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## Treading the path shown by Master EK

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A chance meeting with Kulapathi Ekkirala Krishnamacharya, popularly known as Master EK, in 1963 gave a new meaning and direction to his life. It left a lasting impression on the young man and he decided to tread the path of his guru.

Meet Kompella Satyanarayana Sastry, who has been doing yeoman service to the poor through free homoeopathy treatment, apart from undertaking various philanthropic activities for more than three decades in Visakhapatnam.

His son Srinivas was hardly two years old, when he was diagnosed with rickets. The debilitating disease took a toll on the boy and left him with his skin and bones. He was written off by noted Allopathic physicians of the time, and a dejected Sastry met Master EK on the advice of someone.

The Master, who was providing free treatment to patients, assured him that his son could be cured through homeopathy.

"My son's condition improved in six months and he was fully cured by the age of four. Though a late learner, Srinivas completed his higher studies," recalled Dr. Sastry in an interview to *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

He obtained a Registered Medical Practitioner (Homoeopathy) certificate in 1975 and assisted Master EK at his clinic. After the death of his guru in 1984, Dr. Sastry established a 'Homoeo Teaching Centre' in his name the same year.

#### Free service

He took over the 'Master Homoeo Vaidyalayam', which was run by the Master, and is continuing the free service to this day. A free eye clinic is also being conducted with the assistance of Dr. Jyothirmayee of the Government Regional Eye Hospital on Sundays.

Dr. Sastry also conducts awareness classes in various areas in the city and health camps in the rural areas on Sundays. He dedicated himself to the service of humanity in the name of the World Teacher Trust (WTT), an international spiritual and service organisation founded by Master EK. He also organises 'Narayana Seva' (poor-feeding) twice a month to over 450 persons and distributes new clothes to the poor and the needy during festivals.

Retired as a Senior Accounts Officer in the South Eastern Railway, Visakhpatnam, in 1994, Dr. Sastry has written eight books on homoeopathy, including an English translation of Master EK's book in Telugu.

He has several awards and recognitions to his credit, including the Ugadi Puraskar-97 and the 'Homoeo Healer' title by the WTT on the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy, on April 10, 1999.

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