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The Legacy of our various associations

While we were putting together the pages of the current issue of Lekha, one item that caught my attention was the news related to "AISKA's Core Committee meeting". Especially the part where our esteemed leader Sri DV Krishna Rao talked about the need for revamping, conduct of AGMs/elections for Andhra Pradesh State Association that was registered in 1979. He also said similar steps should be taken by states like Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, West Bengal, New Delhi, etc.

In the last two issues, I first talked about our challenges when it comes to unity among Sistakaranams, and then about how there is the next-gen that is coming up through the ranks in serving our community. It is logical to now talk about the legacy of challenges (including those related to unity among members) that the new generation should brace itself for.

For any generation, there is no better representation of the legacy than the state of affairs of the various registered associations at various places that exist, purportedly representing our community members. On this aspect, there always seem to be several questions coming every now and then about the functioning of these associations.

And these questions are definitely there against some of the state associations that the news item has referred to.

While we at Lekha have so far not forayed

into investigative journalism, (therefore, we may not have all facts at our disposal) we would definitely implore our leaders at respective state associations to be prepared with answers for the typical questions that keep cropping up:

When was the last AGM held?

When were the last elections held?

Is there a record of membership for the association, as this is an important factor for the needed 'quorum' for legitimate meetings and elections.

Are all records, financial or otherwise, being maintained?

Are the necessary periodic reporting, or filing of returns, to the concerned Registrar of Associations being done?

Lekha would like to be the voice of the next-gen and these are the questions we feel are important. Clear answers to these questions will also give clarity on the bodies governing the associations, as sometimes this is the source of conflict within our community in general, and within those associations in particular.

The next-gen is forever will be indebted to our elders for the legacy that they leave. Our elders should ensure that such legacy is spotless.

- Naraharinath Sekharamantri
 Founder Publisher, Sistakaranam Lekha
 Founder member, Ikyavedika

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One aspect about this newsletter, which we are still figuring out, is the statutory need for registering it. Our initial assessment is that this newsletter may not need any registration, mainly due to 4 reasons: (1) It's a digital magazine, for which currently no government regu-

lations exist, (2) It's not a printed magazine, which requires approval of RNI (Registrar of Newspapers for India), (3) It's not a commercial venture, but a collaborative voluntary effort from members of our community and (4) It's for private circulation only, meaning that it is meant only for members of the Sistakaranam community. However, we are open for advice in this matter, and reiterate that we shall abide by any statutory requirements, once the same is clear.

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Community News

Late Sri Pakki Diwakar's final journey with tearful eyes

They came in thousands, the Sistakaranam community leaders, YSRCP Party workers, fans and relatives. The final farewell of senior YCP leader and Andhra Pradesh BC Commission member Late Sri Pakki Venkatasatya Diwakar concluded amid tears. Fans, leaders and relatives gathered in large numbers from all over Visakha district to bid a final farewell to their beloved leader. On 27-4-2023, many people visited Pardhivadeha on Thursday 27-4-2023 at Late Sri Diwakar's native village, Marri Palem, Malla Ramu Naidu Colony, near fish market beside Bhubaneswari Painting Godown, and paid homage to his mortal remains. A large number of people came from different places to have a final glimpse of Late Sri Diwakar. They paid tributes to the mortal remains and took part in the funeral procession.

Among those who paid tributes to Late Sri Pakki Diwakar were Visakha Nagar Deputy Sri Giani Sridhar, Visakha Nagar YCP President Sri Panchakarla Ramesh Babu, Visakhapatnam Constituency YCP Coordinator Sri Adari Anand Kumar, BC Commission Chairman Justice Sri Shankar Narayana, MLAs Sri Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar, Sri Tippala Nagireddy, MLCs Sri Varudu Kalyani, Sri Vamsikrishna Srinivas, Former MLC Sri PVN Madhav, YCP leaders Sarva Sri Dadi Ratnakar, Kola Guruvulu, Behara Bhaskara Rao, Dronamraju Srivastav, Konda Rajiv Gandhi, State Minority Corporation Chairman John Wesley, State Sistakaranam Welfare and Develop-

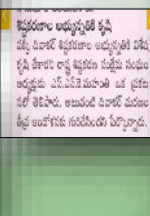
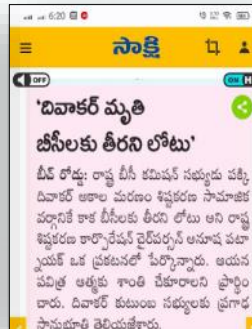
ment Corporation Chairperson Kantimahanti Smt. Anusha Sasidhar Patnaik, Visakhapatnam YCP Coordinator Sri KK Raju, former corporator Sri Kolla Battulu Vengalarao, Sri Mantri Rajasekhar, Pedada Ramanakumari, Smt. Pilla Sujatha, Smt. Sridevi Varma, 24th ward corporator Smt. Sadi Padma Reddy, cable operators union members & leaders, journalists, editor of Leader magazine Sri V. V. Ramanamurthy, a large number of women, party cadre, Sistakaranam community leaders, relatives etc.

It is known that he died suddenly near the temple on Wednesday 26-4-2023 while visiting the shrine of Puri Jagannadha Swamy. That night, his mortal remains were brought to Visakhapatnam. From 11 o'clock in the night, relatives, Sistakaranam leader Sri PN Murthy Patnaik and others were helping. From 5 o'clock in the morning Visakha Sistakarana Sangham - Kancharapalem leaders Sarva Sri Balivada Hari Babu, Sadasivuni Babu Rao, Pavani, Basuru Srinivasu, Smt. Pavani, Visakha district Sistakarana Sangham leaders Sri Godaba Prabhakaradasu, Seetammadhara Sistakarana Sangham leaders Sri Saluru Mohana Rao, Late Sri Diwakar visited the body and paid their respects. Sri Ayyanna Mahanti Ramakrishna Rao conveyed the condolence message of Sri DV Krishna Rao, the leader of All india Sistakaranam Association. Leaders of Vizianagaram District Sistakarana Sangham and other regional Sistakarana associations, President of Andhra Pradesh Sistakarana Sangham

Prava Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao, PVT Ramana Rao, Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao were present and paid their respects. They said that Late Sri Diwakar was a leader who had helped the BCs in the past, was the president of the Cable Operators Association, and his services to the YSRCP party were great, and his untimely death was shocking, and his absence would be irreparable. Among those who visited their family in the evening were minister Sri Gudivada Amarnath and others.



Media pays homage



Pedda Karma held on 06-05-2023

On Saturday, 06.05.2023, a memorial service and Peddakharma program of late Pakki Diwakar, member of the State BC Commission, was organized by his family members at Vemana Kalyanvedika in Marripalem. In this program, many prominent persons, Sistakaranam leaders and YCP leaders expressed their condolences in front of Diwakar's portrait amid a solemn atmosphere.



Newsmakers

Award for Social Work and Woman Empowerment

At the Asian Emirates Dominance Conference held in Radison Blu, New Delhi, Smt. Balivada Sujatha was presented with the Award for Contribution to Social Work and Woman Empowerment by the "Woman Leaders Forum." 'Lekha' extends its congratulations to her for this outstanding achievement. It is noteworthy that Smt. Balivada Sujatha is the wife of Sri Balivada Venkata Rao, Indian Ordnance Factory Services, Katni, MP.



Tirupati Rao elected Steel City Rotary Club Secretary

Rotary District 3020 Governor Sri R. Sudhakar participated in the Siddham Pest and Set 2023-24 event organized under the aegis of Vizag Couples Rotary Club at Waltair Club. He handed over the appointment letters to Ch Rishikesh and Basangi Tirupati Rao, who were elected as the new president and secretary of Gajuwaka Steel City Rotary club. The new president and secretary were felicitated by Gajuwaka Sistakaranam Sangham leaders Sarvasri Baliwada Satya Rao, Karakavalasa Gowri Prasad Rao, Dabbiru Harikumar, Uma Venkateswara Rao Patnaik and others. Later, the elders of Gandhinagar, Gajuwaka conveyed their congratulations.



SharatKavi with Avadhanis



SharatKavi Dabburu Venkata Ramana Murthy, Hyderabad, was a participant in the kavi sammelan at the foundation ceremony of Sri Visva-Bharati Literary and Cultural Institute (Hyderabad), and was felicitated in the presence of the distinguished Avadhana poets.

Elected as Bar Association Presidents

In recent elections to Bar associations, several Sistakaranams have been elected as Presidents at various places.



Sri Kasimahanti Devi Patnaik has been elected as The President of Bar Association, Rayagada. Sri Nowpada Visweswara Rao, a practicing advocate in the courts of Palasa and Srikakulam, has been elected President, Palasa Bar Association, Palasa & Srikakulam Dist. Advocate Sri Sekharamantri Srinivas Patnaik from Tuni, has been elected President, Yelamanchili Bar Association, Yelamanchili.

Sistakaranams in Students Symposium



Sri Baliwada Ravikumar (IPESS, Deputy Controller of Explosives, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry States) was the chief guest at the two-day Student Technical Symposium held at MVGR Engineering College, Vizianagaram on 13-4-2023. Another prominent guest at the event, organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr. Raghupatruni Bhima Rao was felicitated with great honours.

Elected to Revenue Services Association

During the district executive elections of The Andhra Pradesh Revenue Services Association, held at the Revenue Guest House in Srikakulam town, two dignitaries from Sistakaranam, namely Sri Bhasuru Santhosh Kumar, Deputy Tahsildar, Burja Mandal, and Sri Dabburu Srinivasa Rao, Deputy Tahsildar, Srikakulam Mandal, were unanimously elected as executive council members. We extend our congratulations to them for this



'Vasu' felicitated by Superintendent of Police



In the presence of Sri Sri Sri Balatripura Sundari Kala Bhairavapeetham (Temple) Guru Sri Ganesh & Srikakulam District Additional Superintendent of Police, Sri Vithaleshwar, Sri Dabbeeru Srinivasa Rao (also known as Vasu)- a distinguished leader from Sistakaranam and a resident of Srikakulam - was felicitated. He is also a member of the governing council of Sri Kurmanatha Devasthanam.

Young genius award



Master Dabburu Srinivas Vishal Kumar Patnaik Hyderabad has secured the CV Raman Maths. & Science Young Genius award 2nd prize at the district level.



Dr. Bhimarao invited by Maharaja Eng.college as a chief guest

On 12th April 2023 forenoon, the Department of Chemical Engineering at Maharaja Vizianagaram Gajapathi Raju College of Engineering in Vizianagaram organized a National Tech symposium, for which Dr. Raghupatruni Bhima Rao was invited as the Chief Guest. During the event, he was also felicitated.

Newsmakers

Sistakaranams during Ambedkar Jayanti

1) To celebrate the 132nd birth anniversary of Ambedkar, a garland and Palabhisheka ceremony were held at Ambedkar's statue near the Vizianagaram Collectorate. Afterwards, a voluntary blood donation camp was conducted in Ambedkar Colony, located in the railway station area of Vizianagaram district, under the guidance of Bisetti Babji.



2) Sri. Mantri Shyamsundar, founder and secretary of the Human Rights Council in Vizag, attended an Aryakrama event with Suhasini, the chief auditor of South Central, and recognized 15 individuals for their dedicated efforts in safeguarding human rights.



3) On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, Avilala Sridhar, head of AS Foundation, was the chief guest in the birthday celebrations organized by C. Venkataraman, Sarpanch of Avilala. First, Ambedkar's statue was garlanded and paid tribute to. After that, many speakers praised Ambedkar's services in the Mahotsava Sabha. Speaking on this occasion, Avilala Sridhar said that Ambedkar was not a person, but a power and he was a great peak that made India stand at the highest level in the world and he is the strength for the weaker sections.



4) Kudama Tirumala Rao, the principal of Kothavalasa MPUP School and members of the Andhra Pradesh United Teachers Federation, garlanded the Ambedkar statue located at the Palakonda Road intersection in Rajam and spoke following the ceremony.



Yudhishta awarded Certified Analyst

Yudhishta Lumburu S/o. Sri Lumburu Srinivasa, Bhilai has qualified & has been awarded Professional Designation of Certified Analyst by Vice President, SEPIENS UK & Bangalore. Lekha congratulates him and best wishes for all his endeavors.



Sudarshan Patnaik elected as APGEF, Gen. Secretary



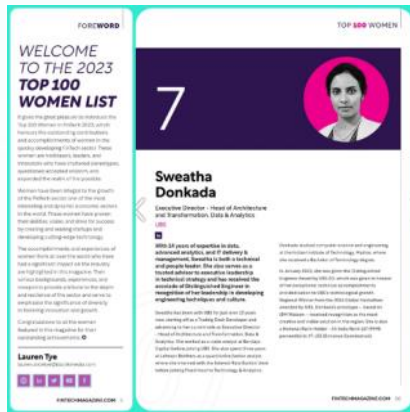
Congratulations and best wishes to Sri Gandreti Tirumala Venkata Sudarsan Patnaik (GTV Sudarsan Patnaik) on his recent election as the District General Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Government Employees Federation (APGEF). He was elected in the General Body meeting held in Visakhapatnam, which was attended by all 70 associations affiliated to it. Sri Patnaik also holds the positions of State Chief Secretary of Primary School Headmasters Association (PSHMA) and District General Secretary of Panchayat Raj Teachers Union (PRTU) 102.

Kum. Sweatha among Fintech Top 100 Women

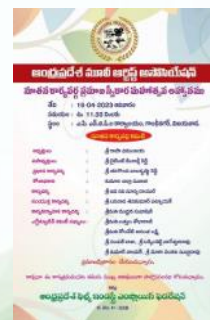
Kumari Sweatha Donkada, who works as Executive Director for UBS Bank in Singapore has been chosen in the Top 100 women of 2023 from the FinTech sector by the FinTech magazine.

She is the daughter of Late Sri Donkada Ravindrakumar, Dy. Director, A G Office, and Hyderabad.

Visit: <https://fintechmagazine.com/magazine/fintech-top-100-women-2023>



Sivakumar elected AP - MAA joint secretary



Sri Baliwada Sivakumar from Vijayawada has been elected as Joint Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Movie Artistes Association (AP-MAA) on April 16, 2023. Congratulations to him on this achievement.

Dr. Krishna as a Resource person in RUSA workshop



On 28th March 2023, Dr. Krishna acted as a Resource person for RUSA and provided support for a three-day National Workshop on personality development, which was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Dr. SRK Government Arts College in Yanam.

Promoted as DEO

Let's congratulate our illustrious educationist Sri Sadasivuni Tirumala Chaitanya who has been appointed as the new District Education Officer (DEO) of Srikakulam district. Hearty Congratulations and Best wishes from 'Lekha'.



Sri Krishna elected Lions Club President

Sri Sadasivuni Krishna has been unanimously elected as the President of Narasannapeta Millennium Lions Club for the lionistic year 2023-24. His election to this esteemed position was confirmed by the members of the club.



Editorial

Sistakaranam OBC Movement

Yes...

a movement should rise like a wave...

A great yagna...

For our future generations...

But it is...

When ?? How ??

Current OBC efforts need to be stepped up ! In this one year there are national election and two telugu state elections. Anyway these first six months period is very valuable. The 'Lekha' thinks that our leaders have already realized this.

Leaders of various Sistakarana associations should mount pressure on various political parties and local political leaders and that is very important.

It is impossible for all the caste members to be in the same party. For that matter in any caste, many caste members can be in one party but not the whole caste. So we look after our own political rewards and show our strength and get us OBCs. The need is to raise the flag of civilization from the front in politics. This is a good development. It would be good if they would go along with their political campaigns for OBCs.

The current political leaders know what the Sistakaranams want !- OBC ! This was clearly revealed in the meetings held in the last two months. Sri Bangaru Laxman, Sri Vijayasai Reddy and Sri Subbareddy spoke about the need for OBCs. Since our caste leaders have succeeded in this matter, congratulations to them.

If they hold the OBC card and move forward in this year then surely OBC can be achieved. Yes, our financial capacity may not be enough for the OBC struggle. But if our leaders ask for a large amount, if not, many people will come forward to help us. It is like laying a golden trail in the most important administrative and police departments.

Hoping that they will try and achieve for OBCs by using Chanakya's ethics and strengthening their position in direct politics with their karana intelligence and growing as politicians...

- **Jannumahanti Venkata Chandrababu**

Interview

Life is full of choices

Did you see a Sistakaranam who changed his career paths as per his choices and continued with social service activities too? A shift from a fixed- income job to a consulting job was a bold choice, but it proved successful. Involvement and commitment to do social activities wherever he is. With this introduction, one can connect to Dabbiru Prabhakar Rao of Raipur. Let us listen to him.

Share with us about your education and career path.

I passed Madhyamik Pariksha in Kharagpur, conducted by the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education. I was the only candidate who cleared the exam in the first batch, and hence the school recorded my name in golden letters. I passed Class-XII from Railway Boys Higher Secondary School, Kharagpur. I got my B.Com. from Calcutta University. We shifted to Raipur in 1985. I acquired my LLB degree from Durga College of Law, Raipur, affiliated with Pt. Ravishankar University. While working, I also pursued privately M.A. (Economics) and PG Diploma in Business Management.

My career path of 18 years in private industry spanned from Account Executive, Assistant Manager (Internal Audit), Accounts Manager to Area Manager in and around Raipur city. After my voluntary retirement from the private sector in 2008, I have since been in the real estate and insurance sectors and am still continuing.

How did you choose real estate and insurance sector?

In a process, I introduced a few of my friends to the construction company. Seeing my reach and ability, M/s S.K. Builders offered me real estate consultancy, and that fetched me a remarkable revenue. While I was working for a private company, I continued my pursuit of real estate on a part-time basis. One fine day, I chose to be in real estate and insurance on a full-time basis. That is why life is full of choices.

Please share your social activities and recognitions.

Moved by the problems faced by Telugu students in West Bengal, I founded the Pravas Andhra Students Association in Kharagpur in 1982. In 1986, I founded the Federation of Culture and Education in Raipur and conducted several activities along with its General Secretary, K. Mukunda Babu.

I worked with notable persons like D.R.C. Patnaik, the then President, Rajakumari Patro, Behara Rajgopal, and B. Ramesh Patnaik in organising social activities, parichay sammelan, educational events, etc. under the Chhattisgarh State Sistakaranam Association banner. I was the treasurer of the association for 18 years, up until 2011. I was unanimously elected as a Treasurer for the Telugu Welfare Society of Raipur for two terms.



Dabbiru Prabhakar Rao

Father: Late Sri Dabbiru Satyanarayana

Mother: Late Smt. Jaya Lakshmi

Spouse: Late Smt. Shashikala

Sons: Sahithya and Saanketh

Native place: Velusoda village,
Jalumuru taluk,
Srikakulam District

In 2018, the All-India Sistakaranam Association honoured me with the "Aanimuthyam" award during the Sankranti Milan celebrations. I also got awards and rewards from PNK, Kharagpur, and Satya Seva Samithi, Kharagpur.

Tell us about your literary works.

I wrote many articles, namely, "Sashikiranam", "Vikasita Padmam", "Yuvata Meluko", "Kavi 'Kanna Kammani Kala", "Soundarya Lahari", "Na Guruvante", "Nannaku Nirvachanam", "Nalo Neevu", "Aa (me) Vedana", "Ashada Masam", "Nalo Nenu", "Ardhangi", "Virula Sirulu", "Yuvata Marutondl", "Rutu Bramanam", "Mouna Vedana", "Oohala vupiri", "Prabhata Bheri" and many more.

Any message to our community?

"Unity is strength," and be united. Never detach from society; otherwise, you will become alone and helpless. Do good and be good.

Your viewpoint on Lekha please.

"LEKHA" introduces many and acknowledges the abilities of Sistakaranams. I wish Lekha to live long.

Lekha is pleased to recognise Prabhakar Rao garu for his talent and commitment in all respects. We wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavours.

- Interviewed by **J. Chandrababu**
and compiled by **Mantri Narasimha Rao**

Open Forum

IAS Aspirants and the Inspiration

Urging all our sistakaranam IAS aspirants. Keep our Sistakaranam flag high in this year's Civils Exam (Prelims. Main and Interview) and get top ranks. Our Sistakaranam young boys aspiring for IAS earlier years studied hard and cracked civils exam under OC category only. Sri Balivada Venkata Rao from Visakhapatnam got selected in UPSC exam in the year 2000 and allotted to IOFS (Indian Ordnance Factory Services) and now working as AGM (Joint Secretary cadre in GOI), Sri Patnaikuni Dileep Kumar from Visakhapatnam got 415th rank in the year 2015 and allotted to Indian Re20venue Service and Sri Tarun Patnaik of Rajahmundry got 99th rank in the year 2021 and probably may get allotment to IAS (District Collector). Besides the above, Mr Balivada Ravikumar got selected in IPSS service just

like Indian Forest Service (separate from Civil Services Exam) who is working as Deputy Controller of Explosives for Andhra Pradesh and Pondichery States.

So, it is the trend among the youngsters of Sistakaranams to study hard to be selected in IAS exam. All the best. And we need a handful of our youngsters selected for civils. Some of you with law degree may also attempt for judiciary service top posts and keep the Sistakaranam flag high always and regain the past glory. All our wishes are with you.

- Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao
Visakhapatnam

Support Arena

Cash incentives for students who score 90% in Inter

To the Sistakaranam students of Srikakulam district who passed the Andhra Pradesh Intermediate second year exam results declared on 6-4-2023 with 90% and above marks, our Sistakaranam service-oriented Srikakulam professor Dr. Arikatota Kanakaraja has decided to give a gift as an incentive.

Those students' details can be sent to Dr. Kanakaraju on 9440857230.

- 1) Must be resident of Srikakulam District.
- 2) Must have got 90 percent marks in Inter Secondary Examination.
- 3) Those who have received cash incentives from other organizations or individuals are also eligible for this.

Helping Hands Program 20

Resident of Srikakulam district Arasavilli Aditya Nagar Sri Kallepalli Ramesh had surgery on his leg and hands due to a road accident four years ago, and this family is currently in trouble as he cannot do any work professionally. Sri Kallepally Ramesh's wife Smt. Kallepally Sujata knows sewing and can teach sewing, so if we all put our hands together and provide financial assistance, they will become self-employed by buying two sewing machines and training people to provide employment and support their family. So, we request every relative to respond financially. Those who want to support financially can send to Pakki Uma Maheswara Rao's Phone/ G-pay number as usual. 9392234863. - Admins

Annadanam organized for 1008 devotees at Srivari mettu

1008 devotees from all over South India as part of the Maha Yagna led by Mahanti Srinivas of Srikakulam including 170 Bala Govindas (children) gathered near Srinivasaam in Tirupati on 30-04-2023 through the Govinda WhatsApp group. Pongali was provided as breakfast by AS Foundation at Srivari mettu. On this occasion, Avilala Sridhar, Head of AS Foundation, said that it is auspicious to serve the devotees of Srivaru through our organization AS Foundation in such a

great Maha Yagna. Earlier, AS Foundation had provided to 700 devotees and now it is a great pleasure to provide breakfast to 1008 devotees. Avilala Nagarathamma, Pudi Muni Krishnareddy, Sambasiva Rao, Sundara Murthy, V. Ramesh couple, Kiran, Ravi and others participated in this program.



Helping poor mothers on Women's Day



International Women's Day is celebrated by honoring women in general, but Smt. Sandhya Raj and her group initiated a very innovative way of ornatng the woman by celebrating motherhood, helping poor mothers and their newborn babies.

They provide food, fruits, and clothes on 28 March 2023 to the mothers and babies in Government Hospital, Raipur.



Only for Bobbili Sistakaranams

Bobbili Sistakarana sangham informs all the relatives.. In the academic year 2023, passed the second year inter examination. Memos of marks obtained (xerox copy, phone number) Sent to Sri Vantaram Shri Ramamurthy (9440254168) by 07-05-2023 For felicitation. Venue and date will be informed later.

- N. Prakash Rao
Gen. Secretary,
Bobbili Sistakaranam Association.

Support Arena

Helping Hands 19th event completed



Under the leadership of Sri Godaba Prabhakar Das, Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao, Basuri

Srinivasa Rao, and Pakki Shekhar, a total of Rs. 48,230/- was handed over to Sri Karakavalasa Rammohan, son of Smt. Karakavalasa Sobha Devi, along with donors' details, as part of the 19th service program held at Park located opposite Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple near Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in M.V.P. Colony, Visakhapatnam. The amount was raised by a group of 71 relatives of Sistakaranam Helping hands. With this, Sri Umamaheswar Rao announced the conclusion of the 19th event.

Lions Club Gajuwaka Medical Camp

Lions Club Visakhapatnam Gajuwaka and Chaitanya Degree and P. G College, under the guidance of Dr. Srikanth, conducted free diabetes tests from 6 am to 11 am and informed of the precautions and instructions to be taken by diabetic patients. Around 140 people took advantage of this free-of-cost opportunity. Chaitanya Degree College Principal Dr. Chandramahalakshmi, director Krishnakumari Radha, several Lions Club members and Lion Baliwada Satyarao participated.



Gajuwaka association generosity



On coming to know that Smt. Balivada Vijayakumari, a resident of Gajuwaka, and her family were suffering from serious financial problems due to kidney related ailments for some time, all the executive members of Gajuwaka Sistakaranam Sangham went to her house and handed over 20,000 rupees in cash on behalf of the executive committee and assured them that they are all behind her and she should not be disheartened. It was conveyed that soon many other donors would come forward to help more. The President, Secretaries and members of Gajuwaka Sistakaranam Sangham Sri Baliwada Satya Rao, Sarva Sri Basangi Tirupati Rao Karakavalasa Gowri Prasada Rao, Nagumantri Venkateswara Rao, Dabbeeru Srikanth, Munganda Subramanya Prasad, Karakavalasa Prasad, Vijayalakshmi, Manipatruni Satyanarayana, Shivam Ramesh, Pratap Rao, Srinivasa Rao, Potnuru Phanindra participated in the event. The members of the community also urged any donor to come forward voluntarily and help with the hospital expenses. Anyone who wants to help send it to Sri Basangi Tirupati Rao's mobile number.

Service organization completes twenty years



The Sridevi Vijnana Jyoti Parishkar Charitable Trust has celebrated its 20th anniversary, marking two decades since its establishment. To commemorate the occasion, sweets and mixtures were distributed to beggars, while food packets and idlis were provided to others.

We extend our warm congratulations to Dr. Kuppli Kirti Patnaik, the founder and president of the

Sridevi Vijnana Jyoti parishkar Charitable Trust. We hope that your services will continue to benefit those in need for another 20 years and beyond.

Dr. Bheema Rao donates for meritorious backward students fund

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Cash/Cheque Receipt

Receipt #: 1126 Date: 18/03/2023

Cheque Received from DR. RAGHUPATRUNI BHIMA RAO of ₹ 50000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) as a Donation for CHBD Award Fund to the meritorious as well as financially backward students.

Total Amount Due	0.00
Amount Received	50000.00
Balance Due	0.00

Payment Received

Cash

Cheque

Other

Signed By _____

Dr. Bhima rao donated Rs. 50,000/- to Institute of Engineers, Durgapur Branch, West Bengal, for the CHBD Award Fund. This fund will help meritorious and financially disadvantaged students.

Help from Gajuwaka association

Patnaikuni Sathya Rao, who had been suffering from a lung-related disease, received financial assistance from



the leaders of Gajuwaka Sistakarana Sangham. Upon learning that the victim's family was facing financial difficulties, the community leaders visited his home in Y Junction and handed over Rs.12 thousand. Sri Balivada Sathya Rao, Basangi Tirupati Rao, Karakavalasa Gauri Prasad, D. Srikanth, and Dabiru Hari were among those who participated in this program.

Support Arena

Donations by Dr. Kanakaraju Arikathota (April '23)

- Paid Rs 5,000/- to Sistakaranam unit, Narasannapeta for purchase of 10 chairs to Society office.
- Contributed Rs. 10,000/- towards the supportive works of DIET Training school, Vomaravalli, Srikakulam Dist., for construction of Dias. Bricks cost provided by Dr. Kanaka Raju.
- Distributed 50 Hats worth Rs. 3,000/- in Satya Sai Peddamandiram, Srikakulam, for senior citizens, and Rickshaw pullers to protect from the Sun. This practice is continued every year.



AS Foundation organized free food for 200 people in Ruya Hospital premises



On the occasion of the 46th wedding celebration of the former RSS Regional Pracharak and SV University Mathematics Head of Department retired Professor Mahadeva Mangalam Sundara Murthy and Surya Kala couple, food was prepared for 200 people at Avilala Pillareswara Swami Temple on behalf of AS Foundation. Food was distributed in Ruya Hospital premises. Sri Avila

Sridhar, Sri Sundara Murthy, Sri Muni Krishna Reddy, Sri Sachin Vivek, Sri Ravi and others participated in this program.

Exam Kits provided by Karanam Sistakaranam Ikyavedika



Prayers were offered to Sri Sri Parameswara Swamy at Tapovanam in Chittoor town and, subsequently, under the guidance of Karanam Niranjan Babu, examination materials were handed over to the students who were going to write the 10th class examination. Avilala Sridhar, leader of Karanam Sistakaranam Ikyavedika participated as chief guest at

the event. Speaking on the occasion, he said that today with the blessings of Parameswara, it is their second programme where the Karanam students who are going to write the 10th class exam in Chittoor town are being given the examination materials and prayed to the lord that they should write the exams well and succeed with the highest marks. The programme will continue every year, he said. It is a pleasure to see all the Karanams and Sistakaranams coming together for this event. Jyothi Prakash, Tulsinath, Venkataramana and students participated in the event.

Meals facility for children

Under the leadership of JCI SMA Chairman Sri Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao, lunch facility was arranged for the children of Enugumahal Municipal Primary School under Srikakulam Municipal Corporation. In memory of Potta Venkappa Rao, food and clothes distribution program was organized with the help of family members. Chief Guest Dr. Badana Devbushana Rao graced the occasion.



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Fraternity Page - AISKA

AISKA's Core Committee meeting

The Core Committee meeting of the All India Sistakaranam Association was held online on 14th April, 2023. The meeting was chaired by its President, Sri D.V. Krishna Rao Sistakaranam. The other office bearers who attended the meeting were Sri D.V. Ramana Murthy, Vice-President, Smt. Rajkumari Patro, Vice-President, Dr. Chowdari Prasad, Vice-President, Sri D.B.S. Kumar, Vice-President, Sri Gumma Umashankar Rao, Treasurer, and Sri Barli Vijay Kumar, Admin Secretary.

Sri Krishna Rao, President, expressed immense satisfaction at the grand success of the national meet, 'Atmiya Sammelan' of all EC Members of AISKA along with family members held on February 11 and 12, 2023, at NI-MSME, Hyderabad. He thanked all attendees and their family members, organizers, activists, speakers, guests, and others who were instrumental in conducting the first face-to-face National Meet of members of AISKA and the deliberations on important issues. He further sought the views of all members present for any feedback, suggestions, etc.

The meeting expressed its condolences on the demise of Smt. Hemalatha garu, mother of Sri DV Ramana Murthy in February 2023 and observed one minute silence.

Dr. Chowdhari Prasad expressed the importance of the marriage bureau to meet the expectations of the families in our community. He also opined that AISKA should network with Sistakaranams all over the world by leveraging the website that was launched at the event. He reminded the group of the allocation of responsibilities like legal, financial, publicity, matrimonial, and digitalization of AISKA to some EC members. He emphasized the need for the preparation of a plan of action for

all the activities to be taken up.

Sri Gumma Umashankar Rao fully supported the views expressed by the members on strengthening AISKA financially. He referred to the Vivaha Vedika conducted in Vizag recently and asked why it was not held under the AISKA banner.

Smt. Rajkumari Patro stressed that the decisions/proposed actions should percolate down to the state level and below to all bodies. AISKA should work for visibility by delivering tangible results to all those needy members, she said.

Sri DSB Kumar suggested that AISKA leadership should establish ground level contacts and visit at least the three districts of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, and Srikakulam districts with wide publicity on all steps being taken.

Sri Bharat, Delhi, reiterated the need to organise local-level meetings in the stronghold areas of North Andhra districts under the banner of AISKA. Image-building exercises are to be held regularly. Smt. Rajkumari Patro seconded, saying that AISKA should carry out action-oriented activities for the benefit of the community.

Sri Krishna Rao, President, clarified that the leadership is keenly following all the developments among the state and central organizations. Talking on the issues of state elections, he stated that the Andhra Pradesh State Association was registered in 1979 and needs revamping, the conduct of AGMs/elections. Similar steps should be taken by states like Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, West Bengal, New Delhi, etc. He also narrated that AISKA aims to work as a change agent for the community to work at a higher level of efficiency and professionalism.

---Reported by Mantri Narasimha Rao, Lekha team.

AISKA Incentives for Sistakaranam Students



Class 10th and Intermediate +2 public examination results are out in various states of the country. Details of Sistakaranam students who have passed 90% marks in these examinations in the year 2023 can be sent to Sistakarana Seva Samiti, All India Sistakarana Sangam, through the local Sistakaranam associations and through the respective State Sistakaranam associations by 31-5-2023. Those who have secured the highest marks will be selected and honored with merit incentives.

Send the details in the following format.

- 1) Name of the Student (With Surname):
- 2) Parents Name:
- 3) Name of Exam Passed (10th or Plus 2):
- 4) Name of the Board (State/Central) and Name of state:
- 5) Percentage of marks:
- 6) Date of Birth:
- 7) Residential Address:
- 8) Aadhar Card Number:
- 9) Mobile/Phone Number:
- 10) Passport size photo:
- 11) Email id:
- 12) Mark list Copy:

Contact if you have any doubts – Dabir Venkata Krishna Rao Sitkaranam, President, All India Sistakaranam Association (117/1988).

Fraternity Page - Telangana



Sharatkavi felicitated in Ravindra Bharati

Sharatkavi was honored by Sri Nandini Sidhareddy, Former Chairman of Telangana Sahitya Akademi, Sri Devanand Nagella, President of Mumbai Sahitya Akademi Maharashtra Branch, Mounashree Mallik, Cine TV Lyricist, Dr. Deepik Nyathi, filmmakers, Nandi awardees at the inauguration meeting of Telugu Sahitya Samakhya's Kavi Sammelanam Sankalanam, under the auspices of Telangana State Department of Language and Culture on the Ravindra Bharathi stage.



Felicitations to Sistakaranam Poets

National Sahitya Sambaraalu was organized under the joint auspices of Sri PRSSN Murthy, Sri SV Foundation Chairman & Moturi Narayana Rao, the National President of Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika. Sistakaranam poets participated in this and received great honors. First, Ugadi Shadruchula Kavanam was released by the president of All India Sistakaranam Association President Sri Da bbiru Venkata Krishna Rao. Honored meritorious persons were Sarva Sri Balivada Satya Rao, Dabbiru Venkataramana Murthy (Saratkavi). Dabbirru Srikanth Bhogila Umamaheswara Rao (Uma Kavi) Kuppili Rajarao, Vadada Chandrasekhar Rao, Ramakrishna (Rama Thahta) Singumahanthi Srinivasa Rao, Smt. Vasavi Karakavalasa, Smt. Arasada Sandhya, Smt. Arasada Satyavati who were honored with a memento, and certificate of appreciation.

National Literary Celebrations in full glory



National Sahitya Sambaraalu was organized at GHMC Multipurpose Function Hall in Patancheru town center under the joint leadership of National President of Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika Sri PRSSN Murthy and SV Foundation Chairman Sri Moturi Narayana Rao. Courtesy of MLA Goodem Mahipal Reddy. As part of this, a Sahitya Yatra for Telugu was organized from Dr. BR Ambedkar's statue at the Patan Cheru National Highway to the Sabha premises with poets from the respective states. The local legislators officially started by waving the flag of Goodem Mahipal Reddy. Speaking on this occasion, MLA Goodem Mahipal Reddy said that the Chief Minister of Telangana State, KCR, has organized Telugu Mahasabhas to make the country proud to keep the language alive while the mother tongue is being forgotten. Telugu luminary national leaders, local corporator Mettu Kumar & others participated in this program.

To the inaugural meeting of this program, President of Bardhipur Dattagiri, Mahant Sri Dr. Siddeshwara Nandagiri Maharaj Swami came and spoke. Former Protem Chairman of Telangana State V. Bhupal Reddy, former Vice Chancellor of SV University Padmashri Acharya Kolkaluri Enak, President of Telangana Writers Association, Central Sahitya Akademi members Naleswaram Sankaram, Tana World Stage Coordinator Chigurumalla Srinivas, founders of Telugu Book of Records Dr. Chinthapatla Venkata Chari, Srinatha Kavi Sovereign Heirs Dr. Kavoori Srinivasa Sharma spoke and praised this program.

Shatadhika Kavi Sammelan, awards for poets

More than 600 poets, writers and literati from six states were present under the auspices of Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika and SV Foundation. As a



part of this, Centenary Poet's Gathering was organized. Setting the stage for popular poetry with the well-known Telangana poet Ponnaganti Teluganna, the participants recited Sinare, Srisri, Gurajada, Kaloji, Kopparapu Kavulu, Suravaram Prathapareddy, and Kavaithri Molla. The whole time, the poet's meeting went about proficiently.

Entertaining cultural performances

Many cultural performances presented by Natyacharini Gita Yajashree team, and Natyacharini P. Vasantha Sobhas impressed the guests.



A gathering of poets from many states

Atmiya Kavi Sammelanam was beautifully organized by the Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika and SV Foundation in the most prestigious national literary festival with the gathering of Telugu poets from various states. TANA World Stage Telugu Book of World Record delegation was a special attraction. The book launch of several Shadruchula poetry collections organized by the Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika, a rare award and certificates by the Telugu Book of Records for the topics related to hundred internet conferences were received by the President of the Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika PRSSN Murthy and the General Secretary Moturi Narayana Rao. Later, a



book launch program of Ugadi Shadruchula's poetry collection was held. National presidents of All India Sistakaranam Sangam DV Krishna Rao, Prof. Darla Venkateswara Rao, Supreme Court Chief Advocate Talluri Balram Chaudhary, Tag Line King Alapathi, Nandi Awardee Sadanala Venkata Swami Naidu, Comic Poet Shankar Narayana, Telugu Velugu Sahitya Vedika Chief Advisors Kilaparathi Dali Naidu, Andhra Pradesh State President Meesala Chinna Gauri Naidu, Telangana State President Navaneetha Ravinder, Andhra Pradesh State Women President Dr. BHV Rama Devi, Dr. Gauravraju Satish Kumar, Kalam Sneham founder Satya Rao, Patan Cheru poets and representatives of various literary organizations participated.



It's a great honour and proud moment for the Sistakaranams as our two Sistakaranams Sri Pakki Murthy and Sri Moturi Narayan Rao organized such a huge event.

Congratulations from Lekha to them.



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Sistakaranams selected in 1998 DSC who received postings

Heartiest congratulations to our folks who were selected at the 1998 DSC and received postings. In the counselling held on 12-4-2023, the following were selected as teachers and allotted positions:

Sarvashree

- 1) Kambavalasa Ramesh
- 2) Karakavalasa Sridhar
- 3) Godaba Govinda Rao
- 4) Bhogila Mohan Babu Patnaik
- 5) Pakki Tirupati Rao
- 6) Arasada Chandramouli
- 7) Ravipalli Ramasurya Rao
- 8) BV Sivaprasad
- 9) Pratap Rao Jagadiswara Rao
- 10) Baggam Venkata Rao (Aruku)
- 11) Dabbiu Venkatanarasimha Patnaik, Garamandalam, Srikakulam District
- 12) Lakhanapura Ramanapatnayak

- 13) BV Tirupathi Rao
- 14) R Suresh Babu
- 15) Suresh Babu of Patnaik
- 16) Pratap Rao Madhusudan
- 17) Baggam Rajesh (Pedamazzipalem)
- 18) Baggam Parvatish Kumar
- 19) Uddavolu Kiran Kumar
- 20) Baggam Venkataramana
- 21) Prasada Rao of Damodarapatra
- 22) Donkada Venkatasatya Rajagopal (Yam Gumadam)
- 23) Donkada Vijayakumar
- 24) Singumahanthi Apparao (L Kota mandalam)
- 25) Dabbiuvenkataramanamurthy (Vijayanagaram District)
- 26) Basuru Krishna Shekhar (Srikakulam dist. He is working as a lecturer in a private college.)

- 27) Patnaikuni Mahesh
- 28) Durgavenkata Rao of Raghupatra
- 29) A Chandramouliswara Rao
- 30) Manapuram Rammohana Rao (Dokishila)
- 31) Amiti Ramesh
- 32) Patnaikuni Maheswara Rao
- 33) Manapuram Lakshmi
- 34) Shekara Mahanti Sanjiva Rao
- 35) Wandrangi Jhansi Rani
- 36) Uriti Sivaprasad
- 37) Barley Satya Koteswar Rao

Lekha congratulates them.

It is understood that about 35-40 of meritorious students from our community have been selected from all three districts. Our heartiest congratulations to all of them. Good wishes.

Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Bharti Vidyaniketan

The 30th anniversary of Bharti Vidyaniketan, a well-known college in Vijayawada



One Town, was celebrated at KBN College. Several distinguished personalities from the city were felicitated at the event. One of them was Sri Lion Baliwada Shivkumar Patnaik, the first vice-president of Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Sangham (63/1979), the general secretary of Krishna district Sistakaranam Sangham and a prominent BJP leader.

Book release at World Telugu Literature Brahmotsavam



In the World Telugu Literary Brahmotsavams (on 9-4-2023 & 10-4-2023) at Tirupati Mahathi Kalakshetra, jointly organized by Sri Sri Kalavedika and Indrani Charitable Trust, the book "Brahmotsavam Kavi kiranalu" published by Sahitya Chaitanya Kiranala Samstha of Srikakulam was released. The book titled "Brahmotsavam Kavi Kiranalu" on the glory of Sri Venkateswara was unveiled by Sri Sri Kala Vedika International Chairman Kathimanda Pratap. This kavisammelan and book launch event was attended by "Sarathkavi" Dabbiu Venkataramana Murthy, Dr. Sharathkavi, Dr. Venkataramana Murthy and Dr. Bhogela Umamaheswara Rao, Palaka Devanand, Thumbali Pattabhiram, Karanam Giribabu. Let us congratulate our Sistakaranam poets who have given their fine poems for the purpose of compilation, participated in the kavi sammelan and recited their own poems.



Release of Uttarandhra Journalists Front Handbook

The Uttar Andhra Journalists Front



Handbook 2023-24 was launched by Smt. Anusha Shashidhar Patnaik, Chairperson of Andhra Pradesh Sishtakarana Welfare and Development Corporation. The event was attended by State Sishtakarana Sangam President, Mr. S. N. K. Mahanty, Chief Secretary, Mr. Arika Thota Chandramouli, as well as other leaders including Mr. Vantaram Chandramouli and Mr. H.M. Patro.

Upcoming films looking for actors

- 1) The movie "Akshantalu" from Muralikrishna Art Creations is currently being filmed in North Andhra. Those interested, between the ages of 15 to 50, in being a part of it can send their biodata and photos to Jyoti Patnaik's number 7854972938. Interested individuals are requested to reach this number.
- 2) Received another message saying that we are producing a Telugu movie and are in search of a female villain under the age of 35 with a good appearance. If anyone fits the criteria, please let us know. The shooting is scheduled to begin this month in Vijayawada. Contact us at 9052530153.



Transferred Sistakaranam teachers felicitated by villagers

The teachers who worked in Narasapuram UP school and moved elsewhere on job promotion were honored by the villagers.

Sarpanch Dukka Bhushan Reddy of Narasapuram (Srikakulam district), speaking about Sri Manipatruni Srinivasa Rao, said that he is an ideal for the teaching profession. He was always punctual to school and taught the students well. Smt. Naupada Vijayabhaskaramma, wife of Sri Naupada Hariprabhakara Rao, was also honored on being transferred as a teacher.



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“Stepping Stones”



Conveyed our best wishes in a meeting with distinguished Sistakaranam personality residing in Visakhapatnam, Sri Rajapatruni Ramakrishna, who retired as the

Chief Manager (Industrial Finance) of The Indian Bank, a leading public sector bank, at his residence and discussed various issues. In the course of the conversation, we spoke about a beautiful book written in English by him about today's youth. I've been reading it too. Very well written. The book is called “Stepping Stones” which is a must-read for every student and young person. I am fortunate that he was my colleague at Indian Bank. He is the son of retired Kakinada district judge late Sri Rajapatruni Narasimha patro.

Let's congratulate him on writing a beautiful book.
- Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao

New executive committee of Hiramandalam association elected



At a function held at the premises of a private school in Hiramandalam town of Srikakulam district, the Hiramandalam Sistakaranam Sangham unanimously elected their new executive committee. The elections were held under the chairmanship of honorary president R Govinda Patnaik and N Srinivasa Rao. A. Suresh was elected as the new president, K. Sanjeeva Rao and S. Ramashankar as vice-presidents, K. Ganesh as general secretary, B. Ramakrishna and U. Jayakrishna as assistant secretaries, U. Rajesh as coordinator, K. Vamsi as treasurer, Sunil Patnaik and Ch. Sai as organizing co-secretaries and N. Anandrao as legal advisor. S Nageswara Rao, Dabbiru Krishna, S Nagesh, B Jagan, S Durga Prasad, R Thambi and Ch. Chaitanya were elected as members. Speaking on the occasion, President A. Suresh said that all the members of the association will remain united and work towards strengthening the community. On Sunday, 16-4-2023, a general meeting will be held with the community members to discuss issues such as strengthening of the community and future planning, he said.

Vivaha Parichaya Vedika conducted successfully



Let us congratulate Sri Baliwada Haribabu and all the executive members of Visakhapatnam Sistakaranam Sangham and Kancharapalem executive committee, for organizing a huge free sistakaranam bride and groom's wedding introduction platform for the benefit of our relatives in Visakhapatnam, for registering the details of more than 300 new brides and grooms at this venue which was attended by about half a thousand people, as well as for releasing a book containing the details of 63 brides and 158 grooms received up to the month of March 2023 and distributing it free of cost to all those who attended and also for putting up to the pdf of the book in groups for information of those who did not attend, thus creating awareness to all Sistakaranams and giving them the opportunity to settle the matches and conduct weddings quickly.

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Sri Satya Rao in Swachh Sankalpam program



Zonal Commissioner Sri Simhachalam garu and Sri Kiran Kumar addressed

the Swachh Sankalpa programme jointly organized by Chaitanya Degree College and Lions Club, Visakhapatnam Gajuwaka, and appealed to follow the instructions and suggestions in garbage collection. Lion Sridhar, Lion Jayaram, Lion M.L.K.N. Achyuta Rao, Lion Tentu Satyanarayana, Lion Baliwada Satyarao, and Lion Baburao participated in the event.

Film singers Selection by Manipatruni Creative Academy



Sarigamapadanisa Suswarala selection song competition was successfully conducted by Manipatruni Creative Academy founded by noted film art director Sri Manipatruni Nageswara Rao on the occasion of Telugu New Year recently. Noted film director, actor, writer Sri SS Patnaik, film lyricist and actor Sri Basangi Suresh Kumar from Hyderabad were the chief guests for the event while local musician Tejalakshmi garu was present as a judge. The event started with a performance of padmashri film songs written by our Uttarandhra lyricists Sri Basangi Suresh and Sri Dabbeeru Govinda Rao. At the same occasion on the same platform, the Tamil trailer of Padma Shri, which is gearing up for the release of the film in other languages, was unveiled. The film's director Sri SS Patnaik was awarded as the best screenplay writer at the Indian Film Makers' Association Film Festival, celebrating 50 days of its release in Telugu recently, with the concept that there is no atonement beyond repentance and transformation. Noted educationist and retired education department officer Sri Baliwada Malleswara Rao along with the locals congratulated SS Patnaik, expressing happiness that Sri SS Patnaik is a native of Srikakulam district and that he is also a guest for this song competition. Sri S.S. Patnaik said that it was possible only for Sri Manipatruni Nageswara Rao to do such a great event in Srikakulam city. After the event, the participants were honoured with certificates & mementos, and the guests were felicitated by the Manipatruni Creative Academy!

Manipatruni Creative Academy Summer Training Classes in Fine Arts

- Enroll your children in Manipatruni's Creative Academy's Fine Arts Training Classes during the summer holidays. Teenagers and adults are also welcome to join. Classes include training in keyboard, guitar, tabla, dolak, drum, vocals, painting, sketching, watercolor, oil painting, cartoon drawing, film direction, acting, script writing, makeup, and editing. Anyone interested can join the classes.
- Low fees are charged for the courses offered.
- Admission fee is Rs. 500/-.
- Monthly fee for training in drawing, painting etc is Rs. 500/-.
- Trainees interested in keyboard and vocals need to pay a fee of Rs. 1000/- per month.
- The courses are available only for those residing in Srikakulam town.
- Location: Adityanagar Colony, Arasavalli, Srikakulam.
- Contact for details: 8639602113.



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Seetammadhara Association Executive Committee Elections

The executive committee elections of Seethammadhara Sistakaranam Association was held at a private office near Rama Talkies Junction in Vishakhapatnam. The election process was unanimous, and Mr. Thumbali Prasada Rao was elected as Honorary President, Mr. Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das as President, Mr. Kotipam Ramashankara Rao as General Secretary, Mr. Chaudhary Ramesh as Treasurer, and Mr. Saluru Mohan Rao as Convener. The new president, Prabhakar Das, announced that the complete working group list would be released very soon.

Seethammadhara Sistakaranam Association Working group
 Honorary Presidents
 Shri Thumbali Prasada Rao
 Presidents
 Shri Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das
 Chief Secretary



Shri Kotipam Ramashankara Rao
 Treasurer
 Mr. Chaudhary Ramesh
 Convener
 Mr. Saluru Mohana Rao
 Assistants
 Shri Gumma Gandhi Krishna
 Vice Presidents
 Shri MHSV Prasada Rao
 Organizing Secretary
 Shri Baliwada Gopinath
 Joint Treasurer
 Sri Sadashivuni Srinivasa Rao
 Secretary (Cultural Affairs)
 Mr. Kottakki Ramesh Kumar
 Secretaries
 Shri R. V. Ravikumar
 Mr. Dabbiru Sathyaprasad



Shri Baliwada Sundareswara
 Joint Secretaries
 Shri Kotipam Srinivasa Rao
 Sri Karakavalasa Surya Prakasa Rao
 Shri Bhasuru Kishore (PRO)
 Executive Committee members
 Shri YSC Patrudu
 Sri Wadada Srinivasa Patro
 Sri Raopalli Srinivasa Rao
 Women's Division
 Executive Directors
 Mrs. Baggam Gunavathi Surendranath
 Convener
 Mrs. Narashipuram Radharani
 Vice Presidents
 Shree Thumbali Janaki Devi
 Joint Secretary
 Mrs. Saluru Arundhati
 Executive Committee members
 Mrs. Bhasuru Renuka
 Mrs. Sadashivuni Vasundhara

Business Seminar by Sistakaranam Ikyavedika, and Foundation

A seminar was organized by the Sistakaranam Foundation in Visakhapatnam on Ambedkar Jayanti. The seminar focused on project report preparation, techniques, and suggestions required for those who want to start a new business. Sri Mantri Narasimha Rao, a founding member of Sistakaranam Ikyavedika (SKIV) from Hyderabad, was the chief guest and conducted the event.

Sri Narasimha Rao provided advice and suggestions on starting a new business to enthusiastic unemployed youths from North Andhra districts who attended the seminar. Manapuram Suresh announced that the Sistakaranam Foundation office will now host monthly seminars and workshops on various topics useful for the unemployed.



Help achievement of OBC – Appeal to Venkaiah Naidu

AP Sistakarana Sangha state president Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao appealed to former vice-president M. Venkaiah Naidu to help in including the educationally, employment wise, and politically backward Sistakaranams in the central BC list. As part of his tour of Srikakulam district, Venkaiah Naidu attended a tea party at the residence of honorable MP Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu. On this occasion, the leaders of the Sistakaranam association met him and submitted a memorandum. Umamaheswara Rao, the state president of the association, said that the youth are suffering a lot due to this long-pending issue. He reminded that when Sri Venkaiah Naidu was the Union Minister for Rural Development, he had earlier submitted a memorandum seeking a solution, to the attention of hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We hope that through recommendations to the National BC Commission and the Union Law Ministry, we will find a solution to attain OBC. Association national secretary Dr Srinivasa Patnaik, district general secretary Dabbiru Srinivasa Rao (Vasu), treasurer Uriti Kiran, town vice-president Pedapenki Sriram Kumar, Bogela Umamaheswara Rao, political national spokesperson Naupada Satyanarayana and others participated in the event.



Vizianagaram Sistakaranam Association elections



mahanthi Umamaheswara Rao was the chief guest for this program. Senior leaders who have worked in Sistakarana Sanghas for many years with their added experiences, in the presence of Sri Singu-

Vizianagaram Sistakaranam association Elections were held at Amar Bhavan near Vizianagaram RTC complex.

The President of the State Association Sri Polu-

mahanthi Murali Bhagavan, with Sri Ch. Trinad Prasad and Sri Malleswara Rao as election officers, with Vice President State Sistakaranam Association Sri Baggam Sudhakar assuming full responsibility in these elections under his supervision, the following members have been elected: District Honorary President Sri Regulavalasa Anand Patnaik, District President Sri Marondapatnayakuni Gauriswara Rao, Chief Secretary Sri Rega Suresh, Treasurer Sri Vandurangi Venkatesh, Joint Secretary Sri Patnaikuni Mohan, and the full Working Committee were elected.

'Lekha' congratulates them.

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Grand Celebrations of Ram Navami at Bhilai

Sistakaranams of Bhilai- Charoda celebrated Ram Navami grandly from 30.03.2023 to 03.04.2023 at Charoda- Bhilai. Marked with various programmes like Swamivari Kalyanam, Pattabhishakam and Annadaanam, the five-day swamiwari festival was arranged & funded by Chhattisgarh Sistakaranam president Sri Nagumantri Maheshwar. A large number of Sistakaranams from Durg- Bhilai- Charoda attended the program and sought blessings of Bhagwan Rama- Sita. Chhattisgarh Sistakaranam General Secretary Sri Lumburu Srinivasa thanked Sri N. Maheshwar for organizing the Ramanavami celebrations in such a grand way.



Patala Pallaki Season 3: A Live Musical Show held in Raipur



Patala Pallaki Season 3 was held gracefully. The musical program was organized at Gujarati school in the capital city of Raipur by the Telugu society.

Patala Pallaki is a brainchild of Sri Rallapalli Murali who dreamt of bringing all Telugu Singers of Raipur on a single platform. Sri D Nagesh and many more joined in the stream, and now it's time to rejoice the cool showers of many talents outside of Andhra Pradesh. Many talented individuals showcased their talents. People from every corner of the city came to enjoy the Live Music Show Patala Pallaki. The talented singers enthralled the eager audience.



SEC Railway Raipur felicitates Smt. Jagadeeshwari Patnaik

International Women's Day was celebrated at DRM's office, Raipur with great fervor. Smt. Jagdishwari Patnaik working as Accounts Assistant in Sr. Divl. Finance Manager's Office, in the Finance Department, S.E.C.R. Raipur (CG), was felicitated by ADRM Raipur. Also, she excelled in cultural program, singing and handicraft exhibition which was held by all department members. Some of the pictures of the program are herewith.



Sri Rama Navami celebrations by Telugu Welfare Association, Raipur

Sri Rama Navami Festival was celebrated with lot of devotion in Railway colony, Raipur at Railway Institute by Telugu welfare society where our Sistakaranam Sri Dabbiru Prabhaker Rao is the Treasurer.

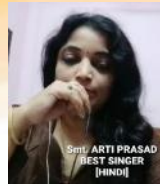


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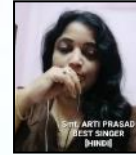
'Singer of the Month' Awarded at AIPSKA



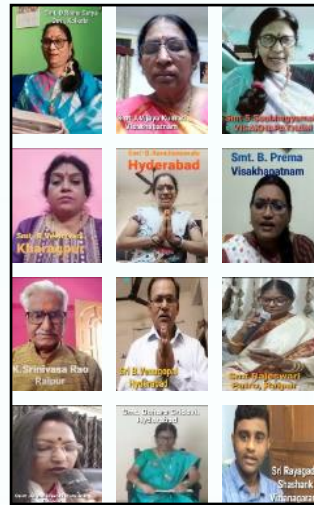
At AIPSKA WhatssApp Groups 'Vanita Vedika' and 'Sahitya Vedika', "Singer of the Month" program was conducted. It was initiated on 16th of March 2023, Thursday by Sri Vadada Uma Maheswara Rao. Candidates who were interested in singing were requested to send their live video recordings every Thursday. Sistakaranam members actively participated with full enthusiasm. Motivation and encouragement was given by others and also co- contestants. After three episodes, the final (fourth) episode was declared to be on 6th of April 2023, Thursday. By 14th of April the anxiously awaited results were declared and the congratulations spirit was in the air. Also certificates were released on 16th of April. The Best Singer in Hindi category was awarded to Smt. Arti Patnaik of Raipur and the Best Singer in Telugu category was awarded to Sri Lumburu Srinivas from Bhilai. Appreciation Certificates were awarded to eight



participants who came forward to participate and the event organized by AIPSKA.



contestants. Other twelve contestants were given Participation Certificates. Overall twenty two members participated delivering songs in Hindi and Telugu. 'Lekha' is delighted to share that three members are from Lekha Team. Smt. Arti Patnaik and Sri Lumburu Srinivas at winners category and Smt. Vandana Adivishnu in Appreciation Certificate Category. "Lekha" congratulates and appreciates all partici-



Chitrakavitalu at 'Sahitya Vedika' & 'Vanita Vedika'



Following pictures were chosen for the recurring Chitra Kavithalu programme at 'Sahitya Vedika' and 'Vanita Vedika', where participants send in their poems based on the pictures.



Kalam Snehitulu



Kalam Snehitulu in Sahrudaya Sahiti committee

The selection of the new executive committee of the renowned literary organization Sahrudaya Sahithi in Visakhapatnam was successfully conducted. Our Sistakaranam litterateur Sri Sekharamantri Prabhakar, who is currently the President of the Organization, has been unanimously elected as the President again. Our Sistakaranam poets Sri Kuppili Bhimeswara Rao and Sri Patnayakuni Rama-krishna Rao (Rama Thatha) were elected as executive members in the working committee. Let's congratulate them.



Nandi Award to Sri-kanth in Secunderabad

"I was recognized as a poet, writer, and community worker and awarded the special Bangaru Nandi Award at a function organized by GCS Valloori Foundation at Hari Hara Kala Bhavan in Secunderabad. The award was presented to me by city dignitaries, including Smt. Nandamuri Lakshmi-parvathi, District Collector of Nellore, Sri Mohan, District Judge, Sri Madhusudhan, Head of Foundation Sri Srinivasa Raju, and City ACP. I recited a poem about the importance of parents, which was applauded by the audience comprising many

city dignitaries and corporators."

- Dr. Dabburu Srikanth (Sahajakavi)



Chitra Kavitalu

This month's Chitra Kavitalu events conducted by Kalam Snehitulu featured the following pictures.



Second prize to Sri Prabhakar in Quiz on Sri Sri



Vedika Sanstha. Sri B.Maninagendra Rao was selected for the first prize in the seniors category in this competitive examination conducted in two categories. Sri Sekharamantri Prabhakara Rao, Smt. Durga Prasanna, Dr. Maradana Subbar Rao were selected for the second prize.

The founder president of the organization, Dr. Gandikota Raghurama Rao, said in a statement that the cash A will be handed over to the winners on the 30th of this month at the AMCOSA hall at 5.30 pm at the hands of the guests at the Sri Sri Jayanti celebration.

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Entrepreneurs Frontier

Shyam Patro, a proud Sistakarnam at Harvard Business School



'Lekha' congratulates Sri Shyam Patro, a proud son of Smt. Rajkumari Patro (AIPSKA Womens' Wing President) and Late Sri YSN Patro (All India Sistakarnam Association—



Ladies Wing and Late Shri YSN Patro, Raipur C.G) for being invited and nominated by Harvard Business School for strategic leadership program in Inclusive Finance. This program was aimed at shaping the next generation of inclusive finance leaders across the globe and engage with foremost thinkers in business strategy and management at a pivotal moment in inclusive finance. Shyam was one of the 60 shortlisted leaders from 30 countries. Shyam had also been rewarded earlier as "Outstanding leadership Award" at the global platform in Dubai in 2019. He is also a certified leader by Franklin Covey and a certified SPM (Social Performance Management) Champion. He had been titled "Trailblazer" for his exceptional work on digital payments and Credit Risk Score based on microcredit algorithms. He has been a great name in the financial inclusion microfinance, fintechs and microenterprises. His professional engagement initiatives promoted inclusion in the workplace and acclaimed for a striking balance between employee and employer centric approaches. He has also led his company for the GPTW (Great Places to Work) certification. Shyam is presently the National Head - Micro Enterprises segment in systemically important NBFC - Dvara KGFS. Shyam holds an MBA from IIFM-Bhopal. He is an MBA from IIFM – Bhopal and holds accreditations and certifications in Data Science, Digital Payments, Risk Management.



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Vivaha Vedika



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Vivaha Vedika is a new initiative from Lekha. Being a sensitive subject, we are wary of the pitfalls in managing the function of match-making. We are, therefore, starting with just a handful of prospective brides and grooms. Please excuse us for any errors, omissions or misrepresentations. This will be an evolving initiative, and we will improve as the time goes by.

Prospective Brides & Grooms



Name	JYOTHIRMAYEE
Surname	BHASURU
Father's Name	RAMANAMURTHY
Gotram	BHARADWAJA
Date of Birth	3-Nov-1992
Nakshatram	SRAVANAM
Height	5' 4"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENT AGENCY
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	ONLY HYDERABAD SETTLED JOB, ABOVE

Name	PRIYANKA DEEPTHI
Surname	RAGHUMAHANTHI
Father's Name	JAWAHAR
Gotram	NAGESWARA GOTRAM
Date of Birth	24-Jan-1997
Nakshatram	PURVABHADRA
Height	5' 2"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	
Work Place	
Education	B.ED
Preference	

Name	ROSINI PATNAIK
Surname	POLAKI
Father's Name	KRISHNA PATNAIK
Gotram	SHRIVASTAVA
Date of Birth	24-Feb-1993
Nakshatram	UTTARABHADRA
Height	5' 3"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	GOVT. SERVICE DRDO
Work Place	BANGALORE
Education	ME / M.TECH
Preference	WELLSETTLED FAMILY, PAN-INDIA,



Name	M.P.SREEDHARA PATNAIK
Surname	MARKONDAPATNAIKUNI
Father's Name	M.VISWESWARA RAO
Gotram	MOUNDILYA
Date of Birth	30-Jun-1986
Nakshatram	ASHWINI
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE KALYAN COLLEGE
Work Place	BHILAI
Education	M.SC
Preference	PAN-INDIA, ABOVE INTER, AMICABLE FAMILY

Name	VISWANADH KARTEEK
Surname	URITI
Father's Name	URITI RAMANANDHA
Gotram	NAGESHWARA
Date of Birth	29-Nov-1996
Nakshatram	HASTHA
Height	5' 10"
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE TENSTORRENT CO
Work Place	BANGALORE
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

Name	HARI KRISHNA RAO
Surname	RAJAPATRUNI
Father's Name	LATE SIVA SHANKER RAO
Gotram	KOUSHIK
Date of Birth	4-Feb-1982
Nakshatram	MRUGASHIRA
Height	6'
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE
Work Place	VIZAG
Education	M.COM
Preference	AMICABLE FAMILY

Name	JEEVAN KR PATNAIK
Surname	BEHRA
Father's Name	BEHRA RANGARAO
Gotram	BHARADWAJA
Date of Birth	25-Aug-1988
Nakshatram	UTTARASHADA
Height	5' 10"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE AIR CRAFT, MAINTENANCE
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	
Preference	ORISSA PLACE & SPEECH, ABOVE DEGREE, PAN-

Name	JITENDRA KUMAR
Surname	BAHADURSHA
Father's Name	B.UMA MAHESHWARAO
Gotram	NAGESHWARA
Date of Birth	6-Sep-1984
Nakshatram	UTTARASHADA
Height	5' 8"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE TATA STEEL (JCAPCPL)
Work Place	JAMSHEDPUR
Education	
Preference	DOB:- '85-'89, PAN- INDIA,

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Talent Corner

Amazing artwork on a chicken's feather

Sri Wadada Rahul Patnaik's image painting of Kodanda ram's Rama's coronation drawn on a chicken feather impressed every-

one. On the occasion of Sri Rama Navami, he worked for three hours on a four-inch chicken feather and painted this scene. Congratulations on the letter from 'Lekha'.



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Ashtottara Rama Nama Art

The movie artwork of Lord Ram with Ashtottara names impressed everyone. Poet and writer Sri Kuppili Venkata Rajarao of Gedelavanipeta, Amadalavalasa Municipality, Srikakulam district painted a picture of Lord Rama with 108 octave ashtottara names on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami.

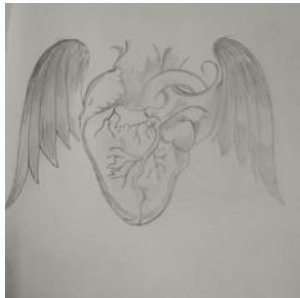
He took this opportunity to convey Sri Ram Navami wishes to everyone. This picture is going viral on social media platforms.



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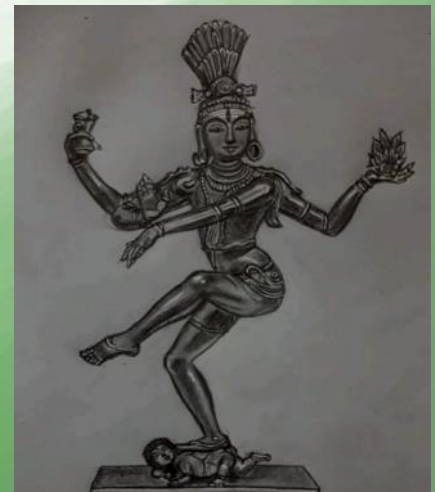
Pencil sketch Art of Chi. Gayatri

'Lekha' shares beautifully created innovative and warm artwork in a medium of pencil sketches of Chi. Gayatri ashimahanti, from Class 9th is daughter of Sri Suri K.Meghavaram.



Art pieces by Esha Rani

'Lekha' is delighted to share artwork of B Esha Rani Patnaik from Raipur, Chhattisgarh.



Talent Corner

Chi. Nekshita's dancing prowess is admirable



In Chittoor town, Chi. Nekshita, daughter of Girimpeta residents Kumar and Karanam Vimala, is studying in the 7th Standard at the local Kasturiba school. Along with studies, Nekshita also

Sanstha and Prajahita Seva Sanstha. She impressed everyone with her dance at the World Telugu Mahasabha held in Vijayawada. She performed in Machilipatnam, at the Krishna District Writers' Association Swarnotsavam. In a meeting by



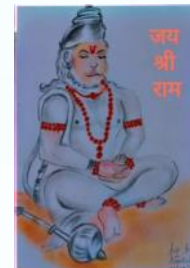
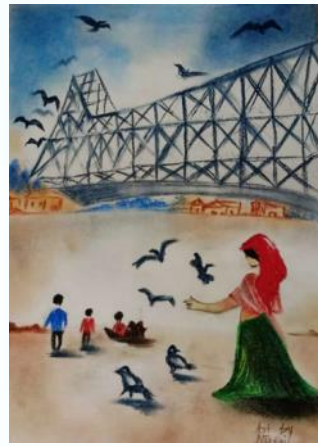
enjoys music & dance and is excelling in all fields. So far, she has given more than one hundred and eighty dance performances. She won the first prize in 2019 in the Vijayawada (Nambur) Balotsav, which is considered prestigious by Telugu people. She is participating and entertaining in Kaniyakam Brahmotsavam every year. She has won many times in national level competitions organized by Abhinaya Arts Tirupati. She has received awards from Kala Tarangini

former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Industries Minister Amarnadha Reddy also appreciated Nekshita's dance. A gift was also given. She received appreciation and cash awards from many leaders, officials and organizations. She was honored twice by Chittoor District ex-collector Pradhyumna, by former MLA Satya Prabha, and by Palamaneru MLA. She is received training in painting from Ramachandra Reddy and improving. Her ambition is to study and be-

come a police officer. She is preparing to achieve her goal with the encouragement of her parents and teachers. She thanks everyone who directly and indirectly encourage her.



Amazing sketches of Chi. Nandini

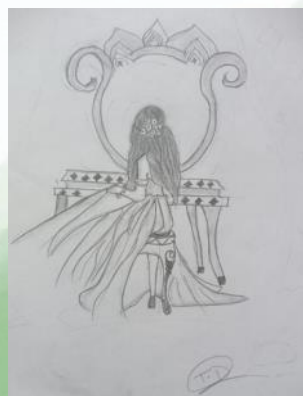


The pictures are drawn by Chi. Nandini, Class 10th student, daughter of Sri Kondavalasa Venkata Ramana, Advocate, Raipur Court. Sri K. Venkata

Ramana is son of Late Sri Ganapati Rao who is the cousin of well-known Sri Kondavalasa Srinivasa Rao of Raipur.



Super artistic skills by Baby Tanvi Devi



'Lekha' shares about a student of Grade 6 Tanvi Nagumantri who has drawn beautiful artistic pieces at a very tender age. The proud mother promotes her skills. Sistakaranams feel proud of such talents. She is from Dhenkanal Odisha.

Health Page

Beat the Heat– Stay Safe in Summers !

It is Hot Summer Season now, The April-May-June period, Beat the Heat and Stay Safe!!!

We all know about many things, but we miss implementing them. We at 'Lekha' are consolidating some tips as a reminder note for the benefit of our readers.

1. Cool Drink to prevent from sunstroke -



Rooh– Afza sharbat, the taste of the East, a rose flavored drink a product sold by 'Hamdard'. It can be stored and sharbat can be prepared using about 2 spoons of syrup in a glass of water.

2. Did you hear of 'Glononium' a Homeopathy medicine?



Glononium is a single active ingredient giving highly targeted relief. The pellets (pills) melt in the mouth without need of water or food. A dosage of 4 to 5 pills or in diluted liquid form can be taken. Please consult a homeopathy doctor. However, it does not have side effects and

homeopathy is generally a safe medication. The only condition is, it is better to keep half an hour gap before and after any homeopathic medicine. Another point is to not keep near other Allopathic or Ayurvedic drugs or items that have strong smells. Glonine or Glononium 30 potency prevents sun stroke, headache etc. if it is taken before moving in heat. It is available readily in any homeo store and easy to carry in your wallet or handbag on the move. Visit links: hear the doctor!

<https://youtu.be/Kv5b44OYOXk>;
<https://youtu.be/v9sWUZTr4rg>

3. Did you know of Sugandha Pal ?



<https://fb.watch/j-xTG0wzrk/>;
<https://outu.be/2Ujygvx8dZc>

I had seen this product very popular in Bandar, Machilipatnam, (AP) used during summers. It is available in syrup form. We can make a beverage from it. It is made of natural herbs and roots.



4. Green Tea with Sabja and Tulsi -



Now a days green tea with Sabja seeds and Tulsi leaves is also served in some Chai Houses. I had this refreshing green Tea on a long drive by the National highway. Some lemon and honey add to the right taste and health.

5. Popular Summer Drinks -

Coconut Water, Sugarcane juice, Lemonade, Watermelon Juice etc. are the most popular drinks to be used in the summer season.

6. Slow transition in Temperature -

Slow transition from hot environment to cool air-conditioned areas or cool areas to hot is always recommended. Now a days we are getting more accustomed to air conditioning in cars and homes. While we are driving, we immediately tend to turn on the AC once we get into the car from the hot sun. We can keep the windows open for some time, then have light AC initially and slowly we can make it cooler. Though sometimes when already severely affected with heat stroke, getting to cool areas, exposure to cool water gives instant relief.

-Vandana Adivishnu

Preventive ways to avoid problems caused by sunstroke during the summer season, medical clinical advice:

1. To escape the heat of summer, you need to drink lot of water throughout the day.
2. Do not eat oily foods.
3. Eat idli, wheat rava upma or phulkas.
4. Have either coconut water or sago java every day and rasam rice in the afternoon.
5. Not just adults, even children are vulnerable to the sun.
6. Perfume milk or aromatic water. No matter how hot it is, there will be no heat stroke. Drinking when thirsty makes your body cool; in this sabja seeds are important.
7. Black colour absorbs more heat. All black

clothes absorb the heat released from the sun if you wear them and roam around in the sun. Because of this, we are at risk of getting hit by heat stroke. Vijayawada, Sriakulam, Ramagundam, are especially hot regions. Black not only absorbs heat and light, but also many types of radiations and energies around us. There is a possibility that our health may be affected due to this. Since people won't understand all this, our elders have promoted the belief that black clothes should not be worn.

If we take care of our food habits properly, we can avoid heat stroke to a certain extent.

- J.V. Chandrababu

Prevention of Sun - Stroke



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Pride of our community, late Veenam Veranna

The forgotten dear son of our Telugu soil...
Rao Bahadur Veenam Veeranna!
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The man for the ages is our Veeranna Rao Bahuddur Veenam Veeranna... Sub Engineer.

He played a prominent role in the Dhavaleshwaram Anakatta project and was the right

hand man and advisor of Sir Cotton. Not many people know about this engineer.

It is true that Sir Arthur Cotton was the factor behind the greening of both Godavari districts, but Veenam Veeranna was the first Telugu engineer who helped him as a wise advisor. Most people do not know the engineer who was like the backbone to Sir Cotton who turned these Godavari districts into 'Annapurna'.

His name is Sri Veenam Viranna, who is lost in the "darkness" of history.

He stood as the voice to the Britisher Sir Cotton who had undertaken such a big construction work with people who did not speak his language in an area that was not his own. Veenam Veeranna Garu ... was born on March 3, 1794... to the Kollaiyya couple. Father Kollaiyya worked as an employee in the British government office in Machilipatnam. He completed his primary education in Rajahmundry.

Veeranna was married to Venkayamma from Dhavaleswaram. Venkataratnam, Janardhanaswamy, Kollayya, Seetharamaswamy are their children. Veeranna, who completed his higher education at Machilipatnam AngloIndian College, went to Bengal to study engineering on the advice of his father. The main administrative center of the English then was Calcutta... But his training as an engineer went on in Madras.

By 1840, he came to Rajahmundry and started working in the irrigation department. At that time... Veeranna came in contact with Arthur Cotton who came to examine the Godavari basin in 1844. Since then, Veeranna started a new life as an assistant to Sir Cotton. Being older than him, Veeranna was respected as a brotherly equal by Sir Cotton. In those days when travel facilities were not so good... Veeranna supervised the construction works of the dam by going on foot and on horses along the banks of the Godavari along with the Sir Cotton.

From Rajahmundry to Godavari originating point Triambakam on one side, to the confluence with the sea on the other, Sir Cotton traveled extensively in the upper and lower catchment areas of about 1500 km.

At that time Veeranna was his constant compan-

ion. Both, who had traveled for months on routes without food facilities... ate bananas, mangoes, guavas and drank Godavari water. At the time of the construction of the dam, East-West Godavari and Krishna districts together formed Rajahmundry district. During the British era, the country suffered many droughts. On one side, the waters of Godavari and Krishna rivers used to flow to the sea in waste. On the other hand, people were suffering from famines. With that, the East India Company government decided to use the water of these rivers for agricultural purposes... with the instigation of Sir Cotton...!

Sir Cotton was appointed for this work by the government...! After preparing a plan for this, Veeranna traveled to the remote areas along with Sir Cotton and sensitized the farmers of those areas. In the early days when the dam work started, no one came forward to work from the Godavari districts. With that, hundreds of people from Odisha...Bengal were brought to Dhavaleshwaram. They would give them the necessary training and give them the daily wage money fairly .

Not only the people of Godavari realized this, but also the workers of Krishna Guntur themselves came forward for the construction of the dam. Veeranna, with his family's influential contacts, also mobilized the harvesters of Manyam region for the dam works. Adequate training was given to those who were new to the work. In order to cheer up the workers, they used to give the money for non-working Sundays also on Saturday evening itself.

This increased the confidence of the laborers in the dam construction officials. Residences were arranged on the banks of Godavari for these workers and adequate precautions were taken to protect their health.

In total, by 1851, more than ten thousand workers were provided and this Mahayajna was completed. In 1848 and 1851, despite the delay in receiving money from the government, they encouraged the workers without stopping the work. The English (British) officials were jealous of the Sir Cotton who was involved in the construction of the dam. So, they used to complain to the government. Due to this there were rumors that the construction of the dam was stopped in one instance.

Even at such a time Viranna... out of respect for Sir Cotton... and with faith worked with the workers without any hindrance. Seeing all this, the government changed its mind and provided the necessary money and raw materials for the construction of the dam.

The work was finally completed by 31 March 1852. After the completion of the dam, the names of East and West Godavari districts came into use.

Realizing that his dream was fulfilled due to his

cooperation, hard work, perseverance, honesty and dedication, Sir Cotton wrote in English, 'If I had not found a Hindu gentleman named Sri Veenem Viranna, I would not have been able to complete the Godavari dam as quickly as I thought.' In addition, as a reward for his hard work... he requested something good, from the East India Company... and Queen Victoria.

As a result, the company permanently vested Mernipadu land tax near the dam (over Rs 500 in those days) to Veeranna. Moreover, he was honored with the title of Rao Bahudur. During the construction of the dam, Sir Cotton fell ill several times. He used to go to Australia and London for months. However, the construction work was carried out efficiently by Veeranna coordinating the workers. Godavari got flooded due to the rains during and after the construction, and even if there were minor accidents, the government made the appropriate repairs to the dam in time. From the time the construction of the dam was completed in 1852 until his death in 1867, Dhavaleshwaram Headlock Quarters was his address. As per his wish, his body was cremated, and his ashes were immersed in the Godavari at present-day Dhavaleswaram Headlock area. Moreover, on the stone wall in the area where he was cremated, his name is written in English as V. Veeranna... Rao Bahudur... Sub Engineer... 1867...!

That was engraved by the then dam employees In 1940, Bulusu Sambamurthy carved a stone slab near the statue of Sir Cotton, giving details of these heroes. In the flood of 1986, the stone plaque was also washed away along with the statue of Sir Cotton. In 1988, at the instigation of the then Chief Minister NT Rama Rao, his portrait was unveiled in the Cotton Museum built near Dhavaleswaram Barrage. Now it's faded. Sir Cotton did not forget those who helped him. But we forgot. We are very fortunate to talk about such great people... But the governments should establish his statue so that the future generations will know about such great people. His biography should be included in school curriculum. (Dedicated to those who fight for their blood thirst... political gain... regional hatreds... Water disputes...)

- Peruri Satyanarayana DVS



Our Treasures

Do you know this?

Are Sistakaranams the offspring of the Vaishyas and the Sudras?

The Brahmins of Vangadesa at that time said that Vivekananda, who was born into a Kayastha family in Vangadesa, was ineligible for the practice of moksha as he was a Shuta, according to manusmriti, parasaramsmriti and amara koshasa, as he was the heir of the descendants of a Brahmin woman to a Kshatriya.

Vivekananda's answer was:

Chitragupta, whose feet the Brahmins bow down, chanting the mantra "Yamaya Dharmarajaya Chitraguptaya Vinamah", is the father of our Kshatriya dynasty.

From vivekananda's words it is clear that the Kayasthas (Kshatriyas) of Vangadesa, the descendants of Chitragupta, claim to be Kayasthas even though they are Shutas.

There is a legend in the Bhavishya Purana - related to the Kayasthas. The children born to the royal maidens who were married by the three Kayastha offspring of Maruti Kanya and Kayastha are named Ambashta, Mahishya and Suta after their mothers. Their descendants are known as Ambattha Kayasthas, Mahishya Kayasthas and Suta Kayasthas. There is no mention of Sista Kayasthas in this purana. How do the children of the three Kayastha brothers and the three royal maidens become different Kayasthas? Why are there different denominations depending on the mothers? This doesn't seem to make sense, right?

The children of a Brahmin woman by a Kshatriya man are called Suttas. But since they claimed to be Kayasthas (Kshatriyas) and because they followed kshatriya dharma, it is written in the following verse that "Suta Kshatriya Dharmani".

Shloka: Suta Kshatriya Dharmani Dhee Mantaschaiva Kirtitah

Teshaam vaishastra bhedhanE datasharmet checyate.

Shukracharya was a Brahmin and his daughter devayani. She was married to Yayati, a Kshatriya man, and those born to Yayati, a Kshatriya man, and devaya, a Brahmin woman (according to Manu smriti) should be called Suthas. These Yayati dynasties are the Pandavas. When the Pandavas became Kshatriyas, what is wrong in claiming that all the children of a

Kshatriya from a Brahmin woman are Kshatriyas?

Ugrashava, who narrated the story of Bharata to Shaunikadi Munindras, Sanjaya, who narrated the events of Kurukshetra to Dhritarashtra, Keechaka of Virata parva, and Adiratha, who raised Karna, were all Sutas. (The meaning of the Sutas and the Sudras is the same).

The Kayasthas of Vangadesa were considered to be lesser caste than the Brahmins and the Kshatriyas, and higher than the Vaishyas. Some have written that the Brahmins were born from the face of Lord Brahma, the Kshatriyas from the arms of Lord Brahma, the Kayasthas from the body of Lord Brahma (kayam), the Vaishyas from the urvas of Lord Brahma, and the Sudras from the feet of Lord Brahma. Some of the puranic writers have opined that brahmins, kshatriyas, kayasthas, vaishyas and sudras come in that order, since the sequential order of the body is the face followed by arms, kayam, urvas and feet. In that case there must be five races, but what is mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita is only four races!

Contrary to what is said in many puranas, the Sistakaranana race is mentioned in the "Brihadharma Purana". It may have been written in this Brihadharma Purana on the basis of "Raghuvamsa" written by Kalidasa. It is written in "Amaramu" that the Suta Kayasthas, the Ambattha Kayasthas, the Mahishya Kayasthas, and the Ambashta Kayasthas, one of the Sishta Kayastha sects of northern India, were born to the Vaishya by a Sudra woman. Not all Kayasthas are of the same descent. It is therefore not correct to say that those who belong to a Vaishya because of a Sudra woman are Sistakaranas. There is no doubt that the Sista kayasthas are the Sistakaranas.

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Chinmudra

I believe those who had read the 19th page right column of the March 2023 Lekha Magazine's post must have practiced the **VAYU MUDRA** and I am curious to read your experience upon using it.

I am continuing the mudra's effect on the physical body and on the mental body this time. Today we will understand the efficacy and impact of **CHIN MUDRA**.

Chin means CHIT (Mann) mudra means TO SEAL. When we protect our Mann with some finger gesture practice that creates rejuvenation and elevation of Chit.

Chin Mudra is done by the combination of Thumb and the index finger. The thumb represents the **fire element (nervous system)** and the index finger represents **air element (movement)**.

By joining the tips of these 2 fingers we combine the action between elements. Our nervous system when combined with the air element gets scope to move the energy freely in the system. Energy moves through the **nadis**. Ida, Pingla, and the Susumna Nadi are the carrier of the energy.

This process is called Prana/life force is flowing throughout the body. When energy flows smoothly; it is far away from the congestion/obstruction/barrier/disease which leads to calmness because there is no digression in the system in the nadis and these energies are ready to bring peace and clarity within the nadis and as well in mental and physical body which becomes the source of awakening of the consciousness within us.

Free flow of energy increases when we practice religiously, mindfully daily and it starts impacting the vital body layer then with continuous practice impacts the gross body layer, then it travels further to the sukshma body layer, and it gradually access the Karan body layer and in turn accumulates the peace and tranquility within. In yogic kriya we call it as **MEDITATIVE STATE**.

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Five fingers of the hand corresponds to the five Natural Elements



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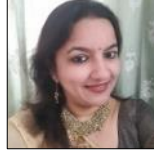
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