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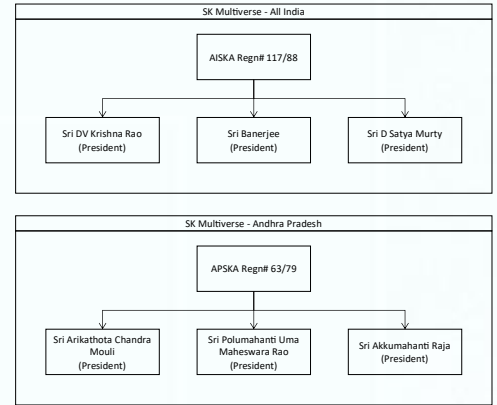
In that sense, Lekha is not really a newsletter. Lekha is just a collection of various messages that we come across in various platforms, including WhatsApp, that are composed together and shared in a PDF format. And, we have said this many times: We only present whatever we come across as-it-is. It is not our place to establish what is genuine and what is not. Therefore, one should understand that *publication in Lekha is not authentication!*

We are reiterating this because of the reactions that we have seen in the last few weeks, vis-à-vis some “news” items published in Lekha. Rival groups claiming to be the real state level association in AP have complained against each other for their coverage in Lekha.

These squabbles in our community are not new, and we have witnessed it everywhere from Telangana to Chhattisgarh to Kharagpur to AP, indeed even at national level.

So, let us put to rest, once and for all, how Lekha views all associations/groups. For us, *Everyone is equal!* We quote everyone verbatim. With a disclaimer that we don't vouch for authenticity.

Last month, in this column, we said we may be creating confusion in our readers minds. Someone came up with a very clear “picture” of these confusions with a couple of examples.



There! You have it!!

It is better that we reconcile to the fact that we are a fractured community. Lekha will present all happenings in our community without any bias to anyone. And, as it is (subject to some norms).

Please understand that presenting information is not the same as authentication.

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

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This newsletter is published by Sistakaranam Ikyavedika digital team, a voluntary group from the Sistakaranam Community. Being published by a voluntary group, it has no affiliation to any other association and, in fact, attempts to bring you updates from all associations & groups of our community.

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

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

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contributions from members of the community, or from resources that are in the public domain, including news media and social media (such as Facebook & WhatsApp), without any financial consideration to anyone. If you have any reservations about the content, please reach out to Ikyavedika digital team (details in the last page).



## Community News

### Sistakaranams in political arena

1. In the Telugu Desam Party's prestigious one-crore membership drive, Akkamahanti Raja and his team from Cluster 10 in the Machilipatnam constituency achieved a remarkable feat.



Under the guidance of convenor Ravindra, Raja and his executive committee successfully enrolled the targeted memberships across all 16 polling booths in their cluster, bringing pride to both the party and the constituency by securing a place in the state's top ten. Recognizing these outstanding efforts, State Minister Kollu Ravindra and Krishna District In-charge Minister Vasamsetti Subhash personally commended Raja, honoring him with a shawl and heartfelt congratulations. They praised the committee's dedication, encouraging continued service and assuring Raja of future recognition and higher responsibilities within the party.

2. Sri Uriti Surendra Kumar, son of the founding president of the Rajam Regional Gentlemen's Association, Sri Uriti Sambamoorthy, who also serves as the Telugu Desam Party's city vice-president and cluster in-charge, was honored by local MLA Sri Konduru Murali Mohan on the party's formation day. Surendra Kumar led the highest membership enrollment in Uttarandhra, securing the region's top position. The MLA praised his invaluable services to the party and assured that the party would recognize his contributions by granting him a suitable state-level position soon. Despite challenges during periods when the party was out of power, Surendra Kumar's role in achieving the highest majority in his cluster is widely acknowledged. The gentlemen of Uttarandhra strongly advocate for his appointment as Gentlemen's Corporation Chairman in recognition of his dedication.



3 On April 6, 2025, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) celebrated its Foundation Day with great enthusiasm across the country. In Kurvannapalem, Musthafa Junction of Vadlapudi Mandal, Mandal President Sri Chebrolu Ashok led the flag hoisting ceremony with the installation of a new pole, marking the occasion. The event saw the participation of



BJP District Secretary and Mandal In-charge Sri Mantri Shalivahan, along with a large gathering of party workers and leaders.

4) Similar celebrations took place elsewhere, with Smt. Kurada Pavani joining the Foundation Day events.



5) In Ichchapuram constituency, BJP Whip Dr. Bendalam Ashok Babu was congratulated by Sistakaranam Convenor Member Smt. Tyada Madhavi.



6) Meanwhile, in a coordination meeting focused on the development of the West constituency, former Union Minister and current MLA Sujana Chowdary discussed key issues with former Health Minister and current MLA Kamineni Srinivas and BSK Patnaik.



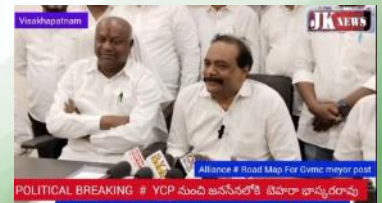
7) YSRCP leader and Mandal President Behara Bhaskar Rao announced his resignation from the party, citing personal reasons related to the party leadership. He sent his resignation letter to party chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, requesting immediate acceptance.



8) On April 10th evening, former minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu completed 42 years of public service and was honored at a book release event. Ramakrishnudu recalled hoisting the first Telugu Desam Party flag in Tuni taluka on March 29, 1982, and was felicitated by state TDP president Palla Srinivas and others, including Srinivas Mahanti, recognizing his longstanding contributions to the party.



9) Behara Bhaskar Rao, after resigning from YCP, met with Pendurthi MLA Panchakarla Ramesh. Behara announced that he, along with his wife and close relative - both serving as corporators in wards 91 and 92—will support the alliance candidate. Panchakarla assured Behara that he would be given a suitable position within the Jana Sena Party.



Press conference link for those interested: <https://youtu.be/hU2Jtkby94I?si=AvHkJffPFkAyiYcR>

10). Smt. Kurada Pavani participated in the Hanuman Vijayotsavam rally in Visakhapatnam city.



# Community News

## Sistakaranams in political arena

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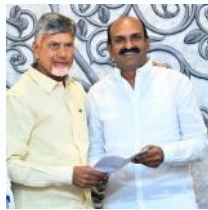
11) Sri Behara Bhaskar Rao joined the Jana Sena Party through Nadendla Manohar. We congratulate him on this occasion.



12) On the occasion of the Jatara Mahotsava of Sri Sri Sri Karakachettu Polamamba Ammavaru (15-04-2025), a grand procession from Pedawaltair, Adarshannagar Arch Junction at 5 pm. 16-04-2025 (Wednesday), a Dance Baby Dance program and cultural programs were organized by Funny Guys Dance Events under the auspices of Adarshannagar Yuvajana Seva Sangam, with the help of Jana Sena Party leaders Sri Bhogila Srinivas Patnaik, Jana Sena Party Rashtra Varahi Volunteers Core Committee Member.



13) Andhra Pradesh's political history is adorned by the remarkable leadership of Nara Chandrababu Naidu, a man celebrated for his progressive governance, commitment to social equality, and tireless determination. As the architect of the golden era of Andhra Pradesh, he continues to inspire millions with his P4 vision, winning the hearts of people across the state. Like a flower that shares its beauty and fragrance with all, Naidu spreads his warmth, affection, and dedication among the public. On his birthday, the Andhra Pradesh Sishtakarana Welfare Association, led by President Akkamahanti Nageswara Rao and other office bearers, extends heartfelt wishes to their leader and guiding light.



14) Birthday wishes to the Honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and NDA national leader, Nara Chandrababu Naidu, on his birthday. - B. S. K. Patnaik, State Treasurer, OBC Morcha



15) Sri Mahendranath Patnaik has been elected as the Social Media President of Telugu Desam Party in Bavulawada village.



## Sistakaranams in Dr. Ambedkar Birthday celebrations

1) As part of Dr. Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary celebrations, Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Association Women's President and YSR Congress Party Visakhapatnam District Women's Secretary Dabiru Prashanthi Patnaik paid rich tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at an event organized by Jai Bhim Blue Men. Women, Jai Bhim association members, and youth actively participated, honoring the architect of the Constitution and champion of marginalized communities.



2) In Simhachalam's Adavivaram, Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti was commemorated with great enthusiasm. Former MLC and BJP State Vice President PVN Madhav attended as chief guest, joined by Mandal In-charge and Visakhapatnam District Kisan Morcha President P.V.V. Prasad Rao Patnaik. They garlanded the Ambedkar statue and paid floral tributes, marking the occasion with reverence.



3) Kakinada Sistakaranam Association President Sri Ravi Shankar and executive members celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar with garlands.

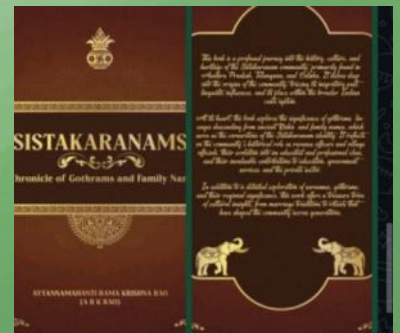


4) Smt. Kurada Pavani also offered floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar.



## Book on Sistakaranam gotrams

Sri Sri Ayyana mahanati Ramakrishna Rao (ARK Rao) has recently written and published a book titled "SISTAKARANAMS, a chronicle of Gotrams and family names".



# Newsmakers

## Kandukuri Award to Manapuram Satyanarayana

Manapuram Satyanarayana, recipient of the Kandukuri Award, was honored during his birthday celebrations at the Telugu Rangasthalam Day event, held with great grandeur by the state government at Kalamandira, Tummalapalli, Vijayawada. The event was graced by the Minister of State for Culture, Kandula Durgesh, who presented the prestigious State Kandukuri Awards to three individuals and District Kandukuri Awards to 107 recipients. Manapuram Satyanarayana, the Chief Secretary of Palakollu Kalaparishad, received the District Kandukuri Award from Minister Kandula Durgesh and Theater Academy Chairman Gummadi Gopalakrishna.

The ceremony was attended by notable personalities including renowned film writer Burra Sai Madhav and Himanshi Shukla, Director of the Andhra Pradesh Film, TV, and Theater Development Organization. Satyanarayana was specially congratulated by the State Minister for Water Resources, Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu. Other dignitaries who praised him included Palakollu Kalaparishad President K.V. Krishna Varma, Honorary President Medikonda Srinivasarao Chowdary, Vice President Dr. K.S.P.N. Varma, and several other prominent cultural and community leaders.



## Rishi wins his first Men's National title

Chi. Rishi (s/o Sri Bhatlanki Prakash and grand son of Late Venkatdri), Hyderabad, won his first Men's National title by defeating 24-year-old ITF player Aditya Vardhan.



## IIT Excellence Award to Chi. Srilalitha

Chi. Gajaro Srilalitha, an M.Tech (Semiconductor Materials and Devices) student at IIT Hyderabad, was recently awarded a certificate of excellence for outstanding performance at the IIT Hyderabad Excellence Awards 2025. She is the daughter of Srikakulam town's notable Sistakaranam leader Sri S.V.D. Murali. Congratulations to her.



## Chi. Chandrika dance Performance

Chi. Pakki Shravani Jyothi Chandrika delivered her 10th Kuchipudi dance performance during the Nukamma festival held in Anakapalli. She also presented her 12th Kuchipudi performance at Simhachalam.



## Place in the Guinness Book of Records for Chi. Aithihya

Prominent SK leader from Palakonda town, Sri Kondadadi Rajesh's daughter, Chi. Aithihya, has earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records in the field of Bharatanatyam dance.

- Sistakaranam Welfare Association, Palakonda.



## Vamsi International Ugadi Award to Smt. Srisudha

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Smt. Basangi Srisudha, residing in Qatar, for receiving the Vamsi International Ugadi Award. She is the spouse of Sri Basangi Kiran Kumar, an engineer in Qatar.



## Newsmakers

### Chi. Navya Shines in District Level Drawing Competition

Chi. Nandigam Navya, a 9th standard student of Kotabommali Zilla Parishad High School, bagged the second prize in the painting competitions organized by the Education Department at the district level on Friday to create awareness on conservation of Olive Ridley turtles.

Navya is set to receive the prize at the Olive Ridley Turtle Festival at Baruah Beach from Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu,

district collector, district education officer and others. On this occasion, the student Navya as well as her painting teacher G. Paparao were congratulated by Mandal education officers Ch Govinda and LV Prathap, school principal D. Govinda Rao and other teachers.



### “Kausalya Tanaya Raghava” directed by Sri Swami Patnaik

The film "Kousalya Tanaya Raghava" was released on April 11. The movie has been directed by Sri Swami Patnaik. Congratulations to him on this achievement.



### Sri Trinath Prasad Felicitated by Koumudi Parishad

At a function held in Vizianagaram town on 18-4-2025, Sri Ch. Trinath Prasad, president of Vizianagaram Town Sistakarana Sangham was felicitated under the auspices of Vizianagaram Kaumudi Parishad.



### Distinguished Service Award to Krishna Rao

Senior journalist Sekharamantri Krishna Rao was honored with a Distinguished Service Award by the renowned voluntary organization Kalavedika in Visakhapatnam on the 7th of April. Visakhapatnam Police Commissioner Shankha Brata Bagchi attended as chief guest and praised Krishna Rao's contributions. Senior journalist Gantla Srinubabu and social worker Kamal Bayid also participated in the event..



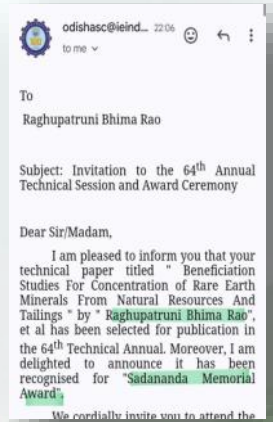
### Sri Shanmukha Rao Elected BC Welfare Representative

Sri Behara Shanmukha rao has been elected as District Media Representative for BC welfare.



### Dr.Bhimarao selected for Sadananda Memorial Award

Dr.Bhimarao selected for Sadananda Memorial Award for technical paper on " Benefician studies for concentration of rare earth minerals from natural resources and tailing".



### Balaji Adivishnu receives NTR Memorial 2025 SKOCH Award

Nutriful, a flagship initiative of NTR Memorial Trust wins the SKOCH Award 2025 in the Gold Category for Digital Transformation, recognising its outstanding role in revolutionizing preventive healthcare in India. It was conceived under the visionary leadership of Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of A.P. Managing Trustee of the Trust, Smt. Bhuvaneshwari Nara has been the guiding force behind Nutriful's success, ensuring its scalability and relevance to families across the socio-economic spectrum.

Lekha congratulates Sri Balaji Adivishnu, whose strategic mentorship has been instrumental in shaping Nutriful's journey. From its inception, he has supported the initiative, aligning technology with purpose and impact.



## Editorial

### Words are jewels

A heartfelt Sahasra Namhasumanjali to all the relatives of the Sistakaranams.

This month, heat increased in the matter of the Andhra Pradesh Sistakaranam Association. One group says... How can claim to be the original association, having called for elections and then say that it is invalid after we are elected.. and the skirmish continues.

Those who called themselves the original association From the beginning, have been just watching. When will this riddle be solved... Let's wait and see who the larger Sistakaranam community will lean towards and come to a consensus.

Some people from both the groups, have been commenting about inclusion of other group news in Lekha. Lekha will always be neutral. It is not fair for either of them to take the other out of Lekha. Whoever is in the Lekha will keep the news of those who are not biased. Please understand this.

That is why the history tells us to speak with moderation, words are jewels.

Words play a key role in human relations. Knowledge, wisdom, and mannerisms are revealed through words. In the first darshan of Shri Ram, Anjaneya's manner of speaking made him impressive. Dasarathi, who could not hide that fact, tells Lakshmana about Maruti's eloquence. This is not limited to the Ramayana. It is a universal truth. Some speak without clarity, in a loud voice, and in a mocking tone, contrary to the context. Others speak with emotion, with a frown, and say one word for every ten words. Others speak as if they were breaking a pot. Moreover, they justify themselves by saying 'speakers of truth are enemies of the world'. Some do not respond even if the other person speaks first.

They even turn a blind eye and pretend not to know even their acquaintances. Others talk excessively and embarrass others. Words are the gifts of Goddess Saraswati and should be used with purity and respect. Words can change the bonds of friendship and hostility.

The basic principle is not to tell anyone about the secrets of the house. Those who talk a lot always seem to be washing their minds - and they keep talking to everyone they come across. Those words also contain criticism of others. Those who do not care much directly, get angry when they hear them from others. The Vedas are the words of Brahma. That is why only the great sages could hear them. Those are the srutis. Scholars restrain their words so that they do not spill out nonsense. Poets make words sweet. Every poem is like a honeycomb. One should be able to enjoy sweetness easily. The words of those who have purity, love, and equanimity in their minds entertain the listeners like the song of a swallow or the moonlight. Even if they do not have wealth, those who have sweet words and precious ornaments are respected everywhere.

God gave women a sweet voice. His desire is that their words should be as sweet as a sweet night. Music sounds very sweet in the voice of a woman. That is why the voice has become the queen of speech. Our words define our personality. We should use words qualitatively and very meaningfully. We should try to speak the way we expect others to speak. The principle of 'listen more, speak less' is very useful. A gentle smile makes the face beautiful. No matter how many troubles are bothering us, we can hide them behind a smile. Rama has the quality of 'Purvabhashi' (the philosophy of greeting oneself first). This brings great success in human relations. Everyone likes us if we get along with everyone and speak in a coherent and economical manner. Respect that cannot be obtained by wearing many gold ornaments can be obtained through good words. That is why words are called vaagbhushans

"Samastha Shishtakaran Kula Bandhu Sukhinobhavantu"  
-Jannumahanti Venkata Chandrababu

## Interview

### Social service as an inheritance

***In our community, today we have with us a sober and dynamic lady who is pursuing a legacy of helping others. In this process, she was embraced by YSRCP. She accepted the invitation as an added value to her motto of serving others. She was the General Secretary for Visakhapatnam district's YSRCP. Later, she was elevated to the level of the AP State General Secretary, Mahila Sangham of the Sistakaranam community. Soon she became persona grata by all the leaders of the Sistakaranam community. Let's get to know her in her own words.***

***You are identified for your social service. Tell me about it.***

Since childhood, I have watched my mother Rajeshwaramma garu and the service she has done, and I have chosen a specific path to follow in her footsteps, which has been an inspiration to many. In the future, I have also chosen a specific path to do my part to help. In addition, my husband, a government teacher, is also in service mode by adorning the position of the President, Geetha Prachar Samithi of Krishna Mandir and Member of Visakha Jagadguru Peetham of Visakhapatnam. He supports me in all my activities.

***You are running a school for the poor. Why and how?***

I did M.A. B. Ed. In pursuit of my path, a private school was established to provide education to many poor students at very low fees. Similarly, a private hostel was also set up for poor college students and employees and all the facilities were provided at very low fees.

When I was a child, my parents used to help the poor with whatever they had, saying, "Service to humanity is service to God." Growing up, I saw that as my goal, and I have been helping the poor, the orphans, the elderly, the mentally challenged, in both material and financial ways.

I also help orphanages, whether in kind or financially, for birthdays, weddings, or any other auspicious event in my family. Whether in our Sistakaranam groups or in Uttar Andhra districts, I will distribute goods for festivals to the poor as I see fit, distribute clothes to women, and also help financially the poor women for their marriages.

***We came to know that your brother was the chief motivator in your life. Please tell us.***

My elder brother, Behara Venkata Surya Kumar, was also very charitable and used to help the poor with whatever he had, whether in the form of money or in kind. He

organized 1000 free eye surgeries for the poor. He was my support in all matters, be it political or service. Such an elder brother passed away from me in 2022 due to a heart attack. An event I will never forget in my life!! In the same way, my younger brother, Kiran Kumar also supports me in all aspects.

***You are into political arena. Please share about it.***

I was the President (Women wing) of Sistakaranam Yuvatha, a group founded by Manapuram Suresh. Seeing my activities, it was Sri Mahanti garu and Sri Behara Bhaskar Rao garu who introduced me to the YSRCP. Sri Avanti Srinivas garu, ex-Minister, welcomed me and encouraged to pursue my motto. My political entry was hence unexpected. I owe to everyone.

Father	: late Behara Seetharamaiah
Mother	: Behara Rajeswari
Husband	: Dabbeeru Venkat Ramesh
Son	: D. Sai Ashrith, BDS 1st Year
Native Place:	Revidi Venkatapuram, Bhimili

***Your message to our community please.***

For the progress of the Sistakarana Sangam, I have one appeal to the respected elders, brothers and sisters. I wish that everyone, regardless of politics and associations, should work together and provide support in all fields for the development of the Sistakarana Sangam. I hope that we will also take steps towards achieving the OBC status that we have taken up so prestigiously.

***Please share your comments on Lekha.***

I have been watching "Lekha Magazine" for the last few years. All the matters relating to the Sistakaranams in the country are being published in the magazine. This is a matter of great joy for me, and I consider this also as a service of the Sistakarana Sangam. I am very happy to express my feelings and the events that have happened in my life through this Lekha magazine. I express my heartfelt gratitude to JV Chandrababu Garu, the Chief Editor of this magazine.

***Smt. Prashanti garu is regularly on news for her good deeds. She deserves all encouragement to excel further for the benefit of our community. Lekha wishes her all the best for her future endeavors.***

---Interviewed by JV Chandrababu  
---Compiled by Mantri Narasimha Rao



# Open Forum

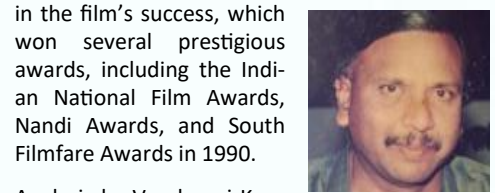
## Paatala Pallakilo...

The song "Amani Padave Hayigaa... Moogavaipoku Ee Velaa..." from the film Geethanjali is a timeless masterpiece penned by the legendary lyricist Veturi Sundara Ramamurthy. Known as the magician of words and the supreme poet of Telugu, Veturi crafted this song in a way that deeply touches the heart. The music was composed by Ilaiyaraaja, and the song was beautifully rendered by S.P. Balasubrahmanyam. The visuals feature Akkineni Nagarjuna and Girija, with breathtaking natural scenery that captivates the audience. Released on May 19, 1989, Geethanjali and this song continue to resonate with music lovers even today. The song's freshness and charm remain undiminished, evoking a unique sense of peace and comfort, especially during travel or moments of solitude. Directed by Mani Ratnam in Telugu, the film was also dubbed into Tamil and Malayalam, further extending its reach.

Let's relish the melodies of this song. Amani

Padave Hayigaa... Moogavaipoku Ee Velaa... Sing contentedly without being quiet. Raalaeti Poola Raagaalato... Poochaeti Poola Gandhaalato... Manchu Taaki Koyila Maunamaina Vaelala... With the tunes of fallen flowers, with the fragrance of budding flowers, these are the times when the cuckoo fell silent. The Spring welcomes when one comes of age. It looks as bright as light. If there is disappointment in the mind, it becomes a mirage. All the words that come out of my heart are a wealth of voices. My story of generations will be told in moments. It is a sweet morning with cuckoos and parrots, as if it were a story of time that has passed. A moment of the sky touching the earth. When a different world comes closer. The indescribable delight of a new season where hope shines through.

Amani Padave Hayigaa... Moogavaipoku Ee Velaa... Raalaeti Poola Raagaalato... Poochaeti Poola Gandhaalato... The song, along with the rest of the soundtrack, played a significant role



in the film's success, which won several prestigious awards, including the Indian National Film Awards, Nandi Awards, and South Filmfare Awards in 1990.

Analysis by Vandrangin Kondalarao, Onomastician (Nama Vignana Vetta), Cell: Contact: 9490528730.

## Appanna Autographs – Kanakam Pinni- Basangi Suresh

We present to you Basangi Suresh's short story, as narrated by Appanna in his rustic dialect, about Kanakam Pinni who endured difficulties in life conforming to patriarchal societal values. Comparing her to the Sarpanch's daughter provides a nice twist to the tale at the end.

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Ēṭikāḍa eḍluni kaḍigisi iṅṭiki tōlukostuntē, ḍīlala āsarasāla kāḍa miṅṅ avutundi. Akkaḍa miṅṅ aṅṭē gāraṅṅigā ēḍō nūs uṅṭādi. Āgi evulnēna aḍugudumaṅṭē eḍlu parigēḍatannāyi. Āṭenakāla iṅṭiki voccīsānu. Eḍluni sālala kaṭṭisi, āsarasālakēsi eldumanīsariki mā sattenna aupāḍḍādu. Āḍu aṅṅiṅcē vostannāḍu. Āṅṅi pilisi..

"Āsarasāla kāniṅci ostannāvu gadā! Ēṭi nūs?" Ani aḍigānu.

"Sarpaṅci kūturu iḍākulu tīsukunnāḍaṭa. Ṭ pilladē tappu. Iṅṭila mogunṅi odilisi ḍīlala mogōllatōni māṭlāḍukoni kūkuṅṭē ūrukunṭārēṭi! Ani kontamandi aṅṅuntē, kāḍu.. Ṭ pilla maṅciḍāyē, moguḍu, attōru peṭṭina bāḍhalu paḍalēkē iḍākulu iccīsindi. Ani marikontamandi aṅṅannāru. Evuldi raiṭō evuliki telusu? Ā miṅṅ appiḍa tegadu gāni, gēḍaki pālu ṭyāyāluṅḍu." Ani elipōnāḍu.

Eḍluki eṅḍu gaḍḍi ēsisi arugu mīda kūkunnānu. Sarpaṅci kūturu endukilaga sēsindi anukuṅṅuntē mā kanakam pinni gāpakam occindi.

Sarpaṅci kūturu sinnappuḍnuṅci voyijāg āṣṭal la unḍi saduvukundi. Iṅṅiṅiṅ saduvu maṅci mārkulutonē pāsainādi. Udyōgāṅ sēsṭanaṅṭē kādani haidarābād lō pedda ḍāktar ki icci pelli jēsāru. Ēḍādi tiragalēdu, idigō iḍākulaṅṅannāru. Ā pilladi tappō, attōridō māṭa aṅṅiṅcē, ēḍādi tirakkuṅḍā iḍipōyinanta bāḍhalēṭi ani? Alāgayitē mā ka-

nakam pinni ēṭaipōvāla? Kanakam pinni mā sinnāyanaki reṅḍō bārya. Toli bāryaki pillalu lērani kanakam pinnini sēsukunnāḍu. Mā sinnāyana kannā, padō, padakuṅḍēllu sinnē uṅṭādi. Ālaka ḍāpāllalu ekkuva, ṭlaka āstulu ekkuva. Appuḍiki mā sinnāyana mā ūriki voyis pesiḍenṅu. Alagayindi āla peḷli. Pāta suṭṭarikaṅ undannāru gāni, appuḍudākā māmeppuḍū sūḍānḍu.

Kanakam pinni goppa andagatte. Tellaṭi telupu. Pedda kaḷḷu. Uṅgarāla juttu. Mā sinnāyana kurasa-gā, nallaguṅṅāḍu. Ṭḷiddarni sūsi ṭiliki nēkapōṭē ālaka bud'dhi uṅḍoddu? Elāga manasoppindi Ṭ sam'mandam seyyaḍāniki?" Anukunivōllu.

Mā sinnāyana pillalakōsamē kanakam pinnini peḷli sēsukunnāḍu gāni, pēmatō kādu. Mā sinnāyana toli bārya, adē mā savitri pinni Ṭ pelli ki mundē seppindaṭa, kotta peḷlām mīda mōju sūpistē kudaradani. Peḷḷayi iṅṭila aḍugupeṭṭindō lēḍō, iṅṭi panulannī kanakam pinniki oppajepisināru. Vanṭa seyyaḷa, geḍḍakelli nīḷḷu tecci illakātala reṅḍu pedda gōlēlu nimpāla. Polam kāḍiki tillu paṭṭukelli ivvāla.

Tellāri legisina kāniṅci rātiri paḍukunīḍākā panulannī seyyaḷa. Inta sākirī sēsina isukkunīdi kādu. Bāḍhapaḍinaṅṅu eppuḍu aupāḍḍi kādu. Kanakam pinniki iṅṭilōṅē kādu, ḍīlōkēḷḷinā kaṣṭālē. Iṅṭilō kaṣṭālaka ōrucukunīdi gāni, ḍīlōḷ kaṣṭālaka bāḍapaḍīdi. Nīlu tēḍāniki ūravatala geḍḍaki el-tuntē, dāriḷa magapillalu kannukoṭṭi pilisivōḷaṭa. Alāgē barāyiṅci kumilipōyindi gāni, iṅṭila seppidi kādu. Seppinā iṅṭārēṭi gāni, tirigi 'nīdē tappu' aṅṅāru. Iṅṭila seppalēdani telisi kurrōḷḷu iṅkā recipōyivōḷaṭa.

Peḷḷayi mūḍēllu gaḍisina kanakam pinniki pillalu puṭṭalēdu. Asalu lōpam mā sinnāyanalonē undani

andarū anukunivōllu gāni, ḍāktaru ki sūpiṅcukō anī dairyaṅ nēdu evuluki. Adē nijamaitē, paruvu pōṭadani mā sinnāyana ḍāktar ki sūpiṅcukunivōḍu kādu. Pillalu puṭṭalēdani vaṅkatō sinnāyana sādhippu iṅkā ekkuvaipōnādi. Appuḍudākā ṭiṭṭinōḍu, koṭṭaḍam kūḍā modaleṭṭāḍu. Iṅṭilō pōru, ḍīlō pōru. Ēṭi seyyaḷō telika okasāri ēṭilō paḍi sacipōvāḷani sūsindi sinakam pinni. Adṛṣṭamō, duradṛṣṭamū gāni, sēpalu paṭṭukōḍāniki ellina jāḷāri kittaḍu sūsi āpāḍu. Idantā bāḍavāla paṣuvulu kāstunna guṅṭreḍḍi pakūru sūsāḍu. Āḍelli mā sinnāyana ki seppisāḍu.

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## Open Forum

### Appanna Autographs – Kanakam Pinni- Basangi Suresh

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Kanakam pinniki oḷantā hūnam ayaṇaṭṭu bādīsāḍu mā sinnāyana.

Kūtuṛu kaṣṭālu telisi bādapaḍivōru kānī, te-gatempulu sēsukōni occiyam'mā anivōllu kādu, kannōru. Moguṇṇi vodilīsina kūtuṛu iṅṭila uṅṭē, miḡilina āḍapillalaki pelliḷḷu avvani ālla bayyam gāvāla mari! Paṭnam māṭēmō gānī, palliṭṭṛla sīma siṭukkumaṅṭē sālu, ūrandariki telisipōṭādi. Kanakam pinni guriṅci oka isayam anukunivōḷḷu. Ūlōni magōḷḷu ēdainā parāsikālāḍitē, sirāku

paḍidaṭa gānī, ā boṅgu kiṣṇa aṅṭē ēṭō mari, ēṭi anīdi kādaṭa. Kōpaṅgā sūsidi kānī, āḍellipōyina taravāta, siggupaḍi navvukunidaṭa.

Āḍokasāri dhairyam sēsi “ā musalōḍitōni en-nāḷḷuṅṭāv? Āḍni odilīsi nātō occī. Bāgā sūsukuṅṭānu’ annāḍaṭa. Sinna navvu navvi ‘occi janmala ninnē peḷḷāḍatālē’ ani allipōyindaṭa.

Inni kaṣṭālunnā, kanakam pinni eppuḍu ārōgyaṅgānē uṅḍīdi. Daggu, joram voccinā āspatriki ellīdi kādu, iṅṭikāḍē uṅḍi ēḍō sādanaṁ sēstē taggipōyivaṭa. Reṅḍēḷḷayyindi kanakam

pinni sacipōyi. Guṇḍepōṭu annāru. Rātri paḍukundi. Niddarlōnē pēnālu pōnāyi.

Kaṣṭālu peḍutunna moguṇṇi vodilīsi veccistē bāgā sūsukuṅṭānu ani naccinōḍu seppinā āḍitōni elipōkuṅḍā, kaṣṭālu barāyiṅcukoni saccivaraku moguḍu kāḍē uṅḍipōyindi kanakam pinni. Peḷḷaina ēḍādi lōpē moguḍuki iḍākuliccisindi sarpaṅci kūtuṛu.

Intakī mā kanakam pinni sēsindi tappā? Sarpaṅci kūtuṛu sēsindi raiṭā?

#### The Disconnection from Nature: A Reflection on Modern Society

For generations, India has thrived on agriculture, animal husbandry, and a spiritually enriched way of life. These values were not just practiced but preserved and passed down, making the country a role model for the world. However, with the influx of foreign influences and changing lifestyles, these traditions have slowly eroded. Respect for elders has diminished, and the once-revered institutions of family and nature are now neglected.

There was a time when a mother at home and a cow in the shed were respected equally. Today, neither holds value. Even in villages, where cattle rearing was once a norm, farmers now sell their cows after a few lactations, prioritizing financial gain over ethical responsibility. The practice of selling aged cows to slaughterhouses mirrors the growing societal disregard for elderly parents, who are often sent to old-age homes rather than being cared for by their children.

In the past, farmers treated their aging cattle with reverence, ensuring they lived their final days with dignity. This respect extended to the elderly in homes, creating a culture of gratitude and responsibility. However, in the modern technological era, raising cattle is seen as a burden, just as taking care of elderly parents has become inconvenient. Both reflect a decline in moral duties.

Nature reciprocates what we give to it. Animals, birds, trees, and natural elements are integral to the ecosystem. When we disrupt this balance, nature responds accordingly. The way we treat cattle and elderly parents reflects a broader shift in values, suggesting that as we disregard living beings around us, we may eventually be disregarded ourselves.

#### Disrespecting Nature: The Consequences

Over the past decade, there has been a sharp rise in infertility among couples. This may be linked to our interference with natural processes—forcing sterilization on stray dogs, overpro-

### Nature-Based Lifestyle

ducing eggs from poultry through artificial means, and cultivating seedless fruits. Genetically modified crops such as papayas, grapes, and hybrid rice strains have become the norm. Even in animal reproduction, natural breeding is being replaced by artificial methods. These choices demonstrate a blatant disregard for the laws of nature, and nature, in turn, is reacting.

A decline in sperm count among young men is an alarming sign of nature’s retaliation. If we manipulate nature excessively, the repercussions will manifest in ways we never anticipated.

#### From Tulsi to Cactus: A Shift in Values

Traditionally, every Indian home had a sacred Tulsi (holy basil) plant at the entrance. Tulsi is considered auspicious and is believed to bring prosperity and peace. Women would offer water to it every morning, and its leaves were used as a natural remedy for minor ailments. However, modern households have abandoned this practice, replacing Tulsi with decorative but harmful plants like cacti, which are believed to bring negative energy according to Vastu Shastra.

The presence of thorny plants indoors symbolizes the gradual replacement of life-enhancing traditions with superficial aesthetics. This shift has contributed to increasing disharmony in families, frequent illnesses, and an overall decline in well-being.

#### The Wisdom of Tradition

In rural India, it was customary to hang leftover grains for birds after the harvest season. This ensured that sparrows and other small birds had enough to eat, preventing their extinction. Birds would nest in homes, creating a harmonious coexistence between humans and nature. Today, deforestation, urbanization, and the loss of these practices have led to a significant decline in bird populations.

This disconnection from nature extends to human relationships as well. Despite material wealth and financial security, love and respect between parents and children are dwindling.

Our ancestors believed in the principle of Yatha Bhavam, Tatha Bhavati—as we think and act, so shall we become. This principle applies to both nature and human relationships.

#### Spiritual Responsibility Towards Nature

When humans destroy nature, the consequences are inevitable. Natural calamities such as pandemics and water crises should not be viewed as divine punishment but as the results of human actions. Traditional rituals like Naga Chaturthi and Vat Savitri Vrat taught respect for trees, while river worship emphasized the sanctity of water bodies like the Ganga and Godavari.

#### Solutions for a Sustainable Future

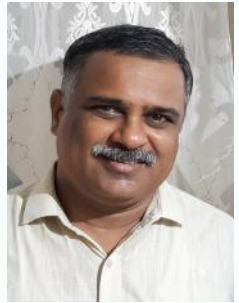
- **Small Efforts:** Feeding birds, providing water to stray animals, planting Tulsi, and reducing plastic waste are simple yet impactful acts.
- **Self-Restraint:** Conserving natural resources, protecting water bodies, and reducing carbon emissions are vital steps toward environmental balance.

#### Conclusion

Nature operates on the principle of equilibrium. Any injustice done to nature will eventually come back to us. While scientific advancements have their place, we must also embrace the wisdom of our cultural and spiritual traditions. True progress lies in harmonizing modernity with our ancestral knowledge, for that is the path of Dharma.

Yours truly

- Balivada Venkat Patnaik



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### Dr. Arikathota Kanakaraju Donations

1) Yuva Rachayitala Sangham was established in 1922 founded by Yerramma to encourage youth writers in Telugu. So far 6 programme's are conducted. On the occasion of Ugadi, kavitha pathanam was organized where several youngsters presented their poems which were released by the Dy. Collector. On this occasion Dr. Arikathota Kanakaraju and Uma, Rtd professor, AGC, Naira donated Rs. 5000/- to Yerramma founder of the association to encourage youth in Telugu writings. Surangi Mohanrao, Balivada Malleswarrao, Vishnu murty, Rafi, Ganaswamy, Kanakaraju and Tulala Savaramma gave suggestions to youth writers from the dias.



2) Basava Sandeep, adopted student of Sri Satya Sai Pedda Mandiram, studying Engineering 1st year computer branch in C.R.Reddy College of Engineering and Technology, Ealur, is not financially sound. Professor Arikathota Kanakaraju and Uma sent Rs 5000/- to Sandeep, for payment of hostel charges and books to the college, through his parents Kurmanna and Polammai Charitable Trust.



3) In view of the intensity of summer, Sri Kanakaraju distributed hats as part of the Sathya Sai Aradhana celebrations at the local Sathya Sai temple. These hats should be used to get protection from the sun, he said. He explained that they will be useful mainly for rickshaw pullers and labourers who earn a living in the sun using trolley carts in various cement shops.



### Donations of Sri Lala Lajapati Roy

1) At Aganampudi, Srinivas Rao and his family were provided with ration supplies sufficient for two months.



2) In Vijayawada's VUDA colony area, 24-year-old B. Sneha, suffering from severe health issues, received financial support of ₹75,000 collected by local residents Lal Lajpatiray and his wife Gouri Devi to help her family afford better medical treatment.



3) A mattress was donated to Baggam Sneha. The following children's contributions towards this support is unforgettable: 1. Pratap Rao Vasishtha Nandu, 2. Patnayakuni Keerthana, 3. Patnayakuni Nishchit, 4. Patnayakuni Viraj Advith, 5. Patnayakuni Abhigna Nirvana, 6. Patnayakuni Diya, 7. Patnayakuni Riya, 8. Patnayakuni Drisha, 9. Shambangi Reshma, 10. Burada Pavani, 11. Jana Charvish Pranal Nath, 12. Balaga Priyansh, 13. Balaga Rutvik, 14. Kota Kaulinya Nandana, 15. K. Yogagnya, 16. K. Joshnika Sai.



### Medical assistance of Rs 5 lakhs assured through CM Relief Fund

In Pithapuram town of East Godavari district, Shishtakaran member Padala Nageswara Rao, aged 47, suffering from kidney failure with both kidneys damaged, received a financial assurance of Rs. 5 lakhs from the coalition government. Nageswara Rao, a daily wage laborer residing in Shishtakaran Street, was advised by doctors to undergo immediate surgery after his health deteriorated. Local leaders Venu Suresh, Ashok, and Srinulu brought the matter to the attention of State President Akkamahanti Raja, who personally assessed the family's condition and assured support. Raja took responsibility for arranging the surgery and coordinating with officials to provide necessary funds through the Chief Minister's relief fund. He promised to cover expenses up to Rs. 5 lakhs and ensured proper documentation and supervision of the aid process.

The event was attended by prominent lawyer Sri Srinivas Patnaik from Payakaraopeta, General Secretary Sri Manapuram Gouri Shankar, Sri Venu Suresh, Sri Ashok, Sri Srinivas, Sri Padala Vamsi Ram, and Sri Lovaraju, who offered moral and financial support to the family during this difficult time.



### Avilala residents take old woman to ashram

Under the leadership of Avilala Sridhar, the residents of Avilala brought Ramanamma, an old woman who had no one, and who came to the Avilala Pillareswara Swamy temple, to the Matrishya Ashram. Avilala Sridhar spoke to her, came to know that she belonged to Nellore, that she did not even have an Aadhar card, and he spoke to the Matrishya Ashram staff and, along with the members of Sri Pillareswara Swamy auto stand, admitted her to the ashram.



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## Shiva Teja's service programs in Srikakulam

1) In Srikakulam, Shivateja's service activities focus on helping those in need without requiring money but providing essential medical tests. Supported by the Lions Club Srikakulam and Srikakulam Central Marketing Chairperson, Shivateja emphasized the importance of humanity and urged officials to address the problems of the helpless. On his birthday, he distributed light meals to the needy at the local night shelter on Gonti Street and raised their con-

cerns with authorities. 2) Shivateja also highlighted the critical role of blood donors during emergencies. Recently, when a child needed O-positive blood at the government hospital, local donor K. Venkatesh donated his blood through the Lions Blood Bank, saving the child's life. Shivateja encouraged youth to donate blood voluntarily, urged students and voluntary organizations to come for-

ward, and suggested that blood donation camps should be held at programmes held in the area. He assured that blood banks in Srikakulam and across the district maintain sufficient blood supplies for the elderly, children, and pregnant women, who may need blood during the summer. Subsequently, Venkatesh was honored with a gold medal and a certificate of appreciation for his selfless service.

### Buttermilk distribution begins in Chalivendram

At Ayyannapeta Junction bus shelter, the Mother Teresa Seva Sangam and Blood Donors Club, along with Mother Teresa Kids School President and Principal Tyada Prasad Patnaik, organized a buttermilk distribution event. The event was inaugurated by Sai Krishna Walkers Club Elect Governor and Sistakaranam Sangham leader Arikatota Tirupatirao. Buttermilk packets were distributed to pedestrians and rickshaw workers in Ayyannapeta Junction and Vizianagaram town. The program was attended by Mother Teresa Seva Sangam Honorary President Tyada Venugopalam, Sai Krishna Walkers Club Honorary President Dr. A.S. Prakash Rao, Honorary Advisor Pinninti Suryanarayana, former district Sistakaranam Sangham president MP Tirupatirao and Mahanti Prasad, among others.



### Free eye medical camp in memory of late Sri Dabbiru Venkata Rao

Prominent commercial leader and national advisor of the Sistakaranam Association, the late Sri Dabbiru Venkata Rao, was honored by the RMS Youth through a free eye medical camp organized by Shankar Foundation near Chintala Agraharam village. YSRCP Mandal President Sri Behara Bhaskar Rao visited the camp, paid floral tributes to the late leader's portrait, and praised his contributions. He stated that free eye medical camps are being conducted in surrounding villages of Chintala Agraharam to honor the services of Venkata Rao. Organizers announced that patients undergoing medical examinations at the camp would receive free medicines and spectacles as needed.



### Sri Akkamahanti Raja meets Families, Assures Help

About 15 kilometers from Gajuwaka lies the village of Duvvada, near the railway station, the JNNURM colony exists without proper transportation facilities, not even auto-rickshaws. Many are unaware that Sistakaranam families reside there. The Kurmannapalem Sistakaranam Seva Sangham informed the state president and secretary about the living conditions of these families. Soon, the president and secretary, with the help of the Kurmannapalem Seva Sangham, personally met the families in the colony. Listening to their life stories deeply moved them.

Among the families, 18-year-old Pakki Pavithra's parents face indescribable hard-

ships. Similarly, 14-year-old Wandrangi Mahesh is unable to speak or use his leg muscles. The leaders assured the families of justice and that their issues would be brought to the government's attention for appropriate action. Some women expressed their gratitude, saying it was their fortune that Akkamahanti visited them.

Before this, the health and welfare of Kurmannapalem Sistakaranam Seva Sangham's chief secretary D. Satyarao were inquired about. The event was attended by Kurmannapalem Shishtakaran Seva Sangham president P.V. N. Murthy, D. Satyarao, and other office bearers.

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Sangham President Sri Akkamahanti Nageswara Rao (Raja), General Secretary Manapuram Gouri Shankar Rao, Vice President Balivada Satyarao, State Committee Member Basangi Tirupathi Rao, Gajuwaka Sistakaranam Telugu Desam Party convener and 71st ward Youth President Pratap Rao Srinivas Rao, and Gajuwaka constituency member Nagumantri Venkateswara Rao Patnaik also participated.

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### Helping Hands events 9 & 10 held simultaneously in Telugu states

On April 7, 2025, at 5 PM, Sista Helping Hands simultaneously conducted two medical emergency support events in the Telugu states – one in Hyderabad and the other in Visakhapatnam.

1) Hyderabad: Support was extended to the family of Moturi Kondalarao from Lingampalli, who passed away due to illness in late December. Sri Pakki Dilli Shankar Patnaik visited the hospital to console the family. On January 8, the day of Pedda Karma, Sri Donkada Ananta Prasad and Sri Dilli Shankar Patnaik visited their home to offer condolences and assess their situation. Kondalarao was a tailor, and his son is pursuing a degree. The family has no other source of income and has incurred debts due to medical expenses.

On Sri Ramanavami, April 6, 2025, an event was held at PJR Stadium, Chandanagar, Hyderabad. Attendees included Sri Pakki Dilli Shankar Patnaik (Habsiguda), Sri JV Chandra Babu and Sri Raghupatruni Anand (Nizampet), Sri Mulaga Shankar Patnaik (Pragatinagar), Sri Donkada Ananta Prasad and Sri Patnayakuni Ramakrishna (Chandanagar), and Sri Moturi Narayana Rao, Smt. Jayashree, and Smt. Moturi Anuradha (beneficiary) from Lingampalli. With their advice and cooperation, Sri Mulaga Shankar Patnaik contributed ₹5,000 and Sri Patnayakuni Ramakrishna ₹1,000. Along with ₹500 announced by Smt. Balivada Suja-

rani from Srikakulam, a total of ₹16,500 was handed over by cheque number 022998 to Smt. Anuradha in the presence of relatives.

2) Vishakha[patnam: Reference - Sri Kuppili Krishnamurthy, social worker and Sri Sathya Sai devotee. Smt. Uriti Pushpa from Chinamushidivada has been struggling with spinal, kidney, and diabetes-related health issues. Her husband, Uriti Srinivas Rao, passed away six months ago.

They have three children, Uriti Mounika, Uriti Anuradha and Uriti Sai Kiran. The boy is pursuing a degree and is doing a private job and is supporting the family with a salary of ₹ 14,000 per month. Since the first girl is a differently-abled woman, the pension coming to them is enough to rent their house. The youngest girl, who studied intermediate and worked as a tele-caller, is now staying at home unemployed as her mother is unwell.

They asked for help to meet the expenses of medicines. In the words of the youngest daughter, "We have lost my father. We request medical help so that we don't lose our mother..."

So on 27th March 2025, at their house in Chinna Mushudiwada, the elders and local relative Shri Baggam Vidyasagar garu and our helping hands Shri Pakki uma Maheswara Rao garu and Shri Pakki Dilli Shankar Patnaik ji personally inspected and assured



them that we are there.

As promised, cheque number number worth ₹ 5,000/- 023002/06.04.2025 as the first installment for medical expenses was provided at their house, on 06.04.2025 on the day of Sri Rama Navami with the divine blessings of Sita & Rama, in the presence of group of coordinators Sri Pakki Uma Maheswara Rao (Kommadi, Visakhapatnam), Smt. Behera Srilatha (Madhavadhara, Visakhapatnam), and Sri Pittada Anil Kumar (Anakapalli).

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### Sistakaranam Lifting Hands 16th Event

In Vizianagaram town, at Pedatadivada near Jammunarayana Puram, Chilakalapalli Sriramamurthy (72) and his wife Anjali (62) are facing severe health issues and struggling financially. Both rely solely on a government pension of ₹4,000 and a PF pension of ₹1,000 per month. While they own their house, their only son works a private job in Hyderabad. Anjali recently underwent heart bypass surgery and also suffers from glaucoma, with her monthly medical expenses exceeding ₹6,000. Sriramamurthy is battling arthritis, blood pressure, and diabetes, requiring medicines costing around ₹2,000 per month. Their combined medical costs far exceed their pension income, causing significant financial and emotional dis-

stress.

Seeking help, the couple approached group member Smt. Ellumahanti Nuthan, who then consulted group admin Tyada Prasad. Both visited the couple, reviewed their medical reports, and discussed the situation with admin Smt. Sanjukta Prasad by phone. After deliberation, the admins decided to extend support for their family's sustenance and medical needs through the Sistakaranam Lifting Hand Group.

Members are urged to contribute generously, sending their donations via PhonePe or Google Pay to admin Smt. Sanjukta Prasad (9848472818).

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### Sista Helping Hands Society Medical Emergency Assistance Events 11 and 12

**Event 11:**

Donkada Somashekhara Rao from Ampavalli village, Vizianagaram district, had to quit his job and seek hospital care after being diagnosed with liver cancer. He is currently receiving treatment at Pinnacle Hospital, Visakhapatnam, under the Aarogyasri scheme.

Through Amithi Rajeshwara Rao, the family contacted Sista Helping Hands Society for assistance with medical and hospital expenses. Group coordinator Pedapenki Harikrishna from Balijipeta personally visited Somashekhara Rao's home, offering reassurance that the society's donors would support him.

On April 20, 2025, at 10 a.m., a cheque for ₹5,500 (cheque no. 023003/20.04.2025) was handed over at his home in Bobbili, Jagannadhapuram, in the presence of society coordinators Pakki Uma Maheshwara Rao (Visakhapatnam), Pedapenki Hari Krishna (Balijipeta, Bobbili), and local rela-

tives Pakki Ravi (Bobbili) and Donkada Manohar (Bobbili).

**Event: 12**

Reference: Sri Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao, Visakhapatnam.

Sri Urithi Durga Prasad, a resident of Kamakshi Nagar, Vizianagaram district, lost his leg in an accident in January 2025 and his family is struggling. Upon hearing this from Sri Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao, the coordinators of Sista Helping Hands Society, led by Smt. Balivada Lakshmi, visited Vizianagaram to meet and support the family.

As the first installment, a cheque of ₹5,000 (Cheque No. 023005 dated 20.04.2025) was handed over at their home on April 20, 2025, in the presence of group coordinators Sri Pakki Uma Maheshwara Rao (Visakhapatnam) and Smt. Balivada Lakshmi (Cheepurupalli). Heartfelt congratulations to them from Lekha.



### Financial assistance from Mother Teresa Service Society & Blood Donors Club

On April 20, 2025, under the leadership of Tyada Prasad Patnaik, President of Mother Teresa Seva Sangham & Blood Donors Club, immediate financial assistance of ₹18,500 was provided to T. Apparao, an athlete and coach residing in Pedatadivada village, Denkada mandal, Vizianagaram district. This help was extending when it came to the notice of the organization that Apparao is battling blood cancer and facing severe financial difficulties. The assistance was delivered to his mother, Papayamma, at their home by the President Tyada Prasad Patnaik, group member Locharla Malathi, in the presence of Prajashakti journalist from the



town, Bangaru Naidu, who has been supporting the family with hospital-related help. Apparao and his family expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Mother Teresa Seva Sangham and all donors for their timely support during this challenging period.

### "Book Hundi" held on occasion of World Book Day

On 23/04 on the occasion of World Book Day, Vizianagaram District Library Seva Sangham and the town chapter jointly organized free book distribution, i.e. "Book Hundi", with the intention of making people of R&B guest house area of Vizianagaram town accustomed to book reading, under the auspices of District Library Seva Sangham president Kothala Ernaidu.

On this occasion, in the book hundi, books that are useful to the people were also handed over from the town chapter by Convener Tyada Prasad Patnaik to the District President on behalf of the town chapter. District Library Seva Sangham founder Abdul Rauf, Association Honorary President Four S Raju garu, Library Seva Sangham & Toshniwala Walkers Club members Tyada Chiranjeevi Rao, Pappu Viswanatham and others participated in the event.



## Telangana



### Sri D.V. Krishna Rao and Sri D. Bharath meet in Delhi

On April 10, 2025, as part of their Delhi visit, All India Sistakaranam Association President Sri D.V. Krishnarao and Hyderabad Sistakaranam Welfare Association Working President Sri R. Sheshagirirao met Sri Dabbiru Bharat Kumar at his residence. They discussed the affairs of Sistakaranam Associations and the OBC initiative. During

their conversation, they expressed the view that it would be beneficial to train and prepare Sistakaranam youth to establish startups and new organizations, thereby creating employment opportunities for more people. Bharat Kumar and his family warmly welcomed the guests, honoring them with flower bouquets and shawls.



### Srinivas selected for Ambedkar National Award for social service

Jannumahanti Srinivas from Gandipet Mandal, Hayathnagar Kota, Ranga Reddy, has been selected for the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Award for Social Service, to be presented at Sri Venkateswara Vignana Mandiram on the 13th. The selection was made by KS Lakshman Rao, Honorary President of the Southern Private Lecturers and Teachers Organization (SPLTO), and Nagayya, Chairman of the Legislative Council of Teachers. Srinivas expressed his happiness and gratitude for this honor. As the founder and chairman of Parinama Foundation and working president of Sri Shesha Sai Charitable Trust, he has led many service initiatives, including free health checkups, inter-caste marriage programs, blood donation camps, and support for the poor. He has previously received the 2021 ECIL Foundation International Seva Ratna Award, the 2025 Vishwashanti National Award Achiever, and has been identified as an MLA candidate by the RCPI International Party for his outstanding social commitment.



### Homage by SWA, Hyderabad

On April 14, 2025, at 11 AM, a condolence meeting was held at the SK Welfare Association (SWA) office in Chandanagar, Hyderabad, to mourn the passing of the late Dabbiru Venkatarao (Pendurthi). The event was chaired by AISKRA President Krishna Rao Dabbiru, with SWA President Smt. D Rama, Joint President R. Sheshagirirao, Vice President D.V. Ramanamurthy, General Secretary Barli Vijay Kumar, Women Coordinator R Swetha, Publicity Secretary Kuppili Santhosh, Youth Secretary Naveen Suman Bhavani, and Tanuja participating. The gathering paid tribute to the services rendered by the late Dabbiru Venkata Rav to SK society, expressing their condolences and offering respectful homage.



### Honorary Doctorate Awarded

On 12.04.2025 in New Delhi, Sri Seshagiri Rao, Associate President, Sistakaranam Welfare Association, was awarded an honorary doctorate award by The University of Cambridge (UK) in recognition of their outstanding services. We all know that Dr. Seshagiri Rao has rendered yeoman service to our society in the past and about his services in the development of Telangana Sistakaranam Society. On behalf of the Sistakaranam Welfare Association, I once again convey my best wishes with the hope that in future the entire Sistakaranam community will be benefited by the services of Sri Seshagiri Rao.

- Krishna Rao Sistakaranam, Hon. President, Sistakaranam Welfare Association, Hyderabad.



### Telangana girls do well in exams



In the Intermediate first year examination results of the Telangana State Government, Chi. Gayatri, granddaughter of late Basangi Sriramulu's paternal uncle, and the only daughter of Kuppili Gopinath and Sandhya, has secured 495/500 marks (MEC Group). It is learnt that she stood second at the state level.



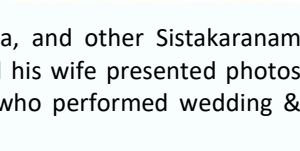
Similarly, Neelima, Jayashree and Chetana, daughters of Tamirsi Pratap Raj and Renuka, passed in first class. The eldest daughter Chi. Neelima scored 454/470 marks in Intermediate first year (MPC group), the second girl Chi. Jayashree secured 549/600 in Tenth class.

## Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



### Sri Sitarama Kalyana Mahotsavam at Gajapathinagaram

In Maruti Nagar, Gajapatinagaram, Vizianagaram district, the Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, built by the Shishtakaran community, celebrated the Sri Seetharamula Kalyana Mahotsavam on Sri Rama Navami at Sri Paltheru's Kalyana Mandapam with great grandeur. A large number of devotees participated, followed by a feast attended by about 800 people. The event saw the presence of temple trustee Sri Paltheru Gouri Mohan Rao and Usharani couple, temple secretary Sri Sudhakar Patnaik, Behera Nagabhushana Rao, Bittara Pati Prasad Rao, Ippalavalasa Vidyasagar and Ratnamala couple, Pedapenki Prasanna, and other Sistakaranam relatives. Kanti Mahanti Rama Rao and his wife presented photos of Sri Seetha & Ram for the couples who performed wedding & puja.



### Tributes paid to late Dabbiru Venkat Rao

On April 14, 2025, in Chintalagraham village, GVMC 95th ward, at the Pedda Karma program of late Dabbiru Venkata Rao, prominent businessman, Akhila Bharata Sistakaranam Seva Sangham coordinator, former secretary of the Lorry Owners Association, many relatives and friends consoled the family members, mourned the untimely death of the good man Venkata Rao, wished God to give courage to the family, garlanded the portrait and paid homage.



### Chi. Chandrika felicitated at home for securing 988 marks

Our community members residing on Gajuwaka Kanithi Road, Smt. and Sri Donkada NVSR Prasad Rao Patnaik's daughter, Chi. Dharmaraja Chandrika scored an impressive 988 out of 1000 marks in the recently released Intermediate examination results, achieving the highest marks among Sistakaranam students in our state. The Sistakaranam State Association President Sri Akkamahanti Raja and General Secretary Manapuram Gourishankar visited her home to congratulate her and presented a small token of appreciation in the presence of her parents. The event was also attended by Sistakaranam State Association Vice President Balivada Satyarao, TDP Sistakarana Sadhikara Samiti Member Basangi Tirupati Rao, TDP Sistakarana Sadhikara Samiti Convener of Gajuwaka Constituency Prataparao Srinivas Rao, and prominent state Sistakaranam leader Sekharamantri Hemasundar, among others, who extended their congratulations to the young achiever.



### New Tahsildar of Gara felicitated

District Sistakaranam Association President Sri Dabbiru Vasu and Gara Mandal Association representatives respectfully met Sri Munagavalasa Chakravarthi, who has taken charge as the Tahsildar of Gara Mandal.



## Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



### State Executive Committee First Meeting

On April 13, 2025, under the direction of the President of the Andhra Pradesh State Sistakaranam Welfare Association (63/79), a state executive committee meeting was held at 10 AM opposite SBI in Paduru town, Manyam district, organized by Paduru town president Pundarikakshaya. The meeting was presided over by President Akku-mahanti Raja and executive members. The session began with floral tributes to the late Dabbiru Venkataravu, expressing deep condolences over his untimely demise and reflecting on his invaluable service to the community, describing him as a precious gem of the Sistakaranam caste.



Subsequently, gratitude was expressed to Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, who shared updates on OBC-related developments from Delhi and emphasized the need for a full executive committee formation and focus on development issues. He urged everyone to commit to caste unity and cautioned against over-enthusiastic reactions to WhatsApp messages.

After the formal meeting, a roundtable discussion was held, where executive members were unanimously elected, development issues discussed, and resolutions passed. Presidents and executive members from all districts across the state attended, making the event successful.

Special thanks were extended to the Paderu association president, executive members, elders, and relatives for their dedicated efforts in organizing the event smoothly and providing the venue.

### Raja felicitated in Rajamahendravaram

On the auspicious occasion of the visit of AP State Sistakaranam Welfare Association President Sri Akku Mahanti Raja to Rajahmundry, he was received at the residence of



Sri Deepti Mahanti Trimurthulu by Association President Sri Sekhar-mahanti Srinivasa Rao, Secretary Smt. Debbir Vijaya Divakar, DCC Bank Manager Sri Akku Mahanti Srinivas, District Vice President Kuppili Ravishankar, District Secretary Sri Raghu Patra Saibaba, and members including Sri Raghupatruni Babji Patnaik, Sri Routula Veerabhadra Rao, Sri Deepti Mahanti Trimurthulu, Sri Veena Suribabu, Sri Jaggumantri Satyanarayana, Sri Routula Surya Bhaskar Rao, Sri Pakki Gangadhar, and Sri Pakki Shankar and was felicitated on behalf of the Rajahmundry unit of the Sistakaranam Seva Samithi.

### Festivities at Karanalapeta

From April 6 to 8, Sri Rama Navami and Swaramangala Thalli festivals were celebrated in Karanalapeta, Polaki Mandal. The event was inaugurated by State Sistakaranam Association President Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao, who began by cutting a cake. He honored the Jagadish couple for their contributions to village development and recognized teachers Sri Manipatruni Nageswara Rao and Dabbiru Venkata Ramana Murthy Gotivada for their efforts in educational progress. The village faces severe difficulties due to lack of road facilities. Umamaheswara Rao appealed to the district collector and Narasannapeta MLA to urgently address this issue and allocate funds for road development.



### Sri Ravulapalli as Town General Secretary

Sri Laka Vengalarau, State President of the BC Welfare Association, and Dr. Budumuru Rajesh, National General Secretary, have appointed Sri Ravulapalli Surendra as the Town General Secretary of the BC Welfare Association. Sri Ravulapalli Surendra said he will carry out the duties entrusted to him for the second time with utmost dedication and sincerity.



### Sri Srinivas Veenam at Pedana Govt. School programme

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Government Primary School in the second ward of Pedana town, and recognition as model school, the school officio member and the chairman of the Manunnam Seva



Sanstha, Sri Srinivas Veenam couple were invited and felicitated as special guests. Suggestions were given to increase the standard of school education and it was promised that necessary support will be provided locally, in the coming days. The headmaster, teachers, parents and members of the committee's executive committee attended the event and made it a success.

## Fraternity Page - Andhra Pradesh



### “Manavalla daggar ku manam” programme by Kurmannapalem association - Assurance by Raja

On behalf of the Kurmannapalem Sistakaranam Association, a meeting was organized under the leadership of its president, Sri P.V.V.N. Murthy, at Duvvada Dari Manglapalem to reach out directly to the community through the program "Manavaladaggara Manam." The event was graced by the presence of State President Sri Akku Mahanti Nageswara Rao (Raja), State Secretary Sri Manapuram Gouri Shankar, State Organizing Secretary Sri Shekharamantri Hemasundar, and other senior members of our and allied associations.

What made this event unique was that, unlike previous occasions, no speeches were delivered on stage. Instead, the leaders went directly to the families, personally inquiring about their problems. This was the first such initiative. Among the 38 families present, many were unfortunate to have not received any benefits or schemes so far. Their conditions are as follows:

1. Some men work as security guards, lorry/auto drivers, or gas delivery boys.
2. Women manage all household chores

and livelihood.

3. Two children suffer from avitaminosis despite having government disability certificates (100%/85%) but do not receive proper pensions.
4. Three women with leg disabilities lack certificates and thus are denied government pensions.
5. Despite education, both men and women face unemployment.
6. Government ration is inaccessible; families must walk 2 to 3 kilometers to obtain it.
7. Many lack sufficient food and clothing, a fact unknown to any leader until Raja's visit, except us. We've been helping as much as possible.

Raja's arrival brought these issues to light. The community presented their problems directly to him, deeply moving him



and the visiting leaders. Such poverty within the community had never been witnessed before. After hearing their plight, Raja immediately began working on solutions. He accepted the responsibility wholeheartedly and, with his support, the team visits daily to encourage the families and resolve each problem step by step. This process may take time, but it is a committed effort by our association.

Following the meeting, the elders were respectfully honored as a customary gesture.

- P.V.V.N. Murthy,  
President,  
Kurmannapalem Sistakaranam Association,  
Visakhapatnam-46

## Kurmannapalem association meeting

On 27.04.2025, the fourth Sunday, a meeting of the Kurmannapalem Sistakaranam Welfare Association was held at 6.30 pm. In the meeting, the issues of the meeting held on 14.04.2025 at Mangalapalem were discussed and then the members of the association, Sri D. Venugopala Rao, Sri Baliwada Srinath, Sri Kuppili Tirupati Rao, Sri Alluvada Nagesh, Sri Budarayavalasa Prasad couple and Sri Bhaskara Rao were felicitated on the occasion of their retirement. Finally, on 22.04.2025, a 1-

minute silence was observed condemning the massacre in Pahelgaon, Jammu and Kashmir and concluded the programme with a show of solidarity. On behalf of the community, we would like to thank the community members and the chief guests who participated in large numbers.

Jai Hind.

Yours truly,

P.V.V.N. Murthy, President,  
Sistakaranam Welfare Association, Kurmannapalem



## A bright future through reading books

Urlam Sivateja, Chairperson of Central Marketing at Lions Club Srikakulam, said that reading books ensures a bright future and reading books brings a wealth of knowledge as well as mental refreshment. There are many people in one's life and a lot of good friends, but everyone's friend is a book. He said that the World Book Day was first observed on April 23, 1995, with the main objective of creating interest and introducing the joy of book reading to young people across the world. Reading books increases memory, language knowledge, interest in language and concentration. There is no doubt that if every student reads books with willingness and not with difficulty, they will be able to rise to the top in their future.



## Fraternity Page-AIPSKA



### Sri Rama Navami Singing Competitions

On the occasion of Sri Rama Navami, under the auspices of AIPSKA, Sri Vadada UmaMaheswara Rao from Kharagpur ideated for a music competition and shared in Whatsapp group of 'AIPSKA Kalatoranam' to submit their songs. Introduction speeches for the occasion were given by AIPSKA leaders Dr. Choudhary Prasad, Bangalore; Smt. Rajkumari Patro, Raipur; Dr. B. Ramesh Patnaik, Raipur; Sri. Mandakuriti Murali, Kharagpur. By distributing responsibility for coordination, video creation etc., a beautiful online video got compiled and released for the festival where we get to hear endless songs of Sri Rama Navami. Kudos to AIPSKA for being able to spot talents of our Sistakaranam community through its various Whatsapp initiatives.



The program was coordinated by Smt. Dasamantharao Anuradha, Kharagpur. Sri Rama Navami Wishes were given by Smt. K. Padmaja and Smt. M. Kamala. A nice background song was given by Chi. Balivada Jahnavi, Kharagpur. All the pictures of organizers, speeches, songs by participants were well compiled through a video created and edited by Dasamantharao Shilpa, Delhi.



Participants :

1. Smt. Dabbeeru Ramasatya Devi, Kolkata.
2. Smt. Pakki Ragachandrika, Hanamkonda, Warrangal.
3. Smt. M. Kavita Patnaik, Hyderabad.
4. Smt. Raghupatruni Veenavani, Vizianagaram.
5. Smt. Jaggumantri Vijaya Kumari, Visakhapatnam.
6. Smt. N. Aruna Kumari, Kharagpur.
7. Smt. Nandigam Jagadeswari Patnaik, Raipur.
8. Chi. Balivada Jahnavi, Kharagpur.
9. Smt. B. Kanchanamala, Hyderabad.
10. Smt. Manju Patnaik, Bangalore.
11. Smt. Dabbiru Swati, Pune.
12. Smt. Arti Patnaik, Raipur.



## Fraternity Page-AIPSKA



### Ugadi Singing Competition

#### Program Concept Ideated by:

- Sri. Vaadaada UmaMaheswara Rao, Kharagpur



#### Introduction speeches by:

- Dr. Choudhary Prasad, Bangalore



- Smt. Rajkumari Patro, Raipur



- Dr. B. Ramesh Patnaik, Raipur



- Sri. Mandakuriti Murali, Kharagpur



#### Program Coordinated by:

- Smt. Dasamantharao Anuradha



#### Background Song by:

- Chi. Balivada Jahnvi, Kharagpur.



#### Ugadi Wishes by:

- Smt. K. Padmaja &



- Smt. M. Kamala



#### Edited by:

- D. Shilpa



#### Participants:

- 1) Smt. Dabbeeru Ramasatya Devi, Kolkata.



- 2) Smt. Pakki Ragachandrika, Hanamkonda, Warrangal.



- 3) Smt. M. Kavita Patnaik, Hyderabad.



- 4) Smt. Raghupatruni Veenavani, Vizianagaram.



- 5) Smt. Jaggumantri Vijaya Kumari, Visakhapatnam.



- 6) Smt. N. Aruna Kumari, Kharagpur.



- 7) Smt. Nandigam Jagadeswari Patnaik, Raipur.



- 8) Chi. Balivada Jahnvi, Kharagpur.



- 9) Smt. B. Kanchanamala, Hyderabad.



- 10) Smt. Manju Patnaik, Bangalore.



- 11) Smt. Dabbiru Swati, Pune.



- 12) Smt. Arti Patnaik, Raipur.



## Fraternity Page - Odisha

### 103rd felicitation to Dr. Bhima Rao

The Indian Institute of Metals, Bhubaneswar Chapter has felicitated Dr. Raghupatruni Bhima Rao on 4th April 2025 during the executive committee meeting at CSIR-IMMT Campus, with the

coveted Odisha state honour as senior Scientist of the state. Dr. Rao express his sincere thanks to the Chairman, Secretary and other members of IIM Bhubaneswar Chapter.



## Fraternity Page - Chhattisgarh



### Sri B. Ramesh felicitated in Raipur

Chhattisgarh Telugu Abhyodaya Brahmin Samaj, Raipur felicitated Sri B Ramesh Patnaik in recognition of meritorious and outstanding selfless services rendered in the society in the field of Community Welfare, Education, Culture and Scouts & Guides, at their Ugadi Utsavam Programme in 13th April 25.



### Award from the Mayor of Raipur

During the Sri Rama Navami celebrations organized by the Telugu Welfare Society, Raipur, Mayor Sushri Meenal Chaubey honored Lekha Sahitya Ratna awardee Sri Dabbiru Prabhakar for his dedicated efforts in Telugu literary service.



### Second Prize in Pindi Vantalu Competition

P. Triveni Rao won Second Prize in Pindi Vantalu competition at Ugadi Sandadi program held at Raipur.



### Chattisgarh Ugadi 2025 Celebrations – A Grand and Joyous Occasion

The Ugadi celebration for 2025 was held with great fervour and traditional splendor on 12th April 2025. The event was graced by distinguished guests, Sri Krishna Rao and Dr. Munjetti Vara Lakshmi, whose presence added dignity and enthusiasm to the gathering.

The festivities commenced with a Traditional Cooking Competition, where participants showcased their culinary skills by preparing signature festive dishes such as Ugadi Pachhadi and Panakam. The aroma of traditional flavors filled the air, bringing back nostalgic memories of cultural heritage and festive warmth.

A vibrant Talent Show followed, featuring a series of mesmerizing performances including singing, dancing, and poetry recitations by several talented members of Sistakaranam. The energy, creativity, and spirit displayed by the participants were truly commendable and kept the audience thoroughly engaged.

A special highlight of the evening was the honoring of newly wedded couples, symbolizing new beginnings and future aspirations. The couples felicitated included:

Smt and Sri r. Mantri Chandan

Smt. And Srim . Pawan

Smt and Sri. Rohit

In a touching gesture of respect and gratitude, retired members who have significantly contributed to the community were also honored. The respected members felicitated were:

Sri T. R. Patnaik

Sri. B. V. T. Rao

Sri . D. C. B. Rao

The event witnessed the gracious presence of key dignitaries:



Dr. Ramesh Patnaik, President, CGSKAS

Sri U. Ravi Patnaik, General Secretary

Smt. Rajkumari Patro, President, Women's Wing

Their inspiring words and continued support highlighted the importance of unity, tradition, and community development.

Sri Kondavalasa Srinivasa rao presented award to Sri Ravis daughter.

The evening concluded with a heartfelt address by Sri Ch. Tirupati Rao, who commended the organizers, participants, and volunteers for making the Ugadi celebrations a resounding success. His words of encouragement left the audience motivated and proud of their shared cultural roots.

The 2025 Ugadi celebration was a beautiful blend of tradition, talent, and togetherness, leaving lasting memories for all who attended.



# Kalam Snehitulu



## Sistakaranams in Literary Service

1) Sri Uddandrarao Ramanababu received the Janajagruti honor. The renowned literary service organization Janajagruti Sahitya Samskruthika Samakhya from Palasa Kashibugga organized the Utkal Andhra Kavi Sammelanam on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami. Poet and writer Sri Uddandrarao Ramanababu from Narasannapeta was felicitated with the a shawl and an Appreciation Certificate for his outstanding poetry and singing performance.



2) Sri Behera Nagabhushana Rao received a commendation certificate from Vimal Sahitya Samithi.



3) Collector of Parvatipuram Manyam district, M. Shyam Prasad, and prominent writer and founder president of Vemana Kavitamayam from Srikakulam, Shaik Muhammad Rafi, congratulated E-vemana. National-level Best Teacher Award recipient Kudama Tirumalaraju and others also participated.



4) The work "Sri Rama Tattvam" written by Kovera (Sri Kotamahanti Venkata Rao) was published in a daily newspaper.

5) On Ugadi festival day, the 966th felicitations was held at the Telugu Writers' Platform honoring Manipatruni Nageswara Rao, a poet, writer, artist, art director, and recipient of the National Teacher Award.



6) Tirumalaraju was honored by Manchipalli Sahiti Lahari at Parvathipuram, Manyam district. During a poetry gathering organized jointly by Sahiti Lahari and Manchipalli Seva Organizations at Surya Peetham meeting hall, Tirumalaraju sang a self-composed song on the British Empire, earning widespread appreciation.



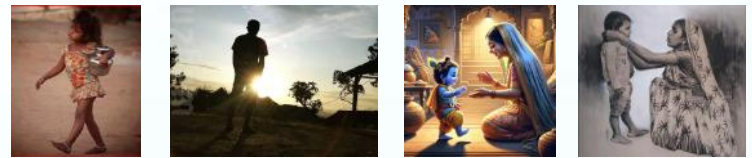
7) On Sri Rama Navami, April 6, 2025, at an international online spiritual literary conference jointly organized by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), Singapore Telugu Society, Malaysia Telugu Association, Dasharatha Rama Foundation, and Padmavati Women's University Telugu Department, Sri Sharathkavi Dabbiru (D.V.R. Murthy) participated and was respectfully awarded a certificate of appreciation for his presentation on "Ramayana Kavya – A Guide."



## Chitra Kavitalu – April 2025

As per our group's regulation, Chitra Kavitalu is held every Wednesday. Members are asked to look at a picture and write thoughtfully expressed poems, not more than 10 lines. Alongside here are the pictures that were given during the month of February 2025.

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



## Children's Literature Goal - 3

In the modern era, literature is rapidly evolving, and similarly, children's literature is developing even faster than adult literature. The primary purpose and goal of children's literature is to nurture and refine children. To illuminate the future society with great divine light, this literature must lay the foundation today.

"Today's children are tomorrow's citizens."

We live in a democratic country, and tomorrow's citizens must cultivate virtues like truth and non-violence. To build an ideal society in the future, children must first be molded into virtuous individuals. Children's literature plays a vital role in this process.

"Today's children are tomorrow's wealth."

For tomorrow's society to flourish with prosperity, children's personalities must embody key qualities such as courage, honesty, truthfulness, perseverance, non-violence, bravery, self-confidence, kindness, forgiveness, peace, equality, happiness, goodwill, sacrifice, simplicity, love, selflessness, social service, patience, thrift, and altruism. Only by imparting training in these virtues can they be developed into well-rounded individuals.

Teach children from an early age the sayings "Matru Devo Bhava" (Mother is God), "Pitru Devo Bhava" (Father is God), and "Acharya Devo Bhava" (Teacher is God). They should show devotion to parents and respect teachers. This is essential not only for today's society but also for future generations. The principle of "Atithi Devo Bhava" (Guest is God) should also be instilled, along with respect for elders.

Alongside these, children must develop patriotism. As Gurajada said, "Desamante matikado, desamante manushuloy" (The nation is not just soil, the nation is the people). The essence of the song "Desamunu Preminchumanna, Manchi Annadi Penchumanna" (Love the country, nurture good qualities) aims to shape future Indian citizens.

Textbooks for children should include moral poems like those of Vemana, Sumati, and Kumari Shatakam, alongside modern scientific knowledge. Teaching the mother tongue from the primary stage is essential, and it should be included as a key subject in the syllabus. The mother tongue must be a compulsory subject at least up to the tenth grade.

The goal of children's literature is not limited to literature alone; it also supports classroom curricula. One important point to note in today's society is that children can learn multiple languages, but the mother tongue must be learned compulsorily. Only then will the goals of children's literature be fulfilled.

- Behara Umamaheswara Rao

## Vivaha Vedika



# Vivaha Vedika

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

### Prospective Brides & Grooms



Name	SOWJANYA LAKSHMI
Surname	DURGUMAHANTHI
Father's Name	LATE D.ANNAJI RAO
Gotram	KOUSHIKA
Date of Birth	8-Feb-1997
Nakshatram	SHATABISHAM
Height	5' 2"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	
Work Place	
Education	MBA
Preference	

Name	TEJASRI
Surname	KAPARAPU
Father's Name	K.SRINIVAS
Gotram	JAMADAGNI
Date of Birth	4-Aug-1995
Nakshatram	VISAKHA
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	
Work Place	
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

Name	SRISRUTHI
Surname	BALRAMAMAHANTHI
Father's Name	B.DHAMODHARAO
Gotram	KOUSHIKA
Date of Birth	13-Sep-1996
Nakshatram	UTTARA PHALGUNI
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	SEARCHING FOR BETTER JOB THEN EARLIER
Work Place	
Education	M.COM
Preference	



Name	SANDEEP KUMAR
Surname	NANDIGAMA
Father's Name	N.ASHOK KUMAR PATNAIK
Gotram	SRIVASTAVA
Date of Birth	30-Jul-1991
Nakshatram	PURVABHADRA
Height	5' 9"
Complexion	
Occupation	
Work Place	
Education	DR. OF MEDICINE USA
Preference	USA INTRESTED MATCHES, DOCTORS

Name	LAXMI SRINIVASA RAO
Surname	LADDIKA
Father's Name	LATE VENUGOPAL
Gotram	
Date of Birth	16-Feb-1984
Nakshatram	ASHLESHA
Height	
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE COASTAL BANK
Work Place	
Education	
Preference	

Name	KALICHAITANYA
Surname	BASURU
Father's Name	B.VENKATA RAMESH
Gotram	BHARADWAJA
Date of Birth	19-Apr-1993
Nakshatram	PURVABHADRA
Height	6'2"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE EPAM SYSTEMS
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	B.SC
Preference	AMICABLE FAMILY, DEGREE, GOOD LOOKING

Name	PHANI PRIYANK
Surname	SADHASIVUNI
Father's Name	S.GANESH
Gotram	
Date of Birth	23-Aug-1989
Nakshatram	BHARANI
Height	5'11"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE BREAD FINANCIAL
Work Place	
Education	
Preference	

Name	YATIN
Surname	NAGUMANTRI
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## Talent Corner

### Paintings by Sri Nagesh U

Siri Institute of painting in Himaythnagr, Hyderabad is managed by Uddhavolu Nagesh Patnaik and others.

Below YouTube links showcase some of his paintings.



<https://youtu.be/Fe-EK-Y0r3o?si=hhUt8ohHC2UoLnGE>

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### Birthday wishes with Nail Art

Pakki Prasad, a cartoonist and nail artist from Vizianagaram working as an agricultural officer, created a beautiful nail art piece in honor of our visionary and accomplished Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu's birthday. Congratulations to him.

(Pakki Prasad's Nail Art skills were featured in the March 2021 edition of Lekha on page 15 in the Talent Corner.)



### Srinivas Patnaik receives award for "Patrashayi"

A big leaf floating in the water... A little girl lying on that leaf.

Do you remember Eenadu's "Patrashayi"?

Everyone knows about the famous Kadiyam nurseries of East Godavari district, which is famous across the country. The nursery farmers here bring special plants from the country and abroad. From here many special plants are exported to foreign countries. However, about twenty years ago, in 2005, a news item was published on the front page of eenadu main edition. The news has appeared in all editions of the country. The news was that the baby was lying on a floating leaf in the water, drinking milk. That's the uniqueness of the plant. This plant was just introduced to our country. It was a big topic of discussion across the country.

Srinivas Patnaik, who worked as a photojournalist for a long time in Rajamahendravaram, has given many unique photo stories in these nurseries. He was always on the lookout to identify the uniqueness of the plants here. One day he saw this plant in the nursery of Sundararama Raju, next to the Vemagiri National Highway, the Victoria Amazonica (the world's largest leafed water plant) with large leaves. We see lotuses floating in the water, this similar large-leafed plant impressed him. When the farmer was asked about the specialty of this leaf, he said that they are so strong that even a five month old child lies on this leaf,

they do not sink into the water. He brought them twice from South America, but they did not live here. The third time, it gave such leaves when it was nurtured with great care.

Patnaik wanted to take a picture of a baby lying on the leaf. But no parent wanted to let their children sleep like that. Even the labourers working in the nursery did not dare. This responsibility was handed over to his friend Tokala Srinivasu, who was then a reporter of Kadiyam Eenadu. He used his influence to plead with the people around him, but no one came forward. In the end, Kamireddy Surya Prakash, a close relative of Tokala Srinivasa Rao in Rajahmundry was pressurized. Reluctantly, Srinivasa Rao brought his six-month-old daughter and laid her on this leaf. That's when Patnaik's camera clicked. A wonderful photo had been unveiled. The hard work paid off. Eenadu daily is always at the forefront of highlighting such photos. With a large photo, "Patrashayi" (Lord Vishnu lying on the leaf) is prominently published impressing the readers of the day. The two journalist and photo journalist Srinivasa Raos were felicitated and presented with prizes by the management of Eenadu.

And you may wonder who the doctor next to this photo is. This doctor is the same child who lay on the leaf with a bottle of



milk. The girl, who received many blessings at an early age, secured an MBBS seat at Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada in the general category. She is currently studying in the first year of the college. Her name is Kamireddy Sai Sathya Ratna Shwetha. The girl became popular more than the children of celebrities, at the age of six months and is now shining at education. Even though they did not like it then, they agreed to the photo, and now the girl and her family members feel they were fortunate.

And you should also know who is that person who is standing next to the late Chief Minister Rajasekhara Reddy. He is photojournalist Srinivas Patnaik. So why do you think he is with the Chief Minister? This photo is the reward for that photo! Patnaik was honoured with the best photography award by the then state government in 2005. Patnaik says that he is very happy to have received this award from chief minister Rajasekhara Reddy.

## Karanam World

### Sri Behera - The Rise of a Sistakaranam Politician

Former corporator and YSR Congress Party Gopalapatnam Mandal president Behara Bhaskar Rao's decision has created a significant stir in the political landscape. Coalition leaders have praised Bhaskar Rao for taking a wise and timely decision, expressing wholehearted support for his move. It is well-known that the Bhaskar Rao family was destined to join the Jana Sena Party, but last-minute complications delayed the transition. Reliable sources indicate that Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party leader Pawan Kalyan was personally investigating why the entry was stalled. He reportedly demanded an explanation as to why a popular leader with strong public support was not inducted and why the process was halted. Simultaneously, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) super boss Minister Lokesh reportedly discussed this issue with city TDP leaders Velagapudi and Pranav Gopal. Lokesh is said to have questioned why influential leaders like Bhaskar Rao were not brought into their party. Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which holds two seats in the city corporation, is said to have deliberated offering the deputy mayor post to any corporator joining their party.

In any case, Bhaskar Rao has consistently shown admiration for Jana Sena, especially since he has been a fan of Chiranjeevi's films from childhood. Although there were strong rumors that he would join Jana Sena at its inception, he remained with YSRCP after switching from Congress only recently, fearing personal political damage due to frequent party changes.

Born about 59 years ago in Kotiyada village of Vizianagaram district to a government teacher's family, Bhaskar Rao studied up to B.Com. Later, he moved to Gopalapatnam area in Visakhapatnam seeking employment as his siblings secured high-ranking jobs in the city. His brothers held senior positions in Visakhapatnam Diary, Old ITI, and the Roads and Buildings Department, while his in-laws also held respectable jobs.

Bhaskar Rao has long been involved with youth, and engaged in youth activities in villages and was the first opposition panel director in KothaPalem PACS. After joining Congress, he was elected as the corporator of the 68th ward in GVMC with a huge ma-

majority and served as the floor leader and city Congress president. Due to his close association with the late MLA Dronamraju Srinivas, his political mentor, he resigned from Congress and joined YSRCP without any demands. Representing the party, he successfully got his wife and two daughters elected as corporators from different wards, earning a reputation as an undefeated leader. However, during the current political crisis, expressing thanks to the YSR Congress Party, and the party president YS Jagan mohan Reddy for his support to his political upliftment, he announced that he was resigning from the party, without making any criticism of the YSR Congress Party and party president Jaganmohan Reddy. He said that his resignation was for personal reasons and announced his resignation from the party.

Success at business:

At a critical juncture, Bhaskar Rao's fortunes changed when he acquired the Vepegunta liquor shop license, when there was talk of ban by the government. The income from this shop enabled him to invest in real estate, multiplying his wealth significantly. He also built the Kumari Kalyana Mandapam, an AC marriage hall, which became well-known in the region from NAD to Pendurthi. Kumari Kalyana Mandapam became the Sirula Mandapam. With his acquired wealth, he purchased about 100 acres in his native Kotiyada village at low prices, which today serves as a financial asset.

Straightforwardness, corruption-free politics:

Behera is completely far away from today's politics, which involves juggling politics, extorting money near buildings at the corporator level, pressing the percentage to make pas, fixing the price of recommendation letters and conducting deals with the help of his followers. Always thinking about how many people he has helped through his political positions, It is not in his political history that he extorted money for favors.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bhaskar Rao organized free medical camps through three doctors at his home, distributed masks and essentials, and helped evacuate people during the LG Polymers gas leak using his college buses. He also provided free



food and accommodation until government aid arrived, demonstrating his commitment to the community.

Despite his longstanding association with Jana Sena, his induction was delayed due to internal opposition, in spite of approval from chief Pawan Kalyan. However, there are still many conspiracies against Behera's arrival. According to reports, the Jana Sena was set to decide a woman candidate for Visakhapatnam West constituency for the year 2029 and, if Behera comes, the reservation for woman will become that of a man, hence some local women leaders reportedly resisted his entry. Meanwhile, explanations for the delay have been provided by Jana Sena MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas and former legislative council member PVN Madhav to BJP, while TDP leaders Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu and VM RDA chairman Pranav Gopal have also submitted their reports. An internal TDP report revealed political police cases against Bhaskar Rao and noted that he gained no benefit in YSRCP, suffering losses including the loss of co-option membership. The TDP expressed sympathy for his hardships.

Despite the delay, Bhaskar Rao's eventual induction is seen as a strategic necessity for the coalition government. His joining Jana Sena has become a sensational topic across three major parties at the state level, marking a significant political development.

## My Grand Parent

### The Guardian of the Lineage

#### My Great Great Grandfather - Kantimahanti Rammurthy Patnaik. 1865 – 1945 (Approx)

In the quiet hum of history, there stood a man. Our great-great-grandfather. His was not the life of a warrior nor a king, but of a guardian, a quiet sentinel who walked the fine line between survival and submission. He served the colonizer, not out of love or admiration, but out of necessity. His duty was to protect, not only his own life but the lives of those who would come after him: you and me.

To the world outside, he was loyal, obedient, a learned man who followed the laws of those in power. But in the sanctity of his own heart, in the late hours of the night when he sat alone with his thoughts, he knew the truth.

He had seen the weight of defiance, had witnessed the bodies of those who resisted crumble under the might of the oppressor. He knew that in his time, wisdom was not in fighting but in enduring. His weapon was knowledge; his shield was trust. And so, he bent but never broke. He walked with them, dined with them, spoke their language, but he never let them take his soul.

He became educated, literate, and disciplined. He taught his children to be the same, knowing that knowledge was a shield, obedience a cloak, & trust a currency that could keep them safe. He played their game, not because he believed in it, but because he had to. He swallowed his pride, wore their manners, and bent his back.

So that his children and their children would one day have the power to stand tall.

But what of the cost? What of the scars that obedience left upon our lineage?

We became trusting, perhaps too much so.

We were never taught the darkness of the world, never warned of the dangers of blind faith. We walked into fires believing they were warm hearths, were burned by hands we thought were kind.

For generations, we have carried his les-

sons: Be polite. Be trusting. Be good.

These values kept us safe once. But the world has changed.

Today, the rules are different. Blind trust is no longer a shield; it has become a weakness that others exploit. Obedience is no longer a path to survival; it can be a trap.

Our family has been burned many times because we never questioned. We never doubted. We never saw that the world does not always reward goodness; it often preys upon it.

Our ancestors did what they had to do to keep us safe. But their fight is over.

Ours is beginning.

It is not a battle of swords or rebellion, but of awareness.

We must see with clear eyes, must learn not just to read, but to understand, not just to trust but to discern. The world is not as it was in his time, but it is still built on the echoes of that era. And so, we must break the cycle; not with anger, not with resentment, but with the wisdom that he, too, carried.

We have all suffered. Every one of us has lost someone dear, and our hearts are filled with grief that time does not erase. But do we let that grief stop us from living the few years we have left? What would those we've lost want for us? Would they not urge us to live, to experience, to step into the light? If they sacrificed for us, would it not dishonor them to waste the life they fought to give?

We carry the weight of the past, but we do not have to be burdened by it.

We can honor them by living; not in fear, not in blind trust, but in truth. We are their legacy, and our choices today shape the generations that will follow.

We will remain kind, but not naïve. We will be strong, but not silent. We will learn, question, and see the world for what it truly is. And above all, we will protect each other; not just with obedience, but with wisdom.



So let us move forward, not shackled by the past, but guided by it. Let us wake up, together.

For them. For us. For those yet to come.

Our ancestors walked so we could run. And now, we rise.

Note: This account is based on family history & informed estimations. Some details may not be entirely factual, but I simply aim to honor the essence of our family legacy.

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Sistakaranam Lekha invites narrations about grandfather or grandmother or great grandfather of yours for publication in the new column "My Grandparent". Those write-ups having past heritage or greatness will be preferred. Please send a photograph of him/ her.

- Chief Editor

## Our Treasures

### Sacred Geometry

It is common to use many geometric patterns in spirituality. In the spiritual constructions, and arrangements people generally use geometric patterns - patterns that are symmetrical and aesthetically appealing. World over all religions used such patterns, and such geometry is known as sacred geometry. For example in Hinduism they use rangoli to decorate places of worship. Even in western religions such patterns are very common in places of worship.



*Giridhar is a spiritual seeker graced by realized Gurus Shri Badarinayanji and Leslie Temple Thurston.*

In vajrayana Buddhism, they use mandalas which are shapes of circular nature for gaining concentration.

They gaze the mandalas. This increases ones dharana shakti.

In sri vidya tantra sri chakra is formed by interlocking four upward pointing triangles and five downward pointing triangles. Sadhaks meditate on this sri yantra. Such geometric patterns are known as yantra. Ofcourse in astrology also there are yantras seem to be used to gain specific cosmic powers. Sri chakra is also visualized in 3 dimensional form known as meru yantra. Sri vidhya sadhaks do different avarna pujas, with meru yantra to energize the body.

In egyptian esoterism a similar symbol as sri yantra known as merkaba is used, that is very intriguing. The merkaba is used to heal and energize the body. Mer-ka-ba means light-spirit-body. In meditation, two interlocking tetrahedrons one upward pointing and one downward pointing are visualized. The merkaba, is formed around the body, and it provides a protective energy shield around the practitioners.

In addition to this in spiritual realm that certain ratios are considered ideal, and known as golden ratio. Such golden ratio is known to be exhibited in nature. The ratio is 1.618, and it is the ratio of pentagon's diagonal to its side. Similarly in Hinduism 108 is used. It is known to be the ratio of distance of moon from earth to diameter of moon. Similarly the distance between sun and earth is 108 times the diameter of sun.

## Ikyavedika News

### Meeting with ARK Rao

On Monday, April 7, 2025, at their residence in Hyderabad, our senior Sistakaranam leader, retired MSME Director and one of the founders of the Hyderabad Sistakaranam Welfare Association, Sri Ayyanna Mahanti Ramakrishna Rao (ARK Rao), hosted a meeting with Sistakaranam Lekha newsmagazine and Ikyavedika leaders Sri Sekharamantri Naraharinath, Sri Mantri Narasimha Rao, and Sri Jannumahanti Venkata Chandrababu. On this occasion, Sri ARK Rao presented copies of his newly compiled and authored book, "SISTAKARANAMS, a chronicle of Gotrams and family names," to the members of the Sistakaranam Lekha team.

Let us congratulate Sri ARK Rao for unveiling this unique book. (This book is available on our Ikyavedika website at [COMMUNITY IDENTITIES - Sistakaranam Ikyavedika](https://www.ikeyavedika.com/COMMUNITY-IDENTITIES-Sistakaranam-Ikyavedika).)



### Naivedya Samarpana at Peddamma Talli temple

On 18/4/25, Madhees Managing Director Sri Kanthimahanthi Kiran Kumar and his wife Madhu performed special pujas to the Goddess at Peddamma Talli Temple in Jubilee Hills. A yata was offered to the goddess and lunch program was organized at the Anuragini Guest House. All India Sistakaranam President Sri Dabbiru Krishna Rao as the chief guest, as well as Ikyavedika team members Sarva Sri Naresh, Narasimha Rao, Ravi Karakavalasa, Narahari, Chandrababu, Chakrapani, Vijay Shekhar, Madhees Staff and more than 70 to 80 of their friends, loved ones and relatives participated in the event, A special thank you to all those who participated in the event and made it a success.

- Pratap Raj, Managing Director, SOL News, Social Telangana Print Media, Sanathnagar



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# Know Your Community and AISKA

(Part - 8)

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The series of KYC & AISKA is a continuous review of literature on Sistakaranam Community, presented in a concise manner in English and Telugu, for the benefit of the present / future generation. The previous issue of LEKHA (April 2025) carried Part 7, covering the fourth book about our community history titled **SISTAKARANA BANDHU SREYOBHILASHI**, a bilingual Souvenir / compilation of 90 years (1920 – 2010) story compiled by late Sri Behara Kalyan Ram and Others, released by **All India Sistakarana Association (AISKA) Visakhapatnam, AP (Regd. No. 117/88) a decade ago.**

On pages 4 and 5, the duo of Sri Vandurangi Rama Rao (Bhavasri), Hon Editor and Sri Kalyana Ram, Editor wrote the Foreword (Tholi Palukulu) in Telugu narrated briefly about the Sistakaranam community and its stalwarts. Initially, it was confined to the centres like **Ganjam, Visakhapatnam and Godavari districts as a part of Madras Presidency** but later migrated / settled in other States like West Bengal, Odisha, Chattisgarh, erstwhile combined Andhra Pradesh. The **first Sistakaranam Association was founded in Kharagpur, WB in 1920.**

Subsequently, the Community elders formed **All India Sistakaranam Association (AISKA) in Jalumuru in 1925.** Later, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention held in Saluru in 1926, and at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Berhampore (Brahmapur) held in 1929, leaders like **Sri Behara Suryanarayana Sarma, Sri Dabbiru Anantha Jagannadha Sarma, Sri G Bhima Rao, Sri Garbham Appa Rao, Sri Vantharam Simhachalam Patnaik, Sri Durgumahanthi Adinarayana, Sri Behara Kesava Narayana, Sri Behara Shyamasundara Rao and Sri Ippili Appalarasimhulu Patnaik,** AISKA took initiatives to support poor and meritorious students of Higher Secondary level as also helping to impart training to the teachers of our community.

Contributions of Rupee One were collected from the affluent members / households to fund the above activities. This went on up to the year 1965 and came to a standstill. Fortunately, in 1971 at the instance of **Sri J N Patnaik, President and Sri Prahallad Patnaik, Secretary** of Bhubaneswar, Odisha it was decided to revive AISKA. On 4-6-1972, **Sri PS Prakasa Rao Patnaik, Dr T Joga Rao and Dr MV Narasinga Rao** shouldered the responsibility of organizing a grand meeting in Srikakulam. They were ably supported by a strong team of **Sri Kuppili Babjee, Sir K N Prasad, Sri K V Satyanarayana and Sri Ch Trinadha Prasad.** Later, the community and AISKA were actively engaged in organizing cultural and social events, which converged to Sri P S Prakasa Rao re-registering the association in Vizag, AP with registration number 117/1988.

The article recapitulated the history of Sistakaranams, who migrated from East, in particular Odisha due to historical reasons and settling in Andhra area prior to independence. Besides being traditional Village Karanams and School Teachers, our community members reached other prestigious positions as Revenue Officials, Engi-

neers, Doctors, Advocates, Judges, etc by dint of hard work. Those who chose to move back to **Odisha after formation of the new State in 1936** also accomplished high positions. However, a vast majority remained jobless and lived in poverty without employment. After being classified as a Backward Class in AP State during the 1960s, the facility was withdrawn by the Government based on the Anantharaman Committee Report.

This unilateral decision caused avoidable damage to the majority members of Sistakaranams in education and employment. Efforts were made by philanthropists and community leaders in **Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Godavari districts by forming Trusts and helping the needy.** But, we looked for intervention of Central Government since 1980s. Representations and Appeals were made to include our community in OBC as per recommendations of **Mandal Commission.**

Simultaneously the Govt of AP was also approached to help us in this regard. In the year 2004, late **Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy, Chief Minister of AP constituted a Commission for Backward Classes under the Chairmanship of Justice Dhavala Subramaniam,** which culminated to get ourselves declared as BC-D in February 2009. Our struggle to get the community included in List of OBCs by GOI / NCBC shall continue.

Page Numbers 8 to 14 contain the **journey of AISKA from the date of its formation on 30-05-1925 in Jalumuru (Srikakulam)** till a recent date. Ten good Samaritan Sistakaranam leaders founded the association in their first convention, with an objective to promote integration and unity among our Sistakaranams wherever they are residing at various places in India, for extending love, affection and cooperation to each other. They are:

1. Sri Behara Suryanarayana Sarma, BA BL, Advocate, Parvathipuram
2. Sri Dabbiru Anantha Jagannadha Rao, BA, Teacher, Jalumuru
3. Sri G Bheemarao, BA BL, Advocate, Saluru
4. Sri Behara Syama Sundara Rao, Berhampur
5. Sri Behara Kesava Narayana, Berhampur
6. Sri Vantharam Simhachalam, Lecturer, Vizianagaram
7. Sri Garbham Appa Rao, BA Bed., Vizianagaram
8. Sri Kottakki Somanna Patnaik, Saluru
9. Sri Ippili Appala Narasimhulu, Saluru
10. Sri Durgumahanthi Adinarayana, Sompeta

As per the Booklet viz., **"Bandhu Seva" released on 30-03-1031** and elsewhere, the first four Sistakaranam Conventions on All India basis were held on the following dates and places to elect the Governing Body members, unanimously with a participation of nearly 200 members from various places.

**Know Your Community and AISKA (Continued from previous page)**

**Table No.1 Dates, Venues of Conventions and Leadership of AISKA**

The All India Sistakaranam Association (AISKA) was registered on 19-04-1947 with Registration No. 2/1947-48, with Berhampur as Headquarters. The following resolutions were passed at the above conventions:-

One Rupee subscription per family was introduced for education purpose

Place & Date	Persons elected Sri	To position of
1.Jalumuru 30-05-1925	Behara Suryanarayana Sarma Dabbiru Anantha Jagannadha Rao Behara Syama Sundara Rao	President Secretary Treasurer
2.Saluru 27-05-1926	G Bheema Rao D A Jagannadha Rao Behara Syama Sundara Rao	President Secretary Treasurer
3.Berhampur 28-08-1928	Vantharam Simhachalam D A Jagannadha Rao Durgumahanthi Adinarayana	President Secretary Treasurer
4.Berhampur 1945	Vantharam Simhachalam D A Jagannadha Rao Kesava Narayana	President Secretary Treasurer

The Utkala Sammelanams to be affiliated to AISKA and

To request Raja Sahebs of Kallikota, Surangi, Vizianagaram, Bobbili, Parlakhemundi and Jeypore to create provision of learning Oriya by the Sistakaranams in their Schools.

At the third convention in Berhampur, the then Raja Saheb Nalla Sivayya garu was the Chief Guest. He was asked to inaugurate our Educational Trust, which supported the needy poor students of our community to study at High Schools as also for Higher Grade Teachers Training. The Raja was generous in funding our Trust from the Sansthan funds to produce graduates in Sistakaranams. That triggered the other neighbouring Rajas and Sansthans viz., Vizianagaram, Bobbili, Surangi, Mandasa, Parlakhemundi and Jeypore also to extend support.

The next three Sistakaranam Conventions of AISKA were held as under:

**Table No.2 Dates, Venues of Conventions and Leadership of AISKA**

Place & Date	To elect Sarvasri	To position as
5.Gangacholi Penta 05-05-1950	D A Jagannadha Rao K Somanna Patnaik Durgumahanthy Adinarayana	President Secretary Treasurer
6.Dimili 06-06-1952	V Simhachalam Patnaik Garbham Appa Rao Durgumahanthy Adinarayana	President Secretary Treasurer
7.Berhampur 1956	K S N Patnaik Garbham Appa Rao K Somanna Patnaik	President Secretary Treasurer

AISKA was actively functioning till 17-02-1965, when Sri KSN Patnaik, the then President died. The association was defunct between 18-02-1965 and 03-06-1972. Sistakaranams of Bhubaneswar, Odisha held a meeting on -3-10-1971 at Khandagiri with a view to revive AISKA. An Adhoc Committee was formed then by Sri J N Patnaik, President and Sri Prahallad Patnaik, Secretary, who met on 14-11-1971 to decide and call for AISKA Convention on 26-12-1971 at Khurda to mobilise and unite all the Sistakaranams and work for their overall prosperity.

This initiative was immediately responded by Dr T Joga Rao, PS Prakasa Rao Patnaik, Sri Kondavalasa Chalapathi Rao, Dr MV Narasinga Rao and other leaders. After due discussions the venue for Convention was changed from Khurda to Srikakulam and date fixed was 04-06-1972. Unfortunately, at that time, our Sistakaranam community was removed from the List of BCs in Andhra Pradesh. Hence, the focus was to agitate for getting back the same facility. More leaders of Sistakaranam community viz., Sri N Gopalakrishna Rao, Sri K Babji Patnaik, Sri K V Ramanaiah, Sri K N Prasad, Sri K Satyanarayana, Sri Ch Trinadha Prasad and others joined to work for the cause and make the Convention a grand success.

A new Governing Body of AISKA was elected unanimously at the Convention comprising of Sri PS Prakasa Rao Patnaik, Dr T Joga Rao, Sri R Ranga Rao, Sri KV Ramanaiah, Sri Kondavalasa Chalapathi Rao and Sri N Gopala Krishna. Important matters discussed were Unity, Opening of Units at District and Taluka levels, launching of agitation to restore the status of BC in Andhra Pradesh, representing to Central and State Governments. Executive Committee meetings were held in Kakinada, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, etc and also further Conventions. The subsequent conventions 8 to 11 were held as under:-

**Table No.3 Dates, Venues of Conventions and Leadership of AISKA**

Place & Date	To elect Sarvasri	As Office bearer
8.Srikakulam 04-06-1972	P S Prakasa Rao Patnaik K V Ramanaiah N Gopalakrishna Rao	President Secretary Treasurer
9.Berhampur 04-10-1973	P S Prakasa Rao Patnaik S V Ramana Murthy N Gopalakrishna Rao	President Secretary Treasurer
10.Visakhapatnam 09-05-1976	P S Prakasa Rao Patnaik S V Ramana Murthy N Gopalakrishna Rao	President Secretary Treasurer
11.Vizianagaram 27-05-1979	P S Prakasa Rao Patnaik P Raja Rammohan Roy N Gopalakrishna Rao	President Secretary Treasurer

In the year 1979, the Janata Party Government at Centre led by Sri Morarji Desai as Prime Minister appointed a Commission headed by a leading Parliamentarian Sri Bindeswari Prasad Mandal (referred as Mandal Commission) to identify the Socially and Educationally backward castes and consider case for reservations. Our community leaders toured many places, identified section of back-



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ward members in our community, collected information about all eligible members, gathered supporting photographs and certificates from politicians and bureaucrats in order to present our case to the Mandal Commission Members.

**Sri B P Mandal visited Hyderabad and Vijayawada during 1979-80** to meet a sample of community members as also representatives presenting the case. The community leaders who actively involved in the process were Sarvasri PS Prakasa Rao, Pakki Bhaktavatsalam Patnaik, P Raja Rammohan Roy, KV Chalapathi Rao, Kondavalasa Chalapathi Rao, R N Murthy, Chowdari Shanmukha Rao, P Venkata Rao, S Venkata Rao, S Raghava Rao, K Kumaraswamy, Dr D Gouri Shankara Rao, V Deveswara Rao, PS Patnaik, K Ramachandra Murthy, Behara Kalyan Ram, K Sreerama Murthy and others. **Our efforts were successful that Sri B P Mandal considered and recommended to include our caste** in the List of Backward Classes at SI No. 247 of their Report to Government of India which was accepted after a long struggle. It was then Honorable Prime Minister Sri V P Singh who took the initiative in the year 1990 to implement the Commission's recommendations. The Govt of India advised all State Governments to appoint BC Commissions at State level to identify the socially and educationally backward castes and consider their cases for reservation.

**Table No.4 Dates, Venues of Conventions and Leadership of AISKA**

Place & Date	To elect Sarvasri	As Office-bearer
12.Visakhapatnam 11-04-1982	Dr T Jogarao PS Prakasa Rao Patnaik P Raja Rammohan Roy N Gopalakrishna Rao	Hon. President President Secretary Treasurer
13.Parvathipuram 18-05-1985	PS Prakasa Rao Patnaik P Raja Rammohan Roy S V Satyanarayana	President Secretary Treasurer
14.Visakhapatnam 23-04-1989	Er Prahallad Patnaik P Raja Rammohan Roy Dr D Gouri Shankara Rao Dr N D Prasada Rao	Hon President President Secretary Treasurer
15.Visakhapatnam 27-12-1992	Er Prahallad Patnaik Dr Gouri Shankara Rao VVA Koteswara Rao	President Secretary Treasurer

As per **Govt Notifications No. 3 & 4 /O-R/APCBC /94 dated 3-10-1994 and 1-11-1994 and further reference No.23 dated 4-3-1005**, orders were issued to review the eligibility of 12 Castes including Sistakaranams, to be added as BCs. Both **AISKA and APSKA representatives created awareness** among all the members, residing at various places to ascertain affidavits and certificates from the public representatives, Mandal Parishath Chairmen, Zilla Parishath Chairmen, Legislators and Parliament Members of Andhra Pradesh.

As per letter of **Hon'ble Justice Puttu Swamy, Chairman of BC Commission, No.118/SA No. APCBC/1994 dated 13-04-1995**, replies to questionnaire were submitted along with documents viz., Affidavits, Certificates, Photos taken with authenticated records, etc.

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**mission and its Members was conducted on 18-12-1995 (typo 1998?)** for which the then General Secretary of AISKA, Sri A V Jagannadha Rao Patnaik along with other Members / Representatives from Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts attended and explained all about social status of our Sistakaranam community. Public enquiries about our Caste / Community were also conducted at the following centres on the dates shown there against:

Collectorate of Visakhapatnam on 9-10-1995

Zilla Parishath Vizianagaram on 10-10-1995

Zilla Parihath Srikakulam on 12-10-1995

**Rallies were also organized at all the above places** attended by thousands of members of our community. Adequate evidence was produced to the Justice Puttu Swamy Commission by way of supporting documents at these centres.

Those who represented / participated on behalf of our community included Sarvasri Er. Prahallad Patnaik, Dr ND Prasada Rao, Dr D Gouri Shankara Rao, V Deveswara Rao, VVA Koteswara Rao, AV Jagannadha Rao Patnaik, S Murali Bhagavan, NSV Prasada Rao, B Kalyana Ram, K Ramachandra Murthy, PVT Ramana Rao, M Salivahana, D Siva Kumar, K Bangaru Raju, K Sreerama Murthy, N Gopala Krishna Rao, Kondavalasa Chalapathi Rao, Dr M S Patnaik and others.

**Table No.5 Dates, Venues of Conventions and Leadership of AISKA**

Place & Date	To elect Sarvasri	As Office-Bearer
16.Visakhapatnam 15-06-1997 To 22-12-2006	Er Prahallad Patnaik Dr N D Prasada Rao A V Jagannadha Rao Behara Kalyana Ram	Hon.President President Secretary Treasurer
17.Anakapalle 29-10-2000 To 11-08-2007	Dr N D Prasada Rao Dr D Gouri Shankara Rao K S Patnaik	Hon. President President Secretary
18.Vizianagaram 05-11-2000 To 23-12-2006	Er Prahallad Patnaik A V Jagannadha Rao Behara Kalyana Ram	President Gen Secretary Treasurer
19.Bhubaneswar 24-12-2006 To 11-08-2007	Er Prahallad Patnaik A V Jagannadha Rao Behara Kalyana Ram	President Gen Secretary Treasurer
20.Visakhapatnam 12-08-2007 To 23-12-2009	Dr D Gouri Shankara Rao K L Bhushana Rao K A Prakash B V N Patro	Hon. President President Gen Secretary Treasurer

**(Note: The dates and names of Office-bearers elected for AISKA shown in the above Table with items no. 16 to 20 indicate that**

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apparently there were some misgivings and overlapping of their functioning. Two sets of leadership headed by Er Prahallad Patnaik of Bhubaneswar, Odisha (items 16, 18 and 19) and Dr ND Prasada Rao / Dr D Gouri Shankara Rao of Visakhapatnam, AP (items no. 17 and 20 above) seem to be at the helm of affairs, which is detrimental to the smooth working of a national or state level welfare body of a backward community.)

The Congress Party led by **Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy** (8 July 1949 – 2 September 2009) as **14<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister**, came to power in Andhra Pradesh in the year **2004 (and lasted till 2014)**. The AP Government appointed a **Backward Classes Commission headed by Justice Dhavala Subrahmaniam as Chairman** to review inclusion of the 12 castes including Sistakaranams in the List of Backward Castes.

The Commission followed all the due steps for the process by notifying in public domain and inviting fresh appeals from the representatives. **Justice Dhavala Subrahmanyam, Chairman of BC Commission, AP held public hearings again at Hyderabad (22-06-2006)** which was attended by Office bearers of our Sistakaranam Associations of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Bobbili and Hyderabad. The members who attended the hearing on 22=06-2006 were:

1. Sri AV Jagannadha Rao, General Secretary AISKA
2. Sri S Murali Bhagawan, General Secretary APSKA
3. Sri K Ramachandra Murthy, Organising Secretary, APSKA
4. Sri Behara Kalyana Ram, President VDSKA
5. Sri V B Prasad Patnaik, President, Srikakulam Dist SKA
6. Sri V Dhathrinath, Secretary Hyderabad SKA (APSKA?)
7. Sri S Thrinadha Swamy, Joint Secretary, Hyderabad SKA
8. Sri P Mahesh, Joint Secretary, Hyderabad SKA
9. Sri Y Nagesh Kumar, Treasurer, Hyderabad SKA
10. Sri B Srikanth, EC Member, Hyderabad SKA and
11. Sri Vantharam Srirama Murthy, President, SKA Bobbili

The above team explained to the Commission about the **population size of our Sistakaranam community, level of poverty, etc and submitted a Memorandum**. All the facts and figures were recorded by the Commission patiently and there were no objections whatsoever by any other backward castes in AP. The Commission Chairman and Members were **fully convinced about our genuine request to be included in the BC List**, but wanted to visit some cen-

tres in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhs apatnam districts to conduct field surveys. Accordingly, our leaders carried out awareness camps and arranged as under:

1. Srikakulam on 21-03-2007
2. Vizianagaram on 22-03-2007
3. Visakhapatnam on 25-03-2007

Our Associations were represented by **Sri V Deveswara Rao and 18 others** who accompanied the Commission Members and explained all the aspects of our Sistakaranam community which were also recorded to substantiate our case. The Commission members also visited our **Community Hall in Allipuram**, Visakhapatnam and **met 200 poor families** living in Himachal Colony, B C Colony Pa Peda Gantiyada Slum Colony, Gakiwala and Hill Sloap areas, Drivers Colony, Thokada, Kancharapalem, Pendurthi slum area, etc. **They also toured Srikakulam district**, Ichapuram, Narasannapeta, Polaki, Kotabommali, Jalumuru, Amadalavalasa, Palakonda, Hiramandalam, Pathapatnam, Veeraghattam, Gajapathinagaram, Saluru, Bobbili, Gantiyada, Double Colony (Babametta), etc to interact with the cross section of our population and to know their social status.

Unfortunately, certain unexpected events developed between two Sistakaranam families regarding a matrimonial dispute which led to unpleasantness and intolerable problems resulting in high tensions and strained relations. Some common well wishers like Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao, Corporator in Visakha Municipality intervened to resolve the issue. However, the situation led to conducting of elections to AISKA and APSKA on 12-08-2007. (See Table No. 5)

Thereafter, Sri K L Bhushana Rao and Team with the support of Sri SNK Mahanty and others took on hand in early 2008, to pursue the issue of BC to Sistakaranam by utilising political contacts in the AP Government. The leadership also met the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy in Hyderabad. Recommendation letters from Ministers belonging to Coastal Andhra were submitted to the CM. Governing Body members of AISKA and APSKA met the CM of AP, Ministers, Govt Officials, MPs and MLAs number of times in Hyderabad to pursue the pending appeal. After close follow up and continuous efforts, the **AP Cabinet accorded approval for including our Sistakaranam community in the List of BCs in February 2009. AP State Government issued Orders in GO. No. 13 BCW C2 Department, dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009.** The entire Sistakaranam community was extremely happy at this decision after prolonged struggle from 1972.

(To be continued)