, M.Ed, M Phil, Ph D
Former Principal
Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School Egmore, Chennai

Date: 05 09 2015 & Time : 10 am – 12 Noon

Venue :
Seminar Hall, The Sankara Nethralaya Academy,
No. 9, Vanagaram Ambattur Road, Ayanambakkam, Chennai 600095

Agenda

10.00 am to 10.05 am	Invocation	Dr S Vandhana Asst Lecturer – SN Academy
10.05 am to 10.10 am	Welcome Address	Mr A Mahalingam
10.10 am to 10.20 am	Presentation SN Academy & Activities	Deputy Registrar – SN Academy
10.20 am to 10.40 am	Address by	Mrs Akila Ganesan Senior General Manager – SN Registrar – SN Academy
10.40 am to 10.45am	Introduce the Chief Guest	Dr Anuja R Singh Head – Optometry – SN Academy
10.45 am to 10.50 am	Honouring the Chief Guest	Senior General Manager Sankara Nethralaya
10.50 am to 11.20 am	Honouring the Faculty	By the Chief Guest
11.20 am to 11.50 am	Teacher's Day Speech by Chief Guest	
11.50 am to 12 Noon	Vote of Thanks	Mrs CG Sreedevi Manager - Academics – SN Academy
National Anthem		

Chief Guest



Dr Susan Edward, MSc, M Ed, M Phil, Ph D Profile

Dr. Susan Edward Joseph our most distinguished 'Chief Guest' and most worthy Teacher on the occasion of 'Teacher's Day' being celebrated today – 05.09.2015

As an educational institution based on the principles of knowledge dissemination for a noble cause, I am sure we could not have had a more befitting person to grace the occasion.

The word 'Teacher' has a deep meaning and should not be interpreted simply as a person who stands before a black board and takes lessons, such a person may be called a tutor. A teacher plays a much greater role in the life of his/her students and society at large, she enlightens the mind through imparting of knowledge, moulds character by inculcating moral and ethical values and in a nation like India with a 2000 years unbroken Guru-Sishya parampara the Guru or Teacher assumes paramount importance in our lives.

Let me give a brief introduction to our honoured chief guest, Dr Susan's student phase was varied and spread over regions, from her early schooling in Sankaragiri in Salem to graduation and Post graduation in Holy Cross, Trichy, B.Ed in Mysore.

To young Susan the keen learner it was a rich and real time learning and exposure to the value systems so unique to rural India and she absorbed much more than what was taught in her classroom. This would have a great influence on Dr Susan who would don the role of an educator in the years to come.

Dr Susan married Shri Edward Joseph a duty conscious police officer and the couple were blessed with two Angels, Angeline and Alice, the Joy was however short lived as destiny most cruelly snatched the valiant police officer's life, as he fell victim to the bomb blast that killed former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi in year 1991.

Dr Susan took the tragedy with great resilience, not a person to buckle down in the face of personal sorrow, she realized that the loss placed a greater responsibility of bringing up the children single-handedly and she did it most admirably displaying the valiant nature of her husband.

Dr. Susan has donned several roles in an eventful career, she started as a Teacher, went on to become a headmistress at the Presidency Girls High School, became the Assistant Professor at the Holy Cross Home Science College, Tuticorin and the Divisional Education officer. Dr Susan left an indelible mark in every assignment that she handled, she was conferred the '**Best Teacher Award**' for her high quality of work and the 65 schools under her showed, when she served as the district education officer, registered all round progress.

She played a major role in preparing and implementing the '**Samacheer system of education**' and was also recognized by Rotary Club and with an award for her '**Service to the cause of education**'.

Dr Susan was known for her extraordinary counselling which changed the course of hundreds of students. A high point in Dr Susan's academic life was the conferment of Doctorate for her research and presentation of thesis, she made a significant contribution to Zoology by discovering a new species of Scorpion not known to Zoologists earlier, and she named the same in memory of her beloved husband as **Pseudo Scorpion Edwardis**.

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