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Dear Readers,

We are on the eve of The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha's centenary year in 2016. This occasion has been made more special by the fact that we have recently created assets for the Sabha which will strengthen our finances and give us greater ability to conduct activities that serve our community.

An organization serving the community, sustaining itself and growing to celebrate its centenary is a great event because, it is the result of the committed and tireless efforts of many people who have been at the helm of affairs of the organization from each of the past 4 to 5 generations; and the support the entire community has given them all along. Each of these generations of our community has contributed to the growth of the organization, which has sustained it for years to come. As the organization grows, its needs and activities also grow, calling for greater and newer efforts to sustain the same. Today, when we look back over the path traced by us over the decades, we might through hind sight, feel that some things done then could have been done better. We must remember that the team which worked at that time did the best under the given limitations or circumstances prevailing then. It was their commitment and efforts which has sustained the organization over the years and given us the opportunity to celebrate the Centenary tomorrow.

In these hundred years, Mandayam Sabha has established many mile stones. The recent additions to these have been the rebuilding of Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore and the Ramanuja Pilgrim Assistance Centre at Melukote. In fact, for a long time, the only property the Sabha had was the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore. This, being 80 years old, was in a bad shape and beyond any repairs. The only option was to rebuild it. But, over the years that had elapsed, the social and economic conditions had changed. The need for a hostel then and now was very different. To make the rebuilding viable, the building had to have a commercial component, apart from the hostel / community usage part of it. This was approved by the members at the General Body meeting. However, the project was to be funded by our own resources and not through borrowing from others. It is indeed creditable that our members came forward readily to lend over Rs.3 Crores towards this project and we have completed it now. Renting out two floors of this building as planned would help us to repay the monies borrowed in the course of a couple of years and after that, the income generated would help us to conduct many activities aimed at community welfare. In rebuilding this Vidyarthi Nilayam the Sabha has retained the noble objective established by its elders of promoting education and at the same time made it self-supporting. This is an ideal gift given by all the members of present generation, to the Sabha, on the eve of its Centenary celebrations.

Two years back we added one more property to the Sabha. This was the Sri Ramanuja Pilgrim Assistance Centre, at Melukote. A large hearted member Smt. K.T.Padma sold us this property which she inherited. A lot of remodelling was required to make it suitable for a guest house / pilgrim assistance centre. Sincere efforts and a great deal of commitment on the part of our team of members made this possible. Today we can proudly say that we have a good facility at Melukote which is helping those who visit this Divya Kshetra.

At each stage, many of our members have contributed greatly and made things happen. Let's all thank them whole heartedly and wish, "May their tribe increase".

M.A.N.Prasad
Chairman, Mandayam NewsCommittee

FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK

In Appreciation - Grihapravesham At Mysore



My Dear Mandayams,

It is heartening that the feedback received over the phone, messages through email and in person about the Vidyarthi Nilayam Grihapravesham held on 20th May 2015 at Mysore, has been very encouraging. At the outset, the Sabha & I personally owe grateful thanks to each one of you for making this function a success. It is a well-known fact that behind the façade of success and the feeling of joyful satisfaction, combined with minimum lapses, lies the great selfless, dedicated, committed work of the core team of Mandayams. The formal method of saying 'thanks' though necessary to mention, does not indicate the indebtedness that the Sabha owes to the core team working on this project. Any corporate organization would manage a project of 3 crores through various well defined sections with laid out systems, whereas the Sabha - a socio cultural community organization - having been used to handling about 9-10 lakhs only, has so far managed the collection and disbursement of this sum of 3 crores, with the core team under honorary status, which has carried out various functions encompassing technical, financial, commercial, administrative & miscellaneous functions. One should appreciate the saving of the costs that would have been otherwise incurred if the Sabha had employed persons for different disciplines as mentioned above. What is the reason for this selfless contribution? It can be nothing but only the 'PRIDE' of being a Mandayam Srivaishnava and assuming the ownership of the Sabha as his or her own. These two qualities which we see in our Sabha, is unknowingly or knowingly a 'Kainkaryam', expressing the stamp of culture of Srivaishnavism.

The other part, apart from the core committee, without whom the project would not have come up, is the group of Mandayams including NRIs, who provided money in the form of loan and institutional donation. It is interesting to note that Mandayams mandated in the AGM held 3 years ago, that funding for project shall be only from the Mandayam community - which was felt as a very tough task then - has ultimately yielded 3 crores. What else can be said other

than saying that it is again the Mandayam pride that made the achievement possible.

Now coming to the event of Grihapravesham, major part of success goes to our dear M.K.Varadarajan [Varadan], the Chairman of the Mysore properties who stayed continuously for 5 days earlier to the occasion and organized the entire show in spite of daily evening rains.

He was very ably assisted by M.T.Narasimhan [Mobile Ravi] and M.A.Ramaprasad [treasurer] who were working at site from the previous day. My heartiest thanks to their dedicated service

The ritual part starting with 'Punyaham' followed by Paarayanam and concluding with Vaastu Homam rendered by the youthful, enthusiastic Vadyar G.V.Narasimhan, who is following the footsteps of his late father G.Varadarajan [Raja Iyengar], who was our community's most popular Vadyar and very well aided by another youthful Dr M.K.Narasimhan who holds a Doctorate in Sanskrit, brought in a divine atmosphere to the function of the Grihapravesham. R.S.Parthasarthy's contribution as a helping hand throughout the function cannot be forgotten. The Sabha thanks them profusely for their excellent services. Arrival of Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar and his participation in the performance of the 'HOMA' added sanctity to the occasion and was perhaps ordained by Acharya Ramanuja himself. It was a great moment of divine celebration when the Jeeyar presented his 'Aashirvachanam' blessing the Nilayam with good growth and all those present. The Jeeyar swamy, as promised earlier released an interest free amount of Rs 5 lakhs to the MVN Fund. The Sabha is grateful for this gesture and conveys its Pranaams and Vandanam to the Jeeyar.

The other core members viz M.A.Dwaraki — sheet anchor of the Sabha; M A Parthananarayan who is a longstanding contributor in various fields to the Sabha and now particularly in the realm of savings in the project cost; Mathre Rangarajan—the creator of the Yahoo platform who unfortunately could not be present at the function, due to indisposition and whom we missed; M.Vokkaranne Varadarajan and M.C.Ramanujan who are maintaining the loan documents, and M.T.Parthasarthy, DGM, ITI for his detailed work on elevator procurement; are profusely thanked for their continued service. Arrangements of the buses, coffee & breakfast, transporting nearly 150 members from Malleswaram to Mysore & back, without any problem is no mean task. The successful responsibility of organizing this activity goes to M.K.Srinivasan — the Sabha's all round helping hand and M.D.Jayasimha — the Sabha's office

bearer in one form or the other since last 3 decades, ably assisted by M.D.Rajasimha, Ossuri Ramanuja, and M.G.Vijaya Kumar –office manager & other volunteers.

I am offering a special thanks to two members from Mysore whose contribution is immense. One is Pashal Krishna Kumar from Mysore, who is the Sabha's main liaison member with the Govt. Authorities since the last 5 years and his daughter Navaratna who is the Sabha's honorary official photographer and the other Mathre Sampath Kumar who is greatly involved with project's progress and co-ordination. Many functional needs of decoration etc were handled by Smt Radha Rangarajan and Smt Latha Krishna Kumar of Mysore. The Sabha conveys it's thanks to them. In spite of the physical inconvenience, presence of vice president M.B.Thanga is very much appreciated.

The entire event was web cast live and the whole

program was covered by M.A.N.Prasad to enable bringing out a special issue of Mandayam News. One cannot forget the role played by the architect Meera Natampally and the contractor INCICON-AG representatives, Messrs Govardhan and Smt. Nirmala. Our thanks to them.

Also a warm thanks to Sundar for his continued support in the printing & publishing. Apart from this, many volunteers contributed in this successful event to whom the Sabha & I are personally grateful. All the above indicates the essence of Srivaishnavism viz Kaikaryam arising out of selfless pride for the community.

If I have made any inadvertent omissions in conveying thanks kindly accept my apologies for the same.

Regards to All Elders and with best wishes

NATAMPALLY NARASIMHAN
President

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR OUR SABHA - APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

The Endowment Fund of the Sabha is unique in many ways. It is a fund of the community, by the community, for the community that covers a wide spectrum of the financial requirement of our members, be it educational, medical, spiritual, cultural or any other purpose depending on members needs. Its aim is to perpetuate the memory of loved ones for all times to come, through donations from family members and well-wishers and ensuring distribution of the proceeds in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

During the current term of office bearers of the Sabha Committee, Ms. Indira Parthasarathy, a veteran of many years of unstinted service for the welfare of the community, has taken over the responsibility of guiding the performance of the Endowment Committee as its Chairperson. It is her endeavour to see that this scheme grows to serve the community in the best possible manner by raising funds to meet the needs reasonably.

With this object in view, the Chairperson and members of the Endowment Committee make a sincere request to all of our community members to contribute as much as possible in memory of their near and dear ones so that, through the generosity thus shown, our fore-fathers, who contributed so much for our well-being, will be remembered for all times to come.

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Membership Appeal

The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha is heading for the Centenary celebration in 2016 & The Acharya Sri Ramanuja Millennium celebration in 2017.

Keeping these once in a lifetime celebration in mind, we intend to involve all Mandayam Srivaishnava's for these milestone events.

Accordingly, we have initiated the Membership drive so that every Mandayam Srivaishnava has the updated information of the activities & take active participation.

Please pledge your support to help us form a worldwide network of Mandayam Srivaishnava's and take a lead role in :

1. In spreading this message to all non-members to Enrol.

2. In your own family enrol those who are above 18 Years of age as member.

3. Those willing to upgrade their membership please do so.

We request each member to get a new member. Each one – Bring One: Participation is the Key to Success

Existing Fee Structure:

1. Life Member : Rs 500/-

2. Patron : Rs 1000/-

3. Donor : Rs 5000/- and above

The application can be down loaded from the web site <http://mandayamsabha.in> or can be collected at the Sabha office.

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Rebuilding of The Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam, Mysore What they said . . .

Some of the members, who have been intimately involved with the Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam project, have shared with us their experiences and feelings. We bring you these, to give you an over view of the kind of efforts that were called for in implementing this project.

M.A.Dwaraki - MVN Complex in the making – looking back



Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha (MSS) had been allotted by Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA), a 16000 sft land in Jayalakshmpuram in 1962, on a 99 year lease, for construction of a General Hostel, on a meagre Rs. 10/- per year as lease rent, during the presidentship of Sri D.S. Mandayam. Successive managements of Sabha had paid the lease rent till 1997 but when we tried to find out the actual position in 2003 and pay the lease rent, the MUDA refused to accept the rent on the ground that MSS has not done anything for over 40 years! MUDA even threatened to cancel the allotment. The Sabha noted with great concern that we should somehow retain this land, as the cost of the land at that time was more than Rs. 4 crores!

A vision committee was formed and a small core group - consisting of M/s. M.A. Parthananarayan, M.A. Dwaraki, M.K. Srinivasan and M. Narayan (Chairman) - was requested by the Sabha, to ensure that this property which is so valuable, does not slip from the hands of Sabha. We were very prompt in correspondence and kept the case active. We met many ministers and Commissioners highlighting our claim. The MUDA wanted to take back the land since we had not even fenced the land. It was a paradox that we wanted to retain the land on which a General Hostel had to be built, but Sabha had absolutely no funds, to build the Hostel!

In connection with the above work, the core group had to visit Mysore innumerable number of times. It was during one such visit that we started looking at our Mandayam Hostel on Ramavilas Road to see whether something useful could be made. The Hostel building which was built nearly 80 years ago had outlived its utility and was beyond repair. There was absolutely no maintenance, the walls were unplastered and unpainted, rooms were dingy with very poor ventilation etc. Shubham Hall built at a cost of nearly Rs. 8 lakhs, adjoining the Hostel, was

hardly utilised and was not bringing any revenue. To cap it all, the watchman had turned to be the total Boss, as there was no supervision over him. The financial discipline was very poor and no one was accountable. The Hostel hardly generated funds from students. The funds generated was not even adequate for watchman's salary, water and power charges and required subsidizing by the Sabha's Bangalore office.

It was during one such visits to Mysore, we thought that something worthwhile has to be done to preserve and continue the legacy left by our forefathers by improving the revenue from the Hostel. The land of 6900 sq. ft. on Ramavilasa Road is a free hold land with us since 1936. As it is in prime commercial area, the idea to make a new Hostel with a commercial complex to financially support the hostel was thought of.

Various plans, proposals and alternatives were suggested and discussed in Committee meetings for nearly a year and finally, in the Committee meeting held on 16th February 2010, the Sabha gave in principle approval for building a commercial complex and Hostel. We first went to Architect Ms. Meera Natampally to have alternate plans of building. Not knowing what type of tenant may come and what size of building was required, we suggested a flexible plan so that each floor could have one or two tenants and made provision for 6 rooms for Hostel in second floor. In order to have flexibility of tenants we designed the stairs and lift to be in the middle of the building.

We wanted to apply for approval of building plan to Mysore Mahanagara Palike, but there were so many bottlenecks. First of all, the Sabha had not paid Municipal tax for nearly 10 years and hence there was no khatha.. After this was paid (nearly Rs. 1.90 lakhs) and Khatha was received. We had to go to Survey of India office to obtain a survey map which would give correct dimensional details of our site as well as location. At this stage, we found that there was a discrepancy in the Survey of India map and our sale deed of 1936 and this caused some delay and anxiety. The next step was to contact the Water Supply department and Sewage department since a new building of this size would warrant larger sewerage pipes. We got an estimate prepared and had to deposit nearly Rs. 45,000/- towards this. Before giving approval for a new building we have to obtain approval for demolishing of the existing building. There was a problem here, because, one of the Corporation engineers reported that since this

building was constructed before 1945, this is a heritage building as per rules, and hence we have to obtain approval from Archaeology Department for demolition. With great difficulty and persuasion, we overcame this problem and obtained approval for demolition, by paying the necessary demolition fees.

After all these obstacles, the Town Planning Member had to approve the Plan, but he wanted to make minor changes to make conformity with rules regarding setback. We had appointed a local Design Officer at Mysore who had provided a computer based drawing and we took him to Corporation office itself, to make final corrections. Finally on 21st Nov 2011, we obtained approval of building plan. This was a herculean task with so many departments and going through so many procedures. The sanction of the Building Plan by the Corporation of Mysore, which we expected to be very difficult, involve some expenditure was overcome due to the contact and influence of Sri M. Narayan, who had known personally the Director of Town Planning in Karnataka, Sri Mukunda, who helped in getting the Plan sanctioned without any financial burden to the Sabha. We have to acknowledge the contribution and help made by M.K. Krishnakumar and his wife Ms. Latha who used their personal contact and got the sanctioned plan without any financial burden to the Sabha.

Once the Plan approval came, we initiated various activities. We had to vacate the Hostel first which had about 20 students. We had to coax and cajole the students who wanted time till the term ended and we had to wait for 6 months. We requested Ms. Meera Natampally to have an estimate of the building and we got an estimate for 2.5 crores. We had obtained approval of General Body to raise the funds from Members by way of deposit.

The building plan was sanctioned on 24/11/2011 and was valid for two years, i.e. till 24/11/2013. We had started demolishing the building in October 2013, but had to stop work midway because the late watchman's wife who was staying in this plot, filed a case in Mysore Court. This delayed our work by nearly 2 to 3 months till we paid compensation and effected a settlement. During demolition we had lot of trouble from the Corporation officials, who seized and took away the JCB on the ground that we had not commenced the construction within the time permitted. It was not easy to obtain renewal of sanction plan for another year, which we ultimately got, but this caused delay.

It is definitely unfortunate that for each and every step, we had to travel to Mysore as the co-operation from Mysore Shaka members was pathetic. It was Mr. Krishna Kumar who helped in the various stages and is continuing to help.

In September 2012, the General body had given approval for the construction of the Hostel by raising funds from members only and rejecting the proposal for joint development. It was in this

meeting that the Sabha elected Sri Natampalli Narsimhan as the President and Sri M K Varadarajan as the Chairman of the Mysore projects. Mr Narasimhan, with his organizing and managerial capacity established procedures and practices and most importantly built up a team and motivated the team of people who selflessly volunteered to achieve targets. Sri M K Varadarajan, with his hard working nature visited and supervised Mysore site, so many times. In view of his personal contact with Mandayams because of his catering service, he could canvas for deposits very well. If we have achieved success by collecting 3 crores and also complete this project, it should be surely attributed to the leadership quality of Sri N Narasimhan and Sri M K Varadarajan.

It was in July 2013 that we got the first deposit towards construction. We were quite sceptical as to whether we could mobilise such a huge sum of 2-3 crores because never in the history of Sabha, had a project of this magnitude been envisaged. We appealed to all Mandayams by mail, by letters and personal requests. Our overseas members were also requested. We used to appeal to all Mandayams during all our annual functions.

It is a tribute to the community and to the hard work of the dedicated group who have all assisted in mobilising 3 crores. This will help in completing the building in all respects by about July/August 2015. A project of this size and magnitude would naturally incur overheads due to various professional help that is required. But it is a tribute that our own members have put in this hard work with commitment and totally avoided the overhead, by taking total responsibility.

The Gruhapravesham was done on 20th May 2015 in a grand and auspicious manner. By the grace of God we are hopeful to get suitable tenants, so that our dream of a strong financial base for Sabha's future will be assured. The cash flow analysis, based on the prevailing market rate of rent, indicate that within a period of 7-8 years, the entire loan along with promised interest, can be serviced. Let us all strive and dedicate this building to the community as a fitting memorial for the Centenary of the Sabha which falls in the year 2016.

This issue is exclusively about Mysore Vidyarthi Nilayam. We have received numerous articles but are unable to publish in this issue. We regret the inconvenience. These articles will be published in our next issue.

- News Bulletin Committee

M.K.Krishna Kumar and Latha Chatrapathy, Mysore



ಶ್ರೀಮತೇ ರಾಮಾನುಜಾಯ ನಮಃ

ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ರಮಾವಿಲಾಸ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಹಳೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕೆಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಹೊಸ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಪುನಃನಿರ್ಮಾಣವು ಸುಮಾರು 2011ರ ಅಂತ್ಯ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾರಂಭವಾಯಿತು. ಅಂದರೆ ಹಳೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಅವರಾರೂ ಖಾಲಿ ಮಾಡಿರಲೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇಂದು-ನಾಳೆ ಎಂಬಂತೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಕಾಲ ದೂಡುತ್ತಲೇ ಇದ್ದರು. ಆ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಪಶಲ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಸಲ ಹೋಗಿ ಬಂದು, ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕೆಡವಲು ರಹದಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹೊಸ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಬಹಳವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವಾಗ, ನಗರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಚೌಡೇಗೌಡ ಅವರನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿಯಾಗಿ, ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅವರು ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲತಾ ಸಾರಥಿ ಭತ್ತಮತಿ ಅವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಜೇಸ್ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಚೌಡೇಗೌಡರು ವಿಜೇಸ್ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಬಂದು, ಲತಾ ಸಾರಥಿ ಅವರ ಸಹಾಯ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದು, ಆ ಸಂದರ್ಭವನ್ನು ನೆನಪು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ರಹದಾರಿ, ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದರು. ಅವರ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ನಾವು ಖಂಡಿತ ನೆನೆಯಬೇಕು. ಅದು ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಭತ್ತಮತಿ ಲತಾ ಸಾರಥಿ ಅವರ ಸಹಾಯ ಶ್ಲಾಘನೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಶಂಸೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ.

ನಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖಾಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಲು ಪಾರಕ್ವೆರಡು ಬಾರಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಬಂದು, ಒಬ್ಬೊಬ್ಬರನ್ನೇ ಖಾಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಕೊನೆಗೆ ಇಬ್ಬರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ವಿಳಾಸವೇ ಸಿಗದೆ, ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕೈಂಕರ್ಯ ವರದರಾಜನ್ ಇಬ್ಬರೂ ಹುಡುಕಿ, ಪತ್ತೆ ಹಚ್ಚಿ, ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಕಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಈಗ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ವಾಚ್‌ಮನ್ ಶ್ರೀ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬದವರು ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗದೆ ತಗಾದೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ಲಕ್ಷ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.ಗಳ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಬೇಡಿಕೆ ಇಟ್ಟರು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಭಾದವರು ಓಪ್ಪದೆ ಕೊನೆಗೆ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನೀಡಿ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಖಾಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ, ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕೆಡವಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಜು ವಾದ್ಯಾರ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಶ್ರೀ

ನರಸಿಂಹನ್, ಚೆನ್ನ ಕುಮಾರನ್, ಕೈಂಕರ್ಯಂ ವರದರಾಜನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಪಶಲ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕೆಡವಲು ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾದರು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಓಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೂಲಕ ಹಳೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ವಹಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಸುಮಾರು ಎರಡು ತಿಂಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಕೆಡವುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಡೆಯಿತು.

ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸುಮುಹೂರ್ತದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊರೆಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಉತ್ತಮ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ನೀರು ದೊರೆಯಿತು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ಭೂಗರ್ಭ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಜ್ಞರಿಂದ ಜಲದ ಬಿಂದುವನ್ನು ಪಣ ತೊಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಿದರೂ ಕೂಡ, ಅವರು ಈ ಭೂಮಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಲದ ಲಭ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದೂ, ಜಲಯೋಗವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದೂ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಆಚಾರ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಾನುಜರ ಕೃಪೆಯಿಂದ ನಮಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬ 'ತೆಂಗಿನಕಾಯಿ ಪ್ರವೀಣ'ರ ಮೂಲಕ ನೀರು ದೊರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ಆ ಮಹಾನುಭಾವ ಶ್ರೀ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಅವರು. ಅವರು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೋರ್‌ವೆಲ್ ಕೊರೆದಾಗ ನೀರು ಅಪಾರವಾಗಿ ಚಿಮ್ಮಿದಾಗ ನಮಗಾದ ಅನಂದ ಅಷ್ಟಿಷ್ಟಲ್ಲ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್, ವರದರಾಜನ್, ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಅನೇಕ ಮಹನೀಯರುಗಳು ಇದ್ದರು. ನೀರಿನ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಎಷ್ಟಿತ್ತೆಂದರೆ, 5 ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾದಷ್ಟು ನೀರು ದೊರೆಯುವುದೆಂಬ ಮಾತು ನಿಜವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆಗಾಗ, ಶ್ರೀ ನಾಟಂಪಳ್ಳಿ ನರಸಿಂಹನ್, ಶ್ರೀ ದ್ವಾರಕಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಂಪ್ರಸಾದ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅನೇಕ ಮಹನೀಯರುಗಳು ಬಂದು ಆಗ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ತಳಪಾಯದ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ದೀಕ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾದ 'ಇನ್ಸಿಕ್ಯಾನ್' ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸಹಯೋಗದವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ ಅವರ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ರೂವಾರಿಗಳಾದ ಕುಮಾರಿ ಮೀರಾ ನಾಟಂಪಳ್ಳಿ ಅವರು ಕೂಡ ಉತ್ತಮ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಹಲವಾರು ಬಾರಿ 'ಮೂಡ್' ಕಚೇರಿಗೂ, ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಕಛೇರಿಗೂ ಓಡಾಡಿದ ಸತತ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳು ಫಲ ಕೊಟ್ಟವು.

ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ನಕ್ಷೆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮೂರು ಅಂತಸ್ತುಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡವಿದೆ. ಸೆಲ್ಯಾರ್ (ಕೆಳ ಮಹಡಿ)ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 15 ಕಾಲ್‌ಗಳು, 15 ದ್ವಿಚಕ್ರ ವಾಹನವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆ.

ನೇಲ ಅಂತಸ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರೂಂಗಿ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದ್ದು, 1ನೇ ಅಂತಸ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಅದೇ ತರಹ ಸ್ಥಳಾವಕಾಶವಿದೆ. ಎರಡನೇ ಅಂತಸ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕೂಡ ಮೊದಲೆರಡು ಅಂತಸ್ತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವಂತೆಯೇ ಸ್ಥಳಾವಕಾಶವಿದೆ.

ಈ ಕಟ್ಟಡವು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗಿತ್ತು. 95 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಅಪ್ಪಣಾಚಾರ್ಯರೆಂಬ ಮಹಾನುಭಾವರಿದ್ದು ಅವರ ಉದಾರ ದಾನದ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದ ದಾನ ನೀಡಿದ ಅವರು ಆ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ, ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ ಬಡವರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಆ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲುಕೋಟೆ, ಪಾಂಡವಮಠ, ಶ್ರೀರಂಗಪಟ್ಟಣದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವ ಬಡ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇದ್ದಿತ್ತು. ಅಂದರೆ ಓದುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ

ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಓದಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿರದೇ ಇದ್ದುದರಿಂದ, ಶ್ರೀ ಅಪ್ಪಳಾಚಾರ್ಯರ ಉದಾರ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಸೇವಾಭಾವ ಇದ್ದುದರಿಂದ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಯಿತು. ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಠಲ್ ತಿರುವೆಂಕಟಾಚಾರ್ಯರೆಂಬ ನಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆಯವರೂ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿದ್ದು ಶ್ರೀ ಅಪ್ಪಳಾಚಾರ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತ ವಾಸವಿದ್ದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ, ಎಣ್ಣೆ ನೀರು ಸ್ನಾನ ಮಾಡಿಸುವುದು, ಬಟ್ಟೆ ಒಗೆಯಲು ಆಲಿದ್ದ ಬಾವಿಯಿಂದ ನೀರು ಸೇದಿ ಕೊಡುವುದು, ಆಡುಗೆ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತರಕಾರಿ ಹಚ್ಚುವುದು, ಮುಂತಾದ ಹಲವಾರು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆಯವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಂತೆ, ಆನಂದಾಂಜ್ಞೆ ಆಳ್ವಾರ್ ತಿರುಮಲ ಆಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ ಅವರು, ಹಾಗೂ ಅನೇಕಾನೇಕ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಮಹನೀಯರು ಇದ್ದರೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಅನೇಕ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಮಹನೀಯರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹಳೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕೆಡವುವುದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ವಿವಿಧ ಹಂತಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಯಾಚಿತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ಕ್ರಮಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ, ಉತ್ತಮವಾಗಿ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದಿರುವ ಮಂಡಯಂ ನವರತ್ನ ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಪಠಲ್ ಅವರ ಸೇವೆ ಪ್ರಶಂಸನೀಯವಾದದ್ದು. ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಗೃಹಪ್ರವೇಶವು 2015ರ ಮೇ 20ರಂದು ವಿಜೃಂಭಣೆಯಿಂದ ನೆರವೇರಿತು. ಸಮಾರಂಭಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೀಶ್ರೀ ಯತಿರಾಜ ರಾಮಾನುಜ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಜೇಯರ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು ಬಂದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಆಶೀರ್ವಚನ ನೀಡಿದ್ದೇ ಆಲ್ಲದೆ, 5 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.ಗಳನ್ನು ದಯಪಾಲಿಸಿರುವುದು ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಸುದೈವ. ಇಂತಹ ಭವ್ಯವಾದ ಕಟ್ಟಡವು ಪಾರಂಪರಿಕ ನಗರವಾದ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಅದರ ಸದುಪಯೋಗ ಹೊಂದಿ, ಅದನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವುದು, ಅದನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಯವರು ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಆಗುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವರೆಂಬ ಆಶಾಭಾವನೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಅತಿಶಯೋಕ್ತಿ ಅಲ್ಲ.

M.D.Rajasimha

When the debate on the future action of Vidyarthi Nilayam, Mysore was initiated in the AGM 2012, a single voice vociferously that emerged, was to take up the project work of reconstruction of the building by mobilizing funds from fellow



Mandayams. This is a huge motivation that has driven the project to its present state of progress. At this juncture it reminds me of the saying "Nothing is impossible in this age of wonders. The impossible is becoming possible". This saying is quite apt and true in case of Vidyarthi Nilayam Project. The insight and commitment from fellow Mandayams is quite laudable who have transformed their vision with a mission of commitment in pouring funds for this mega Project. Though the contribution is from a small segment of members, the flow of funds is bigger. The project in its initial stage though could find a slide because of slow mobilization of funds, could gear up slowly and steadily because of the continued faith and confidence induced by members. The velocity in which the project is geared up is an indication of members confidence in this community project. In this regard it is worth remembering Mahatma Gandhi's quote who said patience and perseverance will conquer mountains of difficulties.

No leadership is complete without the self motivation and aggressive path by its leaders. The Mandayam Sabha is truly the anchor and Torch bearer in this direction. The three D' which are deep rooted in the Mandayam community namely - Dedication, Determination and Diligence has helped in reaching dizzy heights in the execution of this project. It is needless to say, Persistent people begin their success when others end in failures. Also nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Kudos to all fellow Mandayams who have transformed their mandate into a reality in the fulfilment of this mega project which will be cherished as a monument for the future generation of Mandayams. May this vision of fellow seniors be imbibed in our youngsters who need to take a leaf or two in inculcating such community projects

M.V.Varadarajan - My experience on MVN Project - " Beyond Expectation"

My entry to Mandayam Sabha - I am Vokkarane Varadarajan, and I run a charitable trust



'Vokkarane Seva Trust'. An article about the activity of this Trust appeared in Mandayam news and that was the time when President Sri. Narasimhan requested me to serve Mandayam Srivishnava sabha also. I immediately accepted to be part of his team, as I was also a student of MVN and had a desire to serve our community too.

My Role at Mandayam Sabha related to MVN Project - As requested by Sri. Narasimhan, I took the responsibility (midway through MVN project) of updating the Depositors documentation required for the smooth functioning.

My experience / findings - It was amazing to see lot of members had volunteered to deposit in the interest of the project & more so, the trust / faith they had in the committee. My Salute to every member who deposited the money without which building could not have reached a stage to celebrate Gruhapravesham. It's "Beyond Expectation".

Best wishes & congratulations to all who contributed to this success directly or indirectly. Well my journey began with scrutinizing all applications for its completeness & found many incomplete applications. I started listing out the missing information (supported by Sri. Vijay Kumar) and began with telephonic request for the missing information. Further an Inland letter got printed indicating required information & posted to all the depositors whose applications were incomplete with a request to furnish. The response was disappointing as very few responded to the request & furnished the required data. My happiness was short-lived as many application remains in statuesque (out of 249 depositor's 126 application remains incomplete). This again is "Beyond Expectation".

My humble request to every depositor is that it's in their own interest to ensure the documentations are intact (as in case of any Bank), to avoid any inconvenience at the time of collecting interest or on maturity. I once again remind you the term of deposit being 7 years or more, documentation is very crucial. Further the committee members might also change.

Best wishes & more eventful years ahead.

M.C. Ramanujam - Cheers, Cheers, Cheers

To all the Mandayam Community Members - pranams to each one of you.

It was a red letter day in the history of Mandayam Srivishnava community. Unity is strength proved to the core. Determination and dedication achieved the 'unachievable' - a 3 crore MVN



Mysore project unheard of. A fitting tribute as prelude to the ensuing 100 years of MSS Centenary in 2016 and Ramanuja Millennium the next year.

The unending efforts, vision of elders of the Community, coupled with younger generations ideas has brought this monumental building.

The auspicious occasion was inaugurated by His Holiness Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamy with divine blessings for a bright future.

The decades old building (over 80 years) MvN in dilapidated state with tiled roof etc. where large number of community members ages ago carried their way to big personalities in several fields like science, medicine, social, police, sports, philanthropists, vedic, etc. is now a modern structure utilising latest engineering skills to serve members for years to come.

Our beloved Swamiji is a classic example for reaching the top of society preaching for dedication, devotion, unity, divine things, selflessness, etc. in achieving goals, peace and prosperity in society.

The well decorated Hall was full with members and families for the inaugural ceremony. The Vastu homa, etc. amidst vedic chantings with Goshti in the presence of our President Sri Natampalli Narasimhan, Chairman Sri M.K. Varadarajan, the team of management, elders of community, dignitaries, etc. was well attended.

The dedicated, selfless, unstinted cooperation, untiring work from our team who toiled through out the construction works in supervising works, monitoring accounts, progress etc. under the able guidance and skilled management needs to be appreciated immensely.

Congrats to Mandayam community. Strength in Unity and achievement. Wishing similar achievements in future.

M.T. Narasimhan (Mobile Ravi) - The New Building of Vidyarthi Nilayam

The members at the AGM decided that the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore should be built anew

Ramanuja Pilgrim Assistance Centre at Melkote

M.A. DWARAKI



For a long time the Mandayam community felt that there needs to be a clean guest house with a good ambience and facilities for a comfortable stay at Melkote. In the early part of March 2011, Mandayam Sabha got an indication of realizing this dream, as it was fortunate enough to get an offer of an old building in Melkote, from its owners. The Mandayam Sabha was successful in the later part of 2011 in purchasing a property – a house with about 10 rooms – situated on the way to the Sri Yoga Narasimha Temple on the hill. The property belonged to late Sri. M.C.Parthasarathy of Mandya and the transfer of this to Sabha was possible due to the magnanimity and the desire to help the community, on the part of Smt. K.T.Padma, wife of sri. M.C.Parthasarathy and Smt. M.C.Jayamma, his sister.

The Mandayam Sabha decided to convert this old house into a Pilgrim Assistance Centre. This required certain modifications and repairs to make it suitable for that purpose. Sabha took up these works in real earnest. A bore well was sunk. The roofs were treated for leakage and weather proofing. The place was made self-sufficient by renovating / building kitchens and bathrooms. As there are frequent power cuts at Melkote, Bio Mass heaters were installed for the supply of hot water. A solar powered back up for an inverter and street / yard lighting was also installed. The building now has 10 well furnished rooms with modern bathrooms attached; and a big hall and dining area. Thus the place could be used for holding small functions like birthdays, upanayanams, aarathis, etc in which the guest would be up to 100.

The funding for all these expenses came from our community members, who responded

positively to the call for donations made by the Sabha. Sri Yathiraja Ramanuja Trust also gave its generous support. The solar power unit was totally funded by the Mandayams in USA & Canada and the Rotary clubs of Bangalore Peenya and San Diego (USA).

All the repair and remodelling work was completed within a year and on 11th March 2012, the place was made ready for a Pratishtapana Homam, which was performed by the Chief Priest of the temple amidst the chanting of shlokas & Prabandhams by the Goshti. Nearly 200 members from the community attended the program, as buses had been arranged for their convenience. In the evening, Sri Cheluvanarayana Swamy with Ubhaya Nachiyars and Sri Ramanujacharyar were brought in a grand procession through the town to our centre and the place was sanctified. The air was filled with the sound of Mangala Vadyam being played and the bursting of crackers. The Goshti chanted Veda Prabandham which was followed by Shathumurai, Aarathi, and Theertha Prasadam. There was an all-round appreciation of the Facilities created, by all the visitors.

It has now been three years since the Pilgrim Centre has been thrown open to the public. In these years the Ramanuja Pilgrim Assistance Centre (RPAC) has been a favourite destination of many tourists and has been performing well. It has been generating an average revenue of Rs. 6 to 8 lakhs per annum.

We have been getting bulk bookings from Engg. Colleges, where they come in batches of 30 to 40 students to do project work. The facility provided for cooking is highly appreciated. In view of this trend, we have now equipped the place with 40 mattresses, 4 additional bathrooms and 4 additional toilets to cater to such large batches of visitors.

RPAC is an ideal location for family functions like upanayanams, birthdays, etc., where the list of invitees is around 100. The lodging facilities, the kitchen for mass cooking, dining tables, availability of water 24 hours, adequate bathrooms and toilets, makes it ideal for such functions. In fact, we have had a couple of such functions already performed here and the hosts have been extremely satisfied with the ambience of the place – in the sacred place of Melkote; and good facilities provided.

RPAC has been built by raising donations from our members and the accrued internal cash resources of Sabha, without raising any loan. RPAC is self-sustaining. While many facilities have been created, some more improvements

would possibly be required, such as vitrified tiles in all rooms, fencing all round, particularly on the valley side, proper tiled roof in the porch in front, etc. To do all these, Sabha requires funds and looks forward to generous donations from its members. Our community members have always been very responsive for the projects

undertaken by the Sabha, as witnessed recently in the case of Mysore Vidhyarthi Nilayam Project at Mysore

Sabha requests all Mandayams to visit Melkote and stay at the RPAC and have the blessings of Sri Ramanujacharyar and Sriman Tirunarayana Swamy.

ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ನೂತನ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಗೃಹಪ್ರವೇಶದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಯದುಗಿರಿ ಯತಿರಾಜ ನಾರಾಯಣ ರಾಮಾನುಜ ಜೇಯರ್ ಅವರ ಭಾಷಣದಿಂದ ಆಯ್ದು ಕೆಲವು ಮುಖ್ಯಾಂಶಗಳು

ಶ್ರೀ ಯತಿರಾಜ ಜೇಯರ್‌ರವರು 2015 ಮೇ 20ನೇ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಮೈಸೂರಿಗೆ ಆಗಮಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ನೂತನ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಲೋಕಾರ್ಪಣೆ ಮಾಡಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಶೀರ್ವಚನಗಳಿಂದ ಶುಭ ಹಾರೈಸಿದರು..

ಶ್ರೀಗಳು ಅಂದಿನ ದಿನವನ್ನು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಮಂಗಳಕರವಾದ ದಿನವೆಂದೂ, ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಪಾವನಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನರಸಿಂಹ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಾನುಜರ ಕೃಪೆಯಿಂದ ಇದೊಂದು ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವೆಂದು ತಾವು ಭಾವಿಸುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಮಂಡಯಂ ಸಭೆಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸವನ್ನು ಮೆಲುಕು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಾ 1919ರಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೇ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವ ಸಭಾದ ಮಹಾ ಸಮಾವೇಶ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಈಗ ಇದೇ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ದಿವಸ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಸಮಾವೇಶ ನಡೆದಿರುವುದು ಸಂತೋಷದ ಸಂಗತಿ. ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯವು ನಡೆದು ಬಂದ ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಅವಲೋಕಿಸಿದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಹಿರಿಯರು ಅಂದರೆ ಪೂರ್ವಕರು 5575 ರೂ.ಗಳ ಡಿಬೆಂಚರ್ ಸಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರು. ಈ ಸಾಲವನ್ನು ತೀರಿಸಲು ಅವರು ಬಹಳ ಶ್ರಮ ಪಟ್ಟರೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈಗ ಅದೇ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಸಮುದಾಯದವರಿಂದಲೇ 3 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಸಂದಾಯವಾಗಿರುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಕರಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಹಿರಿಯರು ಶ್ರಮಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಆಪ್ತಾಚಾರ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು, ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ತೊಂಡನೂರು ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಆಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು, ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಮಾಚಾರ್ ಮುಂತಾದವರು. ಕೆಲವರ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಪ್ತಾಚಾರ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳಂತೆಯೇ ಭಾವಿಸಿ ವಾರಕ್ಕೊಮ್ಮೆ ಎಣ್ಣೆ ನೀರು ಹಾಕುವುದು, ಊಟ ಬಡಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಆರೋಗ್ಯದ ಕಡೆ ಗಮನ ನೀಡಿ ನೀಸಾರ್ಥ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮುದಾಯದವರು ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಹೋರಾಟಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ವಿಧವಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಪುದುಚೆರಿ ಆಳಸಿಂಗ್ವಾಚಾರ್‌ರವರು. ಇದಲ್ಲದೆ ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಮಹನೀಯರುಗಳು ವಿಶೇಷವಾದಂತಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದು ಗೌತಮ ಅಶ್ರಮವೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಸರಸ್ವತಿ ಭಂಡಾರವೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ನಮ್ಮ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವ ಸಭೆ ಆಗಿರಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲವೂ ಸಮಾಜ ಮುಖಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವುದು



ಇಂದಿರಾ ಪಾರ್ಥಸಾರಥಿ

ನಮ್ಮ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವ ಸಭೆಯ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆ.

ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯವು ಅನೇಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರುಗಳು, ವೈದ್ಯರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವಿಧ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ಸಂಪಾದಿಸಿರುವಂತಹ ಸಮಾಜ ಸೇವಕರನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಪಿಸಿದೆ. ಅದರೆ ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿ ಹೊರ ಬಂದವರಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನೊಬ್ಬನೇ ಸನ್ಯಾಸಿ. ನಾನು 1965-66ರಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಗೋಮಠಂ ವರದರಾಜನ್‌ರ ಜೊತೆ ಇದೇ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಇನ್ನೂ ನೆನಪಿದೆ.

ಕಳೆದ 75 ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಸಭಾ 5 ಮಹಾಸಭೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಊರುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಿತು. ಒಂದು ಚೆನ್ನೈನಲ್ಲಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರದ ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ, ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು.

ಹೀಗೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸಮಾಜಮುಖಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಮಂಡಯಂ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವ ಸಭಾ ಈ ದಿವಸ ಈ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ನಗರಿ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳಶಪ್ರಾಯವಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಭವನವು ಬರೀ ಕಟ್ಟಡವಾಗಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಅನೇಕ ಹಿರಿಯರು, ಪೂರ್ವಕರು ನೀಸಾರ್ಥ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಕೇತವಾಗಿದೆ. ನಾಟಂಪಳ್ಳಿ ನರಸಿಂಹನ್‌ರವರ ಮುಂದಾಳುತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂತಹ ಒಂದು ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಸಭಾಗೆ ಸಂದಿರುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವಿಷಯ. ಇವರ ಜೊತೆ ಕೈಗೂಡಿಸಿರುವ ಅನೇಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಲ್ಲದಿರಲೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಆಶೀರ್ವಚನವನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ನಿಧಿಗೆ 5 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.ಗಳ ಸಹಾಯ ಧನವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಶುಭಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿರುವುದು ನಿಜಕ್ಕೂ ಸಂತೋಷದ ವಿಷಯ. ದೇವರ ಅನುಗ್ರಹದಿಂದ ಈ ನಿಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಬಾಡಿಗೆದಾರರು ಬಂದು ಆರ್ಥಿಕವಾಗಿ ಸಭೆ ಉಚ್ಚ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಬರಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹಾರೈಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ
ಶ್ರೀಮತೇ ರಾಮಾನುಜಾಯ ನಮಃ

ಶ್ರೀಮದನಂತಾರ್ಯ ಮಹಾಗುರವೇ ನಮಃ

ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಸವಿನೆನಪುಗಳು

ವಿಷಯ ದೃಷ್ಟಿ

ದಶವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಕ್ರಮವೆಂದೇ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾದವರು ನನ್ನ ಮುತ್ತಾನಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಉ.ವೇ.ಆಳ್ವಾರ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು. ಅವರು ಹೋದಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸಿಂಹದಂತೆ ಘರ್ಜಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರಂದೇ ಪ್ರತೀತಿ. ಸಿಂಹದ ತಮ್ಮ ಮುಸಿಂಹನಲ್ಲವೇ! ಆದರಂತೆಯೇ ಮುಸಿಂಹವಾಗಿದ್ದವರು ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯದ ಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಲ್ಲೊಬ್ಬರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಉ.ವೇ. ಆಪ್ತಳಾಚಾರ್ಯಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು. ಪರಮವೈದಿಕ ವಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಟ್ಟಿ ಪರಮ ವೈದಿಕರಾಗಿಯೇ ಜೀವನ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದ ಅವರು ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ವರ್ತಮಾನಗಳ ಸೇತುವೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಆ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಪದವೀಧರರಾಗಿ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅಂದಿನ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಯುವಕರು ಕೇವಲ ಕಂದಾಚಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸೀಮಿತವಾಗದೆ ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ನವೀನಗಳ ಸಮಿಲನದಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮಂತೆ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಸೇತುವೆಯಾಗಬೇಕೆಂಬ ನಗರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ವೈದಿಕ ಯುವಕರು ಲೌಕಿಕವಿದ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿ **ಯ ವಿವ ವೈದಿಕಾಃ ತ ವಿವ ಲೌಕಿಕಾಃ** ಎಂಬ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ನಾಣ್ಯಡಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಗತ ಮಾಡಲು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯೇ **ಮಂಡಯಂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯ**.

ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ನವೀನಗಳ ಸಂಗಮದಿಂದ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಸೇತುವೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಮೂರುವರ್ಷ ಕಾಲ ನಿತ್ಯವಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ನನ್ನದಾಯಿತು. ಅದು ಕೇವಲ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯ ಅಂದರೆ ಈಗಿನ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ತಂಗುದಾಣ ಮಾತ್ರವಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ತವರು ಮನೆಯೇ ಆಗಿತ್ತು. ಆಪ್ತಳಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಊಟೋಪಚಾರಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿಯೇ ಉಪಚಾರಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದುವಂತೆ. ಅವರೇ ಮಿದ್ಯಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಲೆವಾಚಿ ಗಂಟು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಿದ್ದರಂತೆ (ವೈದಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಲೌಕಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದರೂ ಶಿವಾಯಜ್ಞೋಪವೀತಧಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು ಅಂದಿನ ನಿಯಮ). ಪಾರಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಸಲ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ ತಾವೇ ಎಣ್ಣೆ ಹಚ್ಚಿ ಅಭ್ಯಂಗಸ್ನಾನ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರಂತೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ 'ತಂದೆತಾಯಿಗಳಿಂದ ದೂರವಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ' ಎಂಬ ಭಾವನೆಯೇ ಬರುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದಲ್ಲದೆ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಯೂ ತ್ರಿಕಾಲ ಸಂಧ್ಯಾನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಯಂ ಸಹಸ್ರನಾಮಪಾರಾಯಣ ಮಾಡಿಯೇ ಇತರ ಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗುವಂತೆ ಆಪ್ತಳಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು ಕಟ್ಟುನಿಟ್ಟಿನ ವಿರ್ವಾಡು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಂತೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದಲೇ ಅದನ್ನು ಅಂದಿನ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮುದಾಯದವರು **ಮಂಡಯಂ ಹೋಮ್** ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೇ ಹೊರತು **ಮಂಡಯಂ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್** ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಹಿರಿಯರಿಂದ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿತವಾದ ಹೋಮ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (ಮನೆಯಿಂದ) 1960ರಿಂದ 1963ರವರೆಗೆ ನಿತ್ಯವಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ನನ್ನದಾಗಿದ್ದಿತು. ಆ ವೇಳೆಗಾಗಲೇ ಪರಮವೈದಿಕರಾದ ಪಾಚಿಕರು ಬಾವಿಯ ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಆಡಿಗೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಮಾಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನಿಕವಾದ ನಂತರವೂ ರಾತ್ರಿ

ಉ.ವೇ. ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀತಾತಾಚಾರ್ ಸಂಧ್ಯಾವಂದನ, ಸಹಸ್ರನಾಮಪಾರಾಯಣಗಳಾದ ನಂತರವೂ, ವೈದಿಕವೇಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಉಣಬಡಿಸುವ ಕಟ್ಟುನಿಟ್ಟುಗಳು ಸಡಿಲವಾಗಿದ್ದುವು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಬಾವಿಯ ನೀರನ್ನಲ್ಲದೆ ಕೊಳಾಯಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸದ ನಾನು ಅಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಊಟ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನನ್ನ ಅಂದಿನ ನಡೆ, ಕೇವಲ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ ಮಾಡುವುದು, ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗಮಾಡುವುದು ಇಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೇ ಸೀಮಿತವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅಂದಿನ ನನ್ನ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ಮೇಟ್ ಅಥವಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯದ ಸಹಪಾಠಿ ಎಸ್. ರಾಘವನ್ ಎಂಬ ಯುವಕ ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಅಹೋಬಲಮಠದ ಆಚಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಉ.ವೇ.ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿ ಅಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ ಅವರ ಸುಪುತ್ರ, ನಮ್ಮಿಬ್ಬರಿಗೂ ಸಂಗೀತದ ಖಿಯಾಲಿ. ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ ಕೊಳಲು ನುಡಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಮಹಾದಾಕಾಂಕ್ಷೆ. ವೇಣುನಾದನ ಅಷ್ಟು ಸುಲಭವಲ್ಲ. ಆರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಸ್ವರಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಅಪಸ್ವರಗಳೇ ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮುತ್ತವೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ನಾನೂ ಅವನೂ ಇತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಅನುಪಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳಲು ಕಲಿಯಲು ಮಾಡಿದ ಪ್ರಯಾಸ ಇಂದಿಗೂ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದ ಮಾಸಿಲ್ಲ.

ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಕೊಠಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆಯ ಪರಮ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಾದ ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ ಭಯಂಕರಂ ನರಸಿಂಹಾಚಾರ್ಯರ ಪುತ್ರ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಾನುಜಂರವರ ವಾಸ. ಅವರ ತಂದೆಗೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ಸಕಲಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಪ್ರವೀಣರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಹಂಬಲವಿದ್ದವರು. ಅವರನ್ನು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಣತನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಲ್ಲದೆ ಓಟೇಲು ವಾದನ, ಕುಸ್ತಿ, ಮುದಂಗವಾದನ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಪರಿಣತನನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಮುಂದೆ ಅವರು ಹಿರಿಯ IPS ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಾದರು. ಅವರ ಶೀವಿ, ಮಾತನಾಡುವ ವೈಖರಿ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಬೆರಗಾಗಿಸುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಅವರು ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ ಭಯಂಕರರೇ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ! ಅನಂತಪುರಂ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ಯರ ಮರಿಮೊಮ್ಮಗನೂ ನನ್ನ ದಾಯಾದಿಯೂ ಆದ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಅವರನ್ನು ಗುರೂಜೀ ಎಂದೇ ಸಂಯೋಧಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ.

ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಮೋದರಂ ರಂಗಾಚಾರ್ಯರು ಕೆಲವು ದಿವಸ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜರ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರು ಮಿತಭಾಷಿ. ಅವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಆಜಿ ತಿರುವೇಂಗಡಮ್ಮನವರೂ ನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾಳಜಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದವರು. ಅವರ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷವೂ ಶ್ರೀಜಯಂತಿ ಯಾದ ಮಾರನೇ ದಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಯಾರಾದ ಚಕ್ಕುಲಿ, ಪೊರಿಯುಂಡೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಪಧಾರ್ಥಗಳನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ಸಂಗತಿ.

ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರೂ, ಭರದ್ವಾಜ ವೈಮಾನಿಕಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಅನುವಾದಕರೂ ಆದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಉ.ವೇ. ಜಿ.ಆರ್. ಜೋಶ್ಯರ್ ಅವರೂ ಈ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜರ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರದು ಗಜಗಾಂಭೀರ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜಶೀವಿ. ಮಿತವಾದ ಮಾತುಗಳು, ಅದರೂ ಪ್ರಖರ. ಶ್ರೀ.ಆಪ್ತಳಾಚಾರ್ಯರು ಜಿ.ಆರ್.ಜೋಶ್ಯರ್ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಆಶ್ರಯ ಯಜಮಾನರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಜೋಶ್ಯರ್ ಅವರು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೂ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ

NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE REBUILDING OF MANDAYAM
VI DYARTHI NILAYAM, MYSORE AS ON 30.7.2015

LOANEES					
1	M A Dwaraki	77	M J Sampathkumar	157	M A Srinivasa
2	N Narasimhan	78	M. Chokmaman KI SHORE	158	M D Ranganayaki
3	M K Srinivasan	79	N Rangarajan	159	Pramila MA (Narayan)
4	M K Andalamma	80	A N Srivatsa	160	R A Srinivasan
5	M T Srinivasan	81	M C Venkataprasad	161	S Narasimharajan
6	M C Ramanujam	82	MA Chandrakanth	162	Vathsala Srinivasan, Chennai
7	H R T Chari	83	Udaya Rangan Singlachar	163	Padma Rajagopal
8	M D Jayasimha	84	M D Krishnaprasad	164	M A Sampath
9	M P Sriram	85	M K Selvanarayan	165	M A Sriram
10	Y G Jayaram	86	M D Meera/M D Rajasimha	166	M N Malini
11	M T Krishnan	87	Rajashree Suresh	167	Jaggu Srinivasan
12	M K Krishnakumari V Raman	88	M V Srinivasan	168	Doraiswamy
13	M K Krishnakumar	89	D S Murali	169	Manasa M N
14	M A R Iyengar	90	M K Rangarajan	170	M Mythily
15	M K Varadarajan	91	Narayan Makaram	171	Rama K Sharma
16	M T Rama Srinivasan	92	Y R T	172	Shreya H R
17	M A Parthasarathy Annaswamy	93	M K Bhashyam	173	Uday H R
18	R M I Indira Parthasarathy	94	M K Kumudavalli	174	Bhamini Bharadwaj
19	M O Prakash	95	Shree Raksha Y G	175	R A Singra Iyengar
20	Prathibha Narasimhan	96	Yadugiri Iyengar	176	RajaRangan
21	M A Sunder, Geetha R Prasad Malur	97	MA Niranjan	177	Y G Sapathkumaran
22	M A Rekha	98	M A Rajalakshmi	178	M A Ramaprasad
23	M T Shyamsunder	99	I Indira Prakash	179	Vijayalaxmi R N Iyengar
24	M T Srinivas	100	Ramaswamy Iyengar	180	Malini Srinivasan
25	Jayashree Srinivas	101	Sricharan A Ramanujapuram	181	M C Varadaraj
26	T N Vaidehi	102	Rajeev N Shamarayar	182	R Mekala, D/o M K Ramkumar
27	R A Ramagopal	103	M P Srinivasan	183	Ramya Srivas
28	M T Ramasawmy	104	Aditya Tippani Suresh	184	Padma Narayan
29	Chella Srinivas	105	N C Narasingham	185	M R krshna
30	M O Sridhar	106	Laxmi Ammanji	186	Jayanthi Srinivasan
31	M A Parthasarathy Vani Sarathy	107	Surabhi Narayan	187	M R Arjun
32	M V Rangarajan	108	Adity Narayan	188	N C S Iyengar
33	M V Narayan	109	Prabha Parthasarathy	189	Sriranganayaki
34	M A Shakuntala	110	Nalini Anand	190	M T Vasantha Ramasawmy
35	M J Kannan	111	M K Varadarajan (Police)	191	R A Srimathi
36	Lakshmi Yechangunja	112	M K Kalyani	192	M A Sunder
37	R M Parthasarathy	113	M B Rajagopal	193	Anand M S
38	R Parthasarathy Iyengar	114	M G Sridhara	194	M A Narasimhan
39	M A Srinivasan	115	R. S Badri.	195	M S N Bhagwan
40	Parthasarathy Natampally	116	Sandhya Suresh	196	J R Sudarshan
41	Varalaxmi Rajagopal	117	M D Srinivasan	197	M A Parthasarathy
42	Srinivasan Kumar	118	M A Venkatesh	198	R M Parthasarathy
43	M V Radhakrishnan	119	Badrinath Mandayam	199	R A Rukmini
44	Usha Krishna	120	Mangala	200	M A Shakunthala
45	M K Krishna	121	Neela N Mukund	201	M A Shakunthala
46	Ramanujapuram	122	Kousalya Srivatsa	202	M A Ranganath
47	S P Koushik	123	Mythili Alwar	203	Vijaya Srivas
48	Makaram N Srinivasan	124	Mythili Alwar	204	R A Srinivas
49	Badari Narayan M	125	M K Radha krishna	205	M B Thanag
50	M B Muralidhara	126	MA Niranjan Sr No 97	206	Natampally Narasimhan
51	M D Rajasimhan	127	P Ramaa	207	Shiela Narasimhan
52	M V Narayanan	128	R A Sridhar	208	N Rangaraj
53	M O Ravi Iyengar	129	Rama Mannar	209	Sujatha Makaram
54	M D Sheshanarayan	130	Sandhya Venkatesh	210	R A Srimathi
55	M K Srivas	131	Meera Raj	211	Mandayam Tondanoor
56	M B Venkatachar	132	M K Ranganath	212	Vasanth Srinivasa
57	M A Mythili	133	Susheela M S	213	M A Shama Iyengar
58	Malathi Singlachar	134	R A Sridhar	214	Ranganath M Prasad
59	Ravi Narayan	135	M A Narasimhan	215	M C Raju
60	Radhamurthy	136	Kousalya Sudaram	216	Padma Srinivasan
61	R A Srinivas	137	Andal Srinivasan	217	M C Badarinarayana
62	Mathre Rangarajan	138	Sriranganayaki M Narayan	218	Anand Schar Dhathi
63	M D Sridhar USA	139	Shrikanth Manikarnike	219	S N Rajeev Shamaraiar
64	Vasantha Sunderraj	140	M Sampathkumar	220	Parthasarathy Natampalli
65	Vasan Mandayam	141	Geetha Subramanyam	221	M V Raghunandan
66	M A Shakunthala	142	M K Rajalakshmi	222	M R Shashikala
67	M C Narasimhan	143	I Indira Prabhakar	223	Kesari Bheeman Mandyam
68	Sanjana Rangan	144	M A Srishaila	224	Sreemathy W/o M K Narayana
69	Mamatha M N	145	Jaggu Narayana Iyengar	225	Jayasri Jagannath
70	Sriranganayaki USA	146	Rama Srinivasan	226	Murali M Mandayam
71	M K Mangala	147	Jayashree Sampath	227	M K Anand
72	M D Gayathri	148	N Ramasawmy	228	M A Partahasarathy
73	M R Sampath	149	M D Ranagnath	229	M N Vikram S/o M N K
74	M A Rangarajan	150	M A Parthasarathy	230	T P Nandakumar
75	M P Sridhar	151	M V Varadarajan	231	Rajani Murali
76		152	M T Narayana	232	A R Venkatesh
		153	M K Krishnakumar	233	M N Shanth
		154	Rama kumar M T	234	Thiru Mandyam Annaswamy
		155	M A L Thathachar	235	M K Devaki W/o Brig M S P
		156	M T Srinivas (Shatari)	236	M C Rangarajan

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The Sixty Years of The Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam, Mysore

The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha had its birth as a result of deliberations of the Madras members of the Mandayam community. About the beginning of 1915, those members suggested the holding of a Conference of the Mandayam community at Bangalore, and issued a circular to them inviting the cooperation of members at various Moffusils for this purpose. Bangalore members warmly took up the idea and conducted the first Conference of Mandayam Srivaishnava Community on 25th and 26th September 1915, under the distinguished presidency of late Sreeman Dewan Bahadur M.O. Parthasarathy Iyengar M.A., M.L. The event was hailed by one and all and proved an unqualified success. It was resolved to hold the next Conference at Madras. At the second Conference which was held at Madras during December 1916, under the presidency of the late Sreeman Prakrutha Vichara Vimarsa Vichakshana, Rao Bahadur Mahamahopadhyaya R. Narasimhacharya M.A., M.R.A.S., an appeal was made for liberal donations in aid of work leading to the improvement of the Community. The appeal having met with ready response, a Central Committee was appointed to collect the promised donations, and also for the drawing up of a programme of work. This committee collected about Rs. 2,300, during the first year, and after holding several meetings finally decided that:

i) A Vidyarthi Nilayam be opened at Mysore as an experimental measure for the year at a cost of Rs. 1,400, and

ii) that money scholarships of the aggregate value of about Rs. 1,200, be awarded to deserving students of the community at various centres.

The Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore was accordingly started in June 1917, with 8 free, 2 half free and 6 paying boarders, in Ramavilas Road in a rented building opposite to the present building. The Central Committee appointed a local Board to manage the Vidyarthi Nilayam.

At the Third Conference which was held at Mysore on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June 1918, with the late Sreeman Dewan Bahadur M.A. Parthasarathy Iyengar B.A., B.L., M.B.E, as President, it was resolved among others that:

i) the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore be made a permanent institution of the Sabha.

In 1918, during the first Influenza Epidemic, when most of the victims died our young men in Mysore along with some of the boarders of the Vidyarthi Nilayam volunteered to help the needy. At that time there was no medicine to cure Influenza fever. A drug and a pill from the local Ayurvedic College, and Thyme Oil from the Bangalore Agricultural Laboratory as a preventive, were the only things available. They were not at all effective. The Palace authorities had kindly arranged to preparing Kunji in the Palace and supply it hot to our Nilayam, and our volunteers used to distribute it both in the morning and evening house by house. Particularly among the Mohammedan and Lingayat localities where women observed pardha, the supply of the hot 'Kanji' was felt as a God's gift, and eagerly awaited for. One redeeming feature of this service was that none of our volunteers, inspite of hard work fell sick. This timely service was greatly appreciated by the public.

Government grant to the Vidyarthi Nilayam appears to have started in 1927-28 since by that time the number of boarders had increased to 18 i.e., more than the minimum of 15 fixed by the Government for the entitlement for Government grant.

The next, or the fourth Conference of the community was held seven years later at Bangalore during 1925, under the presidency of Sreeman Rao Sahib R.A. Sreenivasa Iyengar.

Due to various causes, the principal one being want of funds, the activities of the Sabha was

confined to the maintenance of the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore, and to grant of Loan Scholarships.

During the year 1921, The Mandayam Association of Mysore, established in 1894, and which was till then doing work of advancing the social and educational activities of the community handed over to this Sabha their funds amounting to Rs. 1050, as the Association considered the Central Committee of the Sabha as a more competent body, better qualified to take up the work of the Association. Also, during this period Loan Scholarships were advance to four students, the amount totalling to Rs. 3,660.

Sreeman Appalachar Swamy, was founder member of the Vidyarthi Nilayam, worked as "Gaurdian" living in the Nilayam itself, looking to the needs of the Boarders. For the Boarders, he was 'father', 'mother' and 'friend' all in one. Such was the loving service he rendered till his death. Having had the experience of running the Vidyarthi Nilayam, without receiving timely financial help from the Sabha due to paucity of funds with them, on 21st December 1927, he created a Trust bequeathing 6 acres and 28 guntas of fertile land in Channahalli village, Srirangapattana Taluk, 7 acres and 12 guntas in Kasba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, and a building site measuring about 3050 square yards situated on the Chamaraja High Road, for the future construction of a building for the Vidyarthi Nilayam. By this, Sreeman Applachar Swamy wanted to ensure the running of the Vidyarthi Nilayam permanently in future, without financial difficulties.

The fifth Conference of the community was held at Mysore during December 1928, under the presidency of Sreeman M.T. Narain Iyengar M.A. At this Conference, it was resolved that the Sabha should take greater interest in the general activities of the community, and that it should take over the work of Vairamudi Mantapa Nirmana Sabha, and arrange to have the Vairamudi Worship Utsavam in the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore.

For a long time past, perhaps for more than a hundred years, the sacred Vairamudi after leaving the Palace on way to Melkote, used to be worshipped by the Mandayam Srivaishnavas in a place near the present Dalvoy School in Banumiah Road. When this place was taken over by the Municipality, Sri Appalachar Swamy started a Vairamudi Mantapa Nirmana Sabha, to whom the Municipality allotted a site in Chamaraja Road for building a permanent Mantap. But as some one had encroached the site and therefore the Samithi could not get the vacant possession. The Palace authorities suggested to take over the site, and pay a compensation of Rs. 1400; and hence the site was transferred to the Palace,



Sri M.O. Parthasarathy Iyengar

on condition that the Vairamudi Mantapotsavam should be celebrated in future in the Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam premises. Thus the Mantapotsavam was being conducted in the Nilayam from the year 1932. But in 1975 when the sacred Vairamudi was handed over to the possession of the Government, the Vairamudi was transferred to Mandya Treasury. Thereafter the Mandayam Srivaishnavas of Mysore lost this opportunity to worship the Vairamudi.

At a General Meeting of the Mandayam Sabha held on 30th December 1928, a constitution for the Sabha was passed and the name of the 'Mandayam Sabha' was changed to 'The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha' which it bears now. At this meeting a Central Committee of the Sabha was constituted in accordance with the new constitution, with Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhchar as its President.

Resolutions were passed expressing the thanks of the Sabha to Sreeman M.A. Appalachar Swamy for the magnificent gift of wet land to the Vidyarthi Nilayam, under a Trust Deed executed by him on 21st December 1927.

Under the name of 'The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha' and under the Constitution as passed during December 1928, the Sabha was registered during October 1932, under the Mysore Societies Registration Regulation of 1904. During this period it had been the aim of the Sabha to possess a building of its own for housing the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore. With this object in view, the Sabha started collecting donations for a Building Fund, and also requested the Government of Mysore to aid the Sabha by sanctioning half the cost for the purchase of Sreeman Aji Narayan Iyengar's building on Ramavilas Road, in which the Vidyarthi Nilayam was then located, and which was considered to be available at a cost of Rs. 10,000. But owing to some unavoidable circumstances it was not possible to complete the negotiation relating to the purchase of that building, and the grant of Rs. 5,000 kindly sanctioned by the Government

during December 1926 could not be availed of. The Central Committee then negotiated the purchase of a site in the Chamaraja Road, Mysore at a concessional value of Rs. 5,000 from the City Improvement Trust Board, and paid Rs. 2,500 as an advance towards the purchase money. But even in this affair, the Committee was not fortunate, as the Trust Board could not deliver the site to us due to a neighbour who claimed to be the owner of the site; the estimated cost of the building to be constructed as per the requirements of the Trust Board was also far beyond the resources of the Sabha. For these reasons, the Committee thought that it would be better to relinquish the site and get back the amount paid as advance.

The Committee then successfully negotiated and completed the purchase of the building in which the Nilayam is situated now. The total collection made for the Nilayam Building Fund was only Rs. 3,827 during the years 1923-34, and the building was purchased for Rs. 7,000. Sreeman Appalachar Swamy had donated Rs. 1,750 towards Nilayam Building Maintenance Fund. Another sum of Rs. 1,400 became available, being the proceeds of the sale of the Vairamudi Mantap site which the Vairamudi Mantap Building Samithi had given to the Sabha. It was also estimated that another Rs. 4,000/- would be required for urgent repair and alterations necessary to make the building suited for Hostel, and to extend it to provide rooms for at least 24 Boarders. The Government grant of Rs. 5,000, sanctioned in the year 1926 had lapsed for want of a building of our own. Vigorous representation in 1935 had no doubt resulted in the Government sanctioning the grant again. But for want of funds under budget, the payment was delayed. So the Committee was obliged to mortgage the building and obtain a fresh loan of Rs. 2,500 from a private party.

The late Sreeman Komar Srinivasa Iyengar who managed the Vidyarthi Nilayam for more than 15 years passed away by end of April 1935. He had begun the repairs of the building, his earnest desire was to complete the repairs and establish the Vidyarthi Nilayam on a permanent basis. Unfortunately, at a most critical period, he was snatched away. The Central Committee in its meeting held on 19th May 1935, passed an unanimous resolution that Sreeman R. Tirunarayana Iyengar be requested to accept the Managership of the Nilayam.

Sri R. Thirunarayana Iyengar's dynamic and enthusiastic work with great responsibility, resulted in many important events during the year 1935-36.

As the permanent building was under repair, the Nilayam was opened in a rented house on the 24th June 1935. There were sixteen applications

for admission and all were for free boarderships. The Central Committee in their meeting of 20th June 1935, sanctioned the admission of 12 students - 6 as free, 4 as half free and 2 as three fourths free boarders and rejected the application of four students. As the minimum strength for claiming the Government grant was 15, no grant could be claimed during the year.

Scholarship: Scholarships varying from Rs. 3 to Rs. 2 per annum were awarded to eight boarders from the Charities of Dewan Bahadur M.O. Parthasarathy Iyengar. The Scholarship were payable for eight months and the amount disbursed to the boarders came to Rs. 150.

SSLC Revision Course (Class): The question of giving a coaching to the SSLC class boarders was considered with a view to secure the benefit of lectures of eminent teachers, a scheme of opening a revision course class was planned. To avoid over crowding and to cover incidental charges a small fee of Rs. 2 for the whole period was levied. In addition to the boarders, there were other Mandayam Community students also. As many as 84 students joined the classes. The boarders were not charged any fees.

These gentlemen who acted as teachers rendered free service in the cause of education. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction and the Heads of other institutions permitted the teachers to take up this engagement. The credit of initiating and successfully working the scheme goes to Sriman M.A. Narayana Iyengar M.A., B.L. There was a cent percent pass among the boarders.

Rice Charity Box: With a view to infuse some interest in working of the Nilayam among the ladies and gentlemen of the community in Mysore City, and incidentally to augment our income, a system of keeping Rice Charity Boxes in the houses of those who kindly consented to have one, was introduced in the month of October 1935. Fifty tin boxes with locking arrangements were got prepared and on each was pasted an appeal in Kannada. In the beginning of every month the box was cleared by collecting rice.

Gentlemen of the community were approached for a Nilayam Sambhavane on the occasion of the celebration of marriages, upanayanams and other festivities in their houses. A Thadiyaradhanam in honour of such occasions to Vidyarthi is an ordained Dharma, and this is an institution to conduct it. The expenditure could be pleasingly incurred. About a dozen gentlemen of the community contributed and the total amount collected during the year was Rs. 73.

Office: An office was opened, and more than 16 registers were opened and maintained regularly. Shriman M.G. Srinivasan, G.D.A., and Sriman K. Tirumalachar, B.Com., Government Auditor, very kindly audited the half yearly accounts. The latter audited the annual accounts also.

Board of Visitors: During this year 8 meetings of the Board of Visitors were held. The resolutions passed were carried out as far as possible. Topics of the Proceedings of the meeting were regularly sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Sabha.

Debenture Loan: A scheme of floating a four percent Debenture loan was submitted to the Central Committee. They were pleased to sanction this scheme. Thanks to the philanthropist and co-operative spirit of the members of the community, the whole amount of Rs. 5,525 was subscribed within a period of less than six months. The Mysore Mandayam Association contributed Rs. 500, and thirty two members of the community in Mysore, Bangalore, Madras and other centres subscribed the balance of Rs. 5,025. A pleasing feature was that two ladies contributed the largest amount of Rs. 500 each, and another lady subscribed Rs. 50.

The Bonds - printed on stamp paper and duly registered - were distributed among the subscribers together with the interest accrued from the date of payment upto 1-6-36.

Improvement of the Building: In consultation with M/s. M.J. Sampathkumaracharya B.A., APE., M.G. Singriyngar, Honorary ACSA, Engineer, M. Doreswamy Iyengar B.E. and others the plan of construction and improvements to the building was decided upon.

At the request of the manager, Swami Srivasananda paid a visit to the Nilayam on 11-10-35 when the ground floor work was completed. The Swamy has written that "I saw the whole building. It is a thorough renovation and I congratulate you on the very good work turned out. But the first floor is an eye sore and I perfectly agree with you on the need of repairing that also at once. If I were you, I would do it without waiting a minute on further talk about it."

In the middle of November '35 the first floor work was begun. The whole structure had to be demolished and built a new. The work was completed in about 9 weeks. We had then a terraced upstairs with two rooms added. In the hall a stone tablet with the inscription that it is a gift by Dewan Bahadur M.A. Parthasarathy Iyengar B.A., B.L., MBE, was embedded in the wall.

The construction of the outhouse was begun during the year and was completed. The building which was more fit as a domestic house for family to live in had been converted into an imposing first class hostel providing accommodation for 23 boarders with all sanitary and other conveniences, thus paving the way to earn the building grant so kindly sanctioned by Government. Sriman M. Doreswamy Iyengar, B.E., fully deserved credit and congratulations for the prompt execution of the work costing more than Rs. 4,200 within a short period of about 20

weeks. Sriman M.J. Sampath Kumaracharya rendered close supervision over the construction work as well as gave valuable instructions at every stage.

In the later part of the year, when the new building was completed 22 tables, 24 stools and two dozen cloth racks were provided. Each table was given a separate electric lighting connection. All the rooms were provided with wall book shelves, and wooden racks to keep the bedding and other articles.

Government Building Grant: The building grant of Rs. 5,000 so kindly sanctioned by Government so far back as 1926 had lapsed. By strenuous efforts and representations to higher authorities it was revived. The Director of Public Instruction was kind enough to pay a visit to the Nilayam when the upstairs work was under progress. He was impressed at the work and made a special recommendation to Government despite the fact that the strength of the Nilayam was below the prescribed minimum, and also got us paid a thousand rupees in the year. Since the strength was more than 15 in the subsequent year, there was no difficulty in getting the balance of Rs. 4,000 in 1936. An agreement was entered into with the Government that if for any reason the building is not used as student Hostel, the Government will have the option of taking over the building or claim back its contribution of Rs. 5,000 with interest.

Vairamudi Mantapothsavam: The Vairamudi Mantapothsavam was as usual celebrated on 31st March 1936. There was a large concorde of ladies and gentlemen. Sriman M.A. Srinivasa Iyengar and Sreeman H.R. Rangaswamy Iyengar were in sole charge of the celebrations. The Honorary Secretary kindly sent Rs. 25. On 1-4-1936, the Vairamudi Uthsavam was celebrated in the Nilayam under the Presidency of Sriman Vidwan Devashikhamani Ramanuja Iyengar Swamy who made a Upanyasam. Many ladies and gentlemen attended the celebration.

Endowments and Gifts: Sriman Dharma Prakasa B.V. Krishnaiyengar who had come to Mysore was approached to pay a visit to the Nilayam. He and his wife paid a visit and even camped in the Nilayam for a fortnight in June 1936. He was pleased to give a maintenance endowment of Rs. 500. He also undertook to bear the cost of feeding one poor and deserving student in his name during that school year. He presented a round clock which was received from Bangalore and is installed in the ground floor hall. Mrs. Kamala Krishnaiyengar awarded a scholarship of Rs. 4 per member to a deserving girl student of the community studying in the High school class. She also presented a big size Saraswathy picture now installed in the hall. She undertook to bear the cost of daily decorating the picture with a flower garland. Her instruction was being carried out.

The munificent maintenance endowment of a thousand rupees by Sriman Dr. M.A. Sampath Kumaran on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter deserves high praise.

Mandya Land: In pursuance of the resolution passed in the Seventh Mandayam Conference, the President of the Conference addressed to Dewan so far back as 5th July 1935, for the free grant of 50 acres of land under the Irwin Canal (now Vishweshwaraiah Canal). After protracted correspondence by the Nilayam Manager Sri R. Thirunarayana Iyengar, the Government sanctioned in February 1937, 10 acres and (25 guntas waste) wet land - Survey No. 562, in Guttala village, Mandya Taluk, subject to certain restrictions, and fixed the upset pice of Rs. 200 per acre - Rs. 100 representing contribution and the other Rs. 100 as half of the market value of the land. As the market value of Rs. 100 per acre was too heavy a price, representation were made to reduce it by half. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in their orders ending with No. R3931-61, 1R200-37-2 dated 25th February 1938, were pleased to sanction the grant of a total extent of 10 acres (and 25 guntas waste) of wet land, irrigable by the Irwin Canal in Guttala village, two miles from Mandya Town, at a concession of Rs. 50 per acre, in addition to a contribution of Rs. 100 per acre, for the maintenance of the Vidyarthi Nilayam at Mysore. The Amuldar, Mandya Taluk, insisted on the payment of the full amount of Rs. 1,500 with cesses in one instalment before granting the Saguvali Chit. The Deputy Commissioner was approached to make the payment in instalments. On 28th August 1938, he was pleased to pass orders directing the Amuldar to collect the contribution in 12 years. A sum of Rs. 59-12-0 being the upset price, incidental cesses and demarcation charges became due to the Government. And with the contribution of Rs. 100 per year about Rs. 700 had to be paid. The Sabha was requested to send Rs. 200 immediately and for the balance amount of Rs. 500, the manager arranged locally. As demanded by the Amuldar, a 'Muchalike' that this land would not be alienated, and if for any reason the Nilayam is stopped the land may be taken back by the Government was given. And after these formalities and after crediting to the Government the amount due, the land taken possession of by the Sabha.

In 1936-37, as the new building of the Vidyarthi Nilayam could accommodate about 25 students, it was considered desirable to admit students belonging to non-Mandayam Srivaishnava Brahmin Communities without detriment to the interest of the members of the Mandayam Community. During 1936-37, there were 22

boarders, of whom 7 belonged to non-Mandayam Community students were fully paying boarders. The land at Mandya began to yield an income of Rs. 250 per year from 1940. After receiving this income for years, the 'gutha' from the land had to be reduced from Rs. 30/- to Rs. 200/- from the year 1943. It was estimated that at the end of 1950, the payment of contribution amount would cease and the net income thereafter would increase to that extent. A sum of Rs. 400 had already been paid till 1945 by way of contribution. The efforts of Sriman R. Tirunarayana Iyengar in getting us the land had begun to bear fruit.

In 1950-51 Sriman M.D. Rangachar took charge of the Nilayam. He was a quiet disciplarian and managed till 1956-57. In 1955-56 there were nine Mandayam and ten non-Mandayam borders. In 1956-57, fifteen Mandayam and seven non-Mandayam students were boarding.

By this time, the income from the Mandya land and from Sriman Appalachar Swamy Trust land was being received, and the Sabha was practically free from contributing anything for the maintenance of the Nilayam, except to meet the cost of Building repairs.

In 1957-58, Sriman G.R. Joshyar managed the Nilayam, and 15 Mandayams and Seven non-Mandayam students were boarding. From 1958-59 Sreeman H.R. Rangaswamy took over the management and continued for five years. The number of boarders were generally above 20 and in 1960-61 it had 28 boarders, much above the capacity of the Nilayam. The total expenses during those years were less than Rs. 5000 per year whereas, it would now cost more than Rs. 22,000 to maintain 20 boarders.

In 1962, the Sabha decided to follow the calendar year for accounts instead of the academic year, followed so long.

Sri M.K. Singraiengar was in charge of the Nilayam from 26.7.64 to 11.11.67. During this period there were 7 Mandayams and 12 non Mandayam students. The supply of Paddy or Rice from the Mandya Land, and from Sriman Appalachar Swamy Trust (though irregular), was enough for consumption during the whole year, and even some excess stock remaining at the end of the year used to be sold and credited to the Sabha funds. As a result, the Sabha was not spending any thing for the Nilayam.

In 1964, the Sabha felt that a Library is an integral part of the Nilayam. This has to be built up by purchasing worthy books every year and by other means. But no action appears to have been taken so far in this direction.

Sriman D.V. Singlachar assumed charge on 12-11-1967. Unlike the years from 1965 to 1967, the number of boarders gradually decreased to

5 to 8 in 1974. In spite of such small number of boarders, the boarding arrangement was continued because of the supply of Paddy from our Mandya land. In the later years the supply from the Trust land became irregular and later stopped completely.

The Mandayam Vidyarthi Nilayam started by the Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha in June 1917 has worked for sixty years. The Sabha can really feel proud of the service rendered to students in these decades. Innumerable are the old boarders who have gone out of this Nilayam, and after working as officers, engineers, teachers and in many other professions and at the highest level, have now retired, and should now be still remembering their Alma mater, and the unique opportunity they had in the Nilayam, to build their character in their early life.

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Udayavar Thirunakshthram - 2015

Udayavar Thirunakshthram was celebrated at Ramanuja Samskruthi Bhavan on 3rd May 2015. The celebration started with 'Ankurarpane', where Udayavar's procession started from YY Mutt and proceeded to the Venue by 9.00 am

This was followed by an Invocation by Kum. Vibha Venkatesh and Kum. Vishrutha Venkatesh. Vice President Smt. M.B. Thanga rendered the welcome speech.

'Vykunta Gadyam' from 'Gadya Thrayam' was recited by our community Goshti.

H.H. Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar graced the occasion and rendered 'Aasheervachanam'. Jeeyar was welcomed by our President N. Narasimhan.

A short Tamil skit "Udayarvarum Anandalwarum" script written by Smt. M.A. Shakunthala and directed by Makaram Rajagopal was presented. This was based on the story given by Smt. Dwaraki Krishnaswamy.

The role of Udayaivar was played by Sri

Madhusudan and archakas' role was played by Bhagavatgeethe Madhusudan and Sriharsha as Shishya.

The roles of Anandalwar was played by Ramanujamuni Narasimhan and as his wife by Smt. Malini. Lord Srinivasa as a young boy helping Anandalwar in his Kainkaryam was played by Chi Anoop and finally Perumal with injury on the chin covered by Karpooram was by Chi Aryukth.

Sri U.Ve. Selvanarayanan's selected pasurams at relevant situations in the play added value to the skit.

Smt. Malathi Singlachar's proper costume for each participant and make up was of great help.

The tableau of three alwars was impressive. Bhagavatgeethe Madhusudan was dressed as Kulashekharalwar, Sri Sampath was dressed as Thondarippadi Alwar and Sri Sriram was dressed as Thirumalisai Alwar

- Makaram Rajagopal

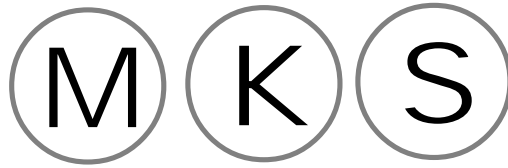
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M.D. JAYASIMHA

Sri M.D. Jayasimha was in charge of Medical Aid/First Aid during recently held 4th South Asian Basketball Qualifying Round Championship for FIBA Asia Championship - Men held at Bengaluru. The nations which participated in the Championship included Bangladesh, Maldives, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and host India. His work was appreciated by one and all during the Championship.



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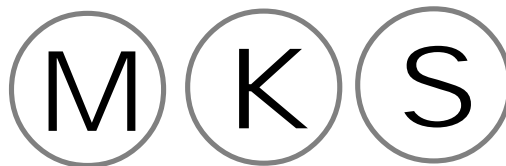
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DONATIONS FOR THE ENDOWMENT AS OF DATE

The Mandayam Sabha has been giving merit awards, scholarships, financial assistance for the poor and needy, honouring Vaidikas and providing Medical Assistance, etc. It has created an Endowment Fund and the interest earned on it is used for these expenses. Since the Sabha held the Global Meet in 2008, the Sabha has received larger donations. The following list furnishes the details of endowment funds received.

Sl.No.	Name	Endowment purpose	Amount in Rs.
1.	Smt. M.O. Kamala, Chennai	Adivellikillamai Celebrations	10,000/-
2.	Smt. M.O. Kamala, Chennai	Scholarships for Botany and Music in memory of Late Dr. M.O. Parthasarathy and late Dr. M.O. Sampathkumaran and Late Dr. M.O. Srinivasan	30,000/-
3.	Sri R.A. Srinivasan - Chennai	Educational assistance in memory of late Sri R.A. Narayana Iyengar and Late Smt. R.A. Ranganayaki	35,000/-
4.	Sri M.S. Rajagopal - Bangalore (Tippani family)	Merit award for 2 female students in PUC or CBSE or SSLC in science and commerce in memory of late Tippani Srinivasachar and late Smt. Ranganayakamma.	45,000/-
5.	Smt. M.B. Kamalamma & Sons, USA	Educational Merit Award in memory of late Sri M.B. Krishna Iyengar (Bheemarayan Family)	35,000/-
6.	Sri M.D. Sridhar, USA	Educational Merit Award (Dhati)	17,500/-
7.	Sri M.C. Venkatesh, USA	Educational Assistance	3,500/-
8.	Ikkalikki Family Sri M.R. Sampath & M.S. Harsha, Sri M.A. Mukund, Sri M.A. Ravindar, Sri M.A. Sriram, Sri M.A. Ramanujam (Babu), Smt. Sujatha Vasan, Sri S.R. Raaj, Sri S. Ramagopal	Educational Merit Award	2,10,000/-
9.	A wellwisher of our community member from USA	Educational Assistance for a female student who is economically poor & Financial help for economically poor ladies	2,00,000/-
10.	Sri Srinavas Mandayam, USA (S/o Sri M.A. Dwaraki)	Educational or Medical Assistance in memory of his mother Ms. Sudha Dwaraki	50,000/-
11.	Mandayam Annadorai Family	Medical Assistance	50,000/-
12.	Mandayam Bheemarayan Rajagopal, Bangalore	Financial help for elderly and handicapped persons in memory of his father Late M.B. Srinivasa Iyengar	50,000/-
13.	Smt. Vijaya Srivaschar, Bangalore	Education assistance	5,000/-
14.	Smt. M.O. Kamala, Chennai	Best Sloka Competition	12,000/-
15.	Smt. M.O. Kamala, Chennai	Poor people's Education & Financial help for old people	15,000/-
16.	M.A. Sreenath (Palahalli family)	Educational aid to deserving students in memory of his father M.A. Narasimha Iyengar	1,00,000/-
17.	Smt. Vijaya & Srivas Schar Rs. 25,000/- Smt. Sharada & Sri Anand Schar Rs. 25000/-	In memory of their parents Late Dr. M.D. Schar and Smt. M.D. Vedavalli	50,000/-
18.	Smt. Padma Rajgopalan	In memory of her parents Mandayam Ishami Rajgopal (Srinivasa Iyengar and M.V. Janaki)	25,000/-
19.	Mandayam Dhati Rajgopal Endowment		71,000/-
20.	Well wisher		5,000/-
21.	Sri M. P. Sriram and Smt S.A. Shantha Ramu	In memory of their mother Smt. M.R. Yeggamma	40,000/-
22.	Smt. M.T. Shantha	In memory of her parents late Mandayam Anandampillai Thirumalachar (Kolar chami)	2,00,000/-

ANNOUNCEMENT ENDOWMENT FOR THE YEAR 2015

Dear Members,

Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha wishes to announce its annual Endowment Scheme for the year 2015. Applications forms can be obtained from the Sabha Office for the following categories:

- 1) Monetary assistance for the needy
- 2) Monetary assistance for Education (from 8th Std. and above)
- 3) Financial assistance for the differently abled children.
- 4) 1. Merit awards for students who have secured 80% and above in the final examination of 10th Std. (SSLC, CBSC and ICSE)
 2. Pre-University 2nd Year
 3. Final year degree in B.A., B.Com., Engineering and Medical
 4. For Post Graduate 65% is the minimum percentage required

Application forms for different categories will be kept at the Sabha office (upstairs), 198, Yadugiri

Yathiraja Mutt Buildings, 11th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Application forms duly filled should be submitted before 31st August 2015. Please mention your family name, telephone no. and a recent passport size photo in the application form.

Contact the office on Phone: 41535970 between 5.30 and 7 pm.

Application forms will be issued from August 17th to 29th between 5.30 pm and 7 pm.

Application forms can also be downloaded from Sabha Website www.mandayamsabha.in.

Indira Parthasarathy
Chairperson, Endowment Committee
Ph : 23316750/9902136953
Contact Nos. of Committee Members:
Sri Srivas Schar - 26605694
R. M. Srinivasan (Ravi) - 41233512

NEW MEMBERS OF THE SABHA

The list of Donors, Patrons & Life Members who joined from March 2015 is given below:

We welcome all the new members.

Sl. No.	Name	Family Name	Location	Membership No.
Sri/Smt.				
PATRON MEMBERS				
1.	N. Venkatesh	Natampalli	USA	0543
2.	T.P. Sridhar	Tondanur	Bangalore	0544
3.	Chingamani Srinivasan	Nagamangalam	Bangalore	0545
4.	N.S. Anand	Nagamangalam	Bangalore	0546
5.	Mandayam Narasimhan Meera	Minnani	Bangalore	0547
6.	Rupa Sridhar	Anandampillai (Palahalli)	Bangalore	0548
7.	M.A. Madhuvanathi	Anandampillai (Palahalli)	Bangalore	0549
8.	M.A. Sridhar	Anandampillai (Palahalli)	Bangalore	0550
9.	M.A. Sundar	Anandampillai (Palahalli)	Bangalore	0551
10.	M.K. Indira	Kumar	Bangalore	0552
LIFE MEMBERS				
1.	Sheela Sampath	Chakravarthy	Chennai	1826
2.	M.A. Srinivas		Mumbai	1827
3.	Leela Radhakrishna	Chakravarthy	Bangalore	1828
4.	N.C. Sridhar	Nallan Chakravarthy	Bangalore	1829

OBITUARY

"MANDAYAM NEWS" regrets the sad demise of the following members of the community. May their soul rest in peace. We pray God to give courage to their families to bear this irreparable loss.

Sl.No.	Name	Age	Date	Family Name	Place
1.	T.N. Rangaswamy	78	19.06.15	Ammangu Thambu	Mysore
2.	M.K. Srinivasa Iyengar	84	21.06.15	Kope	Bangalore
3.	M. Ranganayaki D/o M.D. Ramanuja Iyengar	102	14.06.15	Devasikhamani	Chennai
4.	M.B. Ramaswamy	78	06.07.15	Bhoolokam	Bangalore

COUPLES WHO HAVE TIED THE KNOT

The following weddings took place during Period ending July 2015. The Sabha wishes the couples a happy married life.

Sl. No.	Marriage Date	BRIDE GROOM			BRIDE		
		Groom's Name	Parents Name	Family Name	Bride's Name	Parents Name	Family Name
1	22.11.14	Tejas	T.P. Sridhar Jayashree	Tondanur	Shwetha	M.C. Ramesh Vedavalli	Chokkamaman
2	28.11.14	Rakshith	M.R. Srinivasan M.C. Rukmini	Rangayyan	M.V. Sowbhagya	Varadadeshikachar Prema	-
3	1.12.14	R. Govind	N. Rangarajan Radha	Komandur Elayavalli	M.A. Srividya	M.A. Selvanarayan	Appachar
4	26.1.15	M.S. Dwaraki Krishna	M.S. Srinivasa Iyengar M.S. Padmini	-	B.S. Manasa	B.N. Sridharan B.N. Janaki	Bhagavat Geethe
5	6.2.15	Hari (Sriram)	P.R. Rajagopal Saroja Rajagopal	-	Srilakshmi (Varsha)	M.T. Sriram Radha Sriram	Tondanur
6.	23.2.15	Vijay	M.P. Rajagopal Late Choodamani	Periannajee	Yuvika	Lalit Vats Sarojini Vats	-
7	8.3.15	M.V. Srinivasan	M.V. Narayan Malathi Narayan	Veer ambudhi	Sriranjani R.N.	R.S. Nagaraj Usha Nagaraj	-
8	12.3.15	M.G. Kishore	M.G. Krishna M.K. Malini	Gramani	Deepti Kamal	Kamal Singlachar Lakshmi Kamal	Ammanji
9	22.3.15	Neeraj Ramadoss	C.A. Ramadoss Radha Ramadoss	-	Ramya K.R.	Rangarajan K.N. A.S. Radhakumari	Komandur Elayavalli
10	1.5.15	M.V. Anand	M.V. Alasingrachar Radha	Vokkarane	A.M. Amrutha	A.M. Venugopal Radha	Anandampillai
11	1.5.15	M.K. Sribharath	M.K. Anandalwar B.S. Krupamani	Thirunarayana puram Kainkaryam	M.R. Chaitra am	M.R. Raghuram H.G. Geetha	-
12	1.5.15	Ajay	T.V. Raghavendran Uma Raghavendran	-	Aishwarya	M.V. Narayan Lakshmi	Veerambudhi
13	28.5.15	M.K. Venkatesh	M.K. Rangarajan Kalyani	Krishnakumar (Pashal)	M.K. Nithya- shree	M.K. Srinivasa Iyengar Kousthubha	Kainkaryam (Melkote)
14	31.5.15	R.K. Vinay	R. Krishna Vijaya	Agraharam (Akkali)	S. Spoorthi	D.R. Sridhar S.R. Jyothi	-
15.	7.6.15	Karthik	Natarajan Rajam Natarajan	-	Krithi	Sarathy Koushik Shashi	Srirangapatnam
16.	3.7.15	M.N. Prakash	M.N. Kishore Chandra	Mandayam Nayakar	Supraja	S.V. Vijayaraghavan Gayathri	-

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OF MANDAYAM WEDDINGS

Every 'Mandayam News' issue carries a list of Mandayam weddings that have taken place after the release of the last issue. The bride and bridegroom parties are requested to mail a copy of the wedding invitation to the MANDAYAM NEWS at the Sabha's address as reference for publishing details of the wedding.

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MANDAYAM VI DYARTHI NILAYAM – 1970 BATCH



Inmates of M.V.N. 1970 batch, pose for photo after performing a drama at Mysore Town Hall to celebrate Hostel Annual Day. Drama titled Gadibidi Ganda directed by hostel cook Sri. Sampathkumar lovingly known as Champi. Mandayam Iyengars seen in photo are

1. Vokkarane Varadarajan:
1st from Left
2. Y.G. Radhakrishna: 2nd from Left
3. Gomatham Varadaraja Iyengar (Late Raju Vadyar): 5th from Left
4. Ballekere Ramaswamy Iyengar : Standing

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Here are some responses to the inaugural function by the members

Dear All important stalwarts of Mandayam Sreevaishnava Sabha, We watched the Live program, which was enjoyable with coverage being very good. YM Swamiji's Asheervachanam was also meaningful. KUDOS to all. Long live the MVN & MSS. We missed the occasion.

MA Ranganath & Family Camp: Dubai

The President, Chairman, Members of the Committee, Community and all Well wishers,

The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty, all of which, you have imbibed in your long journey in life. Also Strength, determination, challenges and confidence counted in your success.

You all had to overcome several obstacles and skepticism on the way, especially convincing yourself and others that the project was viable. However the Community (well-wishers) stood as one and it was befitting for grand celebrations and a hearty lunch. We stayed awake the whole night to enjoy the function. All the speeches were inspiring and the devotional song rendered by Kumari Surabhi was very nice. Congratulations on your success.

Anand Dhathi Sharada Dhathi, Padma Srivatsan and Family in Chicago Area

Namasthe,

Inaugural Function of the Mandayam Vidhyarthi Nilayam (MVN) held on 20th May 2015 was very well conducted with the blessings of Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Ramanuja Narayan Jeeyar. Achaaryar being an Alumni of MVN during 1964-1966 & the New Building Inauguration flagged off by the Most Befitting Personality of the Samudaayam is the Cynosure of the Event..

Also the announcement of Donation Rs.5 lacs by Swamiji, has brought down the burden to an extent . . . A Monumental Project & A Red Letter Day for all of us . . . Thanks again for Invitation, which was received well in advance, To & Fro transport arrangements with Upaahaara in transit, sumptuous Thadiyaradhana Saapaad, Thamboolam, Parting Coffe etc,...

Sarve Janaha Sukhino Bhavanthu...

M K KRISHNA

Sir,

Made impossible to possible, Now the stone has been sculpted into a beautiful statue. This is what we have all proved. Once we are united, no one can stop us. Let our tribe increase and improve.

M.V. Narayana. Vokkaranae

May the Inaguration function of the Msandyam Vidyarthi Nilayam bring Auspiciousness to every one connected with it.

M.N.Krishna Swamy, San Diego

The whole mandyamsabha team deserves heartiest congratulations for the persistent efforts in getting the Mysore Vidyarthi Nilayam to shape and make it happen despite odds. Historic building preserved and redone.

Congratulations Narasimhan, Dwaraki, Varadarajan and team. Regards,

Srikanth Chatrapathy

The MVN Inauguration ceremony is a milestone in MVS history. We are extremely thankful to the Committee as well as all those who strived for it. However, we missed your (Rangarajan Mathre) presence in this occasion. With Regards

Sridhar MG

M.T. Narasimhan (Mobile Ravi) - The New Building of Vidhyarthi Nilayam

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with the funds raised from our own community members. Once this decision was taken, the Central Committee took up various activities such as raising the funds, planning and construction which finally culminated in the function on 20th May, 2015.

Raising funds was not an easy job and many hurdles were faced. The efforts put in by our senior members, working as a team, in appealing, cajoling and persevering was simply superb. We were finally able to collect over Rs.3 crores.

Now that the building is almost ready, the new challenge is to find a suitable tenant and thus see that the depositors' monies are paid back with interest, in time.



The function on 20th May was a grand success and most of the members who attended it were happy with the arrangements made.

Although many members put in dedicated hard work, to channel it in the right direction and oversee many things, it required a very good leadership; and this was what our President Shri. Natampally Narasimhan provided.



Sri N. Narasimhan & Smt. Sheela
(Natampalli Family)



Sri K. Srinivasa Iyengar & Smt. Sharada
(Karigattam Family)



Sri M.T. Prabhakar & Smt. Indira
(Tippani Family)



Sri M.K. Narayana Iyengar & Smt. Srimathi
(Krishnakumar (Pashal) Family)



Sri M.A. Shama Iyengar & Smt. Parijatha
(Ammanji Family)

These Members of our community recently celebrated their 80th birthday. They also completed 50 years of happy married life.

The Mandayam News wishes all of them many more happy returns of the day and all the health and happiness in the years ahead.



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