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B.K Nirwair was born on 20 NOVEMBER 1938 in Punjab and served in the Indian Navy for nine years, where he trained as an Electronics Engineer. A seeker of truth, he became a student of the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, PBKIVV (also known as Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, BKWSU) at the young age of 20.

His interest in spiritual wisdom began in his childhood days when he was attracted to the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and Swami Ramtirath. In 1959, he came in contact with PBKIVV whilst still in the Navy. Based on his personal association with the Founder and other senior members of the institution, he was inspired to spiritually serve the world. By the year 1963, he had a clear vision about the path he had to take and so dedicated his entire life to the task of the Brahma Kumaris, under the guidance of his mentor and guide, Prajapita Brahma himself.

He started to serve as a valuable and effective instrument in spreading the teachings of the Brahma Kumaris, both in India and abroad. He has been the brain behind many programmes, conferences, retreats, and seminars organised by the PBKIVV. His interactions with others have brought about tremendous change in the way people view themselves, which in turn has helped shape the institution to which he owes his allegiance. He has been the source of inspiration behind the setting up of large World Renewal Spiritual Exhibitions, Spiritual Art Galleries, the making of documentary films and other projects on Spirituality in Art.

In 1982, he represented the University at the Second Special Session on Disarmament (SSOD) held at the United Nations HQ, where he officially met the U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar and other dignitaries.

In attempts to share the spiritual wisdom with opinion leaders from various professional fields, he has shouldered the responsibility of acting as Secretary- General in International Conferences. The International Headquarters in Mount Abu have hosted a number of such conferences over the years on the themes of

"Universal Peace", "Global Co-operation for a Better World", "Universal Harmony", "Spiritual Response to Changing Times", "Our Efforts for a Value- Based Society" etc. and continues to do so. Many distinguished dignitaries have inaugurated these conferences - ex-President Dr. Shankar Daya Sharma, exPrime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi - and been addressed by Mr. Robert Muller, other UN representatives and world leaders including the Dalai Lama, Lord David Ennals, Prime Minister Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others.

Apart from carrying out the role of Secretary-General, he has visited all five continents to propagate the teachings and principles of the BKWSU.

B.K. Nirwair has not only shown his competence in the realm of spirituality but also in humanitarianism and penmanship. One only needs to spend a few seconds with him to feel his unconditional love and respect for humanity.

His concern for fellow human beings cuts all barriers of colour, caste and creed; his brain-child, the Global Hospital & Research Centre, Mt. Abu, substantiates this fact. He has been instrumental in over-seeing the construction and set-up of major complexes created by the Brahma Kumaris:

- **'Gyan Sarovar, Academy for a Better World', Mount Abu**
- **'Diamond Jubilee Complex', Talheta, Abu Road (Rajasthan)**
- **'Om Shanti Retreat Centre', Goregaon (near New Delhi)**
- **'Spiritual Art Gallery', Agra**
- **'Shanti Sarovar Retreat Centre', Hyderabad** to name a few, under the divine guidance and blessings of Dadi Prakashmani (former Administrative Head) and Dadi Janki, present Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris, respectively.

At present, he is the Chief Editor of an English Monthly spiritual magazine, "The World Renewal". He has written several articles on spirituality in Hindi and English. Being an eloquent orator he has delivered several lectures on the practical techniques of adopting spirituality in daily life, a number of which has been compiled in the following books: "Spiritual Treasures" and "Insights of a Rajyogi".

Over the years, his selfless service to humanity has made him recipient of the following awards:

- **'Rising Personalities of India Award'** by International Penguin Publishing House, in 1999.
- **'Morarji Desai Peace Education International Award for Year 2001'** under Gujarat Gaurav Awards, by the Governor of Gujarat, in 2001.

Endowed with a pious disposition and compassionate heart, he is always ready to serve society with the aim of helping people live a life of dignity, peace and welfare.