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## Community News

### Sistakaranams' Vanabhojana programs news

**1) Telangana State Sistakaranam Association, Hyderabad's Vanabhojanam** was held on 3-11-24 at Melkote Park, Narayanaguda, Hyderabad. About 300 relatives had a pleasant time together. Apart from the residents of Hyderabad, relatives from Bangalore and various states attended. Lucid's Medical Health and Tushar Peripheral stalls were set up. Finally, the vanabhojana meals ended with games such as musical chairs, etc. Wedding list of brides and the grooms was handed over after seeing the membership receipt. Collection of Rs. 200/- per meal and membership fee of Rs 300/- became a topic of discussion.



**2) Seethammadhara Sistakaranam Association Karthika Vanabhojana Samaradhana Mahotsava** programme organized by the Working Committee under the leadership of President Godaba Gowri Prabhakar Das was held successfully. The advent of the leaders of the state and district Sistakarana Sadhikara Samiti leaders added charisma to the event. From Akkumahanti to Polumahanti, they spoke in their style and enjoyed the Karthika meal. Mantri Rajasekhar, who came in the middle of an important event at the steel plant and interacted with relatives, and Allena Ramesh Kumar, a loved relative of Seethammadhara, stole the show. Kottakki Ramesh Kumar's daughter Chi. Shravya made up for her father's absence and not only sang but also judged the song competition. Manyam Dheerudu fame R.V.V. Sathyannarayana, in his natural style, less of a guest and more of an affectionate relative, entertained with songs and was one of the prize-givers. Sarvasri Bhushan Master from Gajapathinagaram, Rajahmundry SaiBabu, Gajuwaka Satya Rao, Venkateswara Rao, Basangi Tirupati Rao, PratapRao Srinivasa Rao, PVT Ramana Rao, Mantri Umamaheswara Rao, Godaba Prema Kumari, RaviKumar, Kavitha from Chandranagar, Venkata Rao, Keerthi Patnaik, Manapuram Suresh, Baggam Srinivas, Belagam Srinivas & many others participated.



**3) The Karthika month picnic of Visakhapatnam Sistakaranam Seva Sangham, Kancharapalem** was held on the first Sunday, 3-11-2024, like every year. It is noteworthy that the program was organized on the basis of "Open to all Sistakaranams". That is why about 1,000 Sistakaranams attended and made it a success. Morning Breakfast and lunch in the after-



noon were delicious, and free Sistakarana brides and grooms introduction program, were held from 9 am to 4 pm. Books were distributed free of cost to all those present. Free health check-up by Medicover doctors on BP, sugar checking, free ophthalmology camp, free dental check-up camp, free medical tests were conducted under the guidance of Dr. Kuppli Suresh. Quiz competitions were held under the guidance of Sri Venkumahanthi Srinivasa Rao. More than twenty people participated in it. The first prize was a WiFi CC camera unit. The second and third prizes were also presented. The whole program happened with interest. Courtesy of Smt. Kirti Patnaik, about 40 women were presented with turmeric, kumkum, tambourine, blouse vastram and sarees to some. Chess competitions were also held separately. Gifts were distributed to five people. Musical chairs were played exclusively for women. It was played with the children as well. The winners were given good prizes. Sri Behera Nagabhushanam Master, Gajapathinagaram organized a lucky dip and presented the prizes. Silk sarees were distributed to the winners in the Lucky Dip, which was conducted only for women. Three Housie games were played with a ticket for 10 rupees each. The fourth housie was played for free with three prizes given to the winners.

**4) Sistakaranam Welfare Association, Hyderabad Vanabhojana Mahotsava** was held in a grand manner on 10-11-2024 at Ambedkar Bhavan orchard, located amidst natural greenery in BHEL premises. Hon. President Sri Dabbeeru Krishna Rao Sistakaranam, President Smt. Rama Krishna Rao, Sri Barli Vijayakumar, Sri Shankar, Sri Uriti Parvatheesam oversaw what was a feast for the eyes for all the relatives who participated not only from the city of Hyderabad but also from various states. Various traditional cultural programmes (by ETV- Paduthathiyaga fame), film songs, dances by children, singing, various kinds of most delicious vanabhojanas, Free medical checkups-advisories (cardio/heart disease, ophthalmic/Eye, psychiatry/mental problems, dental/tooth problems, diabetes, general checkup BP sugar, etc.), Job mela, Real estate. With such a variety of programs, the huge gathering of Sistakaranam relatives were entertained.



**5) Srikakulam District and Town Sistakaranam Association's picnic** on 17-11-2024 was attended by about 500 people. The meeting took place in the community hall, while songs, dances and housie games were played on the terrace. 200 people on the terrace and 300 in the lower hall attended. Sarva Sri Dabbiru Srinivasa Rao, Polumahanthi Jaganmohan Rao, Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao, Saluru Venkateswara Rao (Retired RDO), Madhu (TDP), RVN Sharma, Baliwada Malleswara Rao, Prabhakara Dasu, Haribabu, Pavani, Sanmurthy,



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Shyam Prasad (Human Rights), Baliwada Satya Rao, Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao, Sadashivani Venkateswara Rao, Pedapenki Sriramurthy and others were present. Sri Joddumahanti Sai Kumar's dinner ended pleasantly with lunch.

**6) Sistakarana Seva Sangham** Industrial area, **Malkapuram** conducted Karthika Masa Vanabhojanam (picnic) on the sea shore in the presence of Goddess Durga in a pleasant atmosphere with relatives and friends. Social worker Smt.



Kuppili Keerthi Patnaik, Former Secretary of the Association Sri Tekkali Srinivasa Rao Patnaik, Sri Dabbiru Prasada Rao, Sri Patnayakuni Gowri Shankara Rao and some of the committee members working for this Committee were felicitated on the occasion. Association President Sri Nagumantri Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble President Sri Garbham Gowri Sankara Rao, Sri Nagumantri Gajapathi Rao, Sri Kudama Srinivasa Rao, Sri Vadada Chandrasekhar Rao, Sri Gottipalli Bhaskara Rao, Sri Godaba Janardhana Rao spoke on many topics such as unity, development, OBC sadhana etc. About 300 relatives and friends residing in the industrial area participated in the event and made it a success. Therefore, the Committee thanked everyone by name.

**7) Karthika Vanabhojanam Mahotsavam** of Sistakaranam relatives of Garividi, Gurla and Meraka Mudidham mandals was held in a grand manner under the auspices of **Garividi Mandal Sistakaranam** Association in the garden next to Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Garividi. Free medical camps were organized by Vizianagaram NRI Hospital and Pushpagiri Eye Hospital at the event. About 400 of them underwent medical tests. The cultural activities performed by the children impressed everyone. Games and songs for women and children were organized and prizes were distributed to the winners. Political and public representatives participated on invitation. District Sistakaranam President M.P. Gowreswara Rao, District Sistakaranam Honorary President Anand Patnaik, Vice-President A.T. Varaprasad, Madhusudhana Rao, Prabhat Kumar, Garividi Sistakaranam Association members Behera Ramesh, Vandrangi Venkatesh, Raghupatruni Srinivasa Rao, Kottu Ramakrishna, Gandreti Ramana, Sahini Satish Kumar, Baliwada Uma Shankar, P. Ravishankar, representatives of Cheepurupalli Association Ch. Kesava Rao, Kuppili Srinu and others participated.



**8) On 17/11/2024 Saluru Sistakaranam Association** Karthika Vanabhojanam Mahotsavam was held at Saluru town in Parvathipuram Manyam district, at Kapula Thota. Sri Dr. Vadada Ganeswara Rao participated as the chief guest.



**9) On 24/11/2024,** approximately 490 people attended the **Amudalavalasa Sistakaranam Association** Picnic. The general body meeting was held at 2:00 pm. In this meeting, the



working committee proposed that the new working group should continue for the next two years. Yogeshwara Rao Patnaik, U.V. Apparao seconded the motion. B.V.S.N. Murthy as president, and Murthy Baliwada Maheshwar as secretary were unanimously accepted. They were then felicitated by the executive committee.

**10) The Karthika Vanabhojana program of the Ponduru Sistakaranam Association** was held on 24/11/2024.

**11) Sistakaranam Welfare Association, Palakonda's** Karthika Vanabhojana programme was held on 24/11/2024.

**12) In the Karthika Vana Samaradhana** held in Vijayawada on 24/11/2024 by **Krishna District Sistakaranam Association,** more

than 400 sistakaranam relatives from the surrounding areas of Krishnadistrict took part in the Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratam performed under the amla tree and participated in the Vana Bjoanalu. Remembering Gumma Umashankar, who laid the foundation of the society and developed it, the program conducted under the guidance of Sri Baliwada Sivakumar, included the innovative Lucky Dip every half an hour giving gifts to three members, for a total of more than a hundred people. The dances of small children and the cultural activities of Baliwada Maleswara Rao impressed the Attendees. At exactly 12 o'clock, Karthika Bhojana Sabha was arranged. District Judge Sri Madhava Rao, Andhra Pradesh Metro MD UJM Rao participated as chief guests, while Andhra Pradesh State Sistakaranam Association President Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao, senior woman leader Smt. Kurada Pavani, Andhra Pradesh State Sistakaranam Association Publicity Secretary Sri Sadashivani Lakshmana Rao, Telugu Desam Desam leader P Madhu, Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Saadhikari Samiti President Sri Akku Mahanti Raja, the main organizer of the programme Shyam Sunder, General Secretary of Visakhapatnam District Sistakaranam Association Baliwada Haribabu, other BJP leaders and consumer leaders graced the dais and were felicitated with a shawl, a scarf, a god's picture, and a garland of flowers.



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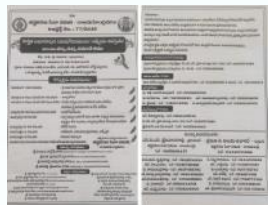
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**13) Parvathipuram Sistakaraam Association** organized a district level picnic for the first time this year. The picnic, which was held in Parvathipuram Manyam district, included all the newly added areas of Veeraghattam, Palakonda, Bhamini, Hiramandalam, Seetampet, as well as Salur and other areas, and the picnic was a success as a large number of Sistakaranams attended. With the help of Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Association Secretary Belagam Jayaprakash Narayan (Jayababu), the local Sistakaranam Association President Behara Gumpaswamy, Secretary Donkada Lakshmana Rao and the Association executive committee made elaborate arrangements for the picnic. All those who came expressed their happiness over the arrangements made. On this occasion, Sistakaranam elders above 70 years were honored. Children and adults forgot their age differences and enjoyed themselves in the games. Several teachers and employees who received the best service awards from the government this year were felicitated on a grand scale. Those who regularly donated memberships every month for 'Manavallaku Manasayam' were presented with mementos by 'Sishtakaran Peddalu P.S. Prakasarao and Karakavalasa Govinda Rao. Prizes were presented by Jayababu to the winners of various competitions.-Pakki Ravindranath



**14) Sista Karana Seva Samiti Rajamahendravaram-**

On 24/11/24, the garden of Kandula Satish Gari was held in the garden adjacent to the Osuvulamma temple at NH35 Autonagar Board. The Karthika Samaradhana, which started with the Vrat of Sri Namu Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy and the financial Damodara Puja in the morning, ended successfully.



On 24-12-2024, a grand Karthika Samaradhana was held under the auspices of Rajamahendravaram Sishta Karana Seva Samiti. The program was organized by President Sri Shekhara Mahanti Srinivasa Rao and Secretary Smt. Dabiru Vijaya Diwakar under the leadership of our Sangha leaders Sri Bhatlanki Prakash Rao (Former Corporator) and his wife Smt. The chief guests were Ministers Sri Kandula Durgesh and Sri Adireddy Srinivas who came to the Karthika Samaradhana and told them about our connection with our noble Karnas and promised to fulfill all the tasks told by Sri Batlanki Prakash to your castes. The Sangh expressed special gratitude to them.



300 of our Shishta Karana families participated in this program. It was a great pleasure to have about 700 people participate in the

food program.

Our society is very proud to have invited All India President D V Krishna Rao, State President Sri Polo Mahanti Umamaheswara Rao and Akku Mahanti Raja, Smt. Kirti Patnaik, Tuni Presidents Sri Shekhar Mahanti Srinivasa Rao, T V Srinivasa Rao.

All the members of Rajamahendravaram society have worked very hard to make this Karthika Vana Samaradhana so grand. We are grateful to them.

Our senior member, retired engineer Sri Kuppli Sudhakar, was honored by the Patnaik society for beautifying the garden.

Sri PVT Ramana Rao (Visakhapatnam) who came from Visakhapatnam and shared milk in this program. Our association would also like to express special gratitude to them. Most importantly, the encouragement given by our dear and well-wishers, Sri Battalanki Prakash Rao and his wife, is unforgettable. On behalf of the Shishtakaran Seva Samiti Rajamahendravaram, we express special gratitude to them

In this program, the Sangha would like to express special thanks to Sridabiru Diwakar and Rautula Veerabhadra Rao, Raghupatruni Saibabu, Raghupatruni Babji Patnaik, Venam Subbarao Venam Venkataramana Sangha members for their important role in mobilizing them. The Sangha would like to express special thanks to Potnuri Shiva Surya Prakash Rao and Gandhi who played an important role in organizing the Vratam of Sri Rama Satyanarayana Swamy. The Sangha would like to express special thanks to Sri Jaggam Mantri Satyanarayana and Sri Rautula Hanuman who played an important role in cooking delicious food items. The Sangha would like to express special thanks to Sri Pakki Gangadharam and Sri Venam Suribabu. The Sangha would like to express special thanks to Dabhir Ananda Ga and Veenam Venkataramana Patnaik, Chitti Shankar Behara and Sachendra Kumar who played an important role in organizing the games competitions. Thank you to the top leaders for making their flexi under the leadership of the leader Durga Prasad and Veenam Subbarao Rautula Surya Bhaskara Rao. The society expresses its gratitude to the leaders for organizing the program. The speaker was Shri Dabiru Anand, along with K B R Ravikumar (R O), Venam Ramachandra Rao, Deepthi Mahanti Prakash, Rautula Surya Bhaskara Rao, Kuppli Ravi Shankar Panchayat Sreeja, who organized the meeting. The society expresses its special gratitude to them. Sri Eluru Gangadharam (S Balasubramaniam Award) was announced - SVS Srinivasa Rao.

**15) Vizianagaram Sistakaranam Association**

conducted on 24.11.24 Sunday, a huge Sistakaranam relatives' Karthika Vanabhojana that was held in the garden on Saripalli Road. Several caste elders participated in the festival.



## Community News

### Successful Picnics and outcome

Our heartfelt thanks to the Honorary Members, the Leaders of the Sistakaranam Associations and the Youth.

We were delighted to know that Palakonda, Ponduru, Vizianagaram, Krishna, Rajamundry, Parvathipuram, Amudalavalasa, Narasannapet Sistakaranam associations organized Karthikavan Bhojana programs on 24-11-2024 in a grand manner. The purpose of a picnic is to spend a happy day with all the members of the family, with the children, with relatives and friends, with the elders and the seniors in the family who all attend with a determination to meet everyone with great patience, interest, to have fun, and to have lunch with everyone.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the leaders of the respective Sistakaranam associatios, especially the youth, for taking on the burden of organizing the picnics with great effort and expense.

We would like to thank all the Sistakaranams by name for showing the strength of our Sistakaranams by turning up at an average of 500 people, which turned out to be a total of more than 10,000 people. I hope that this attendance will increase every year and that everyone will be included.

Similarly, some important issues were discussed in various picnics. Unanimous resolutions were passed in the assemblage to request the government to grant at least ten cents of land for a social building in the state capital area for Sistakaranams, to provide funds for the construction of our Sistakaranam State Building on that land, and to help in the construction of it soon with the donations of our members and the funds of public representatives.

We learnt that resolutions were passed in the presence of elders demanding that our Shishtakarans be included from BC-D to BC-A, and that the appointment of the Chairman and Directors of the Sistakaranam Corporation be taken up immediately.

Also, many Sistakaranam leaders requested that efforts be continued towards including Sistakaranams in the central OBC list and that the Chalo Delhi program be undertaken when necessary. Everyone was ready for that, they said in the meeting.

Also, local Sistakaranam associations were requested to be granted land for social buildings in their areas.

It is learnt that scholarships for poor students in Sistakaranams, free training for Group 1 exams, IAS exams, and post-graduate training were requested.

In many picnics, retired senior employees from the respective associations were honored. This is very significant. In some places, Sistakaranam meritorious students from the respective associations were praised.

Also, Sistakaranam Vivaha Parichaya Veditas were set up



almost everywhere in the picnics. We were happy to know that some marriages were also concluded on that occasion. We were also happy to know that free health camps were organized.

We want that this trend be followed every year and double the number of participants.

We are proud of the strength of our members and want everyone to come forward in large numbers whenever we are called upon to develop and do good deeds.

We want everyone to leave behind their small differences here and there and come together.

*Jai Sistakaranam. Jai Jai Sistakaranam.*

## News Makers

### Rajesh takes charge as Group -1 officer

Let us congratulate our Sistakaranam young officer Sri Polumahanti Venkata Sai Rajesh garu (son of Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao garu and Smt Sai Sujatha garu) on the occasion of his assuming charge as District Fire Officer in Kakinada District today. His gesture of inviting his parents to be present at the time of taking charge is appreciable.



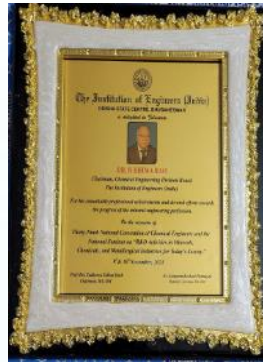
### State Best Teacher Award to Sri Nageswar Rao by CM

At a function held on the occasion of National Education Day in Vijayawada on 1-11-2024, our shishtakarana teacher, Sri Pakki Nageswara Rao, working as assistant at Chittivalasa ZP School, Bheemili Mandal, received the State Best Teacher Award from Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu and Hon'ble Education Minister Sri Nara Lokesh. Congratulations to him.



### Dr. Bhima Rao felicitated

Dr. Raghupatruni Bhima Rao has been felicitated by Dr. Deependra Singh, CMD, IREL Mumbai, Dept of Atomic Energy, Govt of India, and Dr. Ramanuj Narayan, Director, CSIR IMMT Bhubaneswar, Govt of India along with Chairman IEI OSC Bhubaneswar and others, for his remarkable professional achievements and devoted efforts towards the progress mineral engineering profession. He was given a memento by the Chairman Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Dash and Hon. Secretary Sangram Keshari Pattnayak, the Institution Of Engineers India, Odisha State Center, Bhubaneswar, on 9th November 2024.



### Manapuram as Judge for drama competitions

Sri Manapuram Satyanarayana participated as one of the judges, along with renowned playwright Sri P.T. Madhav and Srikakulam Sumitra Kala Samithi secretary Sri Guttu Chinna Rao, in the invitation drama competitions of the two Telugu states held on 9th, 10th and 11th November at Kalabharathi Auditorium, Vizianagaram under the guidance of Sri Abhinaya Srinivas and Sri Gedda Vara Prasad.



### Sri Jaishankar wins State Level Award in Photography Competition

Sri Kuppili Jayashankar (Sakshi Senior Photojournalist), a prominent Sistakaranam photographer from Srikakulam, was awarded the (two Telugu states) state-level award at a photography competition organized by the India International Photography Council & Photography Academy of India. Let's congratulate them on this occasion.



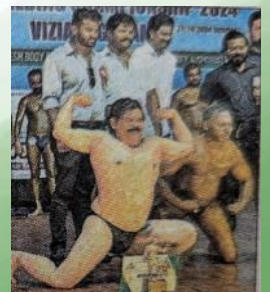
### 954th honor to Versatile Sistakaranam

Great honor for Manipatruni's service to art. Kala Guruji Sri Manipatruni Nageswara Rao garu, who has rendered remarkable service in the field of education, painting, music and cinema, trained and provided opportunities to many artists, was felicitated on Sunday night, 27-10-2024. The felicitation was organized by Srikakulam constituency hon'ble MLA Gondu Shankar under the auspices of PK Entertainment, Srikakulam at the local Ambedkar Auditorium. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Shankar said that it is a great tradition to recognize the services of artists and to honour them. Journalists Konkyana Venugopala Rao, Ghazals Vasudeva Chari, PK Entertainments representatives Lakshmi, Prasad, Vishwa and Rakoti Keerthi participated in the event. Speaking on the occasion, Nageswara Rao said that it is very commendable that he has been honoured in recognition of his work of art, and that this is his 954th honour. Congratulations to him.



### Praveen wins Mr. Andhra Body Building Championship competitions

Sistakaranam English teacher (school asst), state resource person, ZPH School, Vallapuram, Gurla mandal, Sri Arasada Praveen participated in the 29th Mister Andhra Body Building Championship competitions 2024 held at Anandagajapati Auditorium, Vizianagaram on 27-10-2024 and stood at third position in these competitions in which 170 participants contested. Hearty Congratulations.



### Sri Murali Bhagavan speaks at the World Elderly Day conference

At a function held on the occasion of World Elderly Day at vizianagaram district collectorate meeting hall, Sri Singumahanthi Murali Bhagavan, our Sistakaranam leader and President of the District Senior Citizens' Welfare Association, spoke eloquently about the problems faced by the elderly. The meeting was attended by the District Collector, other district officials and senior citizens. Congratulations to them.



## News Makers

### Chi. Venkat Raman felicitated at Indian space Conclave



Let us congratulate our sistakaranam young space scientist Master Venkat Raman Patnaik (12 years old) on his felicitation at the Indian Space Conclave 3.0 held from 5th to 7th No-

ember 2024 at New Delhi.

He is proud son of Sri Raghupatruni Kuldeep Patnaik of Sambalpur, Odisha. His interview has been published in our distinguished Sistakaranam Lekha in May 2024 month issue.

### Sekhar wins prize in ICEU Golden Jubilee Competition



Belgaum Sekhar, who won the prize at the ICEU Golden Jubilee Competition, was presented the prize by Vijayawada Divisional General Secretary, Zonal President. Parvathipuram LIC Union President and fellow employees congratulated him on the occasion.

### Suryanarayana receives Jayanthi memorial award



Bondapalli Mandal Devupalli branch library officer in Sri K. Suryanarayana Patnaik was presented with the Jayanti Ramalakshmana Murthy Memorial Award, which is given every year, at the 57th national library closing meeting at Vizianagaram District Central Library, by District Library Organization Secretary B. Lakshmi.

### Oriya film director Suresh wins Best Director State Award



The film "Trushna" has won six awards in Odia cinema. Sri Suresh Patnaik was elected as the President Director at the Odisha State Awards. Congratulations to him.



Sri Raghupatruni Suresh Patnaik is the cousin of our Sistakaranam Ikyavedika and Lekha's active member Sri Ravi Karakavalasa Hyderabad.

### Chi. Neha's 22 students selected for Ayodhya Festival Dance competition

Congratulations to Smt. Neha Bhatt Patnaik since 22 students from her dance school were selected for All India National Dance Competition & Festivals 2024 at the Ayodhya Festival from 14th to 16th Nov 2024. It is being presented by Akhil Bharatiya Battle Sport Sangh.



### Honor in Library week celebrations



Arasada Suryanarayana Rao of Aripaka, Visakhapatnam was felicitated on the occasion of the 57th National Library Week celebrations.

### Vishwa Samskruti Nandi award recipient Ajith



Let us congratulate Chi. Ajith Saikrishna, son of Sri Chilakalapalli Ramesh, son of Sri Chilakalapalli Ramesh of Parvathipuram, for receiving the award at the ceremony of Mayuri Arts' Vishwa Samskruti Nandi (2024) Awards held at Telangana Saraswathi Parishad in Hyderabad.

## Editorial

### Together we go... Together we grow...

*Samasta Sistakaranam bhandhu janulaku "Lekha" aatmeeya hrudaya namassumanjali*

*This month, our Kartika Vanabhajanamulu were held according to the details we received till now were 14. It is a joy to see everyone come together and show their unity. In some places, there are two Vanabhajanas on the same day, and there are those who attended both. This is a good get-together to develop friendship and mutual cooperation. In another place, there is an idea to organize a mega picnic in a town by bringing all the communities together. This is a suitable platform for any OBC to call government leaders and demonstrate our caste strength. If all the communities do this together, the OBCs have a greater chance of proving our strength. If we organize Vanabhajanas in regional communities, there will be less fear and anxiety, and there will be an opportunity to unite the hardships and joys of the caste relatives of that area. The elders of the community can work to solve problems. Some important issues were discussed in many picnics. Among them are social buildings and land allocation. Appointment of the Corporation Chairman and Directors to be included in the BCA, efforts towards discussing for OBC.. etc.*

*Overall, year after year, our Vanabhajanas are improving and showing unity. Let us remember some life lessons in our discussion.*

*When things are favorable, everyone knows about us, but when things are unfavorable, we know who we are. Those who have the quality of compassion have more difficulties. Those who have the quality of harshness have more happiness. Anyone with strength can carry the weight on their shoulders, but only one who knows the pain in the heart and the value of relationships can carry it. Trust only as much as you can. It is ours! If you trust too much, it will show you the taste of deception in life, and it will cause an irreparable blow. Trust and life, these two are the same, once they are gone, they will not come back. Do not deceive those who trust, do not trust those who deceive.*

*Together we go ..Together we grow At the upcoming Lekha Team Awards function.. Hoping to meet everyone in an innovative way...*

*-Jannumahanthi Venkata Chandrababu*

## Interview

### Virtue and service

**A person who differentiates between duty and service, really did his duty as well as service in his life. A big family of 11 sons and sisters knowing the pains of poverty and the value of education, they helped each other to grow themselves. His friends also helped. The seeds of service to society were sown from this environment. Baliwada Appala Jaganmohan Rao needs no introduction as he appears in the news to help many. Let us talk to him about how happy post-retirement is also.**

#### **Please tell us your career path.**

By the time I completed my I.T.I., our state government had entered into an agreement with the central government to set up three artificial limb centres and of which one centre was set up at Visakhapatnam KGH. 105 people were called to work in it and 6 were selected, and I was one of them. On October 3, 1983, I joined the job in KGH. Later, I did a Diploma in Prosthetics and Orthotics from National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research Institute, Orissa State. I stood first among 20 people from all over the country and received the award.

By thinking that God had given me the opportunity to serve four people due to getting a job with the hospital, I was able to provide the necessary service to our people who came to the hospital for treatment, regardless of whether it was night or day. If there was a problem with food, I used to prepare meals at home for them and if there was a financial problem, I would also help them. I must congratulate my wife, Mrs. Usharani and my children, Sunita and Sudipti, who never knew whom I would bring for dinner. I used to go to polio-ridden children at AMG hospital every evening and do physiotherapy exercises. Participating in many service activities as a part of Scouts and Guides during school days and still maintaining my unbreakable relationship with those friends is the happiest thing in my life.

I retired in April 2014 and till now, if any of our known come to the hospital, I will help them as much as I can. I go to yoga class every morning from 5.30 to 7. There are 30 of us and one day a month we distribute fruit, rice etc. in orphanages, hospitals, old-aged homes, blind schools. Participating in many service activities as a part of Scouts and Guides during school days and still maintaining my unbreakable relationship with those friends is the happiest thing in my life.

#### **What is your perspective on community service?**

We are lucky to be born in this holy land. Not that we were born, grew up, ate or slept, our life should have a purpose. That is service. Doing something with expectations is not service. Doing work as a job is not service, that is the virtue of work, for which we get a salary. But service is done without the expectation of reward, and I followed that path. I never expect any reward for my services, even today. I wanted merit. I did not expect fame. God gave me the opportunity to help four people, and I took advantage of it.



<b>Father</b>	: Kannababu Master
<b>Mother</b>	: Vimalamma
<b>Wife</b>	: Mrs. Usharani
<b>Daughters</b>	: Sunitha, Sudipti
<b>Native place</b>	: Chinakada, Dattirajeru mandal, Vizianagaram.

#### **What is your advice to retired people?**

My advice to those who think that retirement is all over in life - I feel that those who keep themselves busy forever with many spiritual and social service activities like me will have happiness, health and mental stimulation. Till I reached the age of 65, I often participated in the services of the Tirupati Devasthanam, played a leading role in the spiritual activities at Devipuram and serving my part in Bhubaneswari Mata temple programs, and I am happy to say that these activities always keep me fresh.

#### **Your comments on Lekha please**

**I came to know about this Lekha through my cousin Mrs. Rajeshwari. My heartfelt thanks to JV Chandrababu for giving me the opportunity in the Lekha. This Lekha is truly commendable for the development of Sistakaranam Sangham. My sincere congratulations to the editors and other team who share in making this letter beautiful and inspiring.**

**Jaganmohanrao garu with his perspective of service, is really identified by many in our community. His struggle, success and sharing are exemplary. Lekha wishes him a healthy and active life.**

---Interviewed by JV Chandrababu

---Compiled by Mantri Narasimha Rao

## Open Forum

### Cyber Fraud, Online Fraud Awareness Whatsapp Group

We are witnessing cyber fraud, online frauds and embezzling of hard-earned money from bank accounts. We are thinking that it would be better to have a WhatsApp group to avoid falling prey to these elusive frauds. The purpose is this this group is to share knowledge on how to avoid and protect against cyber fraud. Be sure to join this group.

If you yourself have lost money to these fraudsters, share your experiences and tell the group what precautions you should take to ensure that no one else is deceived like you. No one else should become a victim like you. Please share your experiences and how you made a mistake and got exploited by fraudsters. This will make the rest of us to be careful.

Money doesn't come easily to anyone. Money is always hard-earned. Let's develop knowledge of how to preserve it in the age of digital transactions. Let us all come together. Bring all your friends.

Self Help is Best Help.

Let's share our experiences with each other. Let's save our money. The reason for the idea of starting this group was that four of my friends (well-educated ones) lost thousands of rupees at the hands of these cyber fraudsters.

Pass on the knowledge of what is put into this group to more and more people. The main objective of this group is to make everyone careful.

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- Vijayostu.

**Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao, Admin**



### 'English only'- Sistakaranams WhatsApp group

All the groups of Sistakaranas are Telugu language based only. Those of our younger generation who know only English are not joining those groups. Because they can't follow Telugu well. That's why they're getting away. Sistakaranam Lekha is being published entirely in English also. But even that is not reaching them. Because they are not in the groups. Keeping this need in mind, this special group has been formed where messages are entirely in English, to facilitate all communications. All those who join this group should send messages in English in the group. In this one group, messages should not be sent in Telugu. All adults, young men and women who agree to that rule can join this group.

- Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao

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### Advice on cybercrime

A very important n good reminder...

Dear all,

Advice on cybercrime

1. If TRAI calls you that now they are going to disconnect your phone, don't respond. This is a scam.

2. If you are called about a package by FedEx and asked to press 1 or something else, do not respond. This is a scam.

3. If a police officer calls you and talks about your Aadhaar, don't respond. This is a scam.

4. If they tell you that you are under 'digital arrest', don't respond. This is a scam.

5. If they tell you that drugs were found in a package intended for you or sent by you, do not respond. This is a scam.

6. If they say you can't tell anyone, don't listen to them. Inform the cyber crime police at 1930.

7. If they contact you using WhatsApp or SMS, don't respond. This is a scam.

8. If someone calls you and says they sent money to your UPI ID by mistake and they want their money back, don't respond. This is a scam.

9. If someone says they want to buy your car or your washing machine or your sofa, and they say they are from army or CRPF and show you their ID card, don't respond. This is a scam.

10. If someone says they are calling from Swiggy or Zomato and you need to confirm your address by pressing 1 or something else, don't answer. This is a scam.

11. If they ask you to share OTP to cancel order or ride or anything else, don't respond. This is a scam. Under no circumstances, share

your OTP with anyone over the phone.

12. Do not answer any calls in video mode.

13. If not sure, switch off your phone and block that number.

14. Never click on any link written in blue.

15. Even if you get notice from top police, CBI, ED or IT department, verify offline.

16. Always check whether such letters are from authorized government portals.

As a matter of digital hygiene, do not share your address, location, phone, Aadhaar, PAN, DoB or any personal details with anyone over phone or messages. Also refuse to identify your name on the call. Tell them that because they call you, they need to know your name, number and any details you want to 'verify'. Even if they have your details, do not confirm or deny or engage in any conversation. Just disconnect and block.

In all these cases and others like it, the way to protect yourself is simple: cut the call, make a note of the number and block it. Do not press any numbers during the call; Don't listen to them. Cut the call and block the number. Remember, if they pressure you, scare you, or force you to act or react immediately, it's a scam.

Cyber fraudsters are coming out with different modus operandi to trap & fleece you.

One of the practical solutions is not to use your smartphone for any bank related transactions; Instead, use the old keypad type.

Despite all the above, if you get caught, report it to the local cyber police without hesitation, even at the cost of damaging your reputation.

### Digital arrest –

#### Warning to Bank by Cyber police

This video is very detailed. Everyone must see this. Also, forward this video to more groups and your relatives & friends and ask them to watch it.

<https://youtu.be/3j2WofSRz0c?si=EYaBOGUJOAaMS7eF>

-Admin

**Awareness to Protect from Cyber Frauds – WhatsApp Group**

## Support Arena

### Donations by Dr. Arikatota Kanakaraju - Novmber 24

1) Dr. Kanakaraju donated Rs. 3000 worth books to G. Sigadam, Srikakulam library for preparation of APDSC. Nearly 15 members are attending to DSC. The books were handed over to Ch. Venkatesh and K. Ramakrishna, wishing them success in the exam.

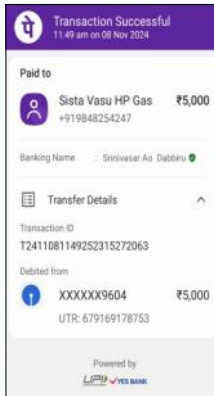


2) Disbursement of 10000 rupees for the examination fees of girls Mr. Arikathota Kanakaraju said that while 48 girls from Hayatnagaram Residential School are appearing for the 10th class examinations this academic year, 10000 rupees have been given for the purchase of question bank books required by the students.



3) Srikakulam Sishtakaranalu Picnic on 17.11.24 at Sishtakaranam Community Bhavan, Srikakulam. 5000/- for Gas sent by Mr. Kanakaraja on request for donations to Picnic Vijayavant.

4) contribution Arikathota Kanakaraju and Uma Rs 10000/- for new construction of Bagavan Sri Satyasai baba temple in Pothayavalasa village, Srikakulam DT.



5) I have given Rs.5000/- to Kum. S. Yasaswani

Request to all- Our SV Agri college alumna S. Yasaswani (2014 -18 B.Sc Ag in Tirupati & 2018-20 M.Sc seed tech in Lam) is undergoing expensive Lymphoma cancer treatment in Apollo, Chennai. She belongs to a lower middle class family and is known for studious nature, good attitude, hardworking and sincerity. Doctors are suggesting Bone marrow transplantation after chemotherapy, for which she requires around ₹40 lakhs, in this regard, I urge all the alumni to support her financially to the possible extent.

Her Gpay # +919398224927

-Arikathota Kanakaraju

### Service programs in the temple premises

On 5.11.2024, the auspicious day of Nagula Chavithi festival, at Rajiv Grihkalpa Marikavalasa Colony, in the premises of Sri Vijaya Ganapathi temple complex, Temple Trustee Hon. Sri Baliwada Balutripura Sundari (retired judge), on the occasion of 100th birth anniversary of his father late Sri Baliwada Rammohan Rao (Special Deputy Collector), presented a silver glove to Sri Subrahmanyeswara Swamy, the presiding deity of the temple. Ceremonial rituals were performed for Lord Sri Manmadhkrishna Swamy, the presiding deity of Sri Vijaya Ganapathi temple complex. The poor were given dhotis and women devotees were given blouse pieces. Members of the temple committee and the devotees commended Hon. Sri Baliwada Balutripura Sundari for organizing this auspicious event on the occasion of Nagula Chavithi.



### Bapatla Agriculture Alumni books given to Vizianagaram Library

On 15-11-2024, Sri Sadashivani Lakshmana Rao, a retired Chief Manager of Indian Bank and a student of Bapatla Agricultural College 1979 batch, visited the Vizianagaram District Library and met the library secretary Smt. Lakshmi and librarian Sri Srinivas, and presented the new books published by the Dr. I.V. Subba Rao Memorial Committee under the supervision of the alumni of Bapatla Agricultural College.. "Oka Nela Aneka Akasalu", 3 books which contain brief memories of accomplished students from 1945 to 2020 batches "Veluturuthoval, Velugupulu and Velugudive-lu". They said that the life stories of the alumni of Bapatla Agricultural College alumni will be an inspiration to the readers and thanked the book's editor Sri Gopichand and the publishers for providing such good books to their library free of cost. Poet and reviewer Sri Manapuram Rajachandrashekhar and poet Sri Uriti Lakshmana Rao from Vizianagaram were also present on the occasion.



### Sista Helping Hands Social Service Program 28

Sri Baliwada Jagadish garu used to work in a welding shop in Kothur, while his wife used to run a small tea shop and live in a rented house in Kothur. However, when Jagadish garu's health became weak due to diabetes and other diseases related to diabetes, they were dismissed from their jobs. The tea shop was also sold for the wedding of his daughter. The boy studied intermediate and used to work in a laboratory.

Due to working in the lab- Pawan's B.P. check would come up to 220/110. After being like that for a few days, on the advice of friends, Pawan was shown to GEMS Hospital in Srikakulam, Ragolu in May 2024.

As the hospital said that KIMS Icon should be shown in Visakhapatnam, he was shown to KIMS Hospital in June. After a complete examination, the hospital said that bypass surgery was necessary. Despite the operation under the Arogya Sri

scheme, they had to borrow an additional Rs. 1 lakh and spend it. Shishta Helping Hands Society team members and Srikakulam residents Sri BPCCK Mohan Raju personally went to their homes and got to know their lifestyle and condition and reported to us that they need help...

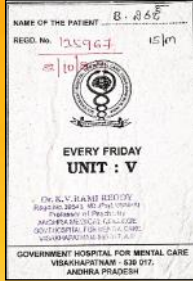
Shrimati Rani has expressed her readiness to start her tea and pan shop business again. She is seeking our help to get a tea and pan shop counter made and start the business at the place of her acquaintance and to help her financial condition.

Sista Helping Hands Society Specially Allotted Mobile Number:

90630 29716 through PhonePe Shishta Helping Hands Society Specially Allotted Mobile Number: 90630 29716 through PhonePe or transfer to bank account number.

## Support Arena

### Sistakaranam Lifting hands 14 th event announced



Our relative, Barli Subbalakshmi, who lives in Pendurthi, Visakhapatnam district, is divorced from her husband and is living with a mentally disabled son. Her mother and father are dead. She has no brothers or sisters. Even her family is not supporting her. Except for one son, she has no one. She has no support. So far, she has been working as a cook and a patient caretaker. She does not have her own house. Unable to get her mentally disabled son treated, without proper employment, and facing a lot of financial and mental problems, our admin, Tyada Prasad, immediately went to Pendurthi village where she lives, to know the details of the family and examine

the situation. From there, we spoke to our admin, Sanjukta Madam, and explained her situation. She requested financial assistance from our Shishtakaranam Lifting and Group for her son's medical expenses and her maintenance. On this occasion, Prasad and Sanjukta Medang had a discussion and agreed to help her. So, please, all the members of our group, as per your ability, please provide financial assistance to Barli Neeraj for his medical expenses.

- Admins.Phone pay and Google pay no-9848472818

### On Children's Day GK Books given as gifts

On the occasion of Children's Day on 14-11-2024, in a program held at Lions Community Hall, Visakhapatnam, Lions Club presented prizes to the students who won prizes in various competitions organized by



them. 13 general knowledge books (worth Rs. 2000) were presented to Ch.Pranay Sourish Verma and Ch.Pranay Arush Verma who won the quiz competition by Mana Sishtakaranam, Retired Union Bank of India Manager Srivantaram Chandramouli. Congratulations to them !

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**CONTACT: 8074800939**

## Books Distribution during National Library Week celebrations

On 20-11-2024, on the occasion of the conclusion of the 57th National Library Week, the closing ceremony was held at the Gurla Mandal Library Branch, Vizianagaram District, under the auspices of Library Officer P. Rama Rao. In this program, President of Mother Teresa Seva Sangham & Blood Donors Club- Tyada Prasad Patnaik, provided competitive books to the youth preparing for various competitive exams at Gurla Library. Another chief guest, Gurla Mandal Office, Administrative Officer- Arasada Trinadha Varaprasad, and as special invitees, President of Mathrubhumi Seva Sangham Ippalavalasa Gopala Rao participated in the program.



## Donation to our SK students' education fee

The daughter of businessman RMC Ready Mix company head Sri Donkada Chakrapani Patnaik, helped our Sistakaranam family residing in Cherlapally, Hyderabad with assistance of Rs. 15.000/- for the education fees of a boy studying ITI and a girl studying Intermediate, that was handed over by her father Sri Donkada Chakrapani Patnaik. Congratulations to them.



# Fraternity Page - Telangana



## A rare honor for a tireless leader

Sri Dabbiri Venkata Krishna Rao Sistakaranam.

This name is familiar to all of us but there is a lot to know. This name is not just for us. Let's learn about a great leader who was at the forefront of the struggle for the workers in the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation in the united Andhra Pradesh.

Sri Dabbiri Venkata Krishna Rao's hometown is Jalumuru in Srikakulam district, where he completed his 10th class and completed his intermediate in Hyderabad. Later, he got a job as an ordinary worker in the Andhra Pradesh Road Transport Corporation. Unable to tolerate the injustice being done to his fellow workers, he fought for the welfare of the workers and was elected as the depot secretary in a very short time. He continued to fight for the workers and stood up against the management that was doing injustice to the workers. He was suspended. Even though removal orders were issued, he fought for himself and for the workers, and succeeded in getting themselves back to work.

The President of the National and International INTUC, G. Sanjeeva Reddy, saw the need for such young leaders and appointed him as

the State Vice President of the INTUC. Over time, the Telangana State was formed as TSRTC during the division of the states. Krishna Rao, a Telangana employee who would have been a flying star if there were Andhra employees, was unanimously elected as the Joint Action Committee and the Vice President of the Union. Even after retirement, all the labor leaders would come to Krishna Rao's house and take his suggestions and advice and move the union forward. Next, standing on the same platform, they came to Krishna Rao and said that if you were the President, justice would be done to us, and everyone unanimously elected Krishna Rao as the President of the TSRTC.

"Lekha" expresses its wishes and congratulations him for taking up more positions and moving forward and raising the banner of Sistakaranams.

Compiled by - Parvatishwara Rao Uriti

Collected by - JV Chandrababu



## Sri Krishna Rao elected Telangana Mazdoor Union President



In the Telangana National Mazdoor Union (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation) elections held in Hyderabad on 23-10-2024, our Sistakaranam leader Sri Dabberu Venkata Krishna Rao Sistakaranam was unanimously elected as the President.

It is a matter of great pride for all of us that our Krishna Rao, who is serving as the President of the All India Sistakaranam Association and member of the Telangana State Consultative Committee of the Food Corporation of India, has been given another big post. Let's congratulate him. We wish that will take up more positions.

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## With Dr.Lakshman in Infrastructure company launching

Our National President Krishna Rao Sistakaranam and advisor Tirupati Rao participated in the inauguration ceremony of Jaspire Infrastructure Pvt Ltd company in Hyderabad with Member of Parliament Sri Dr. Lakshman (MP), on Sunday 24.11.2024.



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## Public inquiry of BC castes of Telangana State

On 21.11. 2024, the public hearing of the BC castes of Telangana State was held at the Rangareddy District Collector's Office under the review of the BC Commission Chairman and the working members.

In this public hearing, Honorary President Sri Dabbiru Krishna Rao Shishtakaranam, General Secretary Sri Barli Vijay Kumar, Advisor Sri Tirupati Rao participated on behalf of our Sistakaranams. In this hearing, it was specially requested that our community group be included in the OBC list, and a place be allotted for a Sistakaranam community building, and that Sistakaranam caste be promoted politically. To this, the BC chairman responded positively and said that justice will be done to our community.



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# Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



## Sistakaranams in Political Arena

1) Sangh Parivar - Van Vihar Programme -At Chembuvani- palem in Visakhapatnam district, 3000 members attended the Sangha Parivar - Vana Vihar (Vana Samaradhana) event. Hon'ble former Rajya Sabha member GVL Narasimha Rao, former MLC PVN Madhav and Visakhapatnam district president Medapati Ravindra Reddy were present on the occasion. Visakhapatnam District Kisan Morcha President P.V.V. Prasadrao Patnaik participated.



der the leadership of Akkamahanti Raja, state convener of Sistakarana Saadhikara Samiti, a BC association affiliated to the Telugu Desam Party. At the event, 200 Sistakaranam family members accepted the party membership. Visakhapatnam district convener Baliwada Satya Rao, state committee members Basangi Tirupati Rao, Gajuwaka committee coordinator Pratap Rao Srinivasa Rao, Mantri VenkatRao, Visakhapatnam constituency convener Chakradharamohanty Kavitha, Anakapalli district convener JV Gopinathrao Patnaik and Mahendra Nath Patnaik participated in the event.



2) Telugu Desam Membership Registration Programme under the auspices of Sistakarana Saadhikara Samiti TDP state president and local legislator Sri Palla Srinivasa Rao inaugurated the Telugu Desam Party's membership drive at Gajuwaka un-

## Impressive devotional songs

At Sri Sri Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Temple, located in Naidu Thota, Visakhapatnam, Ekasapthaham was performed for 24 hours. The event started at 6 am on Tuesday, November 12 and ended at 6 am on Wednesday. As part of this, Kumari Dabbiru Harshavardhani, and her father Sri Dabbiru Sathya Prasad sang annamayya keerthanas. Many of them performed devotional songs with their respective instrumental troupes at the event and impressed the devotees.



## Raja got felicitated

Sri Akkamahanti Raja, Machilipatnam, President .Telugudesam Sishtakarana Sadhikara Samithi was honored by his relatives in Krishna district Sishtakarana Karthika Vana Samaradhana in Vijayawada.



## Admissions for Junior Inter at Sri Chaitanya branches

Those whose children are in class 10, please note. Admissions for Junior Inter, at Sri Chaitanya any branch in Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Vijayawada, Hyderabad are in process.



Please contact 8639212927-- Markonda Patnayukuni Anuradha

## APSRTC Best Performance Appreciation

APSRTC, Vizianagaram Depot felicitated their employees for the month of October 2024 by giving first position to the best performers in six categories. In such departments. Sri Baggam Balaji Rao, who is a Sistakaranam, stood first by achieving 52.97 percent in express service. Congratulations to him.



# Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



## Book exhibition at Kothur library

National level best teacher awardee Kudama Tirumala Rao said that one can achieve a perfect life with personality development if one has a passion for book reading. He was the chief guest on the second day of the 57th National Library Week celebrations held as per the directives of the Civil Library Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh. As part of the week-long celebrations, Tirumala Rao inaugurated the book exhibition programme. Speaking on the occasion, Tirumala Rao said that Mahatma Gandhi and other patriots went to libraries and read books on world subjects, educated the people, created awareness and instilled inspiration among the people and achieved india's independence. Tirumala Rao recited his own poem of a drug-free society and

sang special songs. Tirumala Rao presented several books to the library on the same platform. The event was attended by local citizens and students. Then there was the distribution of sweets.



## Hospitality to Annadata Cycle Swami

Cycle Swamy obliged having breakfast at Patnaik Towers in Vijayawada West constituency, at the residence of NTR District Sistakaranam Association General Secretary Sri Baliwada Shivakumar Patnaik. Earlier, the Patnaik couple gave a grand welcome to Cycle Swami. He was honored with a shawl. Cycle Swamiji, who is known as Sakhila Swami, has been providing Annadanam to many people in Shirdi and also in Kashi. Proving to be a great soul, he is also starting annadanam in Srisailem. Sri Shivkumar Patnaik said that it was a blissful experience to serve breakfast Cycle swami, who is receiving blessings from crores of devotees as 'Annadata Su-



khibhava', and that he blessed the couple.

## Comedy club honors MLA Sri Ganababu

On 24-11-2024, the 12th anniversary of the Comedy Club of Visakhapatnam was held at Dwarkanagar Civic Library, where Hon'ble MLA Sri Ganababu, who recently took charge as Government Whip, was honored by Sri Manapuram Tilak Patnaik, one of the founders of the Comedy Club, and a prominent tax consultant & Telugu Desam Party town leader.



## Belagam Chandrasekhar felicitated by Association



Sri Belagam Chandrasekhar of Parvathipuram was honored by Sri Jaya Babu and members of the Parvateepuram Association at Parvathipuram Sistakaranam Kartika Vana Samaradhana.



## Minister Dr. Nimmala launched the 21st issue of Palakolana news magazine

Andhra Pradesh State Water Resources Minister Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu

launched the 21st Anniversary Special Edition of the Palakolnu news magazine lauded by Sri Manapuram Satyanarayana, founder of the Palakollu Kala Parishad.



## Fraternity Page - Other States

### Prana Pratishtha ceremony at Shri Chitragupt temple

On behalf of Chitransh Chetna Manch Bhilai- Durg, Prana Pratishtha ceremony was started in Chitragupta temple near Jawahar Nagar Sports Complex. On the first day of the three- day ceremony, a grand Kalash and Shobha Yatra was taken out. Women took water from Suryakund located in Baikunthdham and reached the temple premises. - After this, worship began with rituals.

At 11 am, the women of the society wore the Kalash. After this, a procession was taken out. A grand Kalash Yatra was taken out till Suryakund located at Baikunthdham amidst bhajans and kirtans and band music. From there, the women took water and reached the temple. During this, there were slogans. The temple in Jawahar Nagar has been given a grand look. An attractive statue of Lord Chitragupta is being installed here. On the first day of the ceremony, altar worship and installation of the statue of Lord Chitragupta were done under the guidance of Pt. Sadanand Pandey.

Women danced happily to the devotional songs during the Kalash Yatra. Jaladhivas and Phaladhivas were performed. Bhajan- Kirtan was held at 4pm in the evening. During this, Manoj Sinha, Satyanarayan Bhatnagar, Karun Chandra Saxena, Dr. Rakesh Srivastava, Sanjay Khare, Rajesh Prasad Srivastava, Kamalkant Srivastava, Sunil Sahay, Jitendra Srivastava, Chandrakant Srivastava, Renu Srivastava, Aparna Srivastava, Kiran Srivastava, Jyoti Srivastava, Sadhna Amlesh etc. from the women's society were present.

On the second day of the ceremony, on October 26, under the guidance of Pt. Pandey, Vedit Poojan was held at 10 am. Then the rituals of Anadhivas, Vakhadhivas and Pushpadhivas of the idol of the deity was performed.

### श्री चित्रगुप्त मंदिर में प्राण प्रतिष्ठा समारोह शुरू, पहले दिन भव्य कलश यात्रा निकली

कम्प्यूनिटीरिपोर्टर भिलाई

चित्रांश चेतना मंच भिलाई-दुर्ग की ओर से जवाहर नगर स्पोर्ट्स कम्प्लेक्स के पास चित्रगुप्त मंदिर में प्राण प्रतिष्ठा समारोह का शुभारंभ की गई। तीन दिवसीय समारोह के पहले दिन भव्य कलश एवं शोभायात्रा निकाली गई। महिलाओं ने बैकुंठधाम स्थित सूर्यकुंड से जल लिया और मंदिर परिसर पहुंची। इसके बाद विधि-विधान से पूजा अर्चना शुरू हुई।

सुबह 11 बजे समाज की महिलाओं ने कलश धारण की। इसके बाद शोभायात्रा निकाली गई। भजन-कीर्तन एवं बैड बाजे के बीच बैकुंठधाम स्थित सूर्यकुंड तक भव्य कलश यात्रा निकाली। जहां से जल लेकर महिलाएं मंदिर में पहुंची। इस दौरान जयघोष भी होता रहा। जवाहर नगर में मंदिर को भव्य रूप प्रदान किया गया है। यहां भगवान चित्रगुप्त की आकर्षक प्रतिमा स्थापित की जा रही है। समारोह के पहले दिन पंच सदानंद पांडेय के मार्गदर्शन में वेदी पूजन, भगवान चित्रगुप्त की प्रतिमा



कलश यात्रा के दौरान भक्ति गीतों पर खुशी से छूमती महिलाएं।

का जलाधिवास एवं फलाधिवास किया गया। शाम 4 बजे भजन-कीर्तन हुआ। इस दौरान समाज के मनोज सिन्हा, सत्यनारायण भट्टनागर, करुण चंद्र सक्सेना, डॉ. रजेश श्रवास्तव, संजय खरे, राजेश प्रसाद श्रवास्तव, कमलकान्त श्रवास्तव, सुनील सहाय, जितेंद्र श्रवास्तव, चंद्रकांत श्रवास्तव, महिला समाज से रेणु श्रवास्तव, अर्पणा श्रवास्तव, किरण श्रवास्तव, साधना अम्लेश आदि उपस्थित थे। समारोह के दूसरे दिन 26 अक्टूबर को पंच पांडेय के मार्गदर्शन में सुबह 10 बजे वेदी पूजन होगा। फिर देव प्रतिमा का अनाधिवास, कलाधिवास और पुष्पाधिवास की विधि संस्कार कराई जाएगी। भजन-कीर्तन शाम 4 बजे से होगा। संजय आरती में वैशाली नगर विधायक रजेश सेन भी शामिल होंगे। समारोह के अंतिम दिन 27 दिसंबर को वेदी पूजन प्रातः 10 बजे होगा। प्राण प्रतिष्ठा सुबह 11 बजे से होगा। इसके बाद भंडारा किया जाएगा।

Bhajans and Kirtans took place from 4 pm. Vaishali Nagar MLA, Rakesh Sen will also participate in the evening Aarti. On the last day of the ceremony, on December 27, Vedit Poojan will take place at 10 am. Pran Pratishtha will take place from 11 am. After this, Bhandara will be organized.

## The Karthika Sammellan of Kharagpur Sistakarana families

The Karthika Sammellan of Kharagpur Sistakarana families and Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratham Lunch programs were successfully held on 24-11-2024 at Lakmi Ganeshalayam. For this reason, our SishtaKaran families from Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar Sishtakaran Samaj's President Shri Raghupatruni Bhimarao were the chief guests at this special event. On the invitation of Smt. Ashalatagaru, the temple committee, they booked a room at the Prajapati Lodge in Malancha a day in advance at their own expense and sat in the above programs. After the fast, the following programs were attended by the chief guests, under the management of Sri Mantri Bal Gangadhar, All India Executive Member, and the Sishta Karan families participated and discussed their devotion and many social issues.

In this context, Mantri Bal Gangadhar inaugurated the honorable meeting and Dr. Raghupatruni Bhimarao Garu and his wife Smt. Ashalata Garu were honored as the chief guest on the throne. In this context, Dr. Parvati Patnaik honored him with a shawl of honor. Chaudhary Vishnu, Municipal Ward Councilor of Nimpur Area Kharagpur, honored Shri Bhimarao Garu with a shawl of honor. Next, Shri Jaddu Mahanti Uma presented a bouquet of flowers, and then Sri Mantri Subhash Shekhar Garu and Sri Srinivas Mahanti honored Shri Bhimarao Garu with a garland of flowers.



During the address by Nanti Bal Gangadhar to the gathering of the chief guests and the Sistakarans who had come to witness the ceremony, the councilor services being provided by Sri Chaudhary Vishnu in Kharagpur, the medical services being provided by Dr. Parvati Patnaik, the social services being provided by Shekhar Mantri Ramesh, the development of the Ganesh temple, the development of the community, and the ideas for providing financial assistance to the Sistikaran families residing in Kharagpur, etc., were discussed. The restructur-

ing of the Kharagpur Shistikaran Society Committee was discussed.

Mantri Bal Gangadhar, on 07-December 2024, for the first time, the Lekha Annual Awards will be held in Hyderabad. The coach from Kharagpur will only be dedicated to the Sistakaran Awards and their event, covering Bengal, Odisha, Andhra and Telangana, train routes, etc., etc. While explaining the topics,

The chief guest Shri Bhimarao Garu also sent a letter of appreciation in which the contents were sent state-wise through digital news Lekha over WhatsApp, Facebook, the uniqueness of education for students, talent, job opportunities for youth, suggestions, advice and their experiences. Shistikarans filled the assembly with enthusiasm that all should come on one platform and move forward in development together.

The next Karthika Sammellan concluded after a delicious dinner and the 2024 Karthika Sammellan concluded at 3 pm and everyone reached their homes safely with joy.

This is how  
-Mantri Bal Gangadhar  
Lekha Correspondent WB



## Fraternity Page - Other States

### Sharatkavi in Kharagpur



On Sunday 17.11.2024, former DRDO Director, Poet and Vice President of All India Shishtakarana Association Sri Dabbiru Venkata Ramana Murthy (pen name Sharatkavi) was felicitated by members of the Kharagpur Shishtakarana Association at the hall of the local Sri Shayana Sangha Association by All India Sistakarana Association Vice-President Sri Vadada Umamaheswar Rao and Sri Mahanti, with a shawl and a garland. In the two-hour long program, many prominent figures showered praise on Murthy garu in their speeches. Women members were also

present in the program. Association President Sri Mandakuriti Murali conducted the program smoothly. In his speech, Sri Murthy garu thanked the members of the Kharagpur Shishtakaran Association for honoring him with affection, mentioned his association with Kharagpur and spoke in detail about his literary journey. The felicitation session ended with Sri Murali's vote of thanks. In another program 19/11/24

On the occasion of the visit of Sri Dabbir Venkataramana Murthy (Saratkavi), Vice President of All India Shishtakaran Association and his wife Smt. Sunitharani to Kharagpur for the marriage of their cousin's daughter, after the marriage, our Kharagpur Shishtakaran families and Shishtakaran youth jointly organized a gratitude meeting at Sri Srinivas Kanti Mahanti's

residence in Malancha. In the capacity of Vice President, he encouraged students by encouraging them in the Merit Students Awards program held in August 2024 under the auspices of All India Sistikaran Association, while the executive member from West Bengal, Shri Mantri Bala Gangadhar, was given the responsibility of the awards, while merit students from Kharagpur were also present in Payakaraopet.

In the Malancha Sabha, Dabbir Srinu, a social activist, presented a shawl to Shri Anantha Patnaik, a retired senior section engineer, and Smt. Sujatha, his wife, presented a shawl to Shri Anantha Patnaik. Shri Mantri Bala Gangadhar, while addressing the thanksgiving meeting, presented a memento. Shri Sahini Shekhar Patnaik, his wife Parvathi Rani, Uriti Taraka Patnaik, his wife Uriti Vimala, Srinivas Kanti Mahanti, Smt. Swarna Latha, Smt. Sunitharani were felicitated with shawls. Dabbir Vasant Kumar, Raghupatruni Ravanamurthy, Kuppili Siva Prakash Patro and his wife Vijayalakshmi attended the meeting.

After the meeting, everyone present at the meeting received tea and refreshments, listened to the advice given by the Vice President, discussed the Karthika Sammela Vanabhojana programs to be held by the Kharagpur Shistakaran youth, and the Sri Sri Sri Satyanarayana Vratam to be held in our community hall, and thanked the Kharagpur Shistakaran families.



### Rudrabhishekam by CGSKA at Raipur



Rudrabhishekam by Chhattisgarh Sista Karnam Association

On 17 November, 2024 Chhattisgarh Sistakaranam Association (CGSKA) members performed Rudrabhishekam in Shiva Mandir WRS Colony Raipur. Dr. U Ravi Patnaik initiated this ritual to induce spiritual incense in n among Sistakaranam families. Smt. Sandhya Raj

coordinated and successfully made this happen within a group of 11 couples. Dr. Ramesh Patnaik and Smt. Rajkumari Patro also had participated in this group Rudrabhishekam.



### Book launch on electric transmissions

Let us congratulate Sri Kanapaka Kamalesh Murthy garu, retd. chief engineer, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company Ltd on the occasion of launching of book titled "Compendium of articles on EHV Substations and protections for budding and practicing engineers of transmission utilities" in the function to be held by MPPTCL at Jabalpur on 25-11-2024.

# Kalam Snehitulu

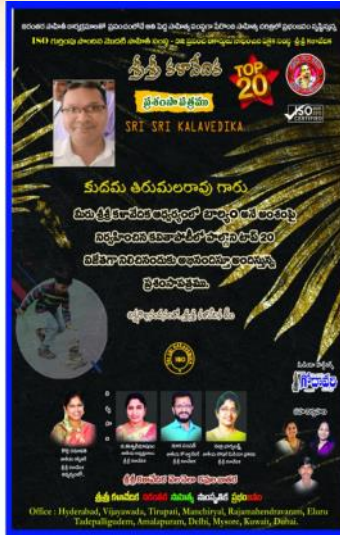
## Sistakaranams in Literary Service



1) As a part of the Gurajada Literary Chaitanya Utsavam to be held on 30th November, our Sistakaranam poet and Vizianagaram native Sri Manapuram Raja Chandrasekhar is among the poets selected to receive the Gurajada Best Poetry Award in the national level poetry competition.



4) It is a continuous literary and cultural institution in the world



Kudama Tirumala Rao became the winner of the national level poetry competition organized by Sri Sri Kalavedika and achieved another achievements Tirumala Rao participated in the national level competitions organized by Sri Sri Kalavedika, the first literary institution to be recognized ISO and became the winner.

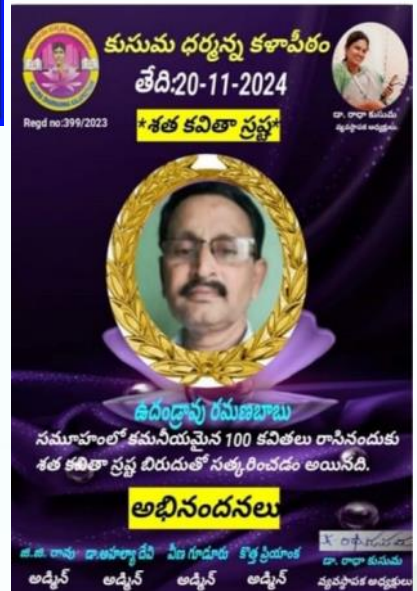
2) Listen to the speech of Sri Sekharamantri Prabhakar on Shiva Tattvam. Click on the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18574WaDoE/>

3) ) even if not born as a bond Time to meet as an attachment... Kartika's Vanabhojanas at Srikakulam on 17/11/24... Kalam Snehithulu who always cast a shadow.. Admins



Sri Balivada Hari Babu with Sri Satya Rao, Dabbiru Govinda Rao Master and Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao.

5) Kusuma Dharmanna Kala Peetha, which is busy with regular poetry festivals in Andhra Telangana and two Ra Telugu states, awarded the Shatakavitha Shreshta title to the poet writer Mr. Udan Rao Ramana Babu of Narasanapet for writing 100 poems in Kusuma Dharmanna Kara Peetha..



## Chitra Kavitalu - November 24

As per our group's regulation, Chitra Kavitalu is held every Wednesday. Members are asked to look at a picture and write thoughtfully expressed poems, not more than 10 lines. Alongside here are the pictures that were given during the month of August-2024.

- Gauriprasad Karakavalasa, Chitra Kavitalu Organizer Admins team, Kalam Snehithulu Kalavedika



## Entrepreneurs Frontier

### Dolphin roof top solar power

Dolphin Roof Top Solar Power is an enterprise by Sri Venkumahanthi Srinivas, at Vishakhapatnam.

### Chilli Powder and Non-Veg Pickles

My salutations to all Sistakaranam relatives. My name is Kondadadi Saritha, Vijayawada. We have pure, home-style made veg and all kinds of chilli powders and non-veg pickles.

We wish to supply drumstick chilli powder, bitter gourd chilli powder, mint coriander sesame seeds toor powder, coconut chilli, masala chilli, chicken pickle, mutton pickle, gongura chicken, gongura mutton, gongura prawns, crabs, fish, mushroom pickle, dry fruit pickle, natukodi pickle, and all kinds of veg pickles, to our relatives at affordable prices.

Anyone who needs chilli powders or pickles can contact us on 7286950565. I request you to support my business and encourage me.

### PSM Travels

It is one year since PSM Travels has been established. Rentals available from Bobbili to Orissa, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Hyderabad and for pilgrimages, also for weddings drone camera can be hired.

Wedding shoot,  
Pre wedding shoot,  
Post wedding shoot,  
Event Photography,  
Videography,  
Camera and tent is free for those who have booked a car.

Numbers to be contacted:  
- Pakki Sai: 9398943508  
- Sarada: 8978802644  
- Murthy: 9505813468

## Health Page

### National Cancer Awareness Day

National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually on November 7 th in India. The day highlights the significance of increased awareness about cancer prevention and early detection for the general public. The day was first announced in 2014 to coincide with the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Marie Curie, known for her contribution in the development of radiotherapy to treat cancer.

In India, nearly 1.1 million new cases of cancer are being reported annually. Two-thirds of cancer cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage, reducing patients' chances of survival.

The National Cancer Control Programme was initiated in 1975 to provide cancer treatment facilities in the country. The program was modified in 1984-85 to provide thrust to prevention and early detection of cancer such as regular screening of the population especially females for cervical and breast cancers.

## Karnam World

### First Indian Overseer - Late B.K. Rao

Late Bhatlanki Kesavarao was a great personality in Sistakaranam Community. He is the First Indian Overseer in Madras High Court. From there he came to High Court, Guntur and later he got transferred to High Court, Hyderabad. Finally he retired as Overseer of High Court, Hyderabad.



-J.V.Subbarao

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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	MONIKA
Surname	BALIVADA
Father's Name	B.VENKATRAO
Gotram	
Date of Birth	6-May-1998
Nakshatram	PURVA PHALGUNI /
Height	
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE NARAYANA JR COLLEGE
Work Place	SRIKAKULAM,AP
Education	M.SC
Preference	

Name	ANUSHA SAROJA
Surname	BALIVADA
Father's Name	B.SHANMUKHA RAO
Gotram	SANDILYA
Date of Birth	26-Apr-1997
Nakshatram	JYESTA
Height	5'
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE
Work Place	VIZAG
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

Name	SRAVANI
Surname	GARBHAM
Father's Name	G.CHAKRADHAR
Gotram	GOUTHAMASA
Date of Birth	24-May-1999
Nakshatram	
Height	5' 3"
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	



Name	ESWAR PRASAD
Surname	MANIPATRUNI
Father's Name	M.V.S.GIRI
Gotram	BHARADWAJ
Date of Birth	27-Jul-1992
Nakshatram	ARUDRA
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	TAN
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE INFOSYS
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	BTECH,MBA. IT JOB- CITY BASED

Name	CHAITANYA KUMAR
Surname	JAKKUVU
Father's Name	LATE J.PRABHAKARAO
Gotram	GOUTAMASYA
Date of Birth	19-Sep-1994
Nakshatram	PURVABHADRA
Height	5' 4"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE CA DEPLOY ENGG.PVT
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	ME / M.TECH
Preference	

Name	ROHITH
Surname	URITI
Father's Name	U.SANTHOSH
Gotram	NAGESHWARA
Date of Birth	1-May-1989
Nakshatram	
Height	5' 8"
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE MNC CO
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

Name	RAGHUVANSH PATNAIK
Surname	GODABA
Father's Name	G.SRINIVAS PATNAIK
Gotram	BHARADWAJ
Date of Birth	2-Dec-1994
Nakshatram	ANURADHA
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE RED FORT CAPITAL
Work Place	MUMBAI
Education	
Preference	

Name	SAPTAGIRI
Surname	NADUKURU
Father's Name	N.VENKATA SRI RAMANA
Gotram	KASYAPA
Date of Birth	25-Nov-1993
Nakshatram	KRUTHIKA
Height	5' 5"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	GOVT. SERVICE CBIC ( CENTRAL BOARD OF
Work Place	VIZIANAGARAM,AP
Education	
Preference	PAN INDIA,SRIKAKULAM, VIJAYNAGARAM,

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## Travelogue

### Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan trip (25th Oct to 2nd Nov 2024)

Travel is all about exploring different cultures, places, architecture and so on. It is also about knowing our limitations, adaptability, adventure, acceptance to people, lifestyle and culture. We carried converter plugs for charging which we ordered in amazon in India. Took a spare mobile for local sim which we did not use though since we got international roaming done in India. We downloaded Apps like 'Yandex go' for taxis, '2 GIS' for maps, 'Google Translator' for language translations & of course 'Digi Yatra' for speedy movements in Delhi/ Chennai airport.

**Itinerary-** 25<sup>th</sup> Oct- Chen to Del- 11.25 to 14.20 hrs (2h55m, air vistara); 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Del to Almaty- 1.10 to 3.55 hrs (3.5 hrs, air astana); 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Almaty to Tashkent Train 9.34 to 2.53 hrs (17 hrs); 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Tashkent to Del 2.25 to 5.45 hrs (2h50m Indigo); 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Del to Chn 13.40 to 16.35 hrs (2hrs 55 min, air vistara)

#### KAZAKHSTAN- ALMATY CITY

We stayed at 'Almaty' the main city of 'Kazakhstan' which is not the capital though. The roads are wide enough. Its architecture is not ultra-modern nor traditional Islamic, it is generally basic and minimal. The dressing which is mainly observed by what women wear! We found it was purely western dressing and there were no scarfs or veils. Women and girls were somehow more found on the roads than men.... Maybe they went more often to jobs? They were seen smoking often coz of the chill weather probably. We found beautiful trees with leaves in red, orange, yellow, green falling in the foot paths. There were electric cycles left on the roads which anyone is free to use to roam around nearby.



#### Site Seeing -

**Day 1 (i) Shymbulak-** the largest Ski resort in Central Asia at 2,200 m above Sea level. We reached there but found the cable cars were in servicing and was closed for about a week. The cable cars take to 3 levels of mountains and the top altitudes get freezing cold with snow fall. **(ii) Kok Tobe** - We climb up the hill through a cable car and get a panoramic view of the city. At the top there is a pavilion with restaurant and places for pictures. **(iii) Green Bazar/ Zelyone Bazar-** one of the ancient old

bazars where one can buy anything. Dry fruits are very famous, reasonable and big in size.

**Day 2 (i) Kol say Lake-** took about 6 hrs from Almaty (350 km). We could not see the lake as we experienced snow fall and could capture the beauty through the drive as we headed close. We may not be lucky always to have everything as per plan but if we accept life, we can enjoy the journey, not necessarily its destination. To reach this, it's a huge, long drive with completely barren land. We find two villages just before reaching one is Sati village where there is no public transport facility **(ii) Cheryn Canyon-** the first Canyon in reddish shade which we see on our route. Here we were freezing and felt a bit risky as we were being blown by the wind. The car doors needed to be handled with utmost caution. **(iii) Moon Canyon-** The second one on our route to Kol say. It was very scenic before even reaching there and tough to capture the experience by photos. **(iv) Black Canyon-** The third Canyon we saw in our route that was formed and appears black in shade. **(v) Super Market** with washrooms, café & bunk- Break pre & Post tour which is located in both sides of the high-



way.

**Day 3 (i) Hill Resort Quaragai** where we find lots of adventurous activities, but we found wonderful snow fall. Anyhow, activities are not so easy to explore so better enjoy the scenic views. **(ii) Lotte Chocolate Factory Store** with a huge variety of chocolates **(iii) Magnum Supermarket** in city is a reasonable one available at multiple locations. **(iv) Church (v) Prestige Park.**

**Weather-** was totally unpredictable, be it snow fall, rain, extremely chilled wind or somewhat sunny weather. So, it is best to be equipped with woollens, jacket, caps, gloves, socks, shoes and umbrellas.

**Stay & Ammenities-** We booked in Airbnb for stay for 5 days but after reaching we found that it was and extremely old & poorly maintained building without lift while our room was in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. We cancelled & looked for hotels while it was surprising to note that there were hardly any hotels for stay and were highly expensive (3-star kinds at Rs 8000 INR per night)

Finally after moving with luggage through various taxis helped by our tour guide, we found one studio apartment for rental. In their terminology it is known as 1 bedroom apartment. The government supplies warmer air lines, hot water lines, normal water, gas, electricity at low cost which costs approx. Rs 1200 per month all together for a 4BHK Apt. Fuel for cars approx. Rs 30 to Rs 50 per Litre and cars are cheaper than India. People use personal cars especially during the entire winter. Rental accommodations are generally affordable price for Indians approx. Rs25,000 for 2BHK but for purchase pretty high. Generally, owners who lease out the apartments are multi skilled and take care of the maintenance and repair works (carpentry, Ac, electrical, plumbing etc) And if they appoint someone for maintenance, they shall be able to handle all services since labour is very expensive. Similarly, the drivers have thorough knowledge of all car repairs.

**Food-** we could manage very well as we carried for the no. of days for instant cooking in our apartment. We carried Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Milk, Maggi, Upma, Poha, Butter, Jam, Sauce packets for Breakfast and for Dinner 'Ready to eat' Sambhar Rice, Lemon Rice, Soup sachets and pickles. Paper plates, spoons, knife, scissors, tissues, napkin also we took so that we don't need to rush to markets over there. For lunch we tried out things like Veg Pizza (amazing huge thin and soft) & fries at Kok Tobe. They serve Pizza with mayonnaise (sauce is for available for buy). At Kol say Lake and many places they serve 'Doner' which is like a wrap from 'Subway' of very thin maida crispy chapathi stuffed with veggies, sauce and mayonnaise. (optionally non- veg stuffings). At 'Delhi' Indian restaurant in city we could get normal Indian cuisine. We heard from other Indian tourists about another place too. I find they have few meals in a day with minimal items/ quantity.

**Washrooms-** were a difficult scene out there. For huge distances you won't find washrooms or petrol pumps. One must plan and locate well in advance. Generally, it is not available in tourist places, nor the hotels are obliging. Few places let one use on paying. They are not well maintained. Anyhow we need to take care of tissues/ wipes/water/sanitizer/handwash.

**Tourists & Guide-** We found lot of Indian tourists probably because visa is free. We also found lot of Indian students at Delhi airport going to Almaty for their medical education which is cheap costing about 35 lakhs for 5 years while in Indian private colleges it would

## Travelogue

### Contd.....Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan trip (25th Oct to 2nd Nov 2024)

be around 1 CR. They study online and pass their exams while they also have scope to do some side business and pay their own fees. Later if they want to settle there or come to India/ US and pass another exam. Our guide was a young guy from Jharkhand India. He was partnering with another guy from Rajasthan, India. Our guide supported with an Indian girl who was supplying Indian cuisine food (room service). They were studying medicine and taking tours/ catering as side business. Our guides hired taxi with driver who was from Kazakhstan and quite polite as compared to generally people of Kazakhstan. Our Rajasthani guy could not only converse in Russian but also could well converse in Kazak language. Here anyone barely knows English. We could enjoy Arijit Singh music with bits of Kazak music.

**Currency-** is Tenge. 1 Tenge is 5.7 INR; 1 US \$ is 485 Tenge. We converted currency from Dollars to Tenge in airport & next day in Almaty (at both places we found they gave same exchange rates). Balance Tenges, we gave off for exchange in the train to Tashkent where there were lot of currency exchange people passing by. Banks FD interest rate is 18 to 22 % against in India where it is around 7 to 8 %.

#### UZBEKISTAN- TASHKENT CITY

Our 2 days stay in Tashkent was at the most traditional and tall 'Hotel Uzbekistan' which is just 15 minutes drive from the airport. However this hotel was listed with issues of hot water supply, which we also faced. The city looks pretty modern with huge roads and tall skyscrapers. It also showcases historical Islamic architecture through its museums, madrasas, mosques etc. Here some women wore veils/ scarfs covering their head following the Islamic culture. Though we did not find women with Burkhas anywhere. Probably because of cold weathers the dress code must have evolved. We got e-visa for this country. We travelled by train from Almaty (Kazakhstan) to Tashkent (Uzbekistan). There were passport officials for checking before boarding the train. Immigration, exit & entry stamping was done from country to country in the train. They open the baggage and check for drones etc which is strictly prohibited. In case it is found they shall be arrested. We missed visiting places like Samarkand & Bukhara which have significant Islamic architecture coz of lack of time and connectivity issues. Probably we should have driven down by taxi from Tashkent Railway station itself in the mid night instead of early check-in into the hotel. In the ancient buildings we find the tombs generally painted in blue

and rest in sandstone shade.

#### Site Seeing-

**Day 1- (i) Chorsu Bazar-** It was pretty interesting to watch the traditional wedding dresses, traditional winter wear and the extensive shopping that goes through endless lanes. Pric-



ing we did find it expensive than India. But we should have kept it towards the end of the day as it got too tiring walking endlessly to reach for food or back to the parking. **(ii) Madrasa (iii) Tashkent Memorial Park (iv) State Museum** in memory of Victims of Repressions Memorial which is part of the memorial park. It is a very beautiful building with intricate carved detailing in its exteriors. Interiors has 3 halls with collections of pictures of victims and historic artefacts. **(v) Tashkent TV Tower** is across the road of Memorial Park and is the 12<sup>th</sup> tallest tower in the world. There is a display of models of all tall towers in the world in the exteriors and huge models in the interiors. We could go to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor to take the panoramic view of the city. **(vi) Magic city** was a colourful



amusement park with musical fountains, lake, activities, restaurants, cafes & shopping. It gave a feel of a combo of mini-Universal Studio and Rameji film City.

**Day 2- (i) State Museum of Temurids (Amir Temur Museum)** - which was near our Hotel Uzbekistan and was about mid-sized of 2 floors. We did not visit the bigger museum. It had beautiful dome in the interiors and walls with colourful artwork in arches. The museum had narrations and stories predominantly of Amir Temur, lots of models of historic monuments located in Samarkand & Bukhara which

is renowned for its rich Islamic architectural significance. **(ii) Amir Temur Square-**A Park very nearby with a statue of Amir Temur sitting on a horse. **(iii) Tashent City Mall.** We could see Hilton Hotel & many high rises nearby. **(iv) Subway & Metro stations-** we travelled by metros to two stations to have a feel.



The designs were ancient with columns clad with glass and glass hanging ceilings in one metro station. They were very short in length though, probably because of the poor population of the city. **(v) Seoul Mun-** Korean pavilion where there is an artificial lake with musical fountain surrounded by shops, plazas, cafes etc. **(vi) Madrasa-** Near to Seoul Park where it is now being used for handicrafts sale studios.

**Food-** At Chorsu bazar, there was a food street where too many kababs were being prepared. We chose to walk to a restaurant where we could manage some 'Pulav' (they call for sticky oiled rice without spices) with fried potato. Also, we could get some chicken 'Samsa' (which is like Indian samosa but big in size with variety of nonveg stuffings). Once we went to an Indian restaurant called 'Raj Kapoor' nearby our hotel. In Mall we once had lunch at Papa John's Pizza. Once we had dinner at 16<sup>th</sup> floor in our hotel Uzbekistan where we could manage with Boiled rice which is just about 2 spoons, French fries, Chicken nuggets, Lentil soup (could replace our Dal barely). Supported with Pickle & Sauce sachet from my bag. Our Buffet breakfast was good enough with not only continental breakfast but also some light pulav and light gravy (of pulses like Rajma etc). In train we had Potato Dumplings (like Momos) & green tea.

**Tour Guides & Tourists-** Our guide was an Uzbekistani girl barely around 23 yrs of age and her partner who was driving us about 28 yrs They could speak in English. Generally, many could speak & understand English. We found lot of Indian & Pakistani tourists. In train our company was with a Muslim family from Kanpur with 2 kids in 4th & 8th class. Surprisingly, many knew Bollywood music, movies, serials & stars. Infact our young kids & many adults may not infact know of the hit Hindi songs.

**Currency-** is Som. 1 Rs is 150 Som; 1 US \$ is 12715 Som.

-Vandana Adivishnu

# Talent Corner

## Chi. Aithihya's dance performances at a young age

Sri Kondadadi Rajesh (Senior Journalist, Palakonda) & Anuradha's daughter Chi Kondadadi Aithihya (grandfather-grandmother Kondadadi Murali Mohana Rao & Rama Kumari) from Palakonda town of Parvathipuram Manyam district has given many performances in Kuchipudi dance at the age of 9, and won accolades. Her performances at Shirdi, Kakinada, Simhachalam, Srisailem, Anam Kalakshetra Rajahmundry, Bhimalingeswara Swamy Temple, Bhimavaram, Dwaraka Tirumala, Annavaram, Vadapalli, Ainavilli, Vijayawada Durgamma Sannidhi, Vellore Golden Temple, Antarvedi, Dwarapudi and many other prominent temples has been much appreciated. The recent performance as part of the Dussehra Navaratri celebrations at Palakonda Kotadurgamma Devasthanam was very impressive. She has received Narthana Bala, Natya Mayuri and Vartana Kaushalya Kalakar awards for her

performances. She registered her name in the Guinness Book of World Records with her performance at Kuchipudi Kala Vaibhavam Mahabrinda Natyam program under the auspices of Bharath Arts. Telangana state ministers Seethakka and Jupally Krishna Rao were the chief guests at the event and congratulated the child prodigy. With her parents having settled down in Vijayawada due to professional reasons, the impressive work of the little girl, who has been learning dance from her third year onwards and showcasing kuchipudi dance everywhere, is unforgettable. She says she is very fond of actress Sai Pallavi's dancing and she also will learn classical dance like Sai Pallavi. Along with Kuchipudi, she also performs in music and keyboard and gets the accolades of the audience. With full support from the school management as



well, her education is also not being impeded, her parents said. Let's hope that Aithihya reaches great heights in the field of dance and that her performances will be an inspirations for the coming generations.

## "Navarasa Chanti Master" Kathakali

Known as the "Navarasa Chanti Master" among the Telugu artists of Hyderabad and in the theater circles, Sri Bandaluppi Ramprasad gives rare performances in Kathakali along with other art performances.



## Basangi in Web Series 'Oy Baaghi'

Sri Basangi Suresh is playing an important role in the web series 'Oy Baaghi', which is currently trending on YouTube. In this series, which has released three episodes so far, he is playing the role of a father who is not in love, and the key theme of this series is whether his son and daughter-in-law, who are in love, changes their mind or not. Basangi Suresh, who has acted in many films and serials, has so far acted in web series like Mee-mor's Love, Satthibabu Pelli, Janaki Sametha Raghu Rama, Naa Madam Raa, Galam, Vasudha Kalyanam, Terrace Mate.



## Talented Chi. Shanvita

Cultural competitions were held as part of the Balotsavam held at St. Anthony's School in Visakhapatnam. A child from the local Ramakrishna Public School...Chi. Shekharamantri Shanvita entertained with a classical dance.



## Nehru painted

Kudama Tirumala Rao,  
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## Our Treasures

### Vidura's Morals

Who is Vidura?

In Hastinapura there are many royal kings, princes and nobles. In the Mahabharata we find kuru patriarchs like Bhishma, gurus like Drona and Kripacharya, emperors like Dhritarashtra and Panduraja, heroes, protagonists and great warriors. Not to mention the supreme Lord Krishna.

But there is a special historical personality who appears along with them. He is neither an emperor, nor a prince, nor a guru, yet he has a special place in the Mahabharata, he is Vidura.

In order to know the history of Vidura, one has to analyse Mahabharata.

The emperor of Hastinapura was the great Shantana Maharaj. He was Bhishma's father Shantanu. Once he goes hunting and is infatuated on seeing Satyawati, a fisherwoman. Her father puts a condition that the son born to his daughter Satyawati should be the ruler of the state. Though Shantanu does not agree, his son Devavrata agreed to the condition and vowed that he would not marry and would not seek royal authority. Thus Devavrata became Bhishma by taking such a "bheeshma" vow.

He performs the marriage of King Shantana and Satyawati. He then performs the marriage of their two sons with Ambika and Ambalika. The two sons die childless. Satyawati requests marriage with Bhishma. Bhishma, who rejected the request, says that according to the devara law, it is dharma samiti that the wives of Vichitravirya have children. Satyawati evokes Vedavyasa. Dhritarashtra was born to Ambika, King Pandu to Ambalika and Vidura to Ambika's maid.

If we read the story of the Mahabharata, yama, who was once cursed by the great sage Mandavya, was born as Vidura. Even though Yama was born as a servant as Vidura because he was a "dharmamurti", we find him pursuing brahmana dharma for the rest of his life seeking the good of the world.

Vidura is influenced by sattvik qualities. There is transparency in his behaviour. Despite attaining the qualities of Shamadamadi, he followed the dharma of service and offered swadharma for the welfare of the world. If you look at his history, he is a minister and an insider of dhritarashtra, his elder brother. Acting as the right-hand man of Bhishma, he was a great man who led the empire greatly. In fact, Bhishma's prowess and Vidura's intelligence led the Kaurava empire strongly.

It is in his nature to express clearly and frankly without hesitation what Vidura has in his mind. Vidura is a man who is known to be an expert in the practice of dharma with keen discernment of dharma and adharmas.

Duryodhana, with Dhritarashtra's tacit support, tried to kill the Pandavas several times. What is noteworthy is that the Pandavas were warned in the event of the burning of the Lakshya house and also saved them from that catastrophic situation. In this way on many occasions Vidura indirectly stood by the side of the Pandavas and protected dharma. Epitome of truth, upholder of Dharma, is the great Vidura.

- Behera Umamaheswara Rao, M.A., M.Ed.  
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### Equivalence of religions

There is a common worldly notion that religions are dividing people. This false notion will disappear, when one starts accepting that God is beyond religion. It is purely personal choice whether to stay boxed in a religion, or truly attempt to understand who or what is God. For those that want to know the truth, religion is never a bounding box. Common world compartmentalizes things, and stereotypes everything, how ever it is individual choice to be uncommon, and seek the not so common knowledge. For those that want to seek the uncommon knowledge, religion or religious scriptures or religious ceremonies are never a hindrance. This article delves into couple of examples, on how different religions say the same thing, and show that that uncommon knowledge is the common theme among the religions. However when one wants to raise above the religions, one has to do their own study of scriptures and understand what the timeless wisdom is and what has the great sages of all religions have said. The purpose of this article is to initiate one into the uncommon, and unusual pursuit of learning the essence that was very clearly, and loudly said in all the seemingly different religions.

When this pursuit matures one is liberated of the religion, and treats religion as a tool rather than a strict guide book.

There can be many tools for undertaking ones own disposition. If the goal is to liberate, it is obvious one is also to be liberated from doctrine.

The key is to understand the essence, but not confused and bothered by the differentiating paraphernalia around the doctrines.

A verse in Quran, says "which ever side i turn, there is face of alah" (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:115). That is such a beautiful statement. Same thing is said in Hinduism, that God is sarvantaryami. Obviously the wise sages put them in simple words expecting us to be intelligent to understand these. The early humans perhaps understand these very well, they did not question critically "if i look into atom, do i see face of allah?" Answer is yes very well. If you are attribute face a physical significance and meaning, you are not intelligent enough to look deep into these simple sentences. If you are intelligent enough you understand that even an atom exhibits an enormous amount of beauty, and expression to exhibit.

Jesus is known to be son of God. If God is father of a human, is God also a human, or in human form? If you understand christianity, it is clear that God does not have form. Hindusim too said the same. Mandukya Upanishad clearly says Brahman has no form. Intellectual discussions steer people into, unnecessary directions. However a true sadhak is not distracted from grasping the truth. In all this it was clearly being said one can self-realize, one can be the Brahman, become one with God. Not only is Jesus son of God, every human is son of God. It clearly said that everyone has the potential to realize the divinity with in. The truth is that when one pursues it (truth), one will clearly realize his or her own cosmic reality, and how he is one with the ultimate. Sadhak is expected to question to seek and learn, and not to question to ridicule. What one has to become is beyond words. For a true devotee, or sadhak, anything you tell him will lead him towards, the ultimate. He is never confused. The mystical sufism (followed by the greats such as Rumi), also tells the purpose of the sadhak is union with God.

Once the principle of advaita is understood, the journey begins. Then all religions and religious scriptures turn into tools of pursuit. You are liberated of the words, and the limitedness of words, and expand into the mystical union with God. In Tatvartha sutra, it is said one is self realized his soul, expands to the end of the universe. When the sadhak is ready the cosmic fabric helps one in the journey, and sadhak is bound to be one with the Guru, the cosmic principle, the source of everything.

- Giridhar Patnaik

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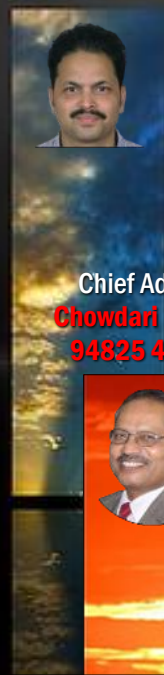
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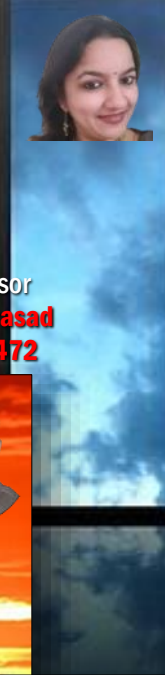
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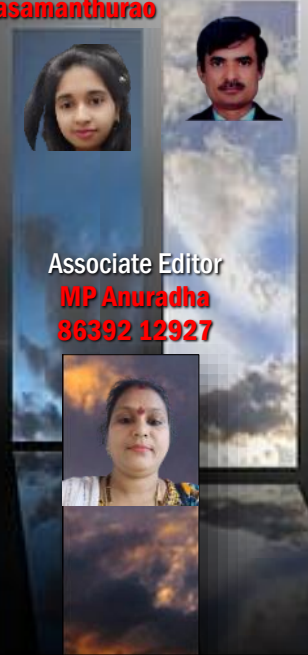


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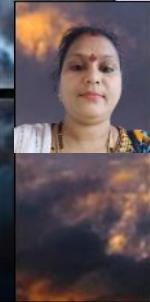
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# Know Your Community and AISKA

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## Review of Book titled SISHTAKARANAMULA SAMPOORNA CHARITRA contd...

The next Chapter on page 27, deals with Sishtakaranams during the British Era. East India Company was established in 1600 A.D. to carry out trading in India. Besides British, traders from Dutch, French and Portugal also entered India but only French could withstand trade competition. British could establish in India, by adopting DIVIDE AND RULE strategy between Indian Rulers and Moghuls. May be, they learnt the trick from our Indian rulers only, who dominated using Caste System! British rule in India started in 1769 A.D. English became the Official Language in India by 1813 A.D. It was difficult to get government jobs for those who did not know to read, speak and write English. Sishtakaranams who hitherto were in high administrative positions found it difficult to survive without knowledge of English. They were reluctant to learn a foreign language, but over a period, compromised to learn English and could get into Government positions again. British followed the faith of Christianity. They spent huge amounts to spread their religion across the country by offering government jobs to those who convert. Caste system and Untouchability was rampant in India. Lower caste Indians were not allowed in temples. Hence Christianity which treated all as equals, attracted many Indians including some Sishtakaranams belonging to Visakhapatnam and Bhemunipatnam regions to get converted.

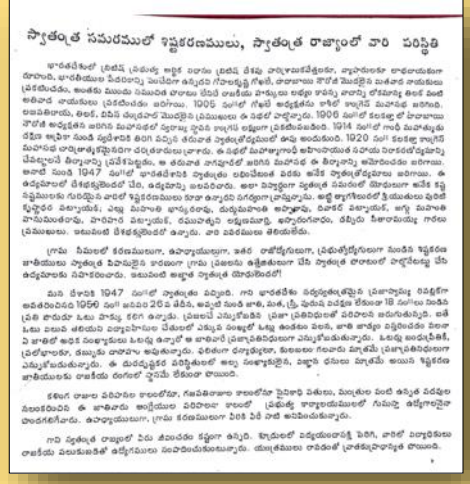
In Southern India, Sri Periyar Ramaswamy Naicker mobilized people from backward castes who were uneducated or unemployed to fight against British during freedom movement. Hence, reservation / quota facilities were afforded to these set of people for educational and employment opportunities. Sishtakaranams (then called Oriya-Sishtakaranams) were also treated as backward caste members. Other backward classes didn't evince interest in Education because population was less; and agriculture and family trades were more remunerative with assured incomes. Brahmins, Sishtakaranams and Telaga Castes who were dependent on government jobs evinced more interest in higher education including Law to become independent and professional Lawyers.

During British regime, States were based on geographical distribution. Only after Independence, linguistic States were formed. Part of Ganjam district of Bengal Province was included in Orissa State (was created in 1936 A.D.) while southern part of Ganjam which was in Madras Province became Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts in post-Independence India. As a result, Sishtakaranams in Andhra Pradesh were at a disadvantage and became a backward /



minority caste, while those who chose to be in Orissa became a forward community on social, educational, economic and political grounds, occupying high positions like Chief Ministers, Ministers, Leader of Opposition, etc., and prospered substantially. Many Sishtakaranams migrated from Andhra Pradesh to Orissa in search of greener pastures.

The next Chapter on page 28 is on the theme of Sishtakaranams during Freedom Struggle and their Status in the independent India. Senior Leaders like Gopala Krishna Gokhale, Dadabhai Naoroji and others opined that in India, economic policies of British Raj were only in favour of the British Businessmen and Industrialists while in-



creasing the poverty levels of Indian population. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak and others felt that unless strenuous struggle was made, political rights can not be achieved. Between 1905 and 1947, several tall Indian political leaders led the fight for freedom all over the country. Those who suffered and victimized included Sishtakaranams too. Stalwarts like Uriti Krishnadhara Patnaik, Yelumahanthi Bhaskara Rao, Harihara Patnaik, Raghupatruni Lakshmana Murthy, Durgumahanthi Apparao, Diwakar Patnaik, Jaggu-mahanthi Hanumantha Rao, Khaspa Ranganatham, Dabbiru Sitha-ramaiah and other patriots took part in the freedom struggle. De-tails of several others were not known. Many were Teachers, Vil-lage Administrators, Karanams, Officials etc., who inspired the rural public to revolt and fight for independence.

India got independence in 1947, became Republic in 1950 after which all citizens above the age of 18 years got the voting rights, irrespective of caste, creed, religion or gender differences. Elected Representatives were ruling the country. However, due to poor levels of literacy, caste was dominating in the electoral / govern-ance processes. General Electorate are getting influenced with money, caste and other ills thus only the strong and rich are ruling. In the process, sections like Sishtakaranams though intellectually strong, are victimized due to their minority status with regard to numbers. Gone is the past glory of Sishtakaranams who were su-preme ruling class during the Kalinga and Gajapathi dynasties. They were at least in government employment during British regime. They were performing exceedingly well as Teachers and Village Ka-ranams or Revenue Officials. Unfortunately, in independent India,



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and as Document Writers at Registrars' Offices.

Next Chapter on pages 35 to 42 contains about the literary connect of Sishtakaranams. Their origin was from Bengal and mother tongue was Bengali. However, they were proficient in north Indian languages like Sanskrit, Hindi, Oriya and mastered the Dravidian / South Indian language like Telugu. During 17th - 18th Centuries, the British patronised Telugu language to propagate Christianity. Around same period, Sishtakaranams in Sri-kakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam areas falling under Kalinga dynasty also authored a large number of Kavyams and Shaktams in Telugu. During 1713-1752 A.D., Jayapuram Samsthan (also called Nandapuram) was ruled by an Oriya king Sri Vishwambhardev. He encouraged Literary work; patronised Oriya and Telugu Pandits and one of them, a Sishtakaranam by name Sri Donkada Gopinatha Kavi who was appointed as a Minister. Oriya Adi Kavi, Sri Saarala Das or Sarveswara Das, a Sudra by birth, authored Vichitra Ramayana and Mahabharatha in Oriya. This work was translated into Telugu prose by Sri Gopinatha Kavi, which in turn was re-written in Telugu Poetry by another Sishtakaranam Kavi Sri Kallepalli Venkata Narasimha Murthy. Such was their popularity.

Literary Works of Sishtakaranams during the 19th and 20th Centuries were compiled by Sahitya Saraswathi Sriman Dabbiru Narayana Murthy in his book UTKALIYANDHRA KAVULA CHARITRA in Telugu published in the year 1929 A.D. These particulars were available in BANDHU SEVA, RATHA YATRA SPECIAL ISSUE published in 1929. A list showing details of 121 Sishtakarana Kavīs (including Sri Balivada Kantha Rao and Sri Ganesh Patro), their places and the literary works between 1567 A.D. to 1985 A.D. is given in this Chapter for reference.

The next three pages 43 to 45 of the book contain a Chapter on Traditions and Mother tongue (Sisthakaranamula Aacharalu, Mathru Bhasha). It begins with food habits in Andhra Pradesh, which

were adopted by Sishtakaranams who migrated from Bengal. Unlike north Indians, Andhras / South Indians consume rice and rice preparations, dals and cereals, pickles, sweets made of rice, Sambar, Kootu, spicy powders, wafers, papad, chillies, tamarind preparations, etc. Similarly, those Sishtakaranams settled in Orissa also adopted and are used to Oriya food preparations. Sishtakaranams belong to Aryan clans (including Brahmins) who eat non-vegetarian food. Its also written in Ramayana and Mahabharatha. They also prescribed the type of food a pregnant woman should take to give birth to a shrewd, intelligent, valiant male child. They have other traditions in case of bride-grooms also.

Sishtakaranams are said to be from Gowda kingdom of Northern India. They were also working as Chief Commandants and known to be Pattu Nayaks too. To be physically strong, they were required to consume meat and meat products. Of course, for some traditional reasons, they used to eat only Goat and Duck meat but not others like sheep, beef or chicken, which practice in due course got diluted. Bengalis like fish from streams and rivers, which was also adopted by Sishtakaranams. With regard to dressing by males, Sishtakaranams in Southern India wear a three-yard dhoti, which practice is also foregone now. Similar to Women in Northern India, Sishtakaranam female members also observe GHOSHA or Parda system. Women were normally restricted from going out of the house. Women were protected by fathers in childhood, husband in adulthood and children in old age. Today, there is a vast change, with women undertaking employment and leave home for a living. Women can neither be seen nor speak to father-in-law or brother-in-law. All these traditions and practices were written by late Sri Pakki Venkata Narasaiah Kavi in 1800 A.D. in his KUMARI SHATHAKAM.

Writing about the Mother Tongue of Sishtakaranams, the author says it is a hybrid or mixture of Bengali and Oriya. Hailing from East Bengal and migrated to the Orissa and Andhra areas, they learnt the two languages of Oriya and Telugu, but developed their own SISHAKARANA BHASHA. It has no script. Telugu, Kannada and Tamil languages to one group while Hindi, Bengali, Oriya and Assamese are a different group. The author lists a few chosen terms / words in the three languages viz., Bengali, Oriya and Sishtakarana to draw certain similarities and comparisons with valid reasoning.

Moving on, the author on page no. 45-46 deals with the Matrimonial Matters of Sishtakaranams (Sishtakaranamula Vaivahika Vishayamulu). Marriage is a private and confidential matter of the couple, but is publicly declared said George Bernard Shaw. In Western World, it is an agreement only and after the tenure, the couple is free to live independently, unlike in India. Our ancestors defined marriage as a bounden relationship as per law,

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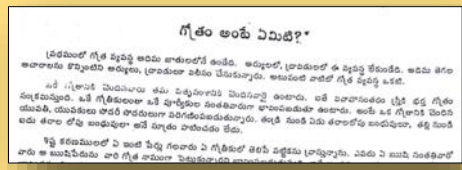
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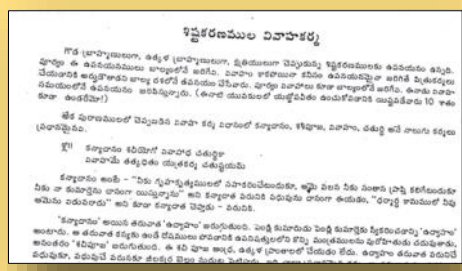
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tradition, religion and social customs. It is the foundation for continuing of the family system, not merely satisfying of physical needs but for the overall development of Society. Hindu marriage system has high sanctity in human life. As per Mahabharatha, Manuskruthi and Puranas, earlier weddings were taking place in India in eight ways. Today, it is not the case. Now, we have only two types, arranged and love marriages which are considered legal and normal, generally with the consent of all elders and acceptable to Society.

On page 47, the aspect of Gothram is deliberated by the author. Gothram was adopted in later stages by Aryans and Dravidians. It is linked to paternal side in a family. There is a detailed list of Surnames and Gothrams for Sishtakaranams. Gothrams are identified with the Rishis the different groups of people are related to. Sishtakaranams adopt their Gothram names based on the high administrative roles / positions / titles they held and surnames chosen like Behara, Chowdari, Patnayakuni, Dabbiru, Mahanthy, Pathrulu, Sahini, Rao, Rowthula, Veenum, etc. In some cases, surnames are dependent on their place of stay like town and gothram is decided. The author narrated certain practical cases and discussed about various surnames and gothram names fixed.

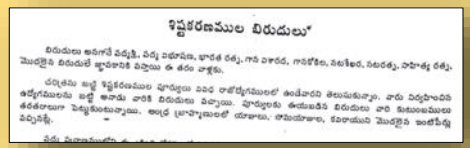


On page 48, Wedding rituals of Sishtakaranams (Sishtakaranamula Vivaha Karma) is described. Sishtakaranams who are said to be Gowda Brahmins, Utkala Brahmins and Kshatriyas follow the system of Upanayanam ie., Yagnopaveetha dharana. It is performed in the Adulthood stage itself, much before a man gets married. Certain steps or processes are being given up during the modern times. Marriages in the Sishtakaranam families take place as told in Vishnu Purana, Atharvana Veda and Upanishaths. There are series are steps / processes involved in these weddings. Special features are wearing of Madhuparkam and Makutam which is a tradition of Kshatriyas, since Sishtakaranams are Kayasthas. All traditional rituals prior to fixing of a match are followed by the elders from both sides. There have been no bad practices like demanding of dowry or harassment by in-laws etc. Similarly, Sishtakaranams never resort to child marriages, Sati Sahaganam, other negative practices but abide strictly by laws of land. Unlike olden days, marriages are held in a very simple way, without incurring wasteful expenditure for rituals. New Generation is willing to go for Registered Marriage with least expenditure. Modern times have also been witnessing Inter-Caste and Inter-Religion weddings.

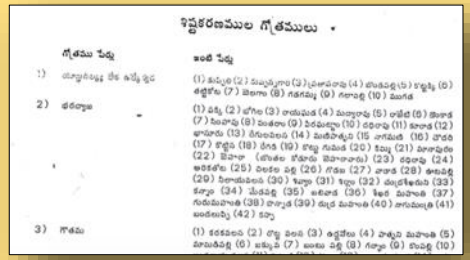


On page 51, the next Chapter deals with Titles of Sishtakaranams (Sishtakaranamula Birudulu). Titles does not mean Padma Shri, Padma Vibhushana, Bharat Ratna, or others awarded by Govern-

ment of India or States. Historically, Sishtakaranams held high positions in various dynasties and certain titles were given as an honour which are being used as family names. This is similar to titles like Yajulu, Soma Yajulu, Kavi Rayudu being used by Andhra Brahmins. Sishtakaranams were awarded titles like Mahanthi, Sishtakarana, Pattu Nayakulu, Nayakulu, Maha Prasastha, Maha Patro, Vainika, etc owing to their valence, scholarship, accomplishments and so on. North Indians do not use Surnames, but suffix their first names with titles like Behara, Padhi, Panigrahi, Patro, Mahapatro, Mohanthy, Panda, Mukherjee, Chatterjee, Chaturvedi, Bose, Choudhury, Pande, Mallik, Bhymik, Nehru, Gandhi, Desai, Patra, Mahapatra, Deo, Patnaik, etc. which are also like their Surnames. In Andhra, surname is always a prefix to first name. Sishtakaranams were migrants from Bengal and hence used their titles like Patnaik, Chowdari, Dabbeeru, Patro, Mahapatro as a suffix to their names. This is as per the practice of using name of residing village as surname used in the beginning of first name. A large list of 158 surnames used by Sishtakaranams is given on pages 51-52.



In continuation, the practice of using titles of Sishtakaranams as surnames is discussed with examples such as 1.Patnaikuni, 2.Anantha Patnaikuni, 3.Mahanthi (43 versions like Akkumahanthi, Ayyannamahanthi, ... ) 4. Rao (Murahari Rao, Dadhhi Rao, Pratapa Rao, etc) 5.Kuppili 6.Baggam 7.Patramu (Manthri, Dasamanthri, Nagumanthri, Jaggumanthri, etc... and Raghupatruni, Manipatruni, Kanthimahanthi, Sekharamahanthi, etc), 8.Behara 9. Chowdari 10. Dabbiru 11. Karanamu 12. Sahini, 13.Veenum 14. Pattabhi 15. Rowthula 16.Nadekari 17. Anchala 18. Kuppana 19.Sadasivuni 20.Nagamani 21.Sathujoda 22.Sajjula 23.Vishai 24.Mangaraju and 25. those in Bhadrachalam like Jayana, Nadekari, Gadekari etc. We have an aggregate of about 250 surnames in Sishtakaranams of which 243 could be listed out and discussed. Typically, members who migrated to Odisha and other Northern places gave up the practice of using surnames for local reasons and obvious reasons. On pages 55-56, a list of 21 Gothrams with relevant Surnames of Sishtakaranams against each is given.



In the end, on page 57 a long list of 88 literary references like various Puranas, Books, Religious Epics, Essays, Research Documents, Magazines, Periodicals, Daily Newspapers in Telugu and English, Text Books, Editorials, Committee Reports, Gazette Notifications, Poetry, and all relevant and important evidencing material which was used by the author are listed out for authenticity of the contents.

