



Lekha Annual Awards 2024



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Never before - To better YOY (Year on Year)

Sistakaranam Ikyavedika, a Digital Platform for all Sistakaranams, was born in the year 2020 (during Pandemic times) and is since registered as a Society with No. 168/BK-IV/2024. The Founding Team of Narahari S, Naresh D, Ravi Karakavalsa, Narasimha Rao Mantri and Suresh Dabbiru took up several initiatives, including the launch of a monthly digital newsletter named as LEKHA, a brain-child of Narahari, in English and Telugu (issued online free of cost) in December 2020, with subsequent appointment of JV Chandrababu as Chief Editor and A Vandana as Chief Publisher. All the monthly issues are being released on 1st Sunday of the month and uploaded in SKIV Website from time to time for reference: Downloads / Lekha Newsletters - Sistakaranam Ikyavedika ([see here](#)). Interesting fact is that LEKHA is the ninth surviving child rather magazine / newsletter of Sistakaranam family / community (please read a detailed article by Sri Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao of Visakhapatnam on page no.21 of LEKHA, April 2024 issue). The eight earlier magazines which are not continuing publication are 1. Bandhu Seva of 1929 (Berhampore) 2. Sista Darsini of Garividi 3. Sista Darsini of Saluru 4. Sista Pratibha of Vizianagaram in 2006 5. Sistakaranam Vaartha of Srikakulam in 2008 6. Sishtakaranam Swayamseva of Srikakulam in 2001 7. Sishtakarana Vani of Kakinada, EG Dist 8. Sista Velugu of AIPSKA, Raipur in 2021. It's a matter of pride that SKIV has been successful and consistent in producing its Bilingual Online / Digital Monthly Magazine called Sistakaranam LEKHA covering A to Z news.

After successful completion of three years and releasing 36 bilingual issues uninterruptedly, and having deliberations during December 2023, Team-LEKHA announced about their LEKHA ANNUAL AWARDS in the January 2024 issue (Pages No.1 and 22 of Vol.4, Issue 1). The Editorial Team brainstormed in the subsequent months of Feb, March and April 2024 to frame the Guidelines, Rules, Modalities, Types of Awards, Numbers of each type of Awards, Definitions, Eligibility Criteria, Nominations Mode / Process, Scrutiny, Steps / Stages / Dates of different related activities, Sourcing of Information on Nominees, Evaluation mechanism by Panels of Judges, Financial Planning / Budget, Logistics, Venue, Stay and Catering arrangements, etc. and announced the developments in subsequent issues of LEKHA inviting attention of Sistakaranams all over the globe to participate.

On page 24 of LEKHA issue of May 2024, a request was made to the readers to suggest design of LEKHA AWARDS / TROPHIES, which should be meaningful, unique and depicting the Objectives of the Editorial Team. It should be prestigious and as comparable to Oscar or Filmfare Awards, if necessary, using AI. In the June 2024 issue, it was declared that the Award Categories were finalized, Evaluation Process was defined, Trophy Design was narrowed down, the Budget was being worked out and Project Planning was on hand. In July 2024 issue, it was indicated that the Event will take place in December.

In the August 2024 issue, details of the 8 categories of Nomination based awards, 2 categories for the community stalwarts and 1 for the thanksgiving appreciating Sistakaranam members who supported Lekha (total of 11 categories) were announced. The exact titles of these 11 categories were to be finalized, but the definitions and eligibility criteria were clearly spelt out. In the September issue, the titles of all categories were announced, nomination and evaluation process were finalized, an App was developed and Cook Book released. A video clipping was developed to explain usage of the App and posted in YouTube: How to use the Lekha Annual Awards App. The nominations can be done by self or any third-party member. It could be through the App, WhatsApp message or email to SKIV team. A Branding team took on responsibility to disseminate and campaign the steps involved. Readers were informed to wait for the Final Announcement with date, venue and other important information.

The October 2024 issue of LEKHA (Vol No.4, Issue No.11) contained the initial response of our Sistakaranam community members towards the LEKHA Awards 2024. The Organisers received in all 173 nominations for the 8 categories of awards, as on 6th October. As against 24 Self-nominations, others nominated 149 names. The highest number was 33 nominations for the Seva Ratna Awards. 153 out of 173 nominations received were by using online App facility, which is highly commendable. On popular demand, the last date was extended to October 12, 2024 to enable wider participation. The details required to be submitted for Nominators and Nominees were kept to the bare minimum.

It was announced in the November 2024 issue of LEKHA that the number of nominations received exceeded the expectations of SKIV – LEKHA Team. A gross number of 226 nominations for 115 individuals towards the 8 categories of awards were received making it a formidable task for the evaluation panels. Information was collected / compiled from past issues of LEKHA on the coverage of nominees and converted as PDF files to assist the Judges. Deadlines were given to the Panels to complete the task with prescribed parameters for each category and assistance / guidance from SKIV-LEKHA Panelists. The entire process of Awards event was carried out through usage of electronic tools. Late evening Online Meetings were conducted on daily basis for all the Organising Team Members. An Appeal for funds was inserted in LEKHA to Members, Donors and Sponsors from all over.

Simultaneous planning was going on regarding



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Special Railway Coach from Kharagpur (WB) to Secunderabad via Bhubaneswar, Vizag and Vijayawada. A 72-seater Sleeper was booked for both ways travel by Awardees, Invitees and Volunteers on 6/7th and 8/9th December. An RTC Bus was arranged for local transportation in Hyderabad and accommodation at the venue ie., National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), campus in Yusufguda, Hyderabad. Travel, Stay and Food provided were free of cost to all participants. Date of the program was fixed as December 7 (Saturday) but got spilt over to December 8 (Sunday) due to additional activities taken up.

In all, 55 Members of Sistakaranams either as Individuals or Representing Groups were chosen for various awards in different categories. 8 Veteran Members who are very seniors in the age bracket upto 94 years who rendered yeomen services to Sistakaranam community in yester years were identified for LEKHA VIBHUSHANA AWARDS. Similarly, 9 Community Leaders who are active and wedded to serve the Sistakaranams were given LEKHA BHUSHANA AWARDS. Sri DV Krishna Rao, President AISKA and Hon. President of SWA, Hyderabad was given a Special Award as Sistakaranam Visionary. Other 9 categories of awards include 1. LEKHA Vaanijya Ratna (Two) 2. LEKHA Bala Kala Ratna (Four) 3. LEKHA Kala Ratna (Five) 4. LEKHA Keerti Ratna (Four) 5. LEKHA Seva Ratna (Six) 6. LEKHA Sahitya Ratna (Five) 7. LEKHA YouTubers (Two) 8. LEKHA Seva Dal (Four) and 9. LEKHA Abhinandana (Five). Special Awards were also given to Sri Barli Vijaya Kumar and Sri Srinivasa Rao of SWA, Hyderabad. Mementos were given to Sponsors as also all the Donors were thanked.

In addition to honoring the Award Winners, the program included playing of Sistakaranam Theme Song, Video of Newsletter by Bharat Vikas, inauguration by watering the plant, We shall Overcome (English version of Hum Honge Kaamyab) song by Team-LEKHA, Dance Performances by Priti Patnaik and Harshita Tinaa, Magic Show by Sagar, Video Interview of the Wonder Space Scientist Mas-



ter Venkatraman Patnaik, Karaoke Singing by Aarti & Bharati Patro sisters, Bytes by participating members from outside Hyderabad on their Train journey experiences, and closure by through a Grand Finale, proceeded by featuring our National Anthem. APSKA President Sri Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao and Team appreciated the historical venture by Team LEKHA of SKIV in organizing such a mammoth awards function for the first time in history and individually felicitated each of the 21 Members with a shawl and memento for its grand success.

Overall, the Event was a unique festive celebration of Sistakaranam families from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, New Delhi and other places. It was a NEVER BEFORE ... most memorable extravaganza for every participant while the Team-LEKHA and SKIV members vowed to organize it regularly at a higher scale YEAR OVER YEAR (YOY).

Please visit the event at these 4 links :



- Dr Chowdari Prasad, Bangalore.
Chief Advisor Lekha, Member Ikyavedika



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Under the auspices of Sistakaranam Ikyavedika and Sistakaranam Lekha Digital Monthly Magazine, the first-ever Lekha Annual Awards 2024 were celebrated with great splendor on 7th and 8th December 2024. The awards were presented to winners across various categories by eminent personalities.

We are delighted to share the names of the winners in each category and extend our heartfelt congratulations to them.

A) Lekha Vibhushana Award

1. Sri Polaki Apparao - Gangaregualasa
2. Sri Venkumahanti Mohanrao, Greater Noida, Delhi
3. Smt. Uma Patnaik, Bhubaneswar
4. Sri Singumahanti Muralibhagavan, Vizianagaram
5. Dr. Nagumantri Deviprasad Visakhapatnam
6. Sri Dadhi Rao Satyamurthy, Visakhapatnam
7. Sri Polumahanti Jaganmohan Rao, Sri-kakulam
8. Dr. Raghunath Patnaik - Bhubaneswar

B) Lekha Bhushana Award

1. Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao, Srikakulam
2. Dr. Chowdari Prasad, Bengaluru
3. Dr. Raghupatruni Bhimarao, Bhubaneswar
4. Smt. Rajkumari Patro, Raipur
5. Sri Balivada Haribabu, Visakhapatnam
6. Sri Muraharirao Simhagiri Patnaik, Vizianagaram
7. Sri Sadasivuni Lakshman Rao, Visakhapatnam
8. Sri A.R.K. Rao, USA
9. Sri Shekaramantri Trinadha Swami, Hyderabad

See Vibhushana & Bhushana awardees photos in subsequent pages.



C) Lekha Abhinandana Award

1. Sri Balivada Satyarao Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam. Received by Sri Saluru Mohan Rao from Smt. Rama Krishna Rao. Handed over in Vizag at his residence by Bharath Vikas.



2. Dr. Kuppli Suresh Babu - Visakhapatnam. Received by Sri Pakki Suresh from Smt. & Sri DV Krishna Rao.



3. Sri M. Giridhar Patnaik - Visakhapatnam. Received from Smt. & Sri DV Krishna Rao.



4. Sri Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das. Received by Sri Saluru Mohan Rao from Smt. Rama Krishna Rao. Received during Seethamadhara Sistakaranam association executive meeting in Vizag.



5. Sri Eluri Nagesh Kumar - Hyderabad. Received from Smt. & Sri .Krishna Rao.



D) Lekha Seva Ratna Award

1. Sri Tyada V.Y.S.N. Prasada Rao - Vizianagaram. receiving award in the presence of his son and father from Sri DV Krishnarao and A Raja.



2. Sri Avilala Sridhar - Tirupati. Received from Sri DV.Krishna Rao & Narsimha Rao Mantri.



3. Sri Arikathota Kanakaraju - Srikakulam. Received by Bharath Vikas from Sri DV Krishana Rao. In Sri-kakulam Sri Baliwada Satyarao with Dr. AKanakaraju and Smt . Uma with award.



4. Smt. Sanjukta Patnaik - Kakinada Receiving award from Sri D.V.Krishnarao in the presence of her husband and Lekha members.



5. Dr. Sadashivuni Baburao - Visakhapatnam. Received award from Sri Krishna-rao in the presence of S Lakshman Rao.



6. Smt. Mantri Sandhya Raj - Raipur. Received by Arti Patnaik from Sri D V Krishna Rao.



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E) Lekha Seva Dal Award

1. Mandala Vikalangua Welfare Society, Visakhapatnam. On behalf of Sri PST Patnaik, Sri M.Narsimha Rao received the award from Sri M.Simhagiri Patnaik.



2. Sridevi Vignana Jyoti Parishkar Charitable Trust, Visakhapatnam. On behalf of Smt. Keerti Patnaik, the award was received by Sri BSK.Patnaik from Dr. Bhimarao.



3. Sistakaranam Yuvatha - Visakhapatnam. received by Sri Manappuram Suresh from Sri DV Krishnarao in the presence of Sri A.Raja.



4. Sistakaranam Sangham, Kothavalasa. Sri Alluvada Suresh received on behalf of Sistakaranam association, Kothavalasa from Si Belgaum Jayaprakash (Jaya Babu).



F) Lekha Sahitya Ratna Award

1. Sri Sekhara mantri Prabhakara Rao, Visakhapatnam. Received from Sri Sadashivuni Baburao.



2. Sri Manapuram Rajachandrasekhar, Vizianagaram. Sri J.V. Chandrababu received on his behalf from Sri B.S. K. Patnaik.



3. Sri Dabbiru Prabhakar - Raipur. Received from Sri Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao.



4. Sri Dabbiru Srikanth, Viakhapatnam. Received by Sri Noupada Bharath Vikas and presented by Sri BSK. Patnaik. Vikas himself handed it over to Dr Srikanth.



5. Sri Dabbiru Venkata Ramana Murthy, Hyderabad (Shartkavi). Received by his brother Sri Surendranath from Sri BSK Patnaik.



G) Lekha Vanijya Ratna Award

1. Sri Kuppili Adi Swaroop Patnaik, Tuni, Received from from Dr. Bhimarao.



2. Sri M. Umadhar Patnaik, Visakhapatnam. Received from Dr.Bhimarao.



H) Lekha Kalaa Ratna Award

1. Sri Kudama Tirumala Rao, Srikakulam. Received by Sri Ramatata from Sri Maheswar. In Srikakulam, the award was taken by Sri Kudama Tirumala Rao from Sri Polumahanthi Jaganmohan Rao, Redcross Chairman.



2. Dr. Bhogela Uma Maheswara Rao (Umakavi), Srikakulam. Received by his son from Sri Maheswar N. In Srikakulam, the award was taken by Bhogela Uma Kavi from Sri Polumahanthi Jaganmohan Rao Redcross Chairman.



3. Sri Nandigam Haribhaskara Rao (MAGIC SAGAR), Narasannapeta received from Sri Maheswar N.



4. Smt. Neha Patnaik - Raipur. Received by Smt. Arti Patnaik from Sri Maheswar N.



5. Basangi Suresh - Hyderabad. Received from Sri Maheswar N.



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I) Lekha Baala Kalaa Ratna Award

1. Chi. Raghupatruni Venkataraman Patnaik, Sambalpur. Received from Dr. Bhimarao. (Senior scientist to younger scientist.). Interview of Master Venkatraman was played on the screen. Received by Sri SS Patnaik.
2. Chi. Garbam Preeti Patnaik - Visakhapatnam. Received from Sri S.S Patnaik, in the presence of her parents.



3. Chi. Rishali Uriti - Seattle, USA. Received by Smt & Sri Ravi Karakavalasa from Sri S.S Patnaik.



4. Chi. Raghupatruni Harshita Tiina, Visakhapatnam. Received from Sri S.S Patnaik, in the presence of her father Sri R.Nagaraju.



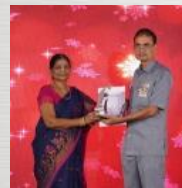
J) Lekha YouTuber Award

1. Sri Dabbiru Santosh Raju, Visakhapatnam. Telugu web guru channel. Received from Sri Chowdari Prasad by Sri Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao, who handed over award to Sri Santosh Raju at his residence in Vishakhapatnam.
2. Sri Patnaikuni V.S. Madhusudan, Vizianagaram. Received by his daughter Kum. Siresha from Dr. Chowdari Prasad.



K) Lekha Keerthi Ratna Award

1. Sri Akkamahanti Raja, Machilipatnam. Received from Smt. Rajkumari Patro and Sri DV Krishna Rao
2. Sri Behera Umamahe-swara Rao - Parvathipuram. Received by Sri Sadashivuni Lakshmanrao from Smt. Rajkumari Patro
3. Dr. Behera Ramesh Patnaik, Raipur. Received by Sri Dabbiru Prabhakar from Smt. Rajkumari Patro.
4. Dr. Muraharirao Umagandhi, Visakhapatnam. received by Smt. Vandana Adivishnu from Smt. Rajkumari Patro. In Visakhapatnam, Sri Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao handed over award to Smt. Uma Gandhi's husband, Sri Pakki Murali Ramesh.



Special Recognitions:

The Visionary of Sistakaranam Award was proudly presented to Sri Dabbiru Venkata Krishna Rao, President of the All India Sistakaranam Association. Additionally, President of the Hyderabad Sistakaranam Welfare Association Smt. Ramakrishna Rao, and Sri Krishna Rao, were honored with a special memento.



Prominent donors and participants from across India and abroad were also felicitated. The organizers expressed gratitude to all attendees and donors and announced that the Lekha Annual Awards would be held regularly every year to honor talent and contributions across diverse fields. 'Team Lekha' profusely thanked all the sponsors/ donors and judges without whose contribution this maiden event would not have achieved the success.



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At this awards function, several prominent individuals were also honored with letters and mementos.

1. Sri A.S.V. Rao, Hyderabad
2. Sri Barli Vijayakumar, Hyderabad
3. Sri Belgaum Jayaprakash Narayana, Parvathipuram
4. Sri Balivada Shivakumar Patnaik, Vijayawada
5. Sri Markonda Patnayakuni Gauri Prasad, Hyderabad
6. Sri Vijay Shekhar Karakavalasa, Hyderabad
7. Sri Donkada Chakrapani, Hyderabad
8. Sri Tamirisi Pratap Raj, Hyderabad
9. Sri Dadhirav Satyanand, Hyderabad



process by attending the scheduled meetings, following the judgement criteria and finally choosing the winners with the support of SKIV Jury members. The External judges for this event were Sri DVR Murthy, Dr. Bhima Rao, Sri Giridhar Patnaik, Sri ARK Rao, Sri Sravan Rayagada and Dr. Chowdari Prasad. While the SKIV Judges were Sri Sadasivuni Laxman Rao, Sri Mantri Narsimha Rao, Sri J V Chandrababu, Sri Ravi Karakavalasa.

We sincerely thank our esteemed guests, awardees, sponsors, donors, judges, and the leaders of the various Sistakaranam Sanghams. A special appreciation goes to all attendees who joined us from eight states and abroad, making this event a grand success. Moving forward, the annual LEKHA Awards will remain a prestigious platform, celebrating exceptional talent and recognizing achievements of our community across various categories.

- Compiled by Ravi Karakavalasa, Associate Editor Lekha, Co-Founder Ikyavedika

- Photos compiled by J V Chandrababu, Chief Editor Lekha, Member Ikyavedika



Team Lekha thanks all the external Jury members who accepted the request and took responsibility to facilitate the Judging

Glimpses of the event



Acknowledgements

Appreciation to all others who received Nominations for the Awards

Lekha Seva Ratna

- Sri. B Mahendra Nadh Patnaik
- Smt. B Sujatha
- Smt. B Radha kumari
- Smt. Barkha Patnaik
- Sri. Basangi Tirupati Rao
- Sri. Basuri Srinivas
- Smt. Chakradharamahanti Kavita
- Smt. Chandrakala Pakki
- Sri. JVGR Patnaik
- Sri. Lakshmi Narayana Kuppili
- Sri. Nagumantri Krishnanand
- Sri. Prataprao Srinivasa Rao
- Sri. Rajamahanti Ravisankar Patnaik
- Sri. Rompalli Kiran
- Sri. Seshagiri Rao
- Sri. Vantaram Chandramouli
- Sri Vuriti Srinivasa Rao

Lekha Sahitya Ratna

- Sri. Behara Ravi Kumar
- Smt. Jagadeshwari Patnaik
- Sri. Kotamahanthi Venkatarao
- Sri. P Lakshman Rao
- Sri. Pakki Ravindranath
- Sri. PRSSN Murthy
- Smt. Raghupatruni Saisiva
- Smt. Rajeswari Patnaik
- Smt. J Vijaya Kumari Patnaik
- Sri. V Kondala Rao

Lekha Vaanijya Ratna

- Smt. Ankita Arvindan (Dabbiru)
- Sri. B R Babu
- Sri. B V Rao
- Sri. Dadhiraov V N Jagannadh
- Sri. Kuraada Narayana Murthy
- Sri. N Jagan Mohan Rao
- Sri. Suresh Patnaik

Lekha Kalaa Ratna

- Sri. Aditya Patnaik
- Sri. Dabbiru Dharmarao
- Smt. Dabbiru Niharika
- Smt. K Vijaya Lakshmi
- Sri. KP Patnaik
- Sri. Manipatruni Nageswara Rao
- Smt. Namita Minothra
- Sri. Sekharamantri Shankar Rao
- Smt. Sai Dhanusha
- Smt. Swati Dabbiru

Lekha Baala Kalaa Ratna

- Chi. B Esha Patnaik
- Chi. Dabbiru Harshavardhini
- Chi. Divyansh Patro
- Chi. K Hitesh
- Chi. Rudransh Dabbiru
- Chi. Sekharamahanti Susanth
- Chi. Sujatha
- Chi. Sadasivuni Eesamani



Lekha YouTuber

- Sri. Akash Vivacious (Dabbiru)
- Sri. Baladari Nagasri
- Smt. Raga Chandrika Pakki
- Sri. V Nagender Rao

Lekha Seva Ratna and Kalaa Ratna

- Sri. Sudhakar Patnaik Baggam

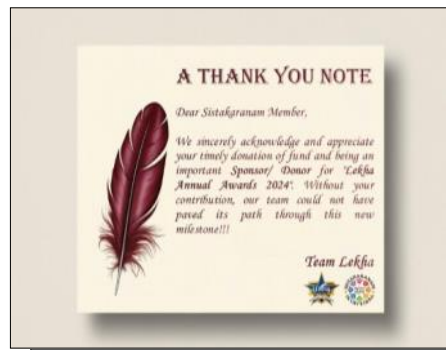
Lekha Keerti Ratna

- Smt. Buravilli Umamaheswari
- Dr. BV Rao
- Sri. Prabhakar Patnaik
- Sri. Urlam.Sivateja
- Sri. Dabbiru Chandra Mouli Patnaik

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Spotlight

The Iconic 'Lekha Vibhushana' Awardees

Sri Polaki Appa Rao, Vizianagaram, AP

- A Champion of rural clusters, connected to Sistakaranams at all levels
- Parents: late Sri Kurmanadham and Smt. Prataparao Appalarasamma garu
- Schooling at L.Ravivalasa and PUC/Degree at Bobbili Raja College VZM
- Started as Works Inspector in Irrigation Dept in 1968 and in Agriculture Dept in 1973 as Agriculture Extension Officer
- Vice President and General Secretary of Agri Extn Officers Association
- Joint Secretary of Parvathipuram Unit Pensioners' Association
- Worked for Sistakaranam community closely with late Sri AV Jagannadha Rao and Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao and in all States for representations
- Compiled and published SISHTA DARSHINI, with full data on Sistakaranams
- Associated with AISK. Given LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD in Berhampore



Sri Venkumahanty Mohan Rao, New Delhi

- Native of Kotabommali, grew up in Berhampore, settled in New Delhi
- Parents: late Sri Bhimalingam Patnaik & Smt Raghupatruni Damayanthamma
- Schooling at Ichapuram town, BA in Berhampore Kallikote College, Bachelor of Journalism & Mass Communication and Master of Arts in Berhampore
- Chose P&T Dept job over Andhra Bank, worked for a brief period, shifted to Press Trust of India in Bhubaneswar and New Delhi. Deputed as Media Advisor of JT Mobiles at Hyderabad, shifted to All India Radio, New Delhi
- Visited Maldives, Rome, Singapore, Maritius, Australia, Bali, Bhutan etc accompanying President, Vice President or Prime Ministers.
- Permanent Member of Press Information Bureau, in 2023 received honour of Veteran Journalist. Founder of PTI Emp Coop Housing Society, NOIDA ...
- With Sistakarana Samaj, Berhampore, Odisha and AISK for about 4 decades
- Closely worked on all our issues connecting to Govt of India and in all States



Sri Singumahanthi Murali Bhagawan, Vizianagaram, AP

- A septuagenarian, versatile activist, Veteran of Sistakaranam Association
- Parents: late Sri Ramamurthy Patnaik and Smt Sundaramma
- After graduation from M.R. College, entered textile business
- Was President of INTUC for Textile Workers' Union for 15 long years
- Vice President of Vizianagaram Dist Senior Citizens Welfare Association
- LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for Senior Citizens in 2015 by AP Govt
- Member of Vizianagaram Dist Wage Board & Hospital Development Society
- Was General Secretary of AP Sistakaranam Association for three terms
- Worked for BCs with Mandal Commission in Hyderabad and Vijayawada
- Appeared before Puttuswamy, Muralidhar, Dalwa Subramaniam & Easwaraiiah



Sri Polumahanthi Jaganmohan Rao, Srikakulam, AP

- Age 73 years and belongs to Srikakulam, AP
- CAREER : Rtd. Revenue Officer, Member, District Complaints Authority, Uttarandhra Region, Vice Chairman & Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, AP
- Organized more than 500 Blood Donation Camps and collected nearly 1,90,000 Units of Blood. Also handled Eye Collection Centres of IRC
- Constructed Orphanage and Old Age Home for 40 and 20 respectively
- Free Clinics and Medicines Bank were established in the dist. A Mega Camp for Orthopedically Handicapped Persons to provide Artificial Limbs was organised and were freely distributed to 483 Physically Handicapped Persons.
- TATA Project and AP State Branch have freely supplied 7 R.O. Plants to install in HUDHUD Cyclone affected areas and Kidney disease affected areas.
- Organising Free Mid Day Meal to 350 needy people.
- Founder of "New Central School" in Srikakulam, creating employment to 25 / 80

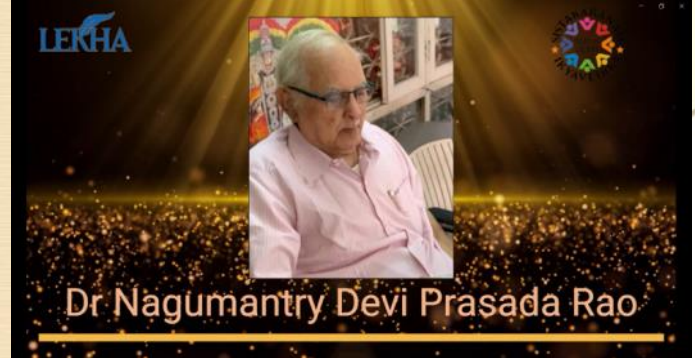


Spotlight

The Iconic 'Lekha Vibhushana' Awardees

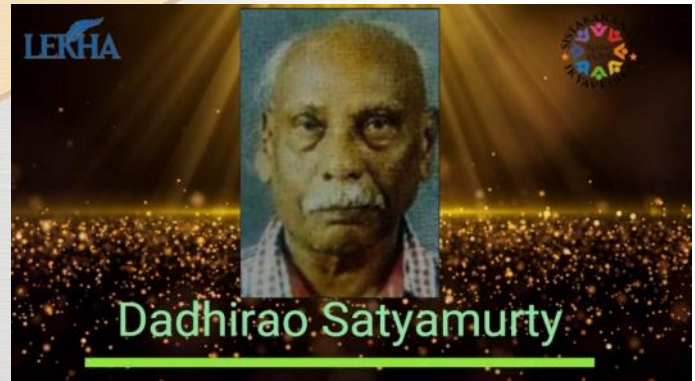
Dr. Nagumantry Devi Prasada Rao, Visakhapatnam, AP

- Dr N D Prasada Rao, 94 years,
- Chief Medical Officer, Visakhapatnam Municipality (Retd.) is a resident of Siripuram, Vizag
- He served Sistakaranam community since 1970
- President AISKA and President for Vizag Dist Sista Karanam Assn.
- Constructed Thokada Kalyanamandapam
- Allipuram occupied site won in High Court.
- On Gandhi Jayanti day, distributed food at Prema Samajam.
- Hosted Sista Kavi Sammelanam



Sri Dadhirao Satyamurthy, Visakhapatnam, AP

- An Octogenarian who belongs to Allipuram, Visakhapatnam, AP
- Founder & Publisher of SISTA PRATIBHA (Spirit of Merit) since 2006
- Parents: D. Narasimhamurthy Patnaik and Smt Dabbiru Nageswaramma
- A graduate from P.R. Government College, Pithapuram, Kakinada
- Joined AP State Govt Service as a Deputy Tahasildar
- Worked as Tahasildar, Dy Collector in Vizianagaram / Srikakulam, Spl Grade Dy Collector-Vamsadhara Project, Dist Revenue Officer-Prakasam Dist, retired in 1998 as District Commissioner, Small Savings Dept., Guntur Dist.
- Closely associated with Vizianagaram Sistakaranam Association
- Was President of All India Sistakaranam Association, worked for BC



Prof Dr Raghunath Patnaik, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- Dr Dabbiru Raghunath Patnaik, 75 years, Retd Dean-Law, Utkal University
- Subject Expert at UGC, Public Service Commission of India, UP, Bihar, etc.
- Associated with various Universities/ Judicial Academy, recruiting process, Seminar Speaker, delivering Keynote address on Legal Matters
- Written 56 books in English and Odia relating to Law
- 168 law papers were published in leading Scopus journals
- Evaluated 93 Doctorate thesis and many more law laurels.
- Recipient of Gold medal, Fellowship at National level and State level
- A born campaigner to advance people to raise heights of intelligentsia



Smt. Uma Patnaik, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- Smt. Uma Patnaik,
- Age-87years, House wife
- Surname - Dabiru,
- Original village-Jalumuru(AP) and
- Settled at Bhubaneswar (Odisha State) since long.
- Worked as President, Bhubaneswar Sistakaran Association, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) from 2007 to 2020 and
- Organised and associated with all the activities of the Association etc.



Spotlight

The Exceptional 'Lekha Bhushana' Awardees

Sri Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao Srikakulam, AP

- Unstoppable Sistakaranam community leader wearing many more hats
- Parents: Sri Satyanarayana Murthy and Smt Dabbiru Lalitha Bai
- Retired after 32 years of State Govt service as a Hostel Welfare Officer
- Founder President of Aditya Walkers Club. Member of Junior Chambers International JCI, Senior Members Association, INTACH, Red Cross Society, Retirees Association, President of A.P. Hostel Welfare Officers Association
- Conducted Sistakarana Garjana on 6th Jan, 2008 in Srikakulam. Over 2500 Sistakaranams took a rally demanding inclusion in backward class (BC).
- As President of APSKA, made representations for OBCs to PM and NCBC
- VP of AISKA and worked with late K Krishnamurthy Patnaik, KL Bhushana Rao, Sri SV Ramana Murthy, Sri AV Jagannadha Rao, Sri DV Krishna Rao
- Instrumental in getting funds from MLA/MP for Community Hall in SKL



Sri Polumahanthi Umamaheswara Rao's award was presented by Sri Simhagiri Patnaik

Dr Chowdari Prasad, Bangalore, Karnataka

- Active member of AISKA / AIPSKA and Chief Advisor of LEKHA (SKIV)
- Professionally qualified including a Doctorate in Management
- Life Member of AIMA, ISTD, IIBF and SBI Pensioners Association
- Retired Senior Banker and Management Professor (Dean/Registrar)
- Published 30 Research Papers on Banking, Management Education, Entrepreneurship, Rural Development, Business / Industrial Laws
- Travelled widely to 11 countries like Australia, China, Morocco, etc
- Served as President / Director at Lions Club, Manipal, Karnataka
- YouTuber, Karaoke Singer and Blogger "Progressive Banker"
- Active in Social Media like Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Google, etc
- Regular contributor in LEKHA, currently on "KYC & AISKA"



Dr. Chowdari Prasad's award was presented by Sri Simhagiri Patnaik

Dr Raghupatruni Bhima Rao Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- Born in 1952 in Kuppili Village, Srikakulam Dist., Andhra Pradesh
- A double PG and Doctorate in Mineral Engineering from IIT Dhanbad
- Started his career as a Scientist with CSIR, Govt of India, Min of S&T
- Retired as a Chief Scientist in 2012 and now Director, Aryan Institute of Engineering Technology, Bhubaneswar and Adviser, IREL
- Received over 20 National / International Prestigious Awards; authored more than 300 Research Papers, was Felicitated more than 90 times
- Guided several M.Tech and PhD Scholars in Mineral Engineering
- Passionate and dedicated to serve Sistakaranam community for long
- President, Sistakaran Assn of Bhubaneswar and EC Member of AISKA



Dr Bhima Rao's award was presented by Sri P. Umamaheswara Rao

Sri Muraharirao Surya Sundara Simhagiri Patnaik, Vizianagaram, AP

- He is into Real Estate Business, Founder of Simhagiri Paramedical College
- Prominent Sistakaranam Leader and OBC Convener of APSKA
- Staunch supporter of our Associations in welfare activities
- Extended logistics for grand success of the GARJANA on 06-01-2008 in Srikakulam which eventually resulted in our achieving BC-D inclusion
- Active in AISKA and led in representing our claim for OBC Reservation issue to President, PM, Central Ministers and Chairman of NCBC in New Delhi



Sri Simhagiri's award was presented by Sri P. Umamaheswara Rao

Smt Rajkumari Patro, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

- Parents: Sri Balivada Raj Kishore Patro and Smt Manorama Devi
- A successful / eminent educationist and a dedicated house-wife
- Humble beginning as a Teacher in a Missionary School in Khurda Road
- Shifted to Bilaspur and Raipur (1979) as a Principal, Little Flower School
- Started Tilak Bharati School in 1982 with 26 students in a rented premises; 2,000+ today with 80 staff members in 2 Branches in owned buildings
- 1st Woman President of Raipur Sistakaranam Association in 1995
- Organised 'Maatru Devo Bhava', 'Pasupu Kumkuma', 'Kaartika Vana Bhojana', 'Sankranti Milan', 'National Women's Conference', 'Youth Festival, 'Teachers Orientation Program' etc.
- 1st Woman President of AISKA, won several prestigious awards



Smt. Rajkumari Patro's award was presented by Sri MGangadhar

Spotlight

The Exceptional 'Lekha Bhushana' Awardees

Sri Balivada Hari Babu, Visakhapatnam, AP

- Digital Chronicler of Sistakaranams and Live wire Communicator
- Birth Place: Palathelagam, Near Kotabommahli, Srikakulam district.
- Parents: Sri Mohan Rao Patnaik and Smt Bhagavathamma
- Studied in Rural Schools, graduated from Tekkali & works in Vizag Steel Plant
- Passionate in Social and Community Welfare activities since over 20 years
- Worked closely under Baliwada Appalarasaiah and A V Jagagannadha Rao
- Focussing on matrimonial activities to strengthen our "caste security".
- General Secretary of Vizag District Sistakaranam Associations
- Organises VIVAHA PARICHAYA VEDIKAS and publishes Interviews of Leaders



Sri Baliwada Haribabu's award was collected by Ms Bindhu Rani at Vizag Railway Station.

Sri Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao, Visakhapatnam, AP

- Publicity Secretary of AP Sistakaranam Association (APSKA)
- Parents: late Sri Koteswara Rao (Teacher) and Smt Dabiru Bhanumathi
- Agriculture Graduate, CAIIB and retd Chief Manager, Indian Bank
- Held several important positions in the Bank in AP, Telangana and Assam
- Executive Member in Indian Bank Officers Assn., AP & received Awards
- Passionate and Active Member of Sistakarana Associations
- Prolific writer, Cartoonist, Active in Social Media thro WhatsApp Groups
- Communicates in Sistakaranam Groups for Businessmen, YouTubers, Bankers, NRIs,
- Journalists, Kalam Snehithulu, Diabetes, Cyber Crimes etc
- Member of Sistakaranam Ikya Vedika and Honorary Editor of LEKHA



Sri Sadasivuni Laxman Rao's award was collected from Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao.

Sri A R K Rao, Visakhapatnam, AP (now in USA)

- Ayyannamahanti Rama Krishna Rao was born in 1947 in Vomaravelli, SKL, AP
- Parents: Sri Satyanarayana Patnaik and Smt Narayanamma garu
- Passed Diploma in Ceramic Technology at Government Ceramic Institute, Gudur (distinction). Graduation from Ceramic Technology from Indian Institute of Ceramics, Kolkata and Diploma in Marketing from IGNOU.
- After 6 years in Pvt sector and as a Lecturer, in 1977 joined Gol, Ministry of MSME for 30 years across the country and retired as Director in 2007.
- Founded Sistakaranam Welfare Association (SWA), Hyderabad in 2010 along with S/Sri Dabiru Venkata Krishna Rao, Kuppli Hara Gopala Rao, Sadasivuni Venkateswara Rao, Barli Vijay Kumar
- and was the Working President
- Presently an Executive Committee Member of AISKA. All Associations must work for common issues at State / National level and welfare of members in all fronts.
- He is keen on imparting Self Employment Skills to Younger Generation.



Sri ARK Rao's award received by Smt.Sanjukta Patnaik from Sri Mantri Narasimha Rao.

Sri S Trinadhaswamy, Hyderabad, Telangana

- Aged 61 years, Retd Senior Officer of Customs and Central GST
- General Secretary of TSSKA, Hyderabad TG (formerly APSKA)
- Serving hard the Sistakaranam Community for over three decades
- Worked sincerely for achieving BC-D status by closely contacting the CM, Ministers of AP / TG States, Chairman / Members of BC Commission
- Worked closely with all Office-bearers of AISKA and BC-Associations
- Formed Telangana State Sistakaranams Assn after bifurcation of AP (2014)
- Prepared Vivaha Parichaya Vedika (Sistakaranam Brides & Bridegrooms) Lists in the year 1988 and distributed for the first time.
- State Advisor for తొలంగూణ బిసా ఫెడరేషన్ కులాల సమితి (TELANGANA BC FEDERATION KUALA SAMITHI), Telangana, Hyderabad. This Federation represents nearly 40 B.C. Castes.



Sri Trinadhaswamy's award received by Sri Donkada Chakrapani from Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao, Sri Simhagiri Patnaik and Dr.Bhimarao.

Reverberations

Mini Spin-off Events

Visakhapatnam: Dr. Dabiru Srikanth was honored with the Lekha Sahitya Ratna Award at the Visakhapatnam office by Sri Naupada Bharat Vikas. In his video message, Dr. Srikanth expressed gratitude to the Lekha team for the recognition.



Vizianagaram: On 16th December 2024, in the morning, we visited the residence of Sri Singumahanti Murali Bhagavan



in Vizianagaram. On this occasion, the Lekhavibhushana Award trophy and a certificate of appreciation were presented by our friend, retired DIET College lecturer, Sri G. Purushothama Rao, in the presence of Sri Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao and Smt. Manjula. The Lekha team extends special congratulations to Sri Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao for his dedication and effort in personally bringing the award from Hyderabad to Vizianagaram and presenting it to Sri Murali Bhagavan. His commitment to the Lekha Award and respect for community elders is truly commendable. Thank you, Sir!

Srikakulam: Kudama Tirumala Rao, a social science teacher at Kadumu Pathaponnutur

School in Srikakulam district, and Bhogela Umamaheswara Rao, the principal of Adavaram School, received the National Level Lekha Annual Awards-2024 Kala Ratna Awards. The selection of these two teachers was announced by Lekha Chief Editor Jannumahanti Venkata Chandrababu and Lekha Founder Publisher Shekharamantri Naraharinath at a meeting held on the 7th of this month at the NIMSME Training Center Auditorium under the auspices of Sistakaranam Lekha and Ikyavedika. The Kala Ratna awards were received by Kudama Tirumala Rao and Bhogela Umamaheswara Rao on behalf of the representatives of the Sistakaranam Lekha and Ikyavedika from the hands of Andhra Pradesh State Red Cross Society Vice Chairman P. Jaganmohan Rao and were felicitated today.



In this program held on Sunday at the Red Cross Society office in Srikakulam district headquarters, they were awarded the Kala Ratna awards and their services were appreciated. Talented from all over the world were selected in eleven categories and awarded the awards in the name of this Lekha Annual Awards-2024. In which, Tirumala Rao and Umamaheswara Rao were selected in the Kala Ratna category under the leadership off Chandrababu and Naraharinath, Jaganmohan Rao said. Initially, nomination apps were used

through the internet to collect details of the talented contestants. Tirumala Rao and Umamaheswara Rao expressed their gratitude for being included in the selection process undertaken by the team of senior contestant judges.

Bhubaneswar: Smt Uma Patnaik received a Lekha international award VIBHUSHANA from the President of SKA Dr. Raghupatruni Bhima Rao among her relatives, friends and SKA members at her residence on 29th December 2024 and the award function was concluded with a delicious lunch sponsored by Smt Uma Patnaik.



It is epitome of Dr, Bhimarao garu who carried her trophy and certificate from Hyderabad award fuction and arranged a get together in Bhubaneswar and handed over her in the presence of Odhisha aasociation .

Noida, UP: Venkumahanthi Mohan Rao garu with Lekha Vibhushana Award at his residence in Greater Noida, UP (Received through Post) Sent by Sri Sadashivuni Lakshman rao



Proud to be a part of Lekha

The uniqueness of the event lies in its dedication to Lekha, achieved despite significant challenges such as coordinating members from various states and harmonizing diverse opinions.

Wonderful experience ! Feeling proud to be a part of Lekha. Unlike other organization, Lekha is working voluntarily to reach out corners of our community. It's like dream come true for me as earlier I had opined to work for our community selflessly.

- **Arti Patnaik, Raipur**
Associate Editor Lekha, Member Ikyavedika

Hi all !!

Im feeling blessed to be a part of lekha annual awards. I felt very happy to meet all the elders at one place.

I was inspired by the words of everyone in the event. I learnt a lot by taking interviews during the train journey. By working together with the team helped us to build good relationship with everyone. To meet our community persons all over India made me to feel how huge n lovely our family is!!

- **Bharat Vikas, Vizag**
SKIV Social Media, Member Ikyavedika

Reverberations

Opinions and responses on Lekha Annual Awards programme

Congratulations to the Lekha team!

The recently held event in Hyderabad, marking the completion of four successful years of the Sistakaranam Kula Samagra Samachara Patrika (Lekha), is highly commendable.

Usually, annual events by publications focus on generating revenue through advertisements while celebrating their anniversaries. However, in contrast, the Lekha magazine, which is run by intellectuals, achievers, and young technical experts, has been dedicated to promoting the Sistakaranam community. It has taken a unique approach by inviting talented individuals, social workers, scientists, artists, and leaders of welfare associations to its annual celebrations and honoring them with Lekha Awards.

Such inspiring initiatives are essential for showcasing the talent and achievements within our community.

Our daughter, R. Harshitha Tina, has received numerous awards and accolades as a dancer on both international and national platforms. However, receiving the Lekha Award amidst community elders and leaders was an immensely proud moment for her.

The opportunity provided by the Lekha team for her to perform Manipuri folk dance in front of our relatives was truly memorable. Notably, renowned scientist Sri Raghupatruni Bhimaravu and his wife, who had come from Bhubaneswar, blessed our daughter and presented her with a special cash gift. This was a moment of great joy for our family.

- R. Nagaraj Patnaik

The way our Lekha Awards ceremony was organized in a most beautiful, committed, disciplined and high-standard manner and entertained all our people is highly commendable. It is truly commendable to gather the flowers of our nation's light and crown the talent. Even though the recipient was not present in the assembly, the Lekha displayed the details of the awardees on the screen and showed their wisdom. I, Shekharamantri Prabhakar Rao, have won many awards and prizes domestically. I have participated in many Ash-tavadhanas, Shatavadhanas, Sahasravadhanas and Kavanavi-jayals. I consider it an incredible fortune to receive this Lekha "Sahitya Ratna" award, and that is the scene of me receiving it from the hands of my admired brother-in-law Sadasivuni Baburao & JVC Babu.



- Sekharamantri Prabhakar Rao



Sistakaranam Lekha

- Reflecting the talents of many,
- Showcasing the poetry of poets,
- Highlighting the achievements of athletes,
- Documenting and sharing the activities of associations,
- Preserving history and heritage,
- Promoting knowledge of clan and lineage,
- Providing insights into professions and living standards,
- Addressing the conditions and progress of the Sistakaranas,
- Securing a stable position in their journey,
- Earning timeless glory,
- Aspiring for the unity of all associations,
- Winning everyone's acceptance without causing offense,
- Establishing a bond of affection in the hearts of all,

Lekha has completed 49 months and published 49 issues, dedicated to the service of the Sistakaranam community.

Today, Lekha has reached a milestone, stepping out of virtual meetings like a newlywed bride leaving her maternal home to enter her in-laws' home. By organizing a meeting in the external world, it has achieved success.

Heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable accomplishment!

- Avilala Sridhar

Hats off to Sistakaranam Iky Vedika and Sistakaranam Lekha Digital Magazine team for organizing Lekha Annual Awards 2024 function at Hyderabad. This program may be the trend setter for other communities. First time, I have noticed this type of event.

It is not easy to organize a function like this. Huge expenditure was involved and so many logistics were to be made in organizing an event like this. Awards were given to Awardees very meticulously by recognizing the talent from our Sistakaranam community at all India level. So many leaders from various states graced the event. Credit goes to the entire team. From the core my heart, I wish the team all the best in their future endeavors. I have missed the program as I am out of station.

- N Satya Prasad, Rtd Manager (RBI), Dallas

Among the Sistakaranas, Lekha Awards has identified and honored a remarkable gem. The Vibhushan Award has been bestowed upon the 79-year-old elder, Sri Polaki Apparao Garu. Even today, his thoughts and vision surpass the energy of youth, aiming to lead the Sistakaranam society on a path of progress. Despite being confined to a chair due to age-related immobility, he received this award



Lekha "VIBHUSAN" to sri POLAKI APPARAO from IKYAVEDIKA on 7th December 2024 at Hyderabad. (Award received by mr Godaba chakradhararao, grand son of awardee)

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for the year 2024 in Hyderabad through his grandson, Sri Godaba Chakradhar Rao Garu.

Sri Apparao Garu has dedicated countless years to the Sistakarana community, striving for new innovations, overcoming numerous challenges, and maintaining unwavering determination even to this day. Though his age limits him physically, his indomitable spirit has earned him the title of the Bhishma Pitamaha of the Sistakarana community.

Heartfelt congratulations to the deserving Sri Apparao Garu on receiving this prestigious Vibhushan Award!

- Balivada Haribabu, Visakhapatnam

For some, the place they hold in the hearts of those who admire them is far greater than any award given by others.

The position a teacher earns in the hearts of their students surpasses even the Bharat Ratna, a truth widely acknowledged. Similarly, recognition received without having to ask for it is far more valuable than any accolade sought. This is an undeniable fact.

In this regard, it is a matter of great joy that the Lekha Team has transparently conferred an award upon Chiranjeevi Haribabu, a writer, critic, poet, social reformer, efficient leader, patient individual, and passionate advocate for the Sistakarana community. He is a visionary committed to eradicating inequalities and establishing a progressive society. Due to his inability to travel to Hyderabad, Haribabu's award was presented today at Visakhapatnam Railway Station to his wife by Sri Lakshman Rao, Sri Prabhakar Rao, Sri Ramakrishna Rao, Sri Balagangadhar, and Sri Sri-dhar A. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Haribabu for receiving this special award, as well as to every individual who has been honored. I also convey my sincere gratitude to the Lekha Team for their efforts in recognizing deserving individuals.

**- Behara Nagabhushana Rao
AISKA Organizing Secretary**

Across Andhra Pradesh, the Lekha Team has announced prestigious awards to honor the exceptional services of our Sistakarana community members. I extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the respected Sistakarana members who have received these honors throughout the state. May you all continue to provide outstanding services to the Sistakarana community, earn even more prestigious awards, and strive for the much-needed OBC status, which is crucial for the progress of our youth. May your achievements inspire and bring pride to our community across all directions. With heartfelt wishes,

**Sri S.N.K. Mahanti,
State President & State Executive Member,
Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Sangham**

Acknowledging my efforts in Sistakarana community service, I am grateful to the organizers for selecting me for the "Lekha Bhushan" award. This



prestigious recognition, part of the Lekha Annual Awards, will be presented on the 7th of this month at an event jointly organized by Lekha and the Sistakarana United Forum in Hyderabad. While awards and rewards are not the focus of community service, they do come with a sense of increased responsibility. The welfare of our community has always been my priority, and awards like these inspire me to continue my work. The Lekha Annual Awards, which honor over 56 accomplished individuals in various fields on a single platform, represent a powerful and valuable initiative. Strengthening all our community organizations is crucial for safeguarding our identity. Unity is essential, as divisions only weaken us and embolden others to undermine us. I dedicate this award to all leaders and contributors working for the progress of the Sistakarana society. Once again, my heartfelt thanks to the organizers for this recognition.

- Balivada Haribabu, Visakhapatnam

On December 13, 2024, under the leadership of President Sri Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das and Honorary President Sri Thumbali Prasad Rao, an executive committee meeting was held at the latter's residence. Although this meeting is typically conducted on the second Saturday of every month, this session held special significance.



During the recent Lekha Digital Monthly Magazine Awards event in Hyderabad, an award meant for the Sitammadhara Sistakarana Association and Sri Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das, President of Visakhapatnam District, could not be received in person. The organizers sent the award to the association, and it was ceremoniously handed over by Sri Thumbali Prasad Rao during the meeting. The executive committee conveyed its heartfelt congratulations to Sri Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das and extended warm appreciation to the Lekha Team for successfully organizing such an event with great effort and dedication.

**- Kotipam Rama Shankara Rao,
Gen. Secretary & Full Executive Committee,
Sitammadhara Sistakarana Assn.**

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Just as prestigious magazines like Filmfare, Femina, and Herald recognize excellence in various fields, Sistakaranam-specific publications like Shishta Pratibha once served our community by sharing relevant information. Unfortunately, due to the rise of social media and WhatsApp groups, such print media has faded over time.

Four years ago, visionary leaders like JVC Babu, Narahari Garu and others launched the Lekha digital monthly magazine. Released as a PDF on the first Sunday of every month, this digital paper captures and disseminates essential community-related updates from across the country. The effort quickly earned widespread appreciation.

Encouraged by public support, Lekha took the commendable step of identifying and honoring notable contributors across various fields. Their first awards event, held on December 7th and 8th in Hyderabad, recognized deserving individuals based on meticulous research and selection criteria.

Despite initial challenges, the team successfully organized the event with great enthusiasm. While minor flaws are inevitable in first attempts, the dedication and effort shown by the organizers deserve admiration.

With the hope that future events will be even more inclusive and impactful, I congratulate each team member and look forward to seeing even greater accomplishments.

- Godaba Gauri Prabhakar Das, President, Visakhapatnam District Sistakaranam Association

Through Smt. Arthi Patnaik, I have just received the esteemed Lekha Keerthi Ratna Award. I am deeply grateful to the dedicated team of the Sistakaranam Ikyavedika, Hyderabad, for considering me for such a prestigious honor. This recognition has touched me profoundly and strengthened my commitment.



Regrettably, I was unable to attend the glittering gala awards ceremony held on December 7th in Hyderabad due to prior commitments on an important TRG project, a matter of deep regret for me. Once again, I extend my sincere thanks for this honor from my community.

- Behra Ramesh Patnaik, Raipur

Under the auspices of the Sistakaranam Ikyavedika, the Lekha Annual Awards – 2024 were grandly celebrated on Saturday, December 7, 2024, in Hyderabad.

As part of this event, individuals who have excelled in the fields of literature and arts were recognized and honored on a national level. In this context, I, Dabbiru Venkata Ramanamurthy, was

honored with the Sahitya Ratna title, along with a certificate of recognition and a memento, for my contributions to the field of literature. During the celebration, a short poem was presented. As Lekha, a four-year-old initiative, transcends boundaries of fraternity and expands globally, it is fostering a Sistakaranam Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (universal family). With gratitude and salutations, I extend my best wishes to all as I take steps to join Lekha on its journey of literary service.

- Dabbiru Venkata Ramanamurthy (Saratkavi), Hyderabad

Words of wisdom may be limited but
Prospects and progress demand quality performance.
That quality performance demands recognition and rewards which only a wise community can afford
Sistakaranam clan belongs to an intelligent race consisting of meritorious and TALENTED competent WORTHY individuals
LEKHA emerged instrumental in generating that spirit of EXCELLENCE

While on the other side of the picture we have groups of our Sistakaranam brethren
Struggling and striving for back ward caste reservations hoping to benefits some needy
At this juncture KUDOS to LEKHA'S sincere efforts to focus and flash upon
The creamy layer for enlightening and empowering the Sistakaranam Community Hats off to LEKHA

LONG LIVE LEKHA
VANDANAM LEKHA

- Bharati Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Dear LEKHA,
Saturday 7th December 2024 was an exceptional day for me with everlasting memories of Happy Times.

Heartfelt Thanks to entire LEKHA TEAM led by Sri Narahari starting with Sri Naresh's warm reception, Reaching to LEKHA Chief editor Affectionate and handsome. Chandrababu, pure and perfect Karakvalsa Ravi, Sweet and soft Shilpa to name a few of the GRAND TEAM

Echoing with encouraging words of Great Guides and Philosophers like Sri D V Krishna Rao, Dr Choudhary Prasad, experienced seniors like Sri Laxman Rao and all Honorable guests. I am sure GOLDEN DAYS are ahead

VANDANAM LEKHA
Through ARATI LEKHA

- Rajkumari Patro, Raipur

A Memorable Journey

Amaravati-Padmavati Special: Onward Journey

Our journey, filled with joy and excitement, was a delightful experience from start to finish, especially as we traveled in the special coach arranged for the Lekha Annual Awards 2024.

On December 6, 2024, at 12:55 AM, the special coach carrying 12 invited members of the Shishtakaran community, led by Mr. Y.M. Balagangadhar from Kharagpur, began its journey towards Secunderabad. The coach was attached to the Shalimar-Vasco-da-Gama Amaravati Express (18047) engine. As the train made its way, it stopped at Bhubaneswar Station, where Dr. Raghupatruni and the Bhimarao couple, along with other distinguished guests, were warmly welcomed.

By 9:30 AM, the train reached the Srikakulam Road (Amudavalsa) station, where renowned personalities like Chandramouli and Magic Sagar arrived promptly. The Andhra Pradesh Shishtakaran Sangham President, Pulumahanti Umamaheswar Rao, greeted everyone with refreshments and distributed prasadam from Arasavalli Sun Narayana Swamy. He bid farewell to everyone, explaining he would be flying to Hyderabad that evening for urgent work. A group photo was taken near the special coach, which was later shared with all participants.

The train arrived in Visakhapatnam around 12:55 PM, where I (Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao) met Mr. Dabbiru Prabhakar from Raipur, and we discussed various topics, wishing for the



success of the Lekha Awards. Later, I met other members like Ramathatgaru, and we eagerly waited for the train's next stop. We took another group photo and, at the right time, Amaravati Express reached the station, with our special coach located next to the engine. There was a warm welcome as everyone disembarked from the coach with enthusiasm.

As the train continued its journey, Magic Sagar distributed prasadam packets, and Bhimarao shared roasted peanuts with everyone. Our group enjoyed the snacks brought by Sharma, Balagangadhar, and others, including a mixture from Mr. Dabbiru Prabhakar. Sweet treats, biscuits, and chocolates were shared by Rama-

mani and her daughter Sai. Some people played cards (Dhamka Palasa) while others enjoyed the food.

Later, at 7 PM, we reached Vijayawada. Mr. Shivakumar Patnaik had arranged dinner packets for everyone. These were delivered by Hemsundar and his team to the coach, where the food was stored until we reached the station yard. At the Vijayawada station, there was some confusion as to the location of the special coach, but Hemsundar ensured everyone received their meals.

After four hours, the Padmavati Express (12763) arrived, and our special coach was attached to it. By then, six more members boarded, making a total of 48 members traveling together. Bharat Vikas and Chandramouli conducted interviews and video recordings. Everyone then settled down for the night.

On December 7, 2024, at 7 AM, the Padmavati Express reached Secunderabad. After disembarking, we were transported by bus to the NIMS campus at Yusufguda, where 48 guests were comfortably settled in air-conditioned rooms. After tea and breakfast, we reached the conference hall at 9:30 AM for the Lekha Annual Awards ceremony.

-Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao
Visakhapatnam
Honorary Editor Lekha, Member Ikyavedika,

Return Journey

On 8-12-2024 at 4 pm, a special bus was ready in our venue premises. All the guests were ready for the return journey and each one of them, holding their luggage, carrying happiness, joy, award trophies, certificates of appreciation, blessings of the elders, congratulations and thanks from the writing team, boarded the bus. It reached Secunderabad station at exactly 5-30 pm. Everyone got down and reached the Padmavati train. While it was supposed to leave at 6-30 pm, our special coach was not found. When we called, for some reason, it was not attached to that Padmavati (there were already 25 coaches. Egastra could not accommodate it). Then, Vijayawada Hemasunder and Gangadhar sat down near SS Garu and after much effort, our coach (No. 134172) was attached to the last carriage of the Visakhapatnam-Berampuram Special (0707) Express, which was about to depart immediately after. We all breathed a sigh of relief when we saw

our coach number 134172. Immediately after everyone boarded our coach, the carriage started moving.

After finishing all the snacks and refreshments that we had already bought, we all gathered together and spent the evening with antyakshari, poetry reading, singing, and dancing. Some spent their time playing cards. Some spent their time until midnight with a party. Later, when we reached Vijayawada at 2 am, we attached it to the Amaravati (18048) carriage that arrived at 3 am. That too was attached to the last carriage. Hemasunder and others who got down in Vijayawada stayed there until the coach was attached and stayed until our carriage doors opened and said goodbye. We were the only ones who said goodbye to them in our sleep and then fell asleep again as the carriage moved towards Khargapur. On 9-12-2024, at 9 am, we all said goodbye to

everyone and got off. It was a pleasure to see that our journey was comfortable and fun. As soon as we got off, Baliwada Haribabu's wife Bindurani came and presented him with an award.

We would like to thank the Lekha team for arranging a special coach from Khargapur to Secunderabad and back from Secunderabad to Khargapur.

It seems that this coach cost about two lakh rupees. However, it is a great thing to make travel arrangements completely free of cost without charging any train tickets..bus tickets from any guest. This is a special thing for the Lekha team..Thank you to the Lekha team.

-Sadashivuni Lakshman Rao
Visakhapatnam
Honorary Editor Lekha, Member Ikyavedika,

Sidelights...

Bankers group bagged four Lekha awards

Let us congratulate our august sistakaranam bankers group four members, adrushta chatustayam ..sista chatustayam..you can call.. Dr Manyam Sadasivuni Babu Rao garu, Retd SBI Officer for receiving prestigious Lekha Seva Ratna Award 2024 from Sri DV Krishna Rao, President, AISKA at awards function held at NIMSME hall, Hyderabad on 7-12-2024; Sri Kuppli Adiswaroop Patnaik, Chairman, Adiswaroop group Amaravati Co-op Bank for receiving prestigious Lekha Vanija Ratna Award 2024 from Dr Raghupatruni Bhima Rao garu at awards function on 7-12-2024; Dr. Chowdari Prasad, Retd SBI officer for receiving prestigious Lekha Bhushana Award 2024 from Sri M Simhagiri Patnaik at awards function on 8-12-2024, and Sri Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao garu, Retd. Indian Bank officer receiving prestigious Lekha Bhushana Award 2024 from Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao, President, APSKA in the awards function on 8-12-2024.



Five Lekha Awards to CGSKA leaders & members

It is a moment of immense pride and celebration for the Chhattisgarh Sistakaranam Association as five of our esteemed leaders and members have been honored with the prestigious Lekha Awards 2024.



They have won the awards through a nomination process



where 3 judges evaluated with evaluating criteria given by Lekha.

Dr. B. Ramesh Patnaik has been conferred with the illustrious Lekha Keerti Ratna Award for his exceptional contributions.

Ms. Rajkumari Patro has been bestowed with the distinguished Lekha Bhushana Award in recognition of her remarkable achievements.

Mr. Prabhakar Dabbiru has earned the prestigious Lekha Sahitya Ratna Award for his outstanding literary excellence.

Ms. Sandhya Raj has been honored with the noble Lekha Seva Ratna Award for her selfless service.

Ms. Neha Patnaik has been honored with the prestigious Lekha Kala Ratna Award for her outstanding contributions in promoting the cultural heritage and pride of our community across the nation.

This recognition is a testament to their dedication, excellence, and the values our association upholds. Congratulations to each of them for bringing glory to our community!

- Arti Patnaik, Raipur,
Associate Editor Lekha, Member Ikyavedika

Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

December 8th, the second day of the event also happened to be the wedding anniversary of Smt. Vandana and Sri Ramana Adivshnu. The august gathering celebrated it with a cake-cutting programme.



'Together we go' 'Together we grow'

Sankranthi Subhakankshalu to all our Lekha Readers!

As promised, we herewith came forward on the much awaited report on the Lekha Annual awards 2024. Hope many of you have enjoyed attending it. For many who are yet to join for the upcoming events, these vibrant pages could inspire you all.

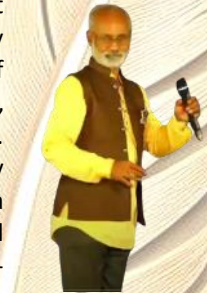
This maiden event ideated by our visionary and persistent leader of Lekha, **Naraharinth S**, proved a grand success. Most of the community members think, Lekha and its awards touched these milestones because of technical caliber. However, I think technology can be hired. Success is achieved by working persistently towards a genuine mission, through a vision; a strong belief system creating an identity by itself; a unique sense of equality and freedom in contributions be it in terms of hierarchy/ age/ gender.

Tasks were thoughtfully distributed, meticulous planned, periodical overview and involvement with meetings by Narahari. Sponsors and funds were handled by **Naresh D**; Nominations process through App to finalization of winners alongwith judges was assigned to **Ravi Karakavalasa**.



Guest list, invitations, co-ordination was taken up by **JV Chandrababu**.

Hospitality, food, stay, hall arrange-



ments were allotted to **Narsimha Rao M**. A train coach for the community members to travel together was another strong USP for this event. Even though the budgets were playing tricky, Narahari was stuck to it. **M. Gangadhar** from Kharagpur was co ordinating these train candidates lists who were supported by **Bharath Vikas** (Vizag) & **Chandramouli** (Hyd),



the latter also taking care of all accommodation arrangements at the venue..



Other Skiv members **Maheswar N**, **Lumburu Srinivas**, **Avilala Sridhar** also extended their support. Special thanks to **Sri S Laxman Rao** (Vizag) & **Dr. Chowdari Prasad** (Bangalore) for their insightful guidance.



I was given to handle the Program Agenda planning the event, branding, designing etc. Also giving me a chance to work with a new team. The dynamic youth has shown brilliant involvement. It is a universal belief in community that only older generation



members contribute to community activities. But Ikyavedika has kicked off with middle aged team members. And with awards Narahari attempted demonstrating the vibrance of youngsters (another USP of this event) 1. **D.Shilpa** (Delhi) The most enthusiastic one, so committed, creative and responsible one in this era. She took up designing of certificates, thank you cards, teasers, videos, anchoring, etc. 2. **D Suresh** (Hyd) our most important guy on the D day to manage all the co-ordination on LED screens with music and visual sequencing smoothly with technical caliber. 3. **Rajesh** (Kharagpur) who transformed the Ppts. to rocking visuals of the renders of **Legendary Vibhushanas**. 4. **Bharat Vikas** (Vizag) whose ownership to Lekha and his genuine motivation about Lekha's reach is inspiring. He took up Banners designs, Lekha newsletter video, recording many chit-chats with community members in the journey etc. 5. **Gautami** (Bangalore) M. Gangangadhar's daughter who joined the team right in the



morning without preparation and managed such lively anchoring. 6. **Arti** (Raipur) who worked co-ordinating for photos of 18 **Bhushushana** & **Vibhushana** awardees & joining the anchoring team. 7. **Anusha** & **Vineeth** joined the next gen team with sug-



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‘Together we go’ ‘Together we grow’

gestions, teasers. Video editing of Sk community theme song and supporting anchoring through bilingual freshness was added by Anusha. 8. The cute little **Hemanth** (Hyd) D. Naresh’s son was delivering all donors receipts regularly. Also he was an active right hand volunteering support to ‘N’ cube and more for 3 days. Awards logo was designed by Swaroop (Narahari’s brother). Awards were designed by Narahari. Rishika (Ravi’s daughter) helped volunteering the trophies handing over along with other youngsters.



All in all, heartfelt thanks to my amazing Next Gen Team. And a round of applause from Narahari for the entire Team Lekha !

Hope remains to spread our caption throughout our community.....

“Together we go... together we grow.....”

- **Vandana Adivishnu, Chennai,**
Chief Publisher Lekha, Member Ikyavedika



A Dream Come True!

When the idea was first mooted, it just looked like it was wishful thinking.

And the way it was mooted - that it should be on the lines of Filmfare & Oscar awards - did not inspire much confidence. Do we really have it in us to pull off something like that?

However, one Powerpoint Presentation later, there were a few star-struck members. The proposed award categories, the ball park budget estimate, the high level project plan captivated them all, but the idea of a train coach from Kharagpur to Hyderabad was what was really the fascinating factor.

But as the weeks rolled by, the doubts lingered:

- “We are already occupied every month with Lekha. Can we spare the time & effort?”
- “Budget of Rs. 5 lakhs. Where will the money come from?”

- “Too much of logistics involved. Why don’t we just do an online event?”
- “Arranging for a train coach is a headache. Why don’t we just reimburse ticket fare?”

There was certainly a sense of reluctance, if not outright resistance, to proceed with the plans. Honestly, the only ones who were sold on the idea seemed to be Naresh, Narasimha Rao and Vandana. I suspect it was probably a case of “ignorance is bliss”, perhaps, they weren’t able to fathom how humungous a task it was going to be.

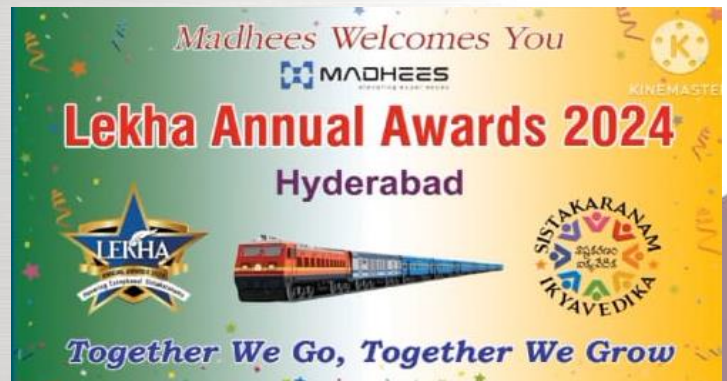
Nevertheless, when the time came, everyone put their heart and soul into it. They found vast reserves of time & effort, never mind the demands of Lekha; They all did their bit in raising funds either through personal contributions or reaching out to sponsors & donors; The logistics of venue scouting, awards shopping, program agenda planning everything fell

in place; And, dropping the idea of the train coach was not an option, even if the budget went through the roof!

As we look back, it was a breathtaking journey. While we were a fairly happy lot when the event concluded, what we were not prepared for was the aftermath. The messages on WhatsApp, the references made in every subsequent gathering everywhere, the apparent sense of missing out by those who couldn’t make it to the event, everyone seems to be still talking about it. It has been an event that is unprecedented in our community.

Well, what looked like wishful thinking has indeed turned out to be *A Dream Come True*, after all!

- **Naraharinath Sekharamantri**
Founder Publisher, Lekha
Co-Founder, Sistakaranam Ikyavedika



That's all, folks! We will come back soon... with Lekha Awards - 2025!!!