

THE TIMES OF INDIA NICKNAMES DR EDMOND FERNANDES AS A LEADER IN THE MAKING

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For having demonstrated exceptional courage, a zeal for social development, a passion to making medicine a field that can be more valuable and more accessible to the global community, India's largest news daily, The Times of India featured an exclusive story written by Journalist Rekha Kavoor and named Dr. Edmond Fernandes **a Leader in the making**. First published in print edition on 25th November, 2011, back then Dr. Edmond Fernandes was a third year MBBS student in medical school.

Dr. Edmond Fernandes has since then, been engaged in community development and leadership in developing constructive public health initiatives that has give Indians a creative role in growth.

The Times of India story is a testament of Emergent Leadership in frontiers of medicine and public health interests. Dating back in 2011, in a time trend forward, the story written then, comes across as the making of a prophecy foretold.

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Leader in the making

REKHA KAVOOR PROFILES A MEDICAL STUDENT WHO WEARS MANY HATS

A medical student, entrepreneur, author and motivator... try to place Edmond Fernandes in any one of these categories and he fits in perfectly. His successful venture, www.eduorb.com, an educational networking website, shows how a simple idea can impact the youth. "The portal has articles, videos related to education, information about colleges, courses and career tips. Here, students network besides gaining information and sharing knowledge. Currently it is confined to the State, but we plan to expand it worldwide," says Edmond.

Reflections', and 'Sleep and Lifestyle Changes'. He is also a section editor for an online international medical journal on students' research.

He likes to be occupied always and has a penchant for learning new things. "It is also a God-gifted talent, which I think I should use lavishly," he says. He is a certified rescuer of the American Heart Association in basic and advanced cardiovascular life support. He also gives inspirational talks to college students.

At a later stage he wants to enter politics. "Politics excites me because you can reach out to a great many. I may heal one or two patients daily, but in politics, my policies can impact many more people," he explains.

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Edmond who did his schooling in Mumbai relocated to Mangalore a few years ago to pursue medicine. Not content with just academic excellence, he dabbles in various activities, writing being one of them. "Writing is my passion. I started freelancing for papers at a young age and have written on secular politics, philosophy, current affairs and medicine," he says. At 21, he has completed his first book, 'Small Things that Matter Much', which is in the process of being published. He is currently writing two books, 'The idea of India -

Edmond Fernandes



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