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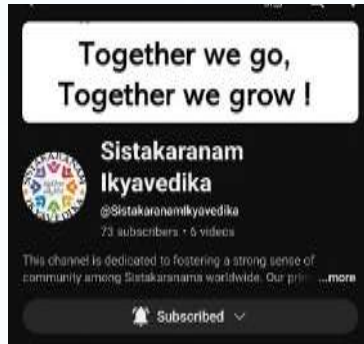


Happy Pongal

From.. KP Patnaik
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SKIV YouTube channel launched!

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Community News

Sistakaranams in Sankranti Celebrations

1) The Visakhapatnam District Sistakaranam Association organized grand Sankranti celebrations on Sunday, January 5, 2025, at the Allipuram Sistakarana Kalyana Mandapam. During the event, daily essentials, sweets, and sarees were distributed as Sankranti



gifts to several members of the Sistakaranam community.

Presided over by District Association President honorable Sri S.N.K. Mahanti, the event featured Chief Guest and labor leader, honorable Sri Mantri Rajasekhar, who emphasized the need to support community members facing financial challenges despite their talent. He expressed happiness over the distribution of essentials to families during Sankranti.

Former Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Welfare and Development Corporation, Smt. Kanti Mahanti Anusha Patnaik, announced plans for more initiatives aimed at the community's progress. She highlighted the importance of collective efforts for development.

Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Association State President Sri Arikatota Chandramouli stressed the need everyone on the community to move forward with common understanding unity to foster progress. He urged members to allot some of their free time for the community, and to actively participate in meetings conducted by anyone. He expressed happiness for pre-Sankranti celebrations with the families present by performing the traditional Gangireddu (bull) worship. He wished that sankranti lights shine in all the families.

Addressing the gathering, Sri S.N.K. Mahanti emphasized the role of OBC reservations in uplifting the underprivileged sections of the Sista Karana community. Women's Association President, Smt. Dabbiru Prasanthi Patnaik, wished the festival would bring prosperity and light to everyone's lives.

Key attendees included General Secretary Sri Mantri Narasimha Murthy, Treasurer Sri DSSK Haranath, representatives of other associations, Sarva Sri H.M. Patro, Manapuram Bhaskar Rao, and Jayati Umamaheswara Rao, K. Mallikarjuna Rao (Bujji), Sekharamantri Srinivasa Rao, Baggam Srinivasa Rao, Jakkuva Vijayagopal Patnaik, Manapuram Srinivasa Rao, Siddeshwara Rao, Prasad, K. Varalakshmi, Jyothi, Madhavi, Subhashini, Rama, Latha and others participated in large numbers.

2) At the Sistakaranam Foundation office, sarees were distributed to 50 women in

memory of Sri Pakki Arun Sai Patnaik's parents. The event was presided over by Sri Amaram Visweswar Rao, with key participation from members of the Chandranagar Sis-



takaranam Welfare Association, including Sri Barli Ramanandam, Sri Mantri Venkat Rao, Sri Pakki Sekhar, Sri Amaram Visweswar Rao, Smt. Dabbiru Gayatri, and Sri Mantri Srinivasa Rao. The family of Sri Pakki Arun Sai Patnaik attended the event and distributed sarees to the women in memory of his late parents, Sri Pakki Narsinga Rao and Smt. Renuka. Additionally, Smt. Leela Kumari, Sri Krishna's devotee also participated in the program. The event, held as part of the Sankranti celebrations, was marked by a festive spirit. All the attendees were welcomed by Sri Manapuram Suresh Kumar and Sri Amaram Visweswar Rao, who guided the program to completion.

3) In Parvathipuram town, financial assistance was provided to economically backward Sistakaranam families as a part of the "Manavallaku Mana Sayam" initiative. Dur-

ing the event at Sri Jayababu's office, 50 families received clothing, groceries, and cash assistance. This program, organized by the Sistakaranam Welfare Association, saw contributions of clothing from Sri Belagam Jayaprakash Narayan (Jayababu), groceries and cash from the "Manavallaku Mana Sayam" WhatsApp group.



Prominent participants included Sri Belagam Jayaprakash Narayan (Jayababu), Association President Sri Behara Gumpaswami, Secretary Sri Donkada Lakshmana Rao, Treasurer Sri Behara Chandrasekhar Rao, Addapushila Ananda Gajapathi Rao, Pakki Ravindranath, Uriti Kiran, Behera Ramesh Patrudu, Belagam Chandrasekhar, Raopalli Tulsidas, Vandrangi Durga Prasad, Raopalli Ravikiran, Karakavalasa Muralidhar Rao, Bhogela Durga Prasad, Bithrapati Pradeep, Naguru Varaprasad and others.

4) In Vijayanagaram, Ayyannapeta junction, at Mother Teresa Kids School, the the Mother Teresa Seva Sangham and the Mother Teresa Kids School collaborated to



support 25 impoverished families during Sankranti like every year so that they celebrate Sankranti happily. 12 types of Essential items and one blanket were distributed under the guidance of Sri Tyada Prasad Pat-

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naik, Principal of the school and President of the Seva Sangham. Community leaders and volunteers, including Mother Teresa Seva Sangham President Sri Tyada Venugopalam, members Nutan, Keertana and others ensured the successful execution of this event.

5) In Jagannathapuram village, Bobbili Mandal, Sankranti celebrations included a lively cricket tournament. Inaugurated by Sarpanch Representative Sri Boddala Satyana-



rayana and MPTC Member Sri Rauthu Tirupati Rao, the tournament spanned three days. Village leaders and cricket enthusiasts actively participated, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the youth.

6) To mark the New Year and Sankranti, the Sistakaranam community in Palakonda distributed grocery kits to 50 families. Organized through collective community support, the event aimed to alleviate hardships and promote unity.



7) On 12-01-2025, in Vizianagaram at the R&B Guesthouse, under the auspices of the Association of Gazetted Officers and Pensioners, food supplies worth approximately ₹1500/- were distributed to 85 families. Each family received food sufficient for five days. From my tenure as the President of the Vizianagaram District Gazetted Officers' Association to the present day (excluding one year due to COVID-19), this distribution has continued uninterrupted for about 13 years. This activity, conducted two or three

days before Sankranti, has become an annual tradition.

Upon the invitation of the President and Secretary, I also participated in this program. The event was organized with excellent discipline, led by the Employees' Association President, Sri Balivada Bala Bhaskara Rao, General Secretary, Sri NP Dhulikeshwar Rao, executive members, and honorary members.

Prominent community elders like Sarvasri Murahari Rao, S Visweswara Rao, myself, Bandhavarao, MP Tirupathi Rao, Kuppili Srinivasa Rao, Kuppili Shashibhushana Rao, City Branch President Sri K. Sanjeevara Rao; Sarvasri Ravi Kumar, Lochera Prabhakara Rao, S. Nagesh, Sunil, GLV Ramanamurthy, Manapuram Satyarao, Ganesh, Balivada Nandikeshwara Rao, and others like Sarvasri VV Nagabhushanam, Sridhar, Nani, Madhu, and U. Pradeep contributed to the program's success.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Employees' Union executive team, community elders, and donors for their collective efforts. Let us strive to gather even greater participation and serve our community better every year.

Warm regards,

- Arikatota Chandramouli, State President

8) On 13-01-2025, on the occasion of Bhogi Festival, at the statue of Late Sri AV Jagannadha Rao Patnaik near Rajam, his family members, including his sons Sri AV Nagarjuna and Sri AV Krishnarjuna, showcased their generosity by distributing clothes, blankets, food packets, and water bottles to approxi-



mately 2,000 underprivileged individuals from Rajam and surrounding areas.

In the morning, Sri AV Krishnarjuna and his spouse organized the program at JK Tiles, with the local MLA, Hon'ble Sri Kondrumurali Mohan, attending as the chief guest to inaugurate the event. Prominent figures from the Rajam Gazetted Officers' Association and relatives distributed blankets and clothes to the underprivileged.

In the afternoon, at 3 PM, at the statue of Late Sri AV Jagannadha Rao, Sri AV Nagarjuna and his spouse conducted another event, which was attended by numerous family members, relatives, and residents of surrounding villages.

Both programs were presided over by Late Sri AV Jagannadha Rao's wife, Smt. Leelakumari. With arrangements for large-scale crowd management, tokens were issued, and everyone present received clothes, blankets, food packets, and water bottles in an orderly manner.

The family members, including Sri Nandigam Srinivasa Rao and his spouse, Sri Gopala Rao and his spouse, Late A.V.J.'s mother, Smt. Ramanamma, Sarvasri Vithal, Ramesh, Kuppili Ganesh, A.P. Srinu, Vandurangi Venkatesh, Sri Prasad, Smt. Uma, Sri Shankar Rao, Sri Nagaraju, prominent figures of the Rajam Gazetted Officers' Association, other relatives, friends, and well-wishers contributed to the success of these large-scale programs.

9) Since 2020, Sistakaranam Yuvata has been actively engaging in various service activities. It has been en-



couraging many talented children and students in the community, while also honoring several prominent individuals holding high positions. Last year, they published an edition featuring numerous photographs highlighting their efforts and recognizing these achievers. This year, they have gathered names, phone numbers, and family details of individuals from various regions, along with contact details of executive

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members from different organizations, and printed a special bulletin that also shares the life stories of some notable individuals.



This foundation's bulletin was unveiled by Visakhapatnam City Police Commissioner Sri Shankha Brata Bagchi and renowned political leader Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao.

The Sistakaranam Youth and Foundation special edition was distributed free of cost to all organizations by Manapuram Suresh Kumar and his team

10) Jaabilamma, daughter of Sri Jakkav Vijay Gopal Patnaik and Smt. Madhavi, won the Rangoli competition held at AU Engineering Grounds during the Sankranti celebrations. The event was conducted under the leader-

ship of former Rajya Sabha MP Sri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao, who presented Jaabilamma with a cash prize of ₹10,116. Currently pursuing MBBS, Jaabilamma's excellence in traditional dance and her success as a Rangoli winner are commendable.



11) Sankranti celebrations were grandly held in Parashilli village, Narasannapeta Mandal, under the leadership of MLA Baggu Ramanamurthy. The celebrations were organized by the Dabbeeru brothers—Architect Sri Dabbeeru Kishore Chandra



Patnaik, Panchayat Sarpanch Sri Dabbeeru Kiran Chandra Patnaik, and Panchayat Supervisor Sri Dabbeeru Karan Patnaik. The MLA was welcomed as the chief guest with garlands by the Dabbeeru brothers.

Clothes, essential goods, and groceries were distributed to the needy. Additionally, two students from the 10th grade were awarded cash prizes in the memory of the organizer's father. Sports kits for cricket and volleyball were provided to children from 13 villages. The MLA expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Dabbeeru brothers for their efforts in driving progress in Parashilli Panchayat.

12) Sri Sadashivuni Srinivas Patnaik, Sistakaranam writer, Cine director spoken about Sankranti celebrations at Own village and how emotional when leaving village in Uttarandhra especially in Srikakulam Telugu accent ..PI.listen in given Link

<https://youtu.be/flw1GLy6mPI?si=ejlgqqzNN5CDmQQa>

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Valuable ancient books written by Sistakaranam writers uploaded

As a Sankranti festival gift to all Sistakaranam members, valuable ancient books (published since 1935) written by our Sistakaranam authors have been uploaded to the Sistakaranam Ikya Vedika website. These can be read for free and saved as well. The website link is provided below:

<https://skiv.online/page.php?ch=16>

Here, the following 8 books have been up-

loaded:

1. Artharaksha Maneeshatakam (1935) - Behera Anantarama Patnaik
2. Revati (Drama) (1946) - Manapuram Apparao Patnaik
3. Ramabhadra Shatakam (1938) - Balivada Simhachalam Patnaik
4. Aame Vyabhichariniya? (1946) - Manapuram Apparao Patnaik

5. Young Widow (1943) - Manapuram Apparao Patnaik
6. Prayaschittam (1945) - Manapuram Apparao Patnaik
7. Bharaya Enduku? (1945) - Manapuram Apparao Patnaik
8. Srimad Bhagavad Gita Parichayam (1997) - Balangangadhar Patnaik, Dipashikha, Odisha



Community News

Sistakaranams in Political Arena

1) In Machilipatnam, the Yuva Keralalu program witnessed the participation of honorable minister Sri Kollu Ravindra and Sri Akku Mahanti Raja.



2) From Visakhapatnam, our esteemed leader senior leader of the BJP, Smt. Kurada Pavani has been a prominent woman leader, well-known in Sistakaranam circles. Since 1981, she has been an active and dedicated member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, contributing her services tirelessly. Recognizing her contributions, she has previously been entrusted with nominated positions, which she fulfilled responsibly. She also served as a member of the Censor Board. Even today, her seniority in the party is acknowledged, and she is ready to take up any nominated position and execute it responsibly, bringing honor to the role.



On 06-01-2025, she met the Honorable State Minister, Sri Kinjarapu Achchennaiidu, in a courteous meeting and submitted a memorandum requesting a recommendation for her appointment to the position in the Sistakaranam Welfare and Development Corporation.

3) AP State Health Minister Y. Satya Kumar Yadav inaugurated Dr. Hedgewar Health Center at Vigyan Vihar, Gudilova village in Anandapuram Mandal of Bhimili Constituency. As part of this program, BJP State Vice President Vishnuvardhan Reddy, BJP Anandapuram Mandal BJP Leaders, Visakha District Kisan Morcha President PVV Prasada Rao Patnaik.



4) 76th Ward Corporator Sri Gandham Srinivasa Rao and Secretary Sudarshan, Sri Baliwada Satya Rao, Sri Basangi Tirupati Rao and others participated in the death anniversary of Telugu Desam Party founder Late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao.



5) Happy birthday to Sri Gudivada Amarnath, who is always in the people like his father, is a good-hearted person, who is adored by many fans.

*Dabbiru Prasanthi Patnaik (M.A)
Andhra State Sista Karan Sangam
Women President, Visakha District
Women's Department Chief Secretary, YSR Congress Party*



6) Smt. Kurada Pavani congratulated Parsu Ramaraju who was appointed as the new Speaker of the BJP Visakha Parliament.



7) On the occasion of birthday of Sri Nara Lokesh, many Sistakaranams wished him with special cards.

Community News

Sistakaranams in Republic Day celebrations



26.1.25 On the occasion of Republic Day, our Sistakaranam relatives who worked in various government departments received the best employee and employee appreciation certificates from the hands of Vizianagaram Collector and Parvathipuram Manyam District Collector. CONGRATULATIONS To the best of our knowledge, we would like to extend our congratulations to those cited below. Also, our congratulations to any of our relatives who have received certificates of appreciation.

1. Sri Ippalavalasa Suresh, E. O. PRD&RD Chipurupally.
2. Smt Baggam Vanita, Junior Assistant, Zilla Parishad Vizianagaram.
3. Sri Ravipalli Naga Shekhar Jr. Asstt, Mandal Praja Parishad Pusapatirega.
4. Smt. Alluvada Shailaja, Typist Mandal Praja Parishad Mentada.
5. Sri Palavalasa Shivaji's administrative officer, Mandal Praja Parishad Dattirajeru.
6. Sri P.V.J Patro, Pachipenta Parvathipuram Manyam District.
7. Sri Puriti Mahendra Kumar, Tribal Corporation Parvathipuram Manyam District.



8. Sri Patnaikuni Satish who received the best employee award in Parvathipuram Manyam district.

9. Sri Polaki Tirumala Rao who received the best employee award at the hands of Vizianagaram District Collector.

10. Participated in the Republic Day Parade as a group captain in Sainik School, Hyderabad. Chi. Dabbiru Venkata Navadeep Sai Patnaik. This student is the grandson Sri Dabbiru Venkata Krishnarao. Congratulations to them.



11. Smt. Pakki Krishna Veni Patnaik have taken part in Republic Day Celebrations Organized at Andhra Samaj English & Hindi medium Higher secondary school, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

12. Sri. Dabbiru Srinivas Vajpai Patnaik, being the Principal of Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Kommadi Branch, Visakhapatnam, Got an opportunity to Unveil the Flag in the college assemble on the occasion on 26th January - Republic Day at the College Premises.



13. Flag hoisting done by Sri. P. Ram Mohan Rao In the grounds of his society premises at Gudhiyari, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

14. Tilakbharathi School Raipur celebrated Republic Day celebrations Under leadership of Smt Arti Patnaik.



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Newsmakers

Chi. Aithihya's captivating dance performance

Chi. Kondadaadi Aithihya, a young girl from Palakonda, captivated the audience with her Kuchipudi dance performance during the celebrations held in Shirdi. In addition to this, she also showcased her talent in classical music, earning appreciation from everyone present. On this occasion, the members of the Shirdi Trust Board congratulated Aithihya's parents, Sri Kondadaadi Rajesh and Smt. Anuradha.



Selected for Telangana under 17 school cricket team

Chi. Tushar has been selected for the under 17 School team for Telangana. He is a student of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Sainikpuri. He is the son of Sri Nagumantri Anant and Smt Kavitha.



Award for Best Presentation at Expo 2025

Sistakaranam Industrialist from Bobbili, Proprietor BVR Pipes Sri Balaga Venkata Rao received Award for Best Presentation in the Expo 2025 organised by Confederation of Real-Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) at Vizianagaram Town on 7-1-2025.



Abhinaya Rangasthala Award for Manapuram

Dr. Chadalavada Aravinda Babu, MLA of Narasaraopet and Chief Advisor of Abhinaya Nataka Parishad, presented the prestigious "Abhinaya Rangasthala Puraskaram" to Mana Puram Satyanarayana during the 19th Telugu States Drama Competitions, "Abhinaya Nataka Parishad - 2025," held in Ponugupadu, Guntur district.



Basangi selected for Best comedy actor

Sri Basangi Suresh actor selected for the International Film Festival Talent awards - 2025. He got award for comedy role in 'Paparao Premakatha'.

Invitation has come for the mega event in NTR auditorium in Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad. Lekha's congratulations.



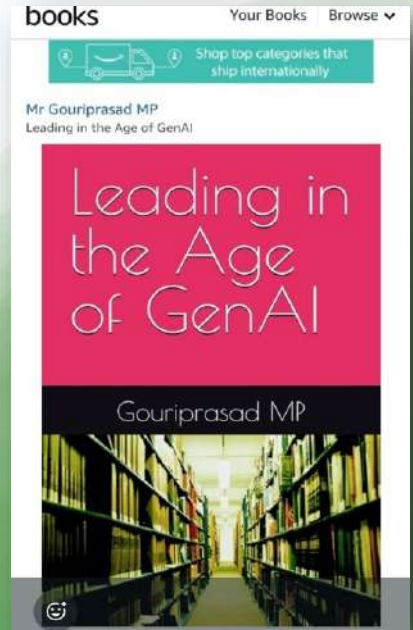
Article by Sri Srinivas in Enadu

Resident of Hyderabad, Senior Journalist in the famous Telugu daily Eenadu who writes good articles and news commentary in the main edition every day, our well-known famous journalist, Sri Munagavalasa Srinivas Patnaik (son of late Munagavalasa Bhaskar Rao of Vizag) published a nice article in Eenadu daily on 8-1-2025 and the same is shared here for you.



Sri Gouri Prasad's 'Leading in the Age of GenAI' published

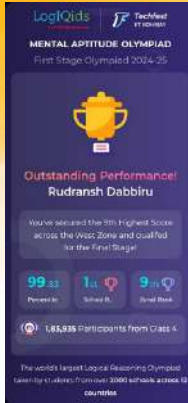
Sistakaranam educationist, philanthropist, job counsellor Sri MarkondaPatnaikuni Gouri Prasad (GouriPrasadMP) from Hyderabad published his valuable book titled 'Leading in the Age of GenAI'. A must read for GenX to GenZ. This book is available on Amazon.com Portal.



Newsmakers

Qualified for Final Stage of the Mental Aptitude Olympiad

Chi. Rudransh Dabburu has qualified for the Final Stage of the Mental Aptitude Olympiad by LogiQids & Techfest, IIT Bombay. Informing this to Lekha, Chi. Rudransh said that he has been regularly practicing brain training challenges, games & puzzles on the LogiQids App. He said that anyone can join the India's #1 Brain elopment program for free using his link:



<https://app.logiqids.com/uwUiebsp77JTu5A>

Appreciation at National Arithmetic Championship 2024

Chi. Rudransh Dabburu achieved certificate of appreciation as one of the Top performers of National Arithmetic Championship 2024. Rudransh is studying in class 4 at C. P. Goenka International School, Pune, Maharashtra. Chi Rudransh is the son of Smt. Swati & Sri Dabburu Shashidhar Rao. He is grandson of Sri DMM Rao.



Sri Sai Gowtham appointed State President of Bajrang Vahini Dal

Congratulations to Sri Balivada Sai Gowtham (s/o Sri Balivada Durga Venkata Surya Prasada Rao) from Srikakulam Town on his being appointed as State President of Bajrang Vahini Dal, Andhra Pradesh as per letter dt 25-12-2024 from the National Chief Secretary General.



BSK Patnaik as Vice Chairman of Builders Association of India

The newly elected executive committee of Builders Association of India (All India Association of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders), Amaravati Capital Center (AP), took oath and assumed responsibility in a function held in Vijayawada on 8-1-2025. It is a matter of pride that in the newly elected executive committee, Sri Baliwada Sivakumar Patnaik, an eminent Sistakaranam from Vijayawada, has been appointed as Vice Chairman (Admin).



Sistakaranams in 6th World Telugu Writers Conference

The 6th World Telugu Writers Conference 2024 at Vijayawada was held on 28-12-2024 and 29-12-2024. A few glimpses of our Sistakaranams at the event:

- 1) Recitation of Sri Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao's poetry
- 2) Felicitation of Sri Kuppili Venkata Rajarao
- 3) Felicitation of Sri Behara Umamaheswara Rao
- 4) Sri Behara Umamaheshwar Rao with poster photos of Late Ganesh Patro and Late Baliwada Kanta Rao.



'Coaching for A Life Well-Lived' motivational book in Amazon

'Coaching for a Life Well Lived' is a must-read book for every young man and woman, written by Sri Dasamantha Rao Sudhir writer from Delhi. It is available on Amazon from 6-1-2025 at this link: <https://amzn.in/d/cQp19W3> "Coaching for A Life Well-Lived" is your guide to creating a life that feels balanced, fulfilling, and true to who you are. In a world filled with demands and expectations, this book offers practical steps and real stories to help you strengthen the core pillars of life - experiences, relationships, learning, and emotions - so you can build a life that feels connected and aligned with your values. Whether you're a student finding your way, a professional facing career changes, or someone seeking more peace and meaning, this book is here to guide you. With relatable examples, simple exercises, and actionable strategies, it supports you in managing life's ups and downs, making confident decisions, and building deeper, more meaningful connections. "Coaching for A Life Well-Lived" is here to remind you that life is not something to get through - it's something to grow through. This book gives you the tools to do that with clarity, confidence, and purpose, helping you create a life that truly feels your own.



Newsmakers

National Award to Dr. Sreedevi

Dr. Sreedevi, w/o Dr. Krowvidi Sudhakar from Vijaywada has been conferred with N. Parija Oration National Award for contribution towards research on Parasitic Diseases of Zoonotic importance in the National Congress of Veterinary Parasitology of India held at Hyderabad between 17th to 19th of December 2024.



Constell Group appreciation to Swetha Patnaik

At Constell Group, Vizag (Duvvada), a training session titled Values First was conducted to instill essential values and core competencies in their blue-collar workforce. The session was led by their esteemed trainer, Ms. Swetha Patnaik, referred to as "Constell Star". Her outstanding training skills and dedication earned her a certification, which was presented during the graduation ceremony.



Movie Artist Association honors Sri Ananda

Senior member of Sistakaranam Seva Samiti, Rajahmundry, Sri Dabbar Ananda, who is a member of the advisory board of our association, was felicitated under the auspices of Godavari Movie Artist Association, Rajahmundry. The members participated in the event organized at Jith Mohan Mitra Kala Vedika and congratulated Dabbeeru Ananda garu.

The above program was organized under the leadership of Sri PVS Krishna Rao, a senior member of the association, and Sri Dasamantha Rao Satyanarayana (Nani) was the Chief Guest.



Advertisement

Admissions at Sri Chaitanya School

Sri Chaitanya Schools have Admissions Drive for year 2025-26 for Nursery to 9th class open on two auspicious days Vasanthapanchami (02/02/2025) and Radhasaptami (04/02/2025)

Interested folks may contact Markonda Patnaikuni Anuradha at 8639212927 .

Editorial

Sistakarana caste census - Need of the hour

A heartfelt salutation to all the Sistakaranam caste relatives.

We can see how we celebrated Sankranti in the new English year with great pomp. Many people and employees also received commendation certificates and awards. We have published the information we received in a special column in Lekha.

If anyone else is missing, please give it to us.

Once upon a time, we did not have the muscles and financial strength, but we took up many positions. We used to be in the village at the level of making political and social laws. But today, due to our lack of muscle and financial strength, we have lost our position somewhere, but the situation under caste is the same. We are unable to rule politics with few jobs due to our intelligence. By then, some educated people from various parties are regularly seen in various programs. If we have not been given a corporation in AP so far, it may be because our numerical strength is not up to standard. We are unable to prove how many of us there are.. We are unable to show. If there were any calculations of how many Sistakarans there are in AP, Telangana and the country, if they were officially recognized, wouldn't the corporation have come to us so far? The situation is the same in Telangana as well as in Andhra. When will we reach a situation where we can govern politics socially? Therefore, in a situation where caste census is inevitable, we must do it. For this, the leaders should write some kind of action plan and conduct a caste census. The Ikyavedika is ready to participate in this grand Ikyavedika and Lekha team members are ready to provide any kind of technical assistance for this cause. If the leaders of all groups take a decision in consultation, we can conduct a caste census. We should make sure that it gets official government approval. There may be more reasons, but we believe that the main reason for the corporation to be formed is that we have not proven our numerical strength.

It is worth thinking about how it would be if other Karanam communities with sectarian differences were also included. Karanams can prove its strength in a society where personal relationships are not integrated.

Parliament sessions have started now.. If there is an OBC Action Committee, if not, it can be formed and if everyone starts dharna etc. programs for OBC... it may be useful.. For this, the necessary funds will also have to be collected.

Similarly, any path starts with a single step... Similarly, some Sistakaranam enthusiasts came forward and organized the Job Fair in Vizag on February 7th.. Let us hope that the maximum number of job seekers will come and the program will be successful.

There are many questions before us, a long way to go.... But we will reach the destination only if the journey continues. Let us also hope that Sistakaran progress will be possible.

"Sarva Sistakarana Bandhu Sukhinobhavantu"

- J.V.Chandra Babu

Interview

Teaching is my Passion

In his words, education is not just for acquiring knowledge and getting a job. Great people have modest beginnings. But their learning process entwined with society and empathy for fellow citizens, turns them out to be a leader or a torchbearer. As the quote goes, "once you stop learning, you start dying", and this is what exactly he tells his students. And today, he is the leader in academics. He is the Lekha Vanijyartana Awardee-2024. Lekha is talking about Dr. Manduvakuriti Umadhar Patnaik of Visakhapatnam. Let's learn by talking to him.

Please share with us about your education.

I am fond of Mathematics right from my school days and grew passionate about the subject over the period. I did M.Sc. Mathematics at Andhra University and Ph.D. at University of Toledo, USA. It was a great excitement to study abroad in those days when the world was not a global village. Many people helped me go to US. One of my professors, Prof Seetaramachandra Rao was instrumental in taking me to US. One of my uncles Mr Kantimohanti Krishna readily gave me financial support. Just one letter and he sent me money from Dubai. Throughout my career, I have been teaching Mathematics to students at various levels, from undergraduate to graduate levels, lectured on a wide range of subjects in Mathematics and conducted workshops and training camps for students and teachers.

Today Ascent Junior Colleges are on the top in Visakhapatnam. How do you feel?

Great. I love teaching mathematics, and I have inspiration from my teachers for developing a passion for teaching. I started Ascent Junior College along with four other like-minded peers. Our passion and freedom for learning resulted in the growth of 6 centers in 17 years. We came into the limelight when our college achieved all-India 1st rank in BITSAT and have continued to be on the top since then. This record has not been broken by any institution till today.

We enroll 1000 students every year and out of which 50 get IIT ranks, nearly one third of the students who enroll with us get into NITs and 100 medical seats. We focus on back-benchers equally too. We create interest in learning concepts that dispel fear in the students. Our learning methods sans pressure and extra-study hours.

Who are your motivators for this profession?

I have had the good fortune of having great teachers throughout my career. Mr. Sekharamantri Sanyasirao, who was my maternal uncle, as well as my math teacher in the school, I was the first influence. Prof Mangipudi Perisastri of M.R. College, Prof P.V. Krishnaiah of Andhra University, Prof Martin Kummer of University of

Toledo have influenced my learning.

What is your advice to our younger generation?

I urge young children to aim high, dream high and work to achieve those dreams. Everything is possible. I urge young children to take education not just for the sake of acquiring knowledge or a means of getting a job, but as a source of intellectual, social and emotional growth. Education fosters social skills, brings about understanding diverse perspectives and above all instils confidence and courage to face any challenge. I, at Ascent, excite the pupils about the beauty and the power of the subject. I wish to impress upon them many of the fundamental and deeper ideas about the physical world we live in. My aim is to communicate to them the joy and excitement of knowing the inner workings of nature and the power of the scientific method in gaining deeper understanding of our everyday experiences with nature.



Father	: late Manduvakuriti Sambasiva Rao
Mother	: late Savithri
Wife	: Hemalatha
Daughter	: Swathi
Native place:	Palakonda, A.P.

About your CSR activities please?

We do CSR activities through a social service organization, Apex-FORMS, a forum for mathematical services. We provide guidance and support to students and teachers of government and zilla parishad schools, give away rewards for children for their deservedness.

Your comments on Lekha.

Lekha team deserves all the accolades. They professionally conducted the Lekha awards ceremony. Professionals should be a part of Lekha for the benefit of the Sistakaranam community.

Dr. Umadhar Patnaik, while receiving the Lekha's Vanijya Ratna Award, expressed mixed feelings about it with great joy by saying that he loves teaching, not business. He also added that his Ascent colleges, apart from producing prodigies, might have been the by-product of business. He also expressed his willingness to write in Lekha on a regular basis. Lekha conveys wishes for more and more milestones to achieve.

---- Interviewed by Mantri Narasimha Rao

Support Arena

Dr. Arikathota Kanakaraju Donations



1) Donation to Arunodaya Seva Samraksha, Rajam Rs 6000/- . About 48 students are residing studying from 5th to 10th in Zilla Parishad High School, Rajam. He helps every year at the orphanage for the poor and helpless.

2) Similarly, donated Rs 3000/- to Amma Foundation Seethampeta, Visakhapatnam that adopts poor and the children who do not have parents.



3) Distributed new clothes at Khyati foundation old-age home, Dwarakanagar, Srikakulam for Sankranthi to the poor and mendicants.



4) Given bell-gongs to Anjaneya and Subramanya temple in Bheemeswara temple campus, Konaveedhi, Srikakulam.



5) Donated food packets to sadhus.

6) On the occasion of Sankranti, Dr. Kanakaraju and Uma arranged the supply of annaprasadam (food offering) at the old age home on Collector Office Road in Srikakulam.



Sistakaranam Lifting Hands

14th event successful

On January 5th, 2025, a homemaker named Smt. Barli Subbalakshmi, residing in Pendurthi, Visakhapatnam, faced challenging circumstances. Having divorced her husband and losing her parents, she was left without any support, living with her mentally challenged son. In her distress, she reached out to the "Sistakaranam Lifting Hands" WhatsApp group for help. The group immediately responded and, with contributions from its members, provided financial assistance of ₹34,502 to support her living expenses and her son's medical treatment. The group admins and members personally visited her home to deliver the aid. The event was successfully carried out with the participation of admins Smt. Sanjukta Patnaik, Sri Patnaik Prasad, Sri Tyada Prasad Patnaik. Other members SarvaSri Srinivas Patnaik, Vandrangiri Tirumala Rao, GVR Murthy, Potnuri Parthasarathi, Bagam Jogarao, Murali Krishna, Basuri Srinivasa Rao also participated. The admins expressed gratitude to all members who participated and contributed financially to make this event a success. This marked the conclusion of their 14th event.



Distribution of blankets to tribals

Under the leadership of Sri Tyada Prasad Patnaik, President of the Mother Teresa Seva Sangham and Blood Donors Club, a blanket distribution event was today in Damuku village, Ananthagiri Mandal. Former Minister and GCC Chairman Kidari Sravan, along with Lok Satta State President Bisetti Babji, distributed 100 blankets to impoverished tribal residents. Chairman Sravan commended the Mother Teresa Seva Sangham for their dedicated service to the underprivileged, especially in remote areas. During the event, Sri Tyada Prasad Patnaik was honored by Chairman Sravan and Babji for his contributions. The event saw participation from Matrubhoomi Seva Sangham President Sri Ippalavalasa Gopi, NVN Blood Bank Manager Sri Nageswara Rao, Vizianagaram Rural Doctors' Association President Sri Kanakachari, Damuku Rural Doctor Sri Karakavalasa Nagesh, Kasvi Hospital Marketing Manager Sri Abhishek, and Swas Seva Sangham President Sri Burla Paidinaidu, among others.



Support Arena

Blood Donation Camp

On the occasion of the death anniversary of Telugu Desam Party founder Sri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, Sri Baliwada Sathya Rao, Sri Basangi Tirupati Rao, Smt. Swaroopa Rani and others participated in the blood donation camp at Gajuwaka party office.



Annadanam on birthday

on 7-1-25 a food distribution was organized at the Anuraga Nilayam Old Age Home in Srikakulam on the occasion of the birthday of Ch. Polumahanthi Venkata Sai Rajesh. Sri Polumahanthi Jagannathan Rao, Smt. Sai Sujatha, Ch. Polumahanthi Venkata Sai Manoj, Smt. D Vasumathi, Smt. B Kalyanigaru and others participated in this program. Let us congratulate them.



Food donation by AS foundation

On behalf of the AS Foundation, in memory of Degala Gangayya's death anniversary, his wife Varalakshmi and family organized a food donation for 300 people, serving sambar rice, potato kurma, kesari, and mineral water. Offerings were made, under the auspices of AS Foundation, to the presiding deities of Avilala, Sri Kapileshwara Swamy, Goddess Parvati, Sri Pochalamma Thalli, and Sri Pillareshwara Swamy. Food was then distributed to patients, their families near Ruia Hospital gate, pilgrims to Tirumala, and the poor. AS Foundation head Avilala Sridhar, Pudi Muni Krishna Reddy, Sambaiyah, Munikrishna, Pillai, Padmanabham, Nagore, Venkat Royal, Kiran, Bhuvanesh, Varamma, Rama and others participated in the event.



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Daily essentials given to SK family

In Vizianagaram, members of the Sistakaranam community visited Sri Raghupatruni Ravikumar in Pulpakku Double Colony, following the recent passing of Smt. Raghupatruni Lalitha, a member of the community. Representatives Sri MP G. Eshwara Rao, Sri Balivada Venkataramana Rao, and Sri Budharayavalasa Madhusudan Rao extended their condolences and provided essential supplies. Speaking on this occasion, they expressed their commitment to supporting underprivileged Sistakaranam families in the district on behalf of the association. Several other representatives of the Sistakaranam community also participated in the program.



Incentives provided to students

Anandapuram Mandal's Gambhiram Panchayat, Boyapalem Zilla Parishad High School 10th-grade students who perform well, and students who excelled in the Vishwabharathi organization's merit exams were honored with certificates and ₹500 cash prizes, presented by Vishwabharathi Chairman Sri Balivada Ramesh, as a donation to the school's development fund that was handed over to Headmaster Sri I.V. Kondababu.



Speaking at the event, Chairman Sri Ramesh expressed that while the gift may be small, it serves as significant encouragement for higher education. The program was attended by dignitaries, including Madurawada Junior College Principal Sri S. Gaureshwaramma, Boyapalem headmaster I V Kondababu, school SMC chairman Challa Rami Reddy, teachers, parents, and Vishwabharathi members.

Open Forum

Appanna Autographs - Basangi Suresh

Somulu Mama

In the quaint village tucked away in the heart of Andhra Pradesh, life revolved around its people, their festivals, and the stories they wove together. One such story, etched into the memory of the villagers, was that of Somulu Mama, a man whose name became synonymous with the spirited goat fights that once defined the local culture. The goat fights weren't merely events; there were grand spectators, attracting crowds from nearby hamlets and even distant places like Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam. The fights coincided with rooster battles, turning the event into a bustling fairground. Vendors lined the open field near a mango grove with stalls selling trinkets, clothes, and food. There were also darker indulgences like illicit liquor and gambling, giving the entire affair a raw, unpolished charm.

Amidst this frenzy was 'Somulu Mama'. Though his given name was Somulu, everyone called him "Pandela Somulu," a title earned from his remarkable luck in betting. A shrewd man with a charismatic presence, Somulu had won substantial money over the years, turning him into a local legend. His real fame, however, lay in his unique companion—a goat with a slight limp.

This goat was no ordinary animal. Though its limp might have seemed like a disadvantage, it defied expectations by winning 18 consecutive matches. To Somulu, it wasn't just a prized fighter; it was family. He cared for the goat with the same affection and dedication he once showed his son, Shankari.

Shankari, however, harboured a deep resentment toward the goat. As a child, he had struggled to walk due to weak legs. Somulu's relentless care and determination had helped Shankari overcome his disability. But over time, Shankari grew bitter, believing that his father's affection had shifted entirely to the goat. For Shankari, the limp goat symbolized everything he had lost—his father's attention, love, and approval. The goat fights were the talk of the village. They brought people together in a way few things could. Somulu Mama's goat became the star attraction, especially when it first entered the arena. People doubted its ability, mocking its limp and predicting an early defeat. But when the fight began, the goat proved

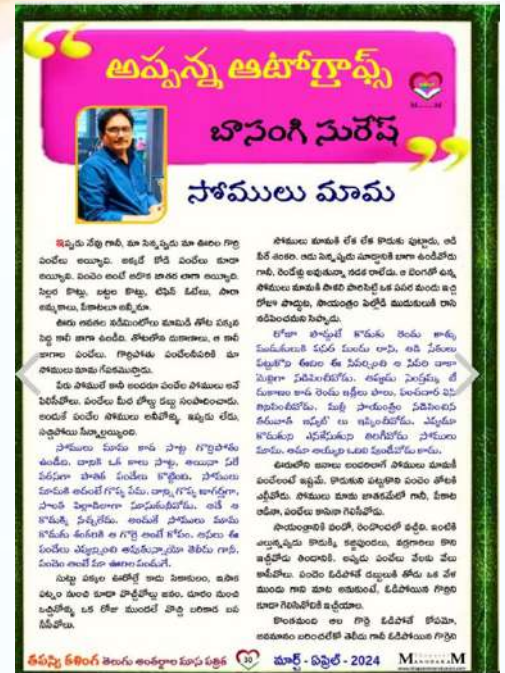
its mettle. After an initial stumble, the goat launched a fierce counterattack, surprising both its opponent and the crowd. Cheers erupted as it landed a decisive blow, securing its first victory. This marked the beginning of a streak that would make Somulu and his goat local celebrities.

Somulu's training regimen for the goat was rigorous. Every morning at dawn, he would take it to the fields, encouraging it to build strength by running on soft sand. He even took it to the village stream, where it would wade through water to strengthen its legs. It's diet was carefully monitored—fresh greens, pulses, and a mix of herbs that Somulu swore by. At night, the goat slept in a specially arranged shed, complete with a fan during the sweltering summer months. Shankari watched all of this with growing frustration. To him, it seemed as though his father had replaced him with the animal. The goat's victories brought fame to Somulu, but they only deepened the rift between father and son.

The goat's winning streak continued until its 18th match. Then, for the first time, it lost. It wasn't just a loss—it was a turning point. Concerned, Somulu consulted the village veterinarian, who revealed that the goat's eyesight was deteriorating. Though medication helped briefly, the goat was no longer the invincible fighter it had once been.

As its losses mounted, whispers began circulating. Some saw it as the end of Somulu's lucky streak, while others believed it was an omen. Shankari, however, saw an opportunity. He suggested that the goat be sacrificed during the upcoming festival. Somulu was enraged. "Will you throw me away too when I grow old?" he snapped. It was the kind of remark that lingered in the air, heavy with emotion and truth. Tragedy struck just days later. Somulu, known for his robust health, suffered a sudden heart attack and passed away. The village mourned the loss of a man who had been larger than life. But the story didn't end there. The goat, too, seemed to grieve. It stopped eating, its once-spirited demeanor replaced by a sorrowful stillness. Within a week, it died. The villagers, preparing for Somulu's funeral feast, found the goat lifeless in its shed.

What followed was both inevitable and un-



settling. Shankari, now in charge of the arrangements, decided to serve the goat's meat at the funeral feast. The decision sent ripples through the village. Some called it disrespectful, while others saw it as poetic justice.

Yet, the real mystery lay in the goat's death. Did it die of heartbreak, unable to bear the loss of its master? Or was its death orchestrated by someone, perhaps Shankari himself?

To this day, the villagers debate the truth. Some believe the bond between Somulu Mama and the goat was so profound that one couldn't survive without the other. Others see darker motives at play, suspecting that the goat's death was far from natural.

What remains undeniable is the legacy of Somulu Mama and his limp goat. Their story continues to be told, a tale of love, rivalry, and the enigmatic connection between man and beast. Even now, when the mango grove stands silent and the arena is nothing but an empty field, their legend lingers—a reminder of a time when the village came alive with the clash of horns and the roar of the crowd.

- Original Story: Basangi Suresh, in rustic Telugu dialect.

Retold in English by Ravi Karakavalasa

Open Forum

With Ex-Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh

1) On the occasion of being selected for the National Best Teacher Award on 05.09.2010,



Kudama Tirumala Rao was invited to the Prime Minister's Office the previous day, 04.09.2010, where Prime Minister Manmohan Singh extended his congratulations.



2) In the same year, with the National Best Teacher Award, other recipients.

A tribute with tears to the great visionary and exceptionally honest leader, former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, who steered India towards development during his ten-year tenure.

Places & Names

The Origin and Significance of Palakonda

In literary terms, Palakonda was once referred to as "Ksheeragiri." The renowned poet Adidam Soorakavi (1720–85) praised it in his verse: "Kshamam bannadi ledu Ksheeragiri desam bandhu nendeniyan." This can be interpreted as a testament to the prosperity of this village, thriving with agriculture and dairy. The name "Palakonda" is believed to have originated because almost every household in the village used to own dairy cattle, resulting in abundant milk production. Additionally, the nearby Seethampeta hills likely inspired the elders of the time to name the village "Palakonda." Local journalist Vandrangi Venkatagiri has corroborated this account.

The municipal office in Palakonda today was once the earthen fort of the local rulers. The tribal Jatapu kings governed the Palakonda estate during the 18th and 19th centuries and maintained good relations with the East India Company. The last Jatapu king, Venkata Pathiraju (1791–1828), hailed from Achhapuvalsa near Veeraghattam, where the royal ancestors' tombs remain. Their family deity, Kota Durgamma, is enshrined in a temple near the fort. These kings also constructed the Gokarneswara Swamy temple

on the outskirts of the town.

Palakonda is now a municipal town, a legislative assembly constituency headquarters, and a revenue division center, serving as a gateway to tribal regions. Prominent temples here include Jagannatha Swamy, Gayatri Mata, Uma Rudra Koteswara Swamy, Bhogalingeswara Swamy, and Kanchi Kamakshi. Though it is still in its developmental phase, Palakonda is making strides in education.



Saraswatipalle – A Unique Name

In Annamaiah district's Ramapuram Mandal lies Saraswatipalle, the only village named after Goddess Saraswati. Originally called Madiga Palle, it was renamed by the Brahmin community in agreement with villagers. However, most Brahmins later migrated for employment, leaving the village with a literacy rate of 51% and a population of 1,442.

Courtesy Visakha Sanskriti Monthly, January 2025

- Vandrangi Kondala Rao

Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



Visakha Sistakarana Seva Sangam Kancharapalem special program for job seekers

Our members are aware that Visakhapatnam Sistakaranam Seva Sangam Kancharapalem has launched a special program!! We have decided to start this program in the first week of February. We think it will be very useful for the unemployed. We have already received the biodatas of many unemployed people; we are collecting them all and making a file. We are also taking printouts. Some people are coming forward to give them some private jobs. We are giving these printout copies to them, and we are also trying to get help through these PDF copies from those who have the opportunity to get private job openings. On the day of this program, we are also conducting interviews with jobseekers who come there through the guests who can give jobs if they like them, and they can join those jobs. Therefore, if any of our relatives are looking for a private job, we request them to send their full bio data as indicated below. Time is short, send to the below whatsapp number Balivada Haribabu 9494745837 or to VSKSS KCP email jobaspirants@gmail.com. More details to follow.

Full name surname

Father name

Residence place and address

Mobile no

Date of birth

Educational qualification

Any technical education details

Present job, if any

Signature

Send it in the above format

Visakha Sistakarana Seva Sangham Kancharapalem

Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



Sistakaranam Job Aspirants Meeting- Agenda

Visakha Sistakaranam Seva Sangham-Kancharapalem

All sistakaranam young job aspirants/ career seekers are requested to attend the meeting.

Date: 7-2-2025 Friday

Time: From 1-30PM to 4-30PM

Venue: Niranjan Meditation Hall, Dondaparty, Visakhapatnam

The young Sistakaranam job aspirants who have submitted their brief details are requested to attend. Even those who have not submitted details are also can attend and submit their brief details at registration counter on meeting day (Free)

Agenda of the program

1-30 pm – 2-30 pm:

Registration of participants

Prayer and Welcome address by Sri B . Haribabu

Meeting goals and agenda by Sri sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao

Speech by team members of VSKSS, Kancharapalem and their suggestions.

Release of book with details of job aspirants by Sri DSV Gopikrishna

Address by Sri Adiswaroop, Sri JVC Babu, Sri DSV Gopikrishna (Then both will proceed to Venue2 for conducting spot interviews for vacancies in their organisations) and any other guest speakers.

2-30 pm – 3-15 pm

Sri Gouri Prasad MP will be conducting Mock Interviews and giving tips on how to face interviews and be successful in getting jobs. (Then he will be proceed to venue3 for conducting Mock Interviews)

3-15 pm – 3-30 pm

Sri DSV Gopikrishna speech on How to take career in CA and commerce fields

3-30 pm – 3-45 pm

Sri VTB Patnaik will be giving tips for scoring more marks in competitive exams by RRBs , IBPS, Banks etc

3-45 pm – 4 pm

Lekha Team Sri M N Rao will be delivering speech on how to start business and how to get success in business or self employment ventures.

4 pm onwards

Issue of tentative job orders to successful candidates in spot interview.

Venue-2

2-30 pm – 4 pm: Spot interviews for selected candidates

1) Sri Adiswaroop will be conducting walk-in or spot interviews for some vacancies in his organisation branches.

2) Sri JV Chandra Babu will be conducting spot interviews for a vacancy in his Solen Pharma organisation

Venue-3

3-15 pm – 4 pm

Mock Interviews by Sri Gouri Prasad MP

Sistakarana Seva Samiti, Rajamahendravaram New Year Calendar

The Sistakaranam Seva Samithi, Rajamahendravaram, presented its 2025 New Year calendar to its former president and current honorary



president, Sri. Potnuri Shiva Surya Prakash Rao (CTR Ravi). The presentation was made by President Sri. Sekharamantri Srinivasa Rao and Secretary Smt. Dabberu Vijaya Divakar, Sarva Sri Veenam Ramachandra Rao, Pakki Gangadhar, Veenam Venkataramana, Rautula Surya Bhaskara Rao, and Rautula Hanuman.

During the event, the members conveyed New Year greetings and expressed their desire for Sri. Potnuri Shiva to lead the upcoming District Sistakaranam Samithi as its president.

"Anjaniputra Chiranjeevi Walkers Club" celebrates National Youth Day

On the occasion of National Youth Day, the Anjaniputra Chiranjeevi Walkers Club organized an event at the walking track in Kamakshi Nagar, Ayyannapeta. The event was led by the club's founder-chairperson, Tyada Ramakrishna Rao (Balu).

The program began with members paying floral tributes to a portrait of Swami Vivekananda. Later, youngsters contributing selflessly to society were honored. Among them were Tyada Prasad Patnaik, founder of Mother Teresa Praja Seva Sangham and Blood Donors Club; Mata Bujji, social worker and President of Pattana Telugu Yuvatha; Lopinti Kalyan, Jana Sena youth leader; Lucky Bhaskar, founder of Amma Seva Samithi; and Abbas from the same group who were felicitated by the Chief Guests the club's honorary president, Dr. A.S. Prakasa Rao Master, Elect Governor Arikathota Tirupati Rao, Sri Sai Krishna Walkers Club elder T. Ramana .

Speaking on the occasion, District-102, Elect Governor A. Tirupati Rao urged the youth to follow the example of Sri Swami Vivekananda, the great spiritual leader, yogi, who has inspired the youth, who has shown to the world the uniqueness of Hinduism, Indian culture and its greatness.



Fraternity Page - Chhattisgarh



BJP fields Smt Padmaja for Mayor post



Very happy to Share with all our Sistakaranam feternity that my Sister Smt. Puja Vidhani (L. Padmaja Patnaik) of Bilaspur has been nominated as BJP Candidate for the post of MAYOR of Bilaspur.

Request all our Sistakaranams to Support directly or indirectly with your valuable contacts & with your blessings

Lumburu Srinivasa

President, Sistakaranam Samakhya, Durg-Bhilai,

Sri G. S. Patnaik's show

Sri G. S. Patnaik's show, via YouTube link on 31/12/2024 on the occasion of English New Year:

https://youtu.be/NkS9GyoFcgU?si=KwouuFH_6NB4KGoC



Fraternity Page - West Bengal



Kharagpur Get-together Team members



Back Row (Left to Right):

- 1) Sri Uriti Tarakapatnayak
- 2) Sri Dabbiru Vasanthakumar
- 3) Sri Srinivas Kantimahanti
- 4) Sri Dabbiru Kishore
- 5) Sri Sahini Shekharapatnaik
- 6) Sri Mantri Balagangadhar
- 7) Sri Krishna Patrunni Govind

Front Row (Left to Right):

- 8) Sri Uddhanda Kamesh
- 9) Sri Dabbiru Nagabhushan
- 10) Dr. Balivada Nageswararao (Nagu)

11) Dr. Wandrangi Saibabu

12) Dr. Wandrangi Naveen Kumar

13) Sri Chowdary Vishnu Prasad, Councillor

14) Sri Ampalam Rajesh

15) Sri Mantri Venkat Raj

Absent from the Picture:

16) Sri Shekharamantri Ramesh

17) Sri Munagavalsa Ramakrishna

18) Sri Mantri S.N. Murthy

19) Sri M Vishal

20) Sri Manipatruni Khushuraj

21) Sri Ch R N Patnaik

Sistakaranam Samakhya, Durg District AGM cum Picnic

Sistakaranam Samakhya, Durg District AGM cum Picnic was held on 05.01.2025 at Sector 1 Park. Around 122 Sistakaranams attended the get-together.

Election for the New Executive Committee was held thereof where following members were nominated/elected:

Sri. Lumburu Srinivasa - President

Sri Uriti Sudhakar - General Secretary

Sri R. Manoj - Treasurer

Remaining executive posts shall be nominated in the next Executive Committee meeting to be held shortly.

Lekha Award photo on calender

The first page of BJP Samrthak Manch Senior Citizens' Morcha calendar features Smt Rajkumari Patro's photo while receiving the Lekha Bhushana Award. Congrats madam!



Fraternity Page - Odisha



Sistakaranam Seva Samiti JK Pur, Rayagada Calendar

The New Year's calendar of the Sistakaran Seva Samiti, JKpur, Rayagada District, Odisha has been released. President: Sri Patnatukuni Gaurishankar; Secretary: Sri Kuppili Suryarao Patnaik; Sri Marupalli Venkata Satyanarayana; Vice President: Sri Baggam Sanyasi Mohanrao; General Secretary: Sri Bukkuru Srinivasa Rao.



Kalam Snehitulu



Child Literature - Importance

Before delving into the meaning of children's literature, let us understand what "literature" truly signifies. The word "Sahityam" (literature) stems from Sahitam, meaning "that which brings benefit." Extending this to Bala Sahityam (children's literature), it refers to literary works designed to enrich and benefit children.

Why is children's literature important? What makes it significant? To answer these questions, one must first understand the role of children. They are budding blossoms, sprouting seeds, and the foundational pillars of society. If not nurtured and guided properly, these young minds may fail to flourish, leading to a compromised future generation. Thus, today's adults bear the profound responsibility of shaping the lives of children.

Many notable figures have expressed valuable thoughts on this subject:

1. Illedu Saraswathi Devi emphasized that stories meant for children should inspire them to read independently.
2. Jedigunta Seetharamamurthy highlighted how personality development in children enriches society.
3. Yedida Kameswararao advocated embedding lessons against cruelty and deceit in children's tales.
4. Tallapudi Venkataramana suggested that teaching children good words, music, and games shapes them into useful citizens.
5. Gali Prabhavati observed that ancient literature offered both entertainment and moral guidance for children.
6. Mala Kondayya proposed that, instead of Kakamma & Pedarashi stories, infusing life lessons with humor should be employed to captivate children.
7. Kavula Anjaneya Sharma believed in not just writing for children but organizing movements to mold them into exemplary citizens.
8. Dr. Antati Narasimham noted that only skilled writers could children's literature. Some do not create meaningful children's literature as they do not give the needed importance to children.

- Balapriya Behera Umamaheswara Rao

New book Saptasati launched

A new 220-page book, Saptasati, featuring 700 seven-step poems (Saptapadi Kavithalu), was grandly launched on January 11, 2025, at an event in Hyderabad. Priced at ₹250, this compilation includes works from 12 of our esteemed poets, who have contributed a total of 36 Saptapadi poems.

Below are the details of each contribution :

- Ramatata: Saptapadi 21 (Page 42), 343 (Page 122)
- Kotamahanti Venkata Rao: 25 (Page 43)
- Karakavalasa Bhaskar Raju: 42 (Page 47), 65 (Page 53), 659 (Page 201)
- D. Ramasatyadevi: 79 (Page 56), 227 (Page 93), 385 (Page 128)
- Baggam Someswara Rao: 112 (Page 64), 635 (Page 195)
- Dabhiru Prabhakar: 133 (Page 70), 165 (Page 78), 256 (Page 100), 665 (Page 203), 677 (Page 206)
- Kuppili Rajeswari: 63 (Page 52), 553 (Page 175)
- Uriti Lakshmana Rao: 137 (Page 71)
- Udandhrao Ramana Babu: 151 (Page 74), 327 (Page 118), 391 (Page 134), 470 (Page 154), 652 (Page 199)
- Balivada Venugopala Rao: 190 (Page 84), 608 (Page 188), 697 (Page 211)
- Kovera: 230 (Page 94), 332 (Page 119), 357 (Page 126), 410 (Page 139), 557 (Page 176)
- Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao: 238 (Page 96), 647 (Page 198)
- Behara Nagabhushana Rao: 250 (Page 99), 674 (Page 205)



Congratulations once again to all the contributing poets!

— Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao, Visakhapatnam

Sri Shivvam Radhakrishna felicitated

Sri Baliwada Satya rao felicitated Sri Sivvam Mallikharjuna Radhakrishna, Assistant Controller Legal Metrology, at his office (Department of Weights & Measures).



Ramatata receives a copy of the Saptashati compilation

I received a copy of my Saptashati compilation from the hands of Sahrdaya Sahitya President, Sri Sekharamantri Prabhakar and his wife Smt. Tarinilatha!

My heartfelt and grateful acknowledgement to the inspiring

iconic trio of Sri Sudhama ji, Vihari ji and Shantamurthy!



- Pattanayakuni Ramakrishna Rao

Kalam Snehitulu



'Religious harmony' in modern Telugu literature

In modern Telugu literature, works reflecting religious harmony are few and far between. Various literary forms have found their place in creatively expressing these profound ideas. Among these, genres like short stories, songs, poetry, essays, and mini-poems have significantly contributed to this cause. In this context, the prose literature initiated by Gurajada Apparao has breathed new life into modern Telugu literature. He revolutionized the language by combining conversational style with an emphasis on social reform. Along with figures like Gidugu Ramamurthy Pantulu, he introduced groundbreaking changes in literary expression. The influence of the "Sarvamata Sahapankti Bhojanalu" (multi-faith communal meals) held in Barampura led Gurajada to introduce "Muthyala Saralu," a poetic form, setting the stage for modern Telugu poetry focused on religious harmony. Gurajada became the driving force behind reformist movements aimed at promoting religious tolerance in Telugu society.

In Gurajada's story "Mee Peremiti?", a dispute sparked by the clash of different religious communities is resolved in a manner that highlights the power of individual belief. The character Nancharamma, who unintentionally falls from the religious divide, becomes a symbol of enlightenment. Through her actions, the story suggests that no matter which religion or god one worships, it is the inner resolve and personal belief that matters. As Gurajada says in his story, "Not just Rama, any god—true faith in them can dispel all troubles." This reflects the idea that religious identity should not overshadow the universal values of humanity and integrity.

In the "Shivudu Vishnu", a conversation in the story "Samskarta Hridayam," Gurajada speaks of reconciling contradictory faiths, stressing that knowledge and wisdom are far superior to religious distinctions. This inner message calls for a unity among different religions, advocating for a more inclusive and harmonious world.

Salim's "Rani Gaari Kathalu," a notable piece of modern writing, also celebrates religious harmony between Hindus and Muslims. The story "Aaradugula Nela" emphasizes the value of humanity over reli-

gious barriers, where the central characters, despite facing religious opposition, exemplify love, empathy, and unity. The story portrays how two religious communities, after a period of strife, come together to honor human dignity over religious affiliations. This story vividly illustrates the power of humanity over divisive forces like religion.

Additionally, Gurajada's "Desa bhakti" (Patriotism) song highlights his belief that unity of mind and spirit is more important than religious differences. He strongly advocates that human unity, rather than religious division, is the true essence of society. As he sings in the poem, "Though religions may differ, it is the heart that unites humans." His emphasis on the collective human spirit resonates with readers, calling for a world that values the common good over religious or social distinctions.

Further, Boi Bhimanna's song, "Yedi Hindu, Yedi Muslim, Yedi Christian?" emphasizes the idea that all religions share the same core of humanity. His work strengthens the belief that true religion is the one that unites people, transcending the barriers of religious identity. Similarly, Rāyaprolu Subbārāvu's works provide poignant commentary on the need for love and compassion to transcend religious animosities.

Suman, another modern poet, also echoes

these concerns in his poems, lamenting how some individuals stir religious discord, causing unnecessary conflict. His verses illustrate the destructive consequences of religious intolerance and call for peace and unity among all faiths.

The work of Devulapalli Krishna Sastri, a prominent figure in children's literature, also explores these themes. His poem "Mātamannadi Na Kantiche Masakai" (Religion is a Blinding Veil to My Eyes) emphasizes the destructive potential of religion when it fuels hatred and division.

The collective message from these poets and writers in modern Telugu literature urges us to embrace religious harmony, promote knowledge, and prioritize human unity above divisive forces. Their works lay a strong foundation for a future where society is governed by universal values, transcending the narrow confines of religious identity. As these writers demonstrate, only by uniting humanity can we build a prosperous, inclusive, and peaceful world for future generations.

Thus, modern Telugu literature stands as a testament to the power of words in fostering religious harmony, with each work adding a unique voice to the ongoing dialogue about unity and human values.

- Manapuram Raja Chandrasekhar

Speak Out

This month's magazine is very, very good

Sir, Namaste,

The magazine this month, filled with historical content, is excellent.

Thank you. I have received many accolades and have sent them. However, there was no mention of Kuduma Tirumala Rao anywhere.

I hoped at least be a New Year's greeting poem is included. Perhaps there wasn't enough space.

If possible, consider publishing it later. If not, that's okay too.

— Kuduma Tirumala Rao

36 pages good composition

Good morning

This appreciation for Lekha under your editorship...36 pages with all the details is well put together.

The Lekha is progressing day by day...

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With best wishes...

Yours, Gowri Prasad Rao

Speak Out!

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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.

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Ajith Sai Krishna- Versatile Artist

Sistakaranam from Parvathipuram, a young artist Chilakalapalli Ajith Sai Krishna (son of Sri Chilakalapalli Ramesh and Smt Rajasree, sister of Sri GG Prabhakar Das, Seethammadhara Sistakarana Sangham) is getting appreciation from many people for creating masterpieces in oil painting, resin art and other arts. Hyderabad-based The Short Album publishing company has released a cover page covering him.

He well versed with multiple art mediums like oil painting, charcoal acrylics and resin art and specialised in making realistic arts and portraits.

He worked with multiple brands like Brustro and Drawguud and recognised by multiple film production houses, actors and actresses and celebrities both in Hyderabad and Mumbai.

TSA, the short album, a magazine-making startup in Hyderabad is drafting his art journey and celebrating his story as an artist. TSA launched two covers of his story as of now and yet to release digital and physical copies'



Ajith's Instagram link:

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(Bharath Vikas)



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- Introduction about the channel through dynamic Bharath Vikas Naupada, Vizag (in Telugu), sweet Shilpa Dasumantha Rao, Delhi (in English), dashing Rajesh Ampalam, Kharagpur (in Hindi)

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- Know about January Lekha through voice and video media by Bharath Vikas's elegant compilation.

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Karnam World

A Tribute to the Exemplary I. Jagannadha Rao

The demise of Sri Ippili Jagannadha Rao, a retired supervisory engineer from Palakonda, is an irreparable loss to the social service community, stated Sri Polumahanti UmaMaheswara Rao, President AP State Social Welfare Association. A condolence meeting was held at the Sistakaranam Community Hall in Mahalakshmi Nagar, remembering his significant contributions to the upliftment of Sistakaranams. Dr. Arikathota KanakaRaju highlighted his relentless efforts, including the establishment of a trust that continues to support unemployed youth with annual stipends. SVD Murali noted that Jagannadha Rao was from a notable family and a man of exemplary values. Srikakulam Association President Dabbiru Srinivasa Rao praised his initiatives, including the reconstruction of community halls and advocating for the inclusion of marginalized groups in welfare programs. Dr. B. Srinivas Patnaik of Friends of the Earth distributed clothes to the underprivileged. R.V.N. Sharma, Sadashivuni Krishna, Prabhakar Rao, M.V.J. Mohana Rao, D. Venkata Rao, Gayathri



Sudhakar, Chittidas, B.V.R. Murthy, Uriti Kiran, Ponnada Mohanrao, P. Jaganmohan Rao, Narayana, Ramachandra Rao and others participated in the event. A large number of relatives participated.

Health Page

Life Without Medicine

1. Sleep early and wake up early is medicine.
2. Chanting Om is medicine.
3. Yoga pranayama meditation and exercise medicine.
4. Morning and evening walk is also medicine.
5. Fasting is a cure for all diseases.
6. Sunlight is also a medicine.
7. Drinking pot water is also medicine.
8. Clap is also medicine.
9. Chewing food thoroughly is also medicinal.
10. Like food, chewing water and drinking water is medicine.
11. Sitting in Vajrasana after eating is medicine.
12. The decision to be happy is also a medicine.
13. Sometimes silence is medicine.
14. Laughter and jokes are medicine.
15. Contentment is also medicine.
16. Peace of mind and a healthy body are also medicine.
17. Honesty and positivity are medicine.
18. Selfless love is also a medicine.
19. Doing good to all is also medicine.
20. Doing something that brings blessings to someone is medicine.



21. Living with everyone is medicine.
22. Eating, drinking and being with family is also medicine
23. Every true and good friend of yours is a complete medical store with no money.
24. Be happy, be busy, be healthy and have a happy mind, this is also medicine.
25. Enjoying each new day to the fullest is also medicine.
26. Understanding nature's magnificence and being grateful for it is also medicine.

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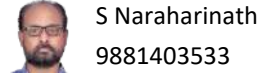
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Know Your Community and AISKA

(Part - 5)

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This is continuation of review of the Book in Telugu titled **Sistakaranamula Charitra – Sekarana (Compilation)** by Sri Dabbiru Nagabhushana Rao Patnaik [Sistakarana Charitra by Dabbiru Nagabhushana Rao Patnaik - Sistakaranam Ikyavedika.](#)

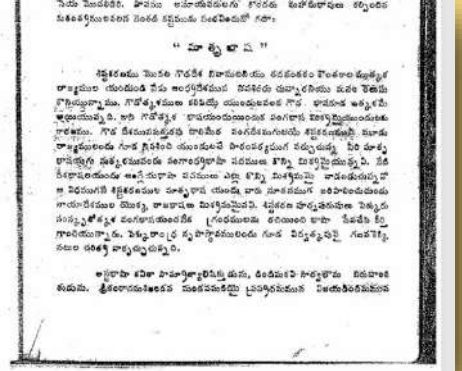
On pages 43-44, a topic titled **VIVADAMU (Conflict)**, is dealt with. An incident that occurred in **Madugula of Visakhapatnam District** is narrated. Belief in South India where North-India based Dwijas, the Sistakaranams were predominant, was that **only Vegetarians (Sakhaharis) were considered as Brahmins!** Since Sistakaranams were meat eaters, some Dravid Brahmins brain-washed their clan that **Sistakaranams**

were Sudras and hence no Vaidik rituals be taken up at their homes. That led to Madugula Samsthan Head and Scholar, **Sri Krishna Bhupathi calling for a face-to-face interaction** of Gowda Brahmins and Dravida Brahmins to resolve the conflict. Several Andhra Brahmin Pandits and Sistakarana Pandits from far off places attended / participated in the event / debate. After thorough discussions and deliberations, Dravida Pandits unanimously agreed to the logic that **Sistakaranams being North Indians, traditionally, historically and scientifically were meat eating Brahmins** which was acceptable. They belong to Gowda Dwija Sect and hence Dravida Brahmins regretted to their objection for performing of Vaidik rituals at Sistakaranam homes. Accordingly, it was **incorrect to infer that Sistakaranams were equivalent to Sudras.**

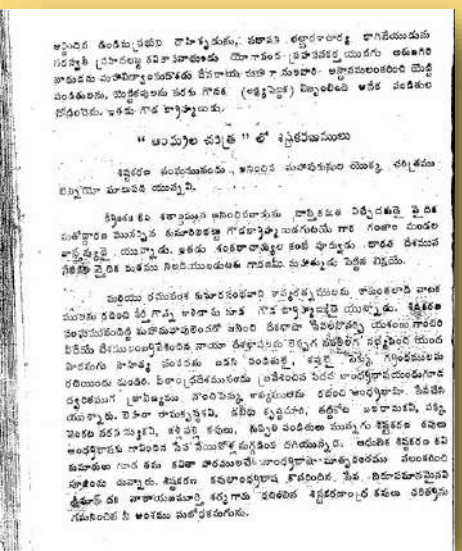
Another **similar incident** is worth mentioning here. The rule and belief were that **only a Brahmin should hold the position of Village Karanam!** This rule was followed by Sistakaranams whose families had been Village Karanams and receiving all the honors from Kings. **Misled by some disgruntled individuals**, the Vijayanagara Samsthana Head Sri Seetharama Raju believed that since Sistakaranams were meat eaters and hence they were ineligible to be Village Karanams. He passed an **Order (Raja Sashanamu)** that non-Brahmins like Sistakaranams could not hold the position of Village Karanams, which was the continuing tradition and Dravida Brahmins should replace them! That decision led to a major commotion and went to

the notice of the then Maharaja, who in turn called for a meeting of all Siddha Pandits for detailed discussion. It was **established that Sistakaranams were Brahmins** and so their right to be Village Karanams was restored.

On page no.44, the topic **MATHRU BHASHA (Mother Tongue)** was discussed. We have known that Sistakaranams were Gowda Brahmins from North India, migrated to Utkala and later to Andhra. Gowda-Utkals spoke Utkal (Oriya) language in which Bengali was mixed, since Sistakaranams lived in the three zones ie., Bengal, Orissa and Andhra. Like the English language contained some local terminology, **Sistakaranams were also using a hybrid language** as mother tongue. In fact, some pandits among Sistakaranams also contributed enough literary work in the Sanskrit+Utkal+Bengali language and were richly honored.



On page no.45, the topic discussed was **"Andhrula Charitralo Sistakaranamulu"** (Sistakaranams in History of Andhra). It says that several great people were born in the Sistakaranam clan but history never speaks about them. **Kumarila Bhattu**, who was a Vaidik born in the 6th Century A.D. in Ganjam Area was a Gowda Brahmin. He was born much earlier than Sri Sankaracharya. He was **instrumental in keeping alive the Vaidik religion** in India. Great **Kavi Kalidas**, who authored Raghuvamsam, Kumarasambhavam and Shakuntalam (drama) was also a **Gowda Brahmin**. Several such popular authors were born in the Sistakarana community and produced great literary works. They all mastered the native languages wherever they went including Andhra and earned name and fame. **Behara Ramakrishna Kavi, Dabbiru Krishna Suri, Thattikota Balarama Kavi, Pakki Venkata Narasayya Kavi, Kallepalli Brothers and**



Know Your Community and AISKA (Continued from previous page)

Kuppili Pandits were some of the famous authors who served Andhra literature. Adhunika Sistakarana Kavikumarulu (modern writers) also brought credence to the literary work in Andhra language. The yeoman services rendered by Sistakarana writers is highly laudable, as per Sriman Dabbiru Narayana Sarma in his book SISTAKARANA ANDHRA KAVULA CHARITRA.

On page 46, the item discussed was Mathamulu (Religion). Dabburis among the Sistakaranams from Maharashtra who came to Andhra were disciples of Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya. All Dabbiru families in Jalumuru belong to Dwaitha.

Gowda brahmins follow Sri Chaitanya Rishikesa Goswami ji. However, having migrated to the South, they adapted to Sri Ramanuja's faith of Dwaitha in Vizag-Ganjam area, except those who stayed in Varanasi and Parlakhimidi who follow Chaitanya Swamiji. Sri Kuppili Ananthacharya, who belonged to Sistakaranam clan, heading a Peetham had a large following in Ganjam-Vizag area.

The next topic is Sistakaranamula Pradhana Vrithhi (main profession of Sistakaranams): Sishtrakaranams are soft and pursue literary activities. They learn all types of arts and keep themselves happy in life. They followed a Vaidic lifestyle and were honored by Agraharas. They pursue teaching professions, especially in the fields of Mathematics and Accounting jobs. Majority of the population in Vizag-Ganjam districts start their early education with Sistakaranams which tradition is continuing even today. In the process, they brought laurels to Andhra language and even the Nation. Skillful writing is yet another boon to their tribe. Their family members had the reputation of writing copies of Ramayan, Bharatam and Bhagavatam books in a single day. Every household of Sistakaranams was more than a Library supporting literature!

Sistakaranams are highly pious and religious minded practicing traditions and Sanathana way of life. Some modern thinkers may not appreciate these facts, but it is our duty to recall and continue all such good traditions and practices.

The first one is GHOSHA SYSTEM. Sura Kavi, who belonged to Visakhapatnam area and knew all about our community well, stated in a satirical way that a major portion of money of Sistakaranams was spent on Curtains (Paradas or Screens) which may not be totally true, but has a meaning and relevance. The fact was that Sistakaranams belonged to Bengal where female members observe Ghosha system, even with their own brethren. It was very conspicuous during the Mughal period whether for religious reasons or other-

wise.

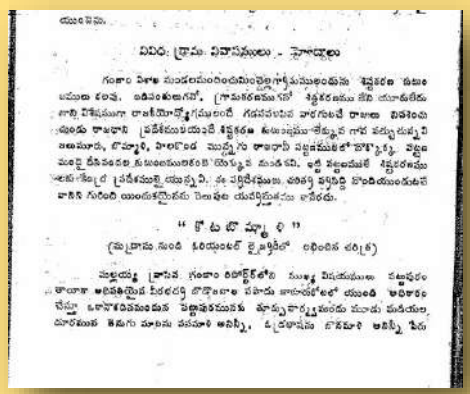
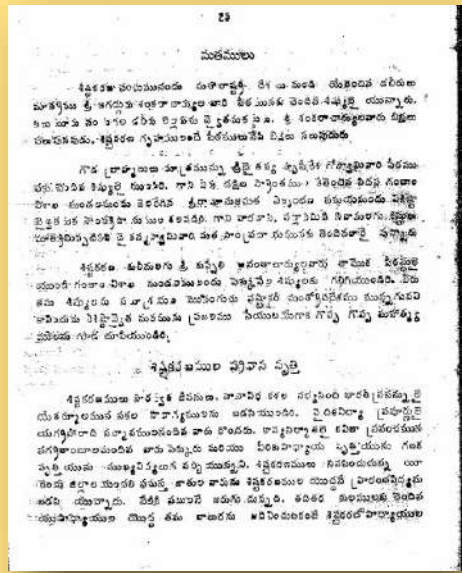
Next comes the Matrimonial System. Ascertaining educational and other background information of the prospective bridegrooms was and is the custom among Aryans. In contrast, South India is known for Dowry System which was adversely affecting mainly the poor among the Brahmin and Vysya communities. Being from North India, Sistakaranams never suffered with this problem and marriages were based on the educational and family background of the brides. In fact, the bridegrooms were invited to Vidya Parishath for scrutiny of their talents, education, handwriting, and character as also knowledge of arts and music. More information was available in the epic book, Veda Narayana Kadha Sudharasamu (published in the year 1891 A.D.)

Next on page 50 is a topic titled VIVIDHA GRAAMA NIVASAMULU – HODAAUL (different places of living and Official positions). Sistakaranam families were concentrated in the territories of Visakhapatnam-Ganjam area. There was no village without a Sistakaranam working as a teacher or Village Karanam. However, since they were holding responsible political positions too, Sistakaranams lived in all the places / towns where the Rulers were present. Jalumuru, Bommali and Palakonda are examples of such locations / important towns where more than five hundred families lived and Sistakaranams were predominant there. We shall describe below some of these towns.

KOTABOMMALI

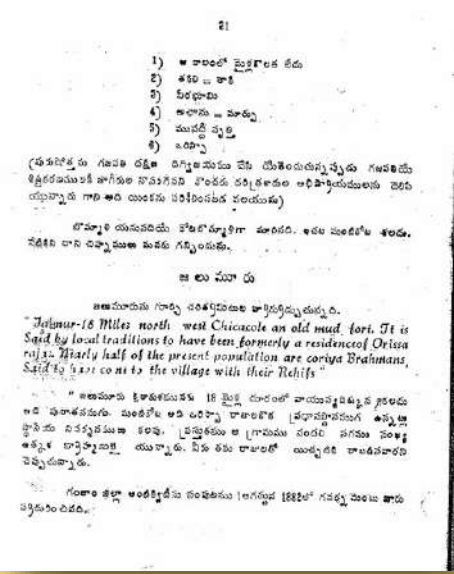
(Information gathered from the Central Library, Madras): An important extract from the Ganjam Reporter written by Sri Mallaiah. Sri Veerabhadra Boddoo Janakha, who was a Ruler in Pattupuram living in Jakuru Fort (Kota), one day went for hunting along with his team of army men towards east, and reached a forest area called Vanamali (in Telugu and Bonamali in Oriya). He sent his dogs hunting the wild boars, but found and was surprised that rabbits chased out his dogs. He realized the speciality of the place; got the forest cleared to build a village, fort and palace for himself only to eventually shift from Pattupuram. Some of these historical facts need to be verified.

In due course, when the forest turned to a village and a town, the name got changed from Bonamali (Oriya) to Bommali. Subsequently, Purushothama Gajapathi Raja identified five Sistakaranam families from South to settle in Kotabommali and handle the allotted responsibilities. These were Upendra Patnaik as Mazumdar, Nageswara Patrudu as Dewan, Manipatruni for General Administration, Buddha Chowdhary as Sardar (Commandant) and Sadasivuni for handling Treasury (Khajanchi). These families were also gifted lands by the Gajapathi Raja after his successful invasion of south areas. In view of the Mud Fort (Kota), the name got further changed as Kota Bommali.

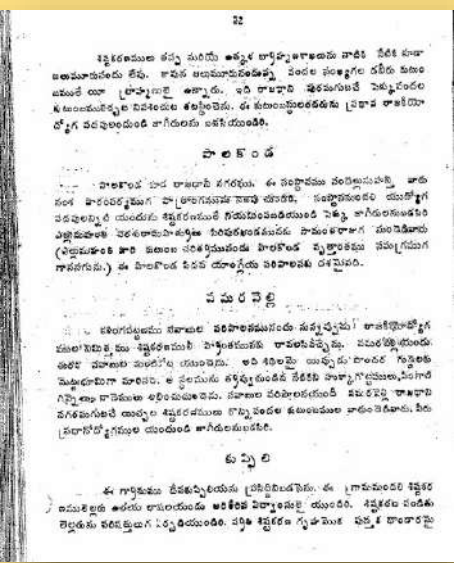


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JALUMURU: According to history (Ganjam Dist Antiquities of August 1882 published by the Government), Jalumuru is 18 miles away from Srikakulam (then Chicacole) towards north-west and had a mud-fort. It was formerly a residential place of Orissa Rajas (Kings). Nearly half of the population were Oriya Brahmans who accompanied the Rajas. Jalumuru population primarily comprises of Sistakaranams only who were Dabbiru Brahmans in large numbers. Jalumuru was the capital where these Dabbiru families occupied important administrative jobs and received huge lands as Jagirs and gifts.



PALAKONDA: Palakonda is one of the capital towns and Yellumahanthi family of Sistakaranams were ruling the place traditionally. All the prime positions in the Samshthan were held by them enjoying the rights on jagirs. Yellumahanthi Parasurama Pathrulu was the ruler under Siripuram territory as per historical records. Subsequently, the place came under British Rule.



VOMARAVELLI: During the rule of Nawabs in Kalingapattanam, all Sistakaranams who occupied high administrative positions shifted to Vomaravelli and made jagirs as properties. The place had a mud fort belonging to Muslim-Nawabs era, which changed to agricultural land. In the archives, Hukka pipes, old coins and utensils were found subsequently. Being a capital town, hundreds of Sistakaranam families resided in this place.

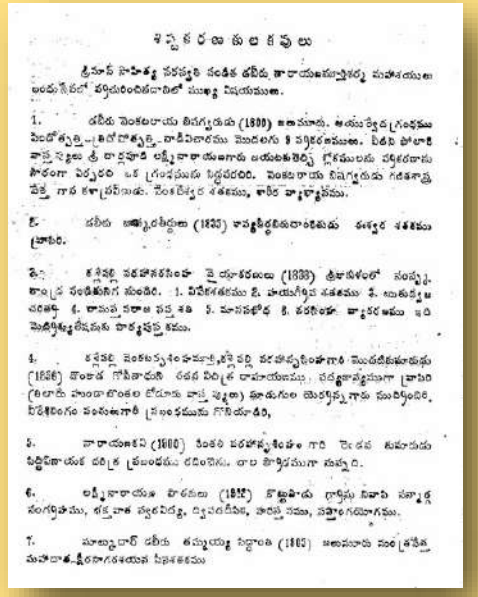
KUPPILI: The original and popular name was DEVA KUPPILI. All the Sistakaranam families in this village were proficient scholars in the two languages (Telugu and Sanskrit). They were organized into Parishaths. Every household was a huge library in itself. Besides writing literature, they were also making copies of Grandhams (epic books) on the Taala Patras (Leaves Sheets) making them easily available to public. They had excellent handwriting and almost

everyone wrote in the same style, thus sharing the work in family groups to complete the task on a single day. In the process, they served the literary work to uphold the Andhra treasure of scholars and received awards.

The 18 Parvas or Chapters of Maha Bharat were written on 18 Tala Patras which were made like Pearls and worn as a Japa Mala (Neck Chain for Puja purpose). Ramayana, Bharatha and Bhagavadgitha were all written in this fashion in Kuppili. Many Zamindars (landlords) and kings used to wear these Malas and gave away rewards to Sistakaranams. Kuppili Krishna Kavi, Appavadhanulu Kuppaya and other natives of this place were notable examples of such scholarly works. Kuppili Kuppaya had the privilege of overseeing the work of Sri Paravasthu who wrote SARVA SHABDA SAMBODHINI (Nighantu or Encyclopedia), which may not be an exaggeration for the caliber of Sistakaranams who were endowed with the blessings of Lakshmi (Wealth) and Saraswathi (Education / Scholarship).

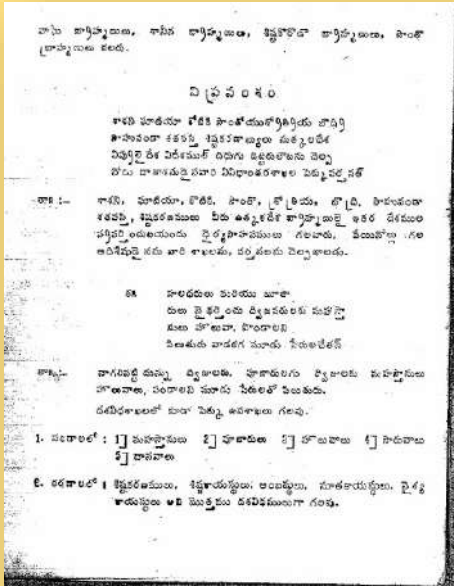
SRIKAKULAM: Sri Kuppili Kurmaiah represented Golkonda Nawabs and was designated as Sub-Nawab of Srikakulam. He was chosen for the same since a good number of Sistakaranams were holding senior positions at that time.

SISTAKARANA KULA KAVULU (POETS AND WRITERS): An exhaustive list of Sistakaranama Poets was published in BANDHU SEVA by Sriman Sahitya Saraswathi Pandit Dabbiru Narayana Murthy Sarma. Page Nos. 55 to 67 contain at least 104 (37 + 8 + 45 + 14) names of such Pandits during the years 1535 A.D. to 1926 A.D. They belonged to many places (more than 50) such as Jalumuru, Srikakulam, Kintalapuram, Kottupadu, Sompeta, Buravelli, Vedullavalasa, Polaki, Old Tekkali, Thulagamu, Kotabommali, Loddabhada, Yarabadu, Munagavalasa, Ichchapuram, Saravakota, Naupada, Thilaru, Parlakhimidi, Madanapuram, Salehundam, Vommaravelli, Nandapuram, Kuppili, Allipuram, Shambara, Kaluvalapalli, Divvela, Thattikota, Paltheru, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Pudimadaka, Veerasagaram, Nandanapuram, Dimili, Bonthalakoduru, Desapathrapalem, Bheemunipatnam, Vandurangi, Thyada, Pachipeta, Palakonda, Bhasuru, Vasudevapatnam, Burijavalasa, Anakapalle, Bobbili, Kotagandredu, Veeraghattam, Saluru, Rayagada, Datti Rajeru, Khadgapuram, etc. They covered a wide range of contemporary topics. These literary works were testimony to the enormous contribution to the Telugu language and religion by the esteemed Sistakaranama Poets at that time.



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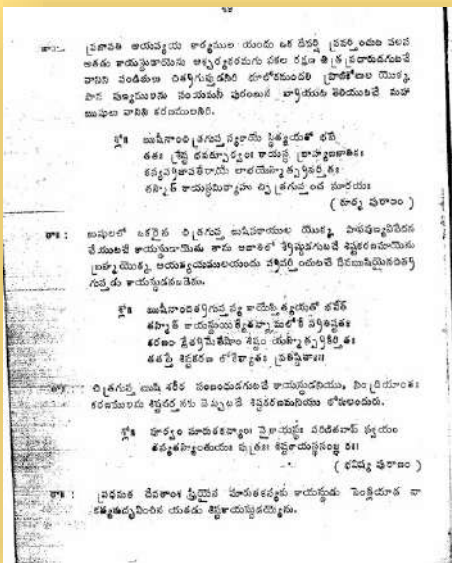
On page no. 66, extracts from UTKALA VIPRA VAMSA PRA-DEEPIKA written in 1898 A.D. by late Sri Kuppili Krishnamurthy Patnaik garu, are shared with the title SISTAKARANA BRAHMANA CHARITRA. The contents are in the form of number of Telugu Slokas and Padyams (Poetry like Kanda, Geetha, Seesa Padyams, etc which are not reproduced here of course), but with the Thathparyam (meaning or explanation) given below each of the same.



Panchavidha Dravida Brahmins live below Vindhya Mountain range. They are Maharashtrians, Andhras, Davids, Karnatas and Garzhars. Among the Dasavidha Brahmins, there are several sub-groups like Saraswats (who live in by the banks of Saraswathi river) spread in Rajasthan, Sindh, etc and speak native language. The sub-groups are Kapurie Brahmins, Acharye and Amagothra Brahmins.

Sistakarana Brahmins came down to Janipuram, known to be a place for Yagnas, in Utkala Region for performing religious ceremonies, and settled in Orissa. Utkala Brahmins are one among the Pancha Gowdas in Utkala or Orissa. They are meat and fish eaters. They speak Oriya language. Sistakaranams are one of the twenty types of Oriya or Utkala Brahmins. They migrated to Kalinga land and adopted to the Utkal traditions.

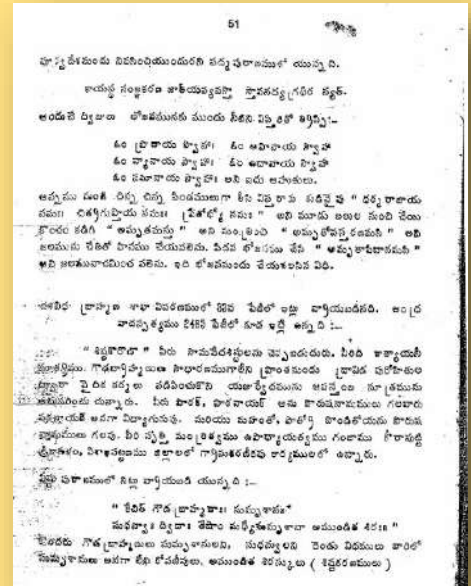
Lord Chitragupta, who maintains income and expenditure data, is a Kayastha according to Pandits (learned men). He keeps a record of all deeds and misdeeds (Punyam and Papam) of the total population and hence is called a Karanam with Rishis. Chitragupta is considered to be a prominent person related to Rishis and so is termed as SISTA KARANAM. Basically, godly woman Marutha Kanya wedded a Kayastha and the progeny is called a Sista Kayastha. Later, their three sons married women from three different sects and gave birth to Ambashthudu, Mapathmudu and Suthudu. These



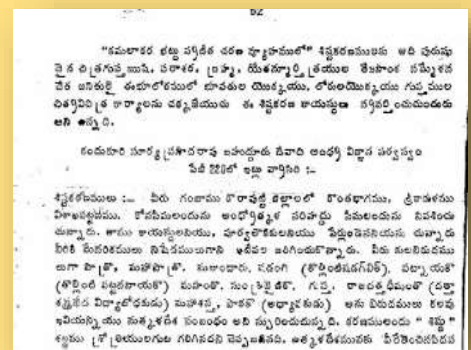
names were given according to their parentage (mothers) as per Bhavishya Puranamu. They were known to belong to three different Shakhas or Vamshams such as Ambashthu Karanamulu, Mapashya Kayashthulu (Vaishyas or Businessmen) and Sutha Kayasthulu. According to PADMA PURANAMU, Sutha Kayasthulu were in North India, Ambashtha Kayasthulu in Western parts, Mapashya Kayasthas, Sista Kayasthas, Sista Karanamulu lived in East ie., in Bangladesh (East Bengal).

Dasa Vidha Brahmana Shakha is described on page no.33 of Vipra Vamsa Pradeepika. Similarly, on page no. 2485 of Andhra Vachaspathyam also, similar contents appear as below: -

(Page No.72) SISTA KORONOS are said to be luminaries of Sama Veda. They follow Kathyayani Suthram. Where Gowda Brahmins were not present, religious ceremonies were performed by Dravida Brahmins to observe rituals as per Yajurveda Apasthamba Suthram. They carry titles like Pathak and Patha Nayak which means Vidya Guru. They also carry other titles such as Patro, Mahantho, Ponditho, etc. They were generally known to work as Ministers or Teachers and as Village Karanams in Ganjam, Koraput, Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam district areas. Mention has also been made in VISHNU PURANAM about the traits, traditions, practices, professions and lineage of Sistakaranams or Sista Kayasthas. Kamalakara Bhat in his Praneetha Charana Vyuhamu, wrote that Chitragupta is the Adi Purusha (Ancestor) for Sistakaranams who keep account of mankind. Kandukuri Surya Prasada Rao Bahaddur in his Devadi Andhra Vignana Sarvasvam (Page 220), wrote as below: -



(Page No. 73) Sistakaranams live in parts of Koraput, Ganjam districts, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Coastal Andhra (in the border areas of Andhra and Utkal). They are Kayasthas. They do not marry on the maternal side (Menarikam) but of late, it is deviated. Their family titles are Patro, Mahapatro, Majumdar, Shadangi, Patnayako, Mahantho, Manthri Bainiko, Gupta, Rajadatta Dheemantho, Mahashasta, Pathako, etc. Sishtu is added to Karanams. Rulers of Utkal Kingdom welcomed and honoured



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them by providing responsible positions with titles like Patnaik for those who are Karanams in charge of Village Administration. A few of them were also into agricultural farming while some educators were experts in mathematics. They had many other titles in their honour. These Sistakarana Brahmins were related to 25 Rishis and had as many Gothrams. Over a period, number of their surnames and gothrams have also increased. Practice of adopting surnames connecting to the villages they lived in began when they relocated to Andhra region. Sistakarana Brahmins continued their Gowda brahmin rituals and ceremonies including weddings. Initiation of a child to education (Vidyarambhamu) was the right of Sistakarana only and this tradition was religiously followed.

Duration of Rituals

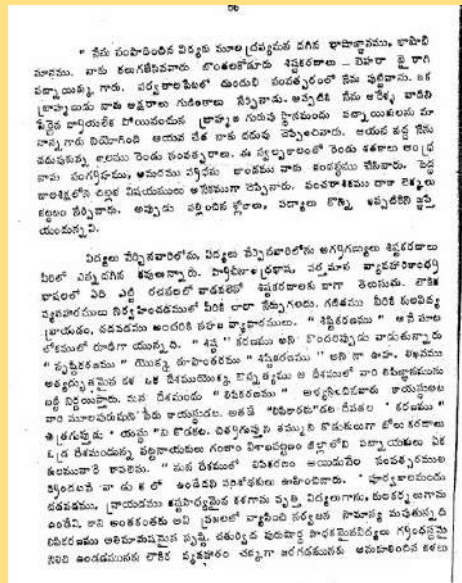
related to death of a member of a family varies among the four Varnas. Brahmins observe 10 days, Kshatriyas - 12 days, Vaishyas - 15 days and Sudras - One month. Sistakarana follow the Brahmin tradition of 10 days. Sistakarana are Utkal Brahmins and do not have surnames unlike Dravida Brahmins. But gradually they resorted to fixing surnames based on the titles held or place / village where they lived. Surnames are also linked to Gothrams and so marriages are held on this basis. Having played the Advisory role to rulers, Sistakarana got the title as Dheemantho, while others as Datta, Sarma and other titles such as Mahanthi, Patnaik, Nayak, Maha Prashastho, Maha Patro, Vainiko, etc. Sistakarana were always well disciplined brahmins and so, the rulers appointed them as Ministers.

(Page No. 76) Rao Saheb Sriyutha Gidugu Venkataramamurthy Panthulu Garu, B.A.M.R.A.N., wrote an essay titled BANDHU PRASANSHA in Telugu in the Sukla Samvatsara Rathotsava Special Issue of BANDHU SEVA about Sistakarana as under: -

“Whatever linguistic or literary knowledge I acquired is solely from Sri Behara Bairagi Patnaik Garu, Bonthalakoduru Sistakarana. I was born in Parvathala Peta during Dundubhi Nama Year. A Brahmin Teacher taught me alphabets. I was six years old, but unable to write even names. My father changed my teacher from this Brahmin to a Patnaik for further learning. I studied for two years under him. During this short period, he made me learn by-heart (Rote learning) all the basic studies including Literature, Slokas, Poetry, Maths etc. which I remember even today.

Sistakarana are the best Educators. They have in-depth knowledge about usage of language appropriately. Education is their hereditary profession. They live up to the term SISTAKARA-

NAM. My belief is that the original term SRUSHTI KARANAM got transformed into SISHTI KARANAM and currently used as SISTA KARANAM. The literary richness of a place is known by the skill of its people in writing i.e., LIPI. The LIPI KARANAM are lineage of CHITRA GUPTA, who was a Kayastha. This sect of Sistakarana are also known as Patnaiks who belonged to Ganjam in Orissa and Visakhapatnam area. The services rendered by Sistakarana in the field of education is commendable.”



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