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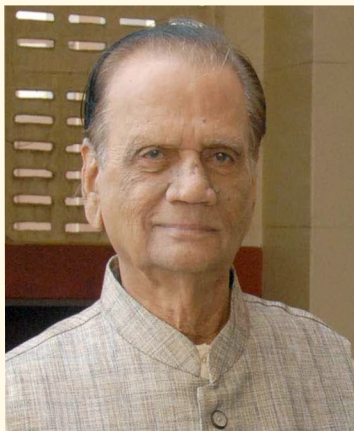
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‘Siri Kanta’ of SRKVS Enters Eternal Silence



Yes, Sri B S Srikantaiah, Former Principal and Co-ordinator was known equally for his rich and commanding voice as his unquestionable commitment, unmatched dedication and total identification with Vidyashala.

One shout from his room or from any corner of the school building would reverberate through the corridors and silence the entire building. Many a times his chariot, the Ideal Jawa motorbike with its characteristic thundering

sound, would act as the forerunner of the arrival of its master, Sri BSS, at the main gate of SRKVS and it would alert the noisy students. It is no wonder that he had deliberately chosen this authoritative vehicle to aid him in his administration. No need to say that his very physical presence anywhere in the building was enough to keep the students on their toes. This is a lighter side of the personality of Sri BSS.

Couched within his stern appearance was his honest love and concern not only for the academic progress of the students but also for their all-round development which, of course, pupils of that age would not always recognize. The flood of tributes



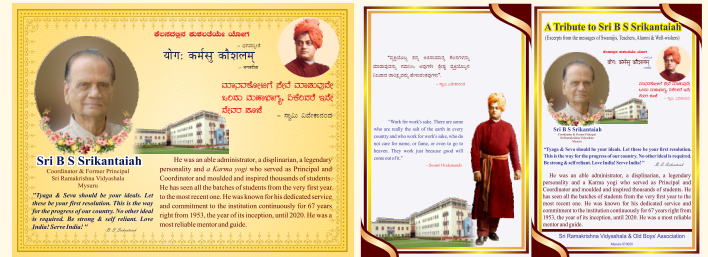
from alumni of his regime that poured in after his demise indicate his successful moulding of their personality.

The inaugural day of SRKVS in 1953 also marked the beginning of Sri BSS's career as a teacher. A triple gold medalist, fresh from the University of Mysore, Sri BSS joined Vidyashala as a teacher of Social Studies at the age of 23, totally unaware that it was a God-given opportunity for him to serve the institution for the next 67 years without any blemish or interruption. Coming under the encompassing enviable influence of the dynamic visionary Founder President Revered Swami Shambhavanandaji Maharaj, from day one of his service, Sri BSS assimilated the qualities of dedication, commitment and identification which manifested themselves in every thought, word and action. Yes, in every inch he remained loyal to the institution and faithful to the mission and objectives of the institution till he breathed his last on 28th September early morning. He was 90.

Sri BSS served the institution in the capacities of Assistant Master, Headmaster, Principal and Co-ordinator. In whatever capacity he served, the interest of the pupils and the ideals of the institution were foremost in his words and actions with no compromise with the most valued traditions. Committed fully to the strict routine and discipline of the institution, he would execute the educational

projects and programmes following the rules and regulations in letter and spirit. The impact of his sincere efforts to mould the personalities of the pupils is so deep-rooted that even very senior alumni who are now in their sixties and seventies still remember, respect and love him from the bottom of their hearts. His demise has left a void hard to fill, besides depriving us of a vital link between the past and the present.

The best tribute one can pay to beloved 'Headmaster Sir' is to follow in his foot-steps of constant care and concern for others. VOVA forever remembers his untiring efforts to shape the personalities of thousands of students and pays its respectful homage to Sri BSS.



To pay tribute to Sri BS Srikantaiah, a memorial meeting was held on 18th October 2020 in Vidyashala. Many old students and well-wishers participated in it. On this occasion a memento containing a photo of Sri B S S with his message and a hand book titled "A Tribute to Sri B S Srikantaiah" were given to all the participants. Om Shanti.

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Once you receive your individual ID and Password to your mobile phone, functioning of this application starts.

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳ ಲೇಖನಿಯಿಂದ.....

“ಹೃದಯವಂತಿಕೆ, ವಿಚಾರಶಕ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದಕ್ಷತೆ ಮೂರೂ ಒಂದೇ ಸಮವಾಗಿ ಯಾರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಕ್ವತೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದೆಯೋ ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಲು ನಾವು ಬಯಸುತ್ತೇವೆ” - ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ.

ನಾವು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ ನಮ್ಮ B S S ಮೇಷ್ಟ್ರು ಸುಮಾರು ಮೂರು ತಲೆಮಾರುಗಳಿಗೂ ಮೀರಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಚೇತನದಾಯಕ ಚೈತನ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಇಂದಿನವರೆಗಿನ ಅಂತಃಶಕ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಬಾಳನ್ನು ಸಾರ್ಥಕವಾಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡವರು B S S. ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಒಳಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೊರಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದವರಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ Friend, Philosopher and Guide ಆಗಿ ಅವರ ಅಂತಃಸತ್ವವನ್ನು ಪಳಗಿಸಿ ಬೆಳಗಿಸಿದರು. ಈ ಬೆಳಕನ್ನು ಬಾಳ ಪಯಣದ ದಾರಿದೀಪವಾಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಪಾವನರಾದ ಕೆಲವರ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತಾಪೂರ್ವಕ ನುಡಿನಮನಗಳು ಈ ಸಂಚಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ.

RIMSEಯ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮ ಭೋದನೆಯ ತಳಹದಿ ಹಾಕಿ ಅದರ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗೆ ಕಾರಣರಾದ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಹಾಸಂಘದ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಂನ್ಯಾಸಿಗಳೂ, ಅಪಾರ ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಗಣಿಯೂ, ಉತ್ತಮ ವಾಗ್ಮಿಗಳು ಆಗಿದ್ದ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಹರ್ಷಾನಂದಜಿಯವರೂ ಇಂದು ನಮ್ಮೊಡನೆಲ್ಲ. ಕಳೆದ ಶತಮಾನದ 60ರ ದಶಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದ ವೇದಾಂತ ಪಾಠಗಳೂ, RETREATಗಳೂ ಅಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಾಸಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಬಳುವಳಿಗಳು. ಪೂಜ್ಯರನ್ನು ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಅನಂತ ಪ್ರಣಾಮಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಎಂದಿನಂತೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಾರ್ಹ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೆಲವು ಹಿರಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪರಿಚಯ, ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಳೆದ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಸಾಧನೆ ಈ ಸಂಚಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು

ಡಾ|| ಬಿ. ಸುಜಯ ಕುಮಾರ್

ಎನ್.ಆರ್.ಅಶೋಕ್

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಹರ್ಷಾನಂದಜೀ ಮಹಾರಾಜ್ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಶ್ರದ್ಧಾಂಜಲಿ



1989ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಹರ್ಷಾನಂದಜಿಯವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಠದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ 31 ವರ್ಷ ಸುದೀರ್ಘಕಾಲ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮ 90ನೇ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಪದತಲವನ್ನು 12 ಜನವರಿ 2021 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿದರು.

1954ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿ.ಇ. ಪದವಿಯನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಿ ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಠದ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿ, ಶ್ರೀಮಾತೆಯವರ ಶಿಷ್ಯರಾದ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿರಜಾನಂದರಿಂದ ಮಂತ್ರದೀಕ್ಷೆ ಪಡೆದರು. ನಂತರ 1962ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಹಾಸಂಘದ 8ನೇ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿಶುದ್ಧಾನಂದಜಿಯವರಿಂದ ಸಂನ್ಯಾಸ ದೀಕ್ಷೆ ಪಡೆದು ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಹರ್ಷಾನಂದರಾದರು.

ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಯವರು ಮಂಗಳೂರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಆಶ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ, ಮಹಾಸಂಘದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರವಾದ ಕೋಲ್ಕತ್ತಾದ ಬೇಲೂರು ಮಠದಲ್ಲಿ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಚಾರಿಗಳ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಚಾರ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರು. ನಂತರ ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ನೈತಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (RIMSE)ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರಾಗಿ ನೇಮಕಗೊಂಡು ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಬಗೆಯ ಮೌಲ್ಯಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ರೂಪಿಸಿದರು. RIMSEಯ ಗೋಪುರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಭಾರತೀಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಕುರಿತಾದ ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯ ಇವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆ.

ನಂತರ ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷ ಪ್ರಯಾಗ್‌ರಾಜ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಠದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ 1989ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಯವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಆಶ್ರಮದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದರು.

ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಯವರು ಉತ್ತಮ ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕ ಸಾಧಕರಾಗಿರುವುದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತಗಾರರು, ಬರಹಗಾರರು, ಭಾಷಣಕಾರರು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತಮ ಆಡಳಿತಗಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ‘A Concise Encyclopedia of Hinduism’- ಇದು ಅವರ 30 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ತಪಸ್ಸಿನ ಫಲ. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದರು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಟ್ಟ “ಆತ್ಮನೋ ಮೋಕ್ಷಾರ್ಥಂ ಜಗದ್ಧಿತಾಯಚಿ” ಆದರ್ಶವನ್ನು ಸಾಕಾರಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ಹರ್ಷಾನಂದಜಿಯವರಿಗೆ VOVA ನುಡಿನಮನವನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

TRIBUTES TO SRI B S SRIKANTAIAH

(Excerpts from the messages of swamijis, teachers & well-wishers)

Most Revered Srimat Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj

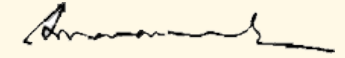
President

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission
Belur Math

I am extremely sorry to learn about the passing away of Sri B. S. Srikantaiah. He was associated with Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala for 67 long years in various capacities of employment and also after retirement. He was a great devotee of Sri Guru Maharaj, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda. We have lost an inspirational devotee, friend and admirer.

I pray to Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Ma Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda so that his soul rests in peace at Their feet.

Belur Math
2 October 2020



(Swami Smaranananda)
President

Most Revered Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj

Vice President

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission
Belur Math

My acquaintance with Sri Srikantaiah was only on a few occasions when I visited Mysore as a guest Swami. What I used to notice was the great love, respect and admiration of almost all Swamis of the Mysore centre for Sri Srikantaiah, including the head, Swami Sureshanandaji. I used to see him engaged in long discussions with Swami Sureshanandaji in his Vidyashala office. It was a joy to see them together in such intimate friendship.....

While talking to him I could notice his great love for Vidyashala, for the Ashrama and for all the inmates of the Ashrama. Of course, to visitors like us he was a very cordial receptionist, talking and guiding us to many places on the campus. He never looked old, not even physically. He was very young in physical movements and very alert mentally. On the whole, the impression I got was of a perfect devotee of Swami Vivekananda dedicated entirely to the cause of education at Vidyashala. I wonder at the fact that he was 90 years old, which I could never guess by looking at him, perhaps because he was inspired by Swamiji's exhortations of 'work is worship' and of the ideal of 'wearing out instead of rusting out'.

I knew him as one of the best educationists over perhaps two-and-a-half decades.

Most Revered Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj

General Secretary

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math

(In a letter written to Swami Muktidanandaji)

I was very sorry to know about the passing away of Sri B S Srikantaiah, a longtime associate of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, on the 28th of last month. I had met Srikantaiah when I visited Vidyashala on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee. About his contribution to Vidyashala I have heard from you and Swami Satyeshananda and that has really impressed me. He served the institution in different capacities with dedication for nearly seven decades until almost his last days. This is truly awe-inspiring. It must have been his desire to die in harness, and the Lord admittedly fulfilled his pious wish.

Today Vidyashala occupies an enviable position among the educational institutions run by the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission. It is to men like Srikantaiah that we owe the success of Vidyashala. I am reminded of Swami Vivekananda's words with regard to his ardent disciple from Madras, Sri Alasinga Perumal. Swamiji expressed his appreciation thus: "One rarely finds men like our Alasinga in this world-one so unselfish, so hard-working, and devoted to his Guru, and such an obedient disciple is indeed very rare on earth."

I pray for the departed soul of Srikantaiah. May his exemplary life of service inspire others to make their lives blessed by cultivating unflinching dedication to a noble cause!

Suvirananda

Swami Suvirananda

General Secretary

Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur Math

Revered Swami Atmavidanandaji Maharaj

Secretary,

Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Visakhapatnam

(Revered Swamiji served as the Adhyaksha of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, 1998 - 2005)

Sri BS Srikantaiah dedicated his whole life to Vidyashala from its inception in 1953 till his last day. My association with him goes back to 1967 when I was working in Mysore before joining the Order. ... He was cordial and would guide me in various matters. He also would narrate many a time how he was selected and persuaded to join Vidyashala by Rev. Swami Shambhavanandaji Maharaj. ... During my stay of 7 years in Mysore from 1998 to 2005 he was always available for guidance and assistance in various matters connected with the Ashrama also. He was deeply interested in the Kadapa Centre's development and donated some amount for that cause and always enquired about the developments. A strict disciplinarian, he was an ideal Karmayogi inspiring all the staff and students of all the batches with his life and guidance. His unexpected departure has left a big void in Vidyashala. I pay my deep regards to him and pray to Sri Thakur to keep him under his benign protection for eternal peace.

ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನಿತ್ಯಸ್ಥಾನಂದಜಿ ಮಹಾರಾಜ್

ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು, ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಿಷನ್, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

(ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಯವರು ಮೈಸೂರು ಆಶ್ರಮದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 2005-2011)

ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದಕ್ಷತೆ, ನಿಷ್ಠೆ, ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕತೆ, ನಮ್ರತೆ – ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಗುಣಗಳೂ ಒಂದಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯೇ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರು. ಅವರು ಉತ್ತಮ ಆಡಳಿತಗಾರರು ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೆ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರೂ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರು ಕೆಲಸದಿಂದ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಾದ ಮೇಲೂ ಕೊನೆಯ ಉಸಿರಿನವರೆಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲ. ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯು ಅವರ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವದ ಒಂದು ಅವಿಭಾಜ್ಯ ಅಂಗವೇ ಆಗಿತ್ತು. ಅವರು ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯೊಡನೆ ಎಷ್ಟೊಂದು ತಾದಾತ್ಮ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದರೆಂದರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ನಷ್ಟವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ನಷ್ಟವೆಂದೇ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಹಾನಿಯನ್ನು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಹಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯೇ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಣವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅದೇ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮನೆಯಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅವರು ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಮನಸ್ಸು ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಇರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು.

ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರು ತಮ್ಮ 'ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರು. ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಪಾಠಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಇಡೀ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಧ್ವನಿ ಮೊಳಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಡಾರ್ಮೆಟರಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಅವರ ಪಾಠವನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ, ಅಚಿಂಡನ್ನಿಗಾಗಿ ಅವರು ಕ್ಲಾಸ್ ರೂಮಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ನಾನು ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾಗ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ ಅವರನ್ನು ನೋಡುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವಾದರೂ ಅವರ 'ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠ' ಧ್ವನಿಯನ್ನು ಆಲಿಸದೇ ಇರುವುದು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. 'ನಾನೊಂದು ರೂಪರಹಿತ ಧ್ವನಿ' ಎಂದು ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದರ ಮಾತು ನೆನಪಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರು ಕಣ್ಮರೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವರ ಆದರ್ಶ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿರಸ್ಥಾಯಿಯಾಗಿ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ.

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Revered Swami Atmajnanandaji Maharaj

Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Chandigarh

(Revered Swamiji served as the Adhyaksha of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, 2016-2019)

Imagine discipline, complete involvement and dedication in a corporeal form and that would be Srikantaiah! It is difficult to accept that he is no more amidst us! He was a sheet anchor for all the activities of Vidyashala and we looked upon him as a walking diary of the institution's history. Whether it was the arrangements for the Annual Day of the school or managing the workers and maintenance of the huge campus or looking after the kitchen and the guests during various events, for everything he had practical solutions that were a result of his experience and concern for the institution. He was a vital link between the old boys of Vidyashala and the management and continued to be a mentor to many old boys even after they had settled down in life!

He was a fatherly figure, impressive and dignified in his bearing. The culture that was introduced by Swami Shambhavanandaji had become so embedded in him that we never saw him unshaven or disorderly. His personal troubles never interfered in the work of the institution. Food, rest and personal comforts were secondary to the demands of the Ashrama, Vidyashala or RIMSE. His needs were meagre and he never exercised his seniority among the staff or inmates. He would silently help the students or workers whenever there was a need and he never advertised his charities.

His dedicated service to the institution will continue to inspire the faculty. The foundation that he has jointly nurtured will help build the institution further. Srikantaiah will never be forgotten.

Revered Swami Atmeshanandaji Maharaj

Vedanta Society of Sydney
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(Revered Swamiji is an alumnus of Vidyashala, batch 1972 - 74)

'I am so delighted to see you – at last Swami Shambhavanandaji's wish came true' – with these words I was welcomed to Vidyashala in June 1987. I was visiting Mysore after becoming a sannyasin of the Ramakrishna Order. It was also the first time that I visited Mysore after I left Vidyashala in the '70s as a student.

The weather of Mysore, for some reason, did not suit me well and I used to be a regular patient in the sick ward; he would always come to see me and enquire about my health and this was touching indeed - the headmaster himself coming to see an insignificant student!

When I met him after becoming a monk, I reminded him of this, and he started laughing aloud in his characteristic manner and mentioned it to Swami Sureshanandaji. After this visit, I met him several times and he would embarrass me by being very respectful and try to touch my feet, which of course, I would not allow him to do.

Vidyashala is indeed very fortunate to have the dedicated services of persons like BSS, GSS, KK and other stalwarts. They have personalized their service to the Holy Trinity and are real Karma Yogins in every sense of the term! We will miss their physical presence but their spirit will always be kept alive through the various projects that they have undertaken and the character-building task they undertook by guiding and inspiring numerous students. My humble respects to all of them and a grand salute to our dear BSS Sir!

Revered Swami Satyeshanandaji Maharaj

Assistant General Secretary

Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur Math

(Revered Swamiji is an alumnus of Vidyashala (1979 – 81) and served as the Correspondent of Vidyashala from 2011-14)

Sri Ramakrishna performs miracles. Ordinarily, he may not perform miracles like bringing back the dead to life or curing diseases or materializing things from nothing. But Sri Ramakrishna's magical touch transforms human hearts. He has transformed millions of hearts and continues to do so by raising ordinary human beings to extraordinary heights.

Shambhavanandaji was known in the Ramakrishna Order of monks as the Swami who could achieve the impossible. (In Bengali, they would say-Shambhavanandajir kichu ashambhav chhilo na - meaning, there was nothing impossible for Shambhavanandaji) and Sri Srikantaiah Sir (or BSS) had the rare blessing of living in the inspiring, powerful company of Shambhavanandaji for about two decades. I firmly believe that the blessings of Sri Guru Maharaj, Divine Mother Sri Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda and Swami Shambhavanandaji empowered Srikantaiah Sir to serve Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala for an amazing period of about seven decades without interruption. Sri BSS's life is an inspiring story of a young man who was transformed by the electrifying, magic touch of the heroic monk Shambhavananda. That young man of 23 went on to serve Vidyashala for an unbelievable period of 67 long years. I was fortunate to hear on many occasions anecdotes about Swami Shambhavanandaji's legendary discipline, and majestic personality from the lips of Sri BSS. Close association with

Shambhavanandaji for long years helped Srikantaiah Sir imbibe his mentor's sterling qualities.

Sri B S Srikantaiah Sir is a legendary personality in the annals of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala. He was a legend in his lifetime. I am sure people will continue to talk about Sri BSS Sir's dedication to and love for Vidyashala for a long long time. Only in great souls chosen by God to do His work, we find such a sense of belonging to an institution.

Sri BSS lived a truly wholesome life, a life fully devoted to the good of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala. He was a witness to all the happenings of Vidyashala right from its day of inception.

Rajarshi is one who wields a lot of power externally and commands respect, but deep within he is a wise sage fully detached. Sri B S Srikantaiah, Sri G S Subramaniam (GSS), Sri S V Ramaswamy (SVR), to name a few, are such sattwik Rajarshis who served Vidyashala with exemplary unselfish love, efficiency, military discipline and dedication.

It is said that we do not honour a great soul by speaking words of praise of him but by making our lives like his. May his long life of service, dedication, unselfishness, impeccable integrity, self-effacement and other divine virtues be an inspiration to us.

Revered Swami Muktipadanandaji Maharaj

Ramakrishna Math, Halasur, Bengaluru

(Revered Swamiji started his spiritual life in the Order by joining Vidyashala as a monastic member)

Sri B.S Srikantaiah was a true Karmayogi who dedicated his life to materializing Rev. Swami Shambhavanandaji's dream.

It will not be an exaggeration to acclaim that BSS master knew every single brick ever laid in building Vidyashala. From the deepest stores to the most modern laboratory, he contributed immensely towards forging the most sought-after residential school in the country.

The success of this lofty mission is definitely because of the perfect harmony of purpose, goals, deliberation and intention achieved between the correspondent and the headmaster.

Srikantaiah Sir, true to his name, used his roaring voice, 'Srikanta', to drive away tamas from the campus and rouse and awaken the sattva in all of us towards achieving the Vidyashala mission.

ಎಚ್.ಜಿ.ಅನಂತರಾಮಯ್ಯ (ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು)

ನನ್ನ ಬದುಕಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ತಿರುವು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರನ್ನು ನಾನು ಎಂದೂ ಮರೆಯಲಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ನಿಷ್ಠೆ, ಶಿಸ್ತು ಯಾವ ಪದಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದರೂ ಸಾಲದು. ನನಗೆ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಪ್ರವಾಸಗಳು, ಕ್ರೀಡೆಗಳು, ತರಗತಿಯ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ, ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಪರಿಚಯ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಕಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ರಾಜಿಯಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೂ, ಬೋಧಕ ವರ್ಗದವರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಬೋಧನ ಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಲಿ, ಪಠ್ಯೇತರ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಅವರು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರು ಎಂಬುದು ಅತಿಶಯೋಕ್ತಿ ಆಗದು. ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಸಮಯದ ಪರಿವೇ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಅವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದೆವು. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಶಾಲೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಯವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕ ವರ್ಗದವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿತ್ತು.

ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಕೃಷ್ಣ (Students' Home)

ಮಾಜಿ ವಿದೇಶಾಂಗ ಸಚಿವರು, ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ಮಾಜಿ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು, ನನ್ನ ಆತ್ಮೀಯ ಒಡನಾಡಿ ಮಿತ್ರರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ ನವರು ನಮ್ಮ ನಗರದ ವಿಚಾರ ತಿಳಿದು ದುಃಖವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರು ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಪರಮಹಂಸರ ಅನುಯಾಯಿಗಳಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆ ಹಗಲಿರುಳು ಶ್ರಮಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವಿತಾವಧಿಯ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಆಶ್ರಮದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕಳೆದು ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನಗಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಆಶ್ರಮದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕಳೆದ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರ ಸೇವೆ ಅನನ್ಯವಾದದ್ದು. ಇವರ ಅಗಲಿಕೆ ಆಶ್ರಮಕ್ಕೂ, ಕುಟುಂಬ ವರ್ಗದವರಿಗೂ ತುಂಬಲಾರದ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ.

K. S. Devaiah (batch 1955-58)

Whenever I went to the school, he was always there, with his love for old students. He had a fantastic memory and would remember our names as well.

Just a few days before he got admitted to hospital, I happened to talk to Swami Muktidanandaji Maharaj. Swamiji said Sri Srikantaiah who was with him would like to talk to me. We spoke for a while and when the phone connection got cut off he called back to talk to me for some more time. That was the affection he had for his old students. It was shocking for me to hear of his sickness and ultimate death.

Jagdish Gangolly (batch 1956 – 61)

I saw him for the first time since leaving Vidyashala around 2002 when I was in Mysore to attend an international conference at the University. Even though it was 41 years since I saw him last, he recognised me instantly and even joked about my quirks while I was in school. I've vivid memories of his classes; he made History and Geography very interesting. I credit him entirely for my keen interest in both subjects even after so many years. I've always considered him my mentor, friend, guide and philosopher.

Dr Mallikarjun V Jali (batch 1968 – 70)

"Those who educate children well are more to be honoured than parents, for, these only gave life, those the art of living well." -Aristotle

One of our much-loved teachers of all time is beloved Sri B S Srikantaiah Sir. As a 9th standard student at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Mysuru, when I chose to dream of studying medicine, he was my headmaster. Beloved BSS Sir called me to his office and gently asked me why I had made such a choice. I explained to him that I desired to become a doctor to serve society. He bestowed me with his blessings more in advance than anyone in my journey of the medical profession. BSS, as we termed him, was a gentle giant. He is no longer with us, but he encouraged every student with his placid display of power and gentle understanding. He remains the perfect poster of patience, understanding and empathy

M.R Anandaram (batch 1976-80)

A man who everyone feared out of respect, Srikantiah Sir, was an extremely welcoming and warm person when we all visited Vidyashala as old students. He never took no for an answer and played the perfect host, ensuring no old student went back home without a meal at Vidyashala. Many old students and batchmates of mine have many stories to share on how all of Vidyashala would fall right into place upon hearing Srikantiah's bike entering the gate, to the times where students would pay absolute attention during his powerful Civics lessons. His presence was felt everywhere on the campus. One thing is for sure, as I speak for all the alumni of Vidyashala and that is the fact that we all will continue to remember Srikantiah Sir with the warmest of memories and the valuable life lessons that he taught us which we continue to follow every day.

K. Vidyaranya (batch 1978 – 1983)

BSS Sir, along with Swami Sureshanandaji, was the inspirational leader for me and for my batchmates. As Principal, BSS Sir combined empathy for students insisting on high standards. ... He served Vidyashala selflessly for many years after he retired. He always welcomed old boys like me with a smile and a twinkle in his eye. It's a tremendous loss for all of us, for his grand life is worth celebrating on every occasion.

B S Pradeep (batch 1990-95)

As a friend, philosopher and guide, BSS Sir played a crucial role in the smooth running of Vidyashala activities. I had seen in him the same zeal and spirit in every task that he took up,.....be it cleaning of cobwebs in the clothes store or drafting official letters. He did not crave for name or glory. Above all, he led an active and fruitful life till the end. He was not just a teacher or headmaster, he was an integral part of the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Movement. True to the spirit of *tyaga* and *seva*, his life is an epitome of Sri Ramakrishna's teaching: "As long as I live so long do I learn." BSS belongs to a rare class of teachers that our society greatly needs today.

Hithesh N (batch 1990-93)

Two words come to mind when remembering the life of Shri B. S. Srikantaiah – passion and dedication. Vidyashala is fortunate to have grown in the passionate hands of BSS Sir who served the institution right from its start in 1953 until his last days,..... an uninterrupted service of over 67 years, which could well be a record for any educational institution!

To borrow a quote, "Every great institution is the lengthened shadow of a single man whose character determines its character." Having been there from day one of Vidyashala, it might not be a

stretch of imagination to say that his traits of service and dedication have become a part of the institution and its staff.

I feel fortunate to have known BSS Sir in a small way. He remains an inspiration to all. May he rest in peace.

Vikas S S (batch 1993-96)

Srikantaiah Sir was a constant presence at Vidyashala. Although I had very little interaction with him when I was a student, largely because of the 'strict' image about him, it was always nice to speak to him, no matter how briefly, whenever I used to visit Vidyashala thereafter. No matter how many monks or teachers had changed, Srikantaiah Sir was always there, like the eternal sunshine. May his spirit continue to shine at Vidyashala.

ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಮೋಹನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ (ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ 1970-1975)

1953ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಶಾಂಭವಾನಂದಜೀವರ ಪ್ರಭಾವದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಯಾದಾಗಿನಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವಿತದಂತೂದವರೆಗೂ 67 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ವಸ್ವವನ್ನೂ ಧಾರೆಯೆರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಅತಿಶಯೋಕ್ತಿಯಾಗಲಾರದು. ಸಹಸ್ರಾರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರಾಗಿ, ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕರಾಗಿ, ದಾರಿದೀಪವಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಶಿಷ್ಯರನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದಿ ತೀಡಿ ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರ ಬಾಳು ಸಾರ್ಥಕತೆಯತ್ತ ಸಾಗಲು ಕೈಹಿಡಿದು ಮುನ್ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಶಿಸ್ತು, ರೀತಿ-ನೀತಿ, ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಒಗ್ಗೂಡಿಸಿದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್ ಮೇಷ್ಟರು.

ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ದಿವಾಕರ (ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ 1975-78)

ಭಾರತೀಯ ಗುರುಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಮಿನುಗುವ ನಕ್ಷತ್ರ ನಮ್ಮ ನೆಚ್ಚಿನ, ಮೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಗುರು ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ ಸರ್ ಅಸ್ತಂಗತರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 'ಕಾವಿ ಧರಿಸದ ಸಂತರು' ಎಂದು ಯಾವುದೇ ಹಿಂಜರಿಕೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಹಲವು ಪ್ರಾಚಾರ್ಯರು, ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಹೆಸರಿಸಬಹುದು. ನಮ್ಮ ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ನೆನಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರಭಸದ ಚಂಡಮಾರುತ, ಜ್ವಾಲಾಮುಖಿಯಿಂದಿದ್ದ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್ ಸರ್, ನಾವು ಬದುಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಹೋದಂತೆ, ಅತೀವ ಪ್ರೀತಿ-ವಾತ್ಸಲ್ಯಗಳ ಶಾಂತ ಸರೋವರದಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಆವರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು.

‘ದಂಡಂ ದಶಗುಣಂ’ ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ವೇದ ವಾಕ್ಯ ಆಗಿದ್ದು, ಗಿಡವಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗಲೇ ಬಗ್ಗಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ಸಾರ್ಥಕವಾಗಲಿ ಎಂಬ ಮಹದಾಸೆಯಿಂದ, ಕಂಡ ಸಿಟ್ಟಿಗಿಂತ ಕಾಣದ ವಾತ್ಸಲ್ಯ ಅಪಾರವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಇದು ಅರಿವಾಗಲು ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಬುದ್ಧತೆ ಬರಬೇಕಿತ್ತು. ಮಹಾನ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಆಧಾರ ಸ್ತಂಭವಾಗಿ, ಆತ್ಮ ಸಮರ್ಪಣೆಯಿಂದ ಏಳು ದಶಕಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಉನ್ನತ ಆದರ್ಶಗಳನ್ನು ಎಳೆಯ ಮನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿತ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆಯಲು ಶ್ರಮಿಸಿದ ಮಹಾನ್ ಗುರು ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನವರ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಗುರುತುಗಳು ಮಧುರವೂ, ಮಾರ್ಗ

ದರ್ಶಕವೂ ಆದ ನೆನಪುಗಳಷ್ಟೇ ಈಗ ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾಗ್ಯ. ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಸಮರ್ಥ ನಾಯಕತ್ವ ವಹಿಸಿ, ಸಾವಿರಾರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದಿ ತೀಡಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಹಾಸಂಘದ ತತ್ತ್ವ ಆದರ್ಶಗಳನ್ನೇ ಉಸಿರಾಡಿ, ಸರಸ್ವತಿ ದೇವಿಯ ಕೊರಳ ಕಂಠಹಾರದಂತೆ ಪ್ರಜ್ವಲಿಸಿದ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ ಸರ್, ನಿಮ್ಮ ಆಶೀರ್ವಾದ, ನಮಗೆ ವಜ್ರಕವಚ. ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ದಿವ್ಯತ್ರಯರ ಕರೆಗೆ ಓಗೊಟ್ಟು ತಮ್ಮ ತರಗತಿ ಮುಗಿಸಿ ನಡೆದು ಸಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಹೃದಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀವು ಸದಾ ಶಾಶ್ವತ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ ಸರ್.



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Hope our old students and well-wishers will avail this facility and enjoy all these uploads, going down the memory lane sitting in the comfort of their homes.

ಹಚ್ಚ ಹಸಿರ ಮೈಸೂರು, ವಿವೇಕ ಪ್ರಭೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರು

ಹಸಿರಿನ ಹರಿಕಾರರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಸ್ಯ ಸ್ನೇಹಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಸುರೇಶಾನಂದಜೀಯವರ ಸ್ಮರಣಾರ್ಥ “ಹಚ್ಚ ಹಸಿರ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿವೇಕ ಪ್ರಭೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರು” ಎಂಬ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಆಶ್ರಮ, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲಾ, ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಹಳೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಸಂಘ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಸೇವಾಸಂಘದ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.



ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆಯು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-09-2020 ರಂದು ಮಾಜಿ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಜಯಶಂಕರ್, ಮಾಜಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ವಾಸು, ಮುಡಾ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಜೀವ್, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ತಜ್ಞರಾದ ಡಾ ಬಾಪಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ಹಿರಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಡಾ|| ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್. ವಿನಯ್‌ಕುಮಾರ್(ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ 1972-74) ರವರ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೆರವೇರಿತು.



ಮಾರನೇ ದಿನ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರಾದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಸೋಮಶೇಖರ್, ಸಂಸದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರತಾಪಸಿಂಹ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ನಾಗೇಂದ್ರ ಅವರುಗಳು ಸಸ್ಯ ವಿತರಣಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿದರು. ಇದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ 20 ಮಂದಿ ಆಶಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತೆಯರಿಗೆ (ಕೋವಿಡ್ ವಾರಿಯರ್ಸ್) ಆಹಾರ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳ ಪೊಟ್ಟಣಗಳನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಸಿ ವಿತರಣೆ



ಈ ಅಭಿಯಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಅಭೂತಪೂರ್ವ ಸ್ಪಂದನೆ ಜನರಿಂದ ದೊರೆತು ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 27 ರಿಂದ ನವೆಂಬರ್ 30 ರವರೆಗೆ ವಿವಿಧ ರೀತಿಯ 41,209 ಗಿಡಗಳನ್ನು 6,785 ಜನರಿಗೆ ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಕೇವಲ ಪರಿಸರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಶುದ್ಧವಾಗಿರದೆ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಪರಿಶುದ್ಧವಾಗಿರಬೇಕೆಂದು ವಿವೇಕ ಬುದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನು ಜಾಗೃತಿಗೊಳಿಸಲು “ವಿವೇಕ ಪ್ರಭ” ಮಾಸ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ದಿವ್ಯತ್ರಯರ ಸಂದೇಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುವ “ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ” ಎಂಬ ಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಸಸಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಲು ಬಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರಿಗೂ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತು.



ಈ ಅಭಿಯಾನದ ಸಮಾರೋಪ ಸಮಾರಂಭವು 28 ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 2021ರಂದು ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಆಶ್ರಮದ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಹುಲ್ ಅಗರ್‌ವಾಲ್, ಡಿ.ಆರ್.ಎಂ, ಈಶಾನ್ಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಕಮೀಷನರ್ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಶಿಕುಮಾರ್‌ರವರು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಆಗಮಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ಅಭಿಯಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಸ್ವಯಂಸೇವಕರಿಗೆ ನೆನಪಿನ ಕಾಣಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ‘ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ’ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಕುರಿತು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಲಿಖಿತ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜೇತರಾದವರಿಗೆ ಬಹುಮಾನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮುಕ್ತಿದಾನಂದಜಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆ ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

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Public Examination Results 2019 – 2020

X Standard

II PUC

No. appeared	101		45
A ⁺ (90% & above)	75	Distinctions	32
A (80 % - 89%)	22	First Class	13
B ⁺ (70% - 79%)	3		
B (60% - 69%)	1		
Results (overall)	100% First Class		100%
Highest aggregate	623 (99.68%)		590 (98.33)
1. Vihaan M N	2. Vivek S	3. Gaurav Chandan	Lokesh B Jogi

Cent Percent Scorers: - SSLC

Sanskrit (I Lang): Akash M V, Aryan D
Haritsa, Chiranthan M V & Samahita Rajendra
Hegde

Kannada(I Lang): Akhilesh Somanath G M,
Hemanth Manjunath Kadler, Rugved
Panchakshari Hosamath, Vihaan M N, Vittala
Chaithanya N M & Vivek S

Hindi (I Lang): Archisman Deb

English (II Lang): Mohak G Mugulurmutt,
Shashank Patel L, Vihaan M N

Kannada (III Lang): Akash M V, Aniketh
Aladamar, Aryan D Haritsa, Belliappa A G,
Gagan Chandan, Gaurav Chandan, Mohak G
Mugulurmutt, Nikhil M Hooli, Rahul V
Tirlapur, Archisman Deb, Dheeraj S C &
Siddhartha Telugu

Hindi (III Lang): Abhay P Bhusaraddi,
Chaithanya B Raj, Hemanth Manjunath Kadler,
Raghavenda Talikoti, Sriman Reddy B, Thushar
Raj S G, Vihaan M N, Vinayaka V Morigeri,
Vittala Chaithanya N M, Vivek S,

Yashwanth A L, Yashwanth B U, Hemanth
Kumar E R & Praveen Jayappa Lamani

Mathematics : Raghavendra Talikoti, Rugved
Panchakshari Hosamath, Shivaswamy B M V,
Sriman Reddy B, Vihaan M N, Vivek S,
Yashwanth B U, Chiranthan M V, Dhanush
Harsha Bharadwaj, Gaurav Chandan, Sandesh
Shrikant Hegde, Ankith Nath, Siddhartha
Telugu & Vineet Prabhu Talikoti.

Science : Nirankush, Sriman Reddy B, Vivek S,
Praveen Jayappa Lamani, Aniketh Patil, Aryan
D Haritsa, Gagan Chandan, Gaurav Chandan &
Samahita Rajendra Hegde

Social Science : Aadhyant Srivatsaa R, Aditya
Raju A, Belliappa A G, Dhanush Harsha
Bharadwaj, Gaurav Chandan, Milan Suresh,
Shashank Patel L, Yashaswi Narasimha Hegde,
Ankith Nath, Archisman Deb, Sriman Reddy B,
Vihaan M N, Vinayaka V Morigeri, Vivek S &
Yashwanth B U

Cent Percent Scorers: -II PUC

Sanskrit : Hiren Uthaiah M S, Karan L
Havalad, Srinivasachar J, Pranav Kaushik N G
& Tharun D

Physics : Lokesh B Jogi & Rohith Raj

Chemistry : Lokesh B Jogi & Ankur D

Mathematics : Anirudh K R, Lokesh Jogi,

Sachin Bhaskar S, Tejas R Atri, Tarun D,
Ankur D, Pranav Kaushik N G & Goutham N

Biology : Tejas R Atri & Chirag R

Computer Science : Skanda B N & Tejas C C

VOVA congratulates Revered Swamijis, the Principal, teachers and students of both SSLC and PUC for the excellent results in 2020 public examinations. VOVA also congratulates the three students of X standard - **Vihaan MN, Vivek S and Gaurav Chandan** -for securing the third position for the state by scoring 623 marks out of 625.

SRKVS during Covid-19

While the II PUC students were eagerly looking forward to moving to their examination centers for the last paper (English) of public examination 2020 on March 23rd, a nationwide lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic was declared to their utter disappointment. X standard public examination was yet to commence. Soon the Principal and Correspondent Swamiji got alert and started contacting Adhyaksha Maharaj who was away in Headquarters in Belur Math, seeking his directions as to what steps had to be taken to manage the situation with almost 150 students still on the campus. After much discussion a decision to send the boys home was taken, the wisest decision under the circumstances that prevailed. Accordingly, parents were intimated of this decision using fast means of communication. The Principal and Swamiji did not rest till the last ward was dispatched home safe. Then onwards till the commencement of X examination in June, Vidyashala was functioning with minimum staff. Hats off to the constant and continued efforts of the Swamijis, Principal and the members of the teaching faculty to keep high the morale of students away at home and to keep them in regular touch with the subjects by providing revision assignments in all subjects. Needless to mention, their efforts were rewarded with excellent results in both X standard and PU public examinations.

Meanwhile, the admission procedure regarding VIII standard began. In view of the pandemic, the selections were made sans usual entrance, written test and interviews (also for First PUC).

Regular online classes for II PUC and X standard classes started from June/July and gradually online classes to VIII, IX and I PUC also got introduced following the guidance from the Education Department. Parents were requested to ensure that their wards followed up regularly.

Online tests and assignments were also conducted as per the rules of the Department.

Happily, the Government accorded permission to reopen the school for X and II PUC from 1st Jan 2021 and for IX and I PUC from 1st Feb 2021 (with the pandemic gradually coming under control). Our II PUC students arrived Vidyashala on 6th Jan, X standard on 8th Jan, First PUC students on 8th Feb, and 9th standard students arrived on 11th Feb 2021. Thanks to the parents for their confidence in Vidyashala administration.

All precautions to ensure the health and well-being of pupils like wearing masks, sanitization of various zones of Vidyashala and physical distancing are strictly followed and monitored by the Swamijis and the staff members. Care of the students is well taken by the Grace of the Holy Trio. Vidyashala is so far running smoothly without any cases of illness.



The spread of the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown did have its effects on the financial aspect as institutions were directed to change the fee of the last year, though every year a 15 % increase is allowed to meet the inflation in prices of commodities. The boarding charges were not charged when the school was not open. The management has been able to manage the finances smoothly by taking certain simple steps.

The health of the staff members has also been taken care of by providing precautions including inoculations and vitamin tablets.

We pray to the Holy Trio for the welfare of all.

Kodagu Alumni Get-together - a Brief Report

A Kodagu alumni get-together was held on 28th November 2020 Saturday at Puliyeri Estate, Injalagere, Ammathi-Siddapur road, at the 18-acre coffee estate belonging to Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru. More than 60 Kodagu alumni participated in the get-together. Revered Swamijis, teachers, well-wishers and the family members of our alumni, nearly 200 in total, were present. The efforts of Sri Chandan Kamath (batch 2003-05), Dr C G Kushalappa (batch 1970-76), Sri KG Rajeev (batch 1979-82) & Sri Balaji Kashyap (batch 1981-84) to ensure good attendance in short notice are very much appreciated. The programme started with Gana Homa and puja to Sri Guru Maharaj at 6.30 am and followed by an Old Boys' Assembly at 9.30 am.



The programme was graced by Srimat Swami Muktidanandji Maharaj, Trustee of Ramakrishna Math & Mission as well as Adhyaksha of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysore, Rev. Swami Bodhaswarupanandji Maharaj, Adhyaksha of Sri Ramakrishna Sharadashrama, Ponnampet and Swami Yukteshanandji Maharaj, Correspondent of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru. Sri KJ Bopaiah, former speaker and sitting MLA from Virajpet, was the Chief Guest.

Monks of Mysuru Ashrama and Ponnampet centre, Sri S Balaji, Principal of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysore, staff of Vidyashala and many well-wishers and devotees of the Ashrama of Mysuru and Kodagu were the honourable invitees.



The assembly started as per our tradition with Vedic chanting by the monastic members of Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, followed by lighting of the lamp by Rev. Sw. Muktidanandaji Mj. and other monks and dignitaries.

To lend "a native flavour" to the programme, a small regional cultural event had been arranged. 'Ummathat', a Kodava dance, was performed by the students of the Kodagu Cultural Group of Cauvery College, Virajpet, which delighted the audience.

Dr CG Kushalappa, an alumnus of Vidyashala & Dean, Forestry College, Ponnampet, welcomed the audience.

Rev. Swami Yukteshanandji Maharaj delivered the introductory address.

Rev. Swami Bodhaswarupanandji Maharaj was felicitated with a citation for the commendable relief work undertaken during the floods in 2018-19 and Covid Pandemic during 2020.



The following alumni of Kodagu region were felicitated for their outstanding achievements.

Sri Balaji Kashyap (batch 1981-84) for his humanitarian work under 'Project Coorg' for the flood-affected people at Kaloar.

Sri Cholanda Varun Ganapathy (batch 2009-14) for having passed out from the Officers Training Academy Chennai with triple distinction: being appointed as Academy Cadet Adjutant, being awarded Sword of Honour for his best all round performance, and securing gold medal for being First in Order of Merit in his course.

Sri Vihaan M N (batch 2017-20) for scoring 623 marks out of 625, securing 3rd position for the state in SSLC examination 2019-20.

Sri Thitira N Appachu (batch 1983-86) for having been appointed as Additional Chief Electrical Inspectorate of Karnataka State.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama Mysuru, donated an almirah to the government primary school of Ammatti, in the name of the donor of the estate, late Smt. Parvathi.

Sri S Balaji, Principal, SRKVS and Sri S P Suresh, Staff Secretary of OBA, Sri R Partha sarathy (batch 1959- 66) Vice president of OBA along with Sri KS Devaiah (batch 1955-58), Sri

KP Uthappa (students' Home), Sri KG Rajeev (batch 1979 – 82), and Sri Sunil Muddaiah (batch 1981-83) spoke on the occasion. All currently serving teachers were handed gift hampers by Kodagu old boys at the programme.

Revered Swami Muktidanandji delivered his benediction and Sri K J Bopaiah lauded the yeomen service rendered by SRKVS in the field of education.

Sri KC Ponnappa (batch 1995-98), Principal, Dental College, Virajpet, proposed a vote of



thanks, and the Assembly was followed by a group photo session.

Sri Chandan Kaamath compered the entire event in an impressive manner.

The programme ended with lunch prasada.

Golden Jubilee of OBA

Dear alumnus,
Our greetings to you.

As you all know Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala Old Boys' Association was started in the year 1972 at the initiative and guidance of Srimat Swami Sureshanandaji Maharaj with the objective of serving as a link between the alumni and alma mater. Since then the OBA has been trying its best to achieve this objective following the directions and guidance provided by the institution from time to time.

We are happy that the Association is heading towards celebrating its Golden Jubilee in the year 2022. In this connection, members of the Managing Committee have come to an understanding to celebrate it in a befitting manner along with the College Day for three days during the last week of December 2022 or during the first week of January 2023. This is for your kind information.

The other details regarding the Golden Jubilee of the OBA will be worked out and informed later.

Alumni Achievements

Raghavan N (batch 1997 – 80) the proprietor of the famous medical stores in Mysuru “Raghulal & Co” was awarded District Rajyosthsava Prashasti by Mysuru District Administration on 1st November 2020.



Indian Association of Chemists and Druggists also presented him the Best

Chemist Award 2019 for providing medicines at subsidized rates to the needy. Apart from this, Sri Raghavan has concern for those who are economically backward. He has sponsored about 22 push carts to flower and fruit vendors in Mysuru city recently.



Sri Raghavan is also known for his social service especially in making Mysuru green by planting and nurturing 80,000 saplings for the past 10 years. He has also sponsored nearly 19,000 metal tree guards to ensure their growth and protection.

VOVA appreciates his sense of service and commitment to preserve the green environment of the city. Congratulations Raghavan, keep it up.

Cholanda Varun Ganapathy (batch 2009-14): After completing II PUC in Vidyashala in 2014, Varun Ganapathy joined Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru for BE in Mechanical Engineering. He had always been focused on joining the Armed Forces since his childhood days. To fulfill this ambition, he appeared for National Defence Academy (NDA) and secured



admission at Officer Training Academy (OTA), SS-110 Course at Chennai. Varun Ganapathy successfully completed the course and was appointed as Academy Cadet Adjutant. He was awarded “Sword of Honour” for being the Best All Round Cadet and Medal for being First in the Order of Merit in his course. He has been commissioned into No. 2 Special Forces on 21st November 2020.

Lt. Bharath Yogendra (batch 2010 – 15):

After completing 5 years of study in Vidyashala from 8th to 12th standard, he joined Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering for BE in Mechanical Engineering, which awarded him Best Student Achiever of the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering in 2019. Later he joined Technical Graduate Course (TGC) -129. He successfully completed the TGC -129 course and received Silver medal from the Chief of Army Staff, General Manoj Mukund Naravane, for being 1st in the order of merit among technical graduates of TGC – 129 course during the passing out parade held on 13th June 2020. He is currently posted at Siachen glacier under Assam Regiment.



S.S.Nakul, IAS (batch 1996-99) Deputy Commissioner Ballari District, was appointed in January 2021 as the Private Secretary to Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. He was



felicitated by Revered Swami Muktidanandaji, Adhyaksha, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru and Sri C N Ashwatha Narayana, Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka on 23rd Jan 2020.

ನಾಡೋಜ ಡಾ|| ವೂಡೆ.ಪಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣ (ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ 1975-78)



ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷಮತೆ ಅತ್ಯತ್ಯಷ್ಟ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆಯೋ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಅದರ ಪ್ರಭಾಗ ಪಸರಿಸುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯುವುದು ಸ್ವಾಭಾವಿಕ. ತಾವು ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅನೇಕ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿರುವ ನಿಃಸ್ವಾರ್ಥತೆ, ಬದ್ಧತೆ, ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕತೆಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾಜ್ಞರ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆದಿರುವ ಡಾ|| ವೂಡೆ.ಪಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಅವರು ಹಂಪಿಯ ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕೊಡಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಿತ ನಾಡೋಜ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ 1978ರ ಬ್ಯಾಚಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣರವರು ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ (ಮೆಕ್ಯಾನಿಕಲ್) ಮತ್ತು ಕಾನೂನು ಪದವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಿಸನೆಸ್ ಅಡ್ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಷನ್ ವಿಷಯದ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಗಾಗಿ ಪಿ.ಹೆಚ್‌ಡಿ ಪದವಿಯನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮದಾಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ವಿದ್ಯಾಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸಮೂಹ ವಾಗಿರುವ ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿಪುರಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಗೌರವ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಯಾಗಿ ಸಮರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞರನಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ರೆಡ್‌ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಪತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಲಹೆಗಾರರಾಗಿ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಆಳವಾಗಿ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿ ಪ್ರಭಾವಿತರಾಗಿರುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಮಹಾತ್ಮಾ ಗಾಂಧಿಯವರ ಸಂದೇಶವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಬಾಳಿನ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಗಾಂಧಿಭವನ ಮತ್ತು ಗಾಂಧಿ ಸ್ಮಾರಕ ನಿಧಿಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಚಿಂತಕರು,

ಉತ್ತಮ ವಾಗಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತಮ ಲೇಖಕರೂ ಆಗಿರುವ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಅವರು ರಾಜ್ಯಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯೊಡನೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸನ್ಮಾನಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಂದಿರುವ ನಾಡೋಜ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿರುವ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಗರಿಯಷ್ಟೆ. ದಿವ್ಯತ್ರಯರ ಕೃಪಾಶೀರ್ವಾದದಿಂದ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿ ನೂರಾರು ಡಿಗ್ರಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ದೊರಕಲೆಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ದಿವಾಕರ್ (ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ 1975-78)



ಆಧುನಿಕ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೌಲಿಕ ವಾದ ವೈಚಾರಿಕ ಲೇಖನಗಳ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಭಾವಂತ ಸಾಹಿತಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ದಿವಾಕರ್ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಪರಿಷತ್‌ನಿಂದ “ಕನ್ನಡ ಸೇವಾ ರತ್ನ” ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಶ್ರೀ ದಿವಾಕರ್‌ರವರು “ಹೊಸ ಮನುಷ್ಯ” ಎಂಬ

ಲೋಹಿಯಾ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನದ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಗಾಂಧಿ, ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್, ಲೋಹಿಯಾ ಲೇಖನಗಳ ಕನ್ನಡ ಅನುವಾದಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇವರ 2015ರ ಸಾಲಿನ ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ವರದಿಗಳ ಅನುವಾದಗಳ ಸಂಪಾದಿತ ಕೃತಿ “ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೊಬ್ಬ ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್” ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ. ... ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆಗಾಗಿ ಇವರ ಸಮರ್ಥ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯೇ “ಕನ್ನಡ ಸೇವಾ ರತ್ನ”

ಶ್ರೀ ದಿವಾಕರ್‌ರವರಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ, ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ನಾಟಕ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಳವಾದ ಅಭಿರುಚಿ ಇದೆ. ನಿಸರ್ಗದೊಡನೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾದ ಮೌನ ಸಂವಾದ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಣೆಯು ಅವರ ಹೃದಯಕ್ಕೆ ಆಪ್ತವಾದ ಸಂಗತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

VOVA Congratulates all the above achievers

OBA welcomes the following alumni enrolled as patrons during the year 2020

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| 1. BL Parinith | (batch 2019-20) |
| 2. Rohith Raj | (batch 2019-20) |
| 3. Nirankush | (batch 2019-20) |
| 4. KY Tanush Gowda | (batch 2019-20) |
| 5. KS Ashuthosh | (batch 2019-20) |
| 6. Vidhu Narasimha Kulkarni | (batch 2019-20) |
| 7. Aniketh Patil | (batch 2019-20) |
| 8. MN Vihaan | (batch 2019-20) |
| 9. S Shyam Prasad | (batch 1978 - 80) |

In view of the covid-19 pandemic the Annual General Body 2020 was not held. Revered Swami Muktidanandaji Maharaj, President, OBA announced that the same Managing Committee of 2020 will continue for the year 2021 also

OBITUARY

WE ARE EXTREMELY SORRY TO INFORM OUR READERS THE SAD DIMISE OF THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI

Dr Ajith Kumar Kurthkoti

(batch 1996- 1970)



Dr Ajith Kumar Kurthkoti passed away on 16th August 2020. He studied at Vidyashala from 8th standard to PUC. During his stay at Vidyashala he was one of the office bearers of the Students' Council -1969.

Dr KV Ramesh

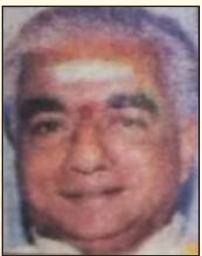
(batch 1959 – 1965)

Dr Ramesh expired on 26th July 2020 due to Covid – 19. He was a retired Professor of Medicine. After his retirement, he was running a polyclinic at Bengaluru. He had instituted Rev. Sw. Agehanandaji Maharaj Memorial Endowment in Vidyashala for conducting an essay competition on the Bhagavad Gita. He was very good at sports during his stay at Vidyashala.



AJ Arakere Narayana Gowda

(batch 1953 – 1954)



Sri Narayana Gowda, Arakere, Srirangapatna taluk, passed away on 30th August 2020. A senior alumnus known for popularizing Kuvempu's Sri Ramayana Darshana through Gamaka, he was a recipient of the Karnataka Rajyothsava Award.

M M Ganapathy

(batch 1956 – 1959)

A senior alumnus M M Ganapathy passed away on 1st September 2020 due to brain haemorrhage at the Apollo Hospital Mysuru.

Sakshik A Shetty

(batch 2007 – 2012)



Our young alumnus Sakshik Shetty and a student of MD at Srinivasa Medical College Mangaluru, passed away on 11th September 2020. He studied at Vidyashala for 5 years from 8th to 12th standard. He was a talented singer, a dancer, a football player and had keen interest in model-making.

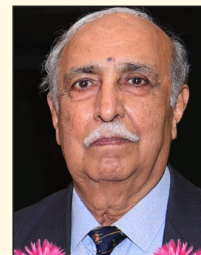
Dr Andanur Chinthan

(batch 2010 – 2012)

Dr Chinthan completed his MBBS from MMC & RI, Mysuru. Hailing from Harihar, Andanur Chinthan was on the faculty at the Institute of Medical Sciences in Chamaraja-nagar. He expired on 26-02-2020. He is survived by his father, mother and brother.



Dr Nandipura M Srinivas (Students' Home)



Dr Nandipura M Srinivas passed away in Mysuru on 13th Sept. 2020 due to a heart attack. Dr Srinivas hailed from a family of coffee planters in Mudigere. He was a distinguished tennis player, a former Chairman of the Mysore

Race Club and President of Mysore Sports and Golf Club.

Y R Krishna Setty

(batch 1972 – 1975)



Y R Krishna Setty of Pavagada passed away on 7th September 2020 due to Covid – 19. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

HN Shivaswamy

(batch 1968 – 1972)

Expired on 22-11-2020. He studied from 7th to 10th standard at Vidyashala. He was a practicing Chartered Accountant at Shimoga. His brother Devararaj (batch 1972–1975) is also an alumnus of Vidyashala.



Dattatreya Hanumantappa Ellur

(batch 1960 – 1964)



A senior alumnus, Dattatreya Ellur passed away on 30th July 2020. He had graduated from Suratkal Engineering College in Textiles and he had worked as a senior Cotton Supervisor at Hubballi. After taking VRS he had settled in Chitradurga as a businessman.

Ravindra Ainapur

(batch 1972 – 1975)

He was in a retail cloth business in Kalaburgi and was an active Rotarian. He expired on 09-01-2021 due to Covid-19. He is survived by his wife, son and two daughters. His younger brother Umesh Ainapur is an alumnus of Vidyashala (SSLC 1978 batch).



A Siddaramappa

(batch 1967 – 1972)

Siddaramappa, Thoranagallu, Ballari, studied at Vidyashala from 7th std. to PUC. He passed away in March 2020 due to a respiratory ailment.

H G Ramachandra

(batch 1970- 1973)

He was the proprietor of Raghavendra Medicals in Tiptur. He expired due to Covid-19. He studied at Vidyashala from 8th to 10th standard. He expired on 18th Jan 2021.



Radhakrishna

(batch 1966 – 1971)

Expired on 7th March 2021. He studied at Vidyashala from 7th std. to PUC. Radhakrishna is the son of Sri Krishnamurthy M, founder of MM & Sons and a staunch devotee of Ramakrishna Mission.

His brother K Venugopal (batch 1968–71) is also an alumnus of Vidyashala.



STAFF

Sri Guruprasad

Passed away on 18th September 2020 due to Covid -19. He was a Swimming Coach at Vidyashala and trained our students for state and national championships. He served at Vidyashala for about 10 years



May the departed souls attain the divine abode
Our heart-felt condolences to the members of the bereaved families