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Dr. Kurien is a visionary and also a man of action. He has, over the years, translated into action his philosophy and vision about the role of co-operation in rural development. It is through his pioneering efforts that we witness today the success of co-operative enterprises in rural India, specially in Gujarat.

The White revolution in India or what is also known as 'Operation Flood' has been brought mainly through the leadership and untiring efforts of Dr. Kurien. The National Dairy Development Board, built up over the years through his efforts and under his inspiring leadership, has developed into an organisation capable of facing challenges in the production and distribution of essential commodities like milk and edible oil in India.

Dr. Kurien is a Mechanical Engineer by training. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Madras University in 1943 and the Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University in 1948. Many universities from different countries, for example, U.S.A., U.K., Canada, Australia, etc., have conferred honorary degrees upon him.

Dr. Kurien has been the Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board since its inception in 1965. He has also been the Chairman of the (1) Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd., (since 1983); (2) National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India Ltd., (since 1986); (3) Technology Mission on Dairy Development (since 1988); (4) Board of Governors, Institute of Rural Management (since 1979); (5) Status Review Committee of Indian Institutes of Management (since 1991); (6) Vice-Chairman of Empowered Committee on Technology Mission on Dairy Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (since 1989); (7) Member, Technology Mission on Oilseeds Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (since 1987); and (8) Vice-President, International Dairy Federation, Brussels, Belgium (since 1991).

To mention only a few of the position held by Dr. Kurien in the past, he was Member and later Chairman, Gujarat Electricity Board (1960-1966); Chairman, Board of Governors, Institute of Agriculture, Anand (1969-1972); Chairman, erstwhile Indian Dairy Corporation (1970-1987); Chairman, XIX International Dairy Congress, New Delhi (1974); Director, Central Board, Reserve Bank of India (1972-1983); Chairman, Gujarat State Co-operative Cotton Marketing Federation Ltd., (1975-1981), and Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Agricultural University (1984-1985).

Dr. Kurien was awarded Padmashri in 1965, Padmabhushan in 1966 and Krishi Ratna in 1986. He has received many prestigious international awards as well. As early as in 1963, he was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership. In 1986, he received "Waterlur Peace Prize" Award from the Netherlands and he got the World Food Prize Award for the year 1989. He has received numerous other awards, including the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Gold Medal in 1991 and Sir Jehangir Ghandy Award for Industrial Peace in 1992.

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