



VSNA 45TH SHARANA SAMANVAYA CONVENTION

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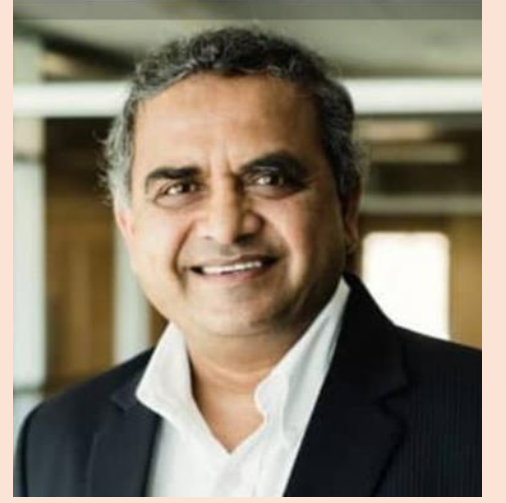
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Editorial



To all the readers of this Souvenir,

Saprema sharanu sharanarthi!

Here is the much-awaited Souvenir of the 45th VSNA Sharana Samanvaya convention 2022 that was held in Houston, TX on July 01-03, 2022. It was great to see the convention returning to 'in-person' mode again. In line with the previously held virtual convention, the 45th convention was held with the convention theme: Vachanakara – Kayaka, Dasoha, Bhaktiya saakara (ವಚನಕಾರ: ಕಾಯಕ, ದಾಸೋಹ, ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ಸಾಕಾರ!), giving importance to lesser-known 12th century male-sharanas this time. The theme didn't just stay as slogan. Every program of the convention was held based on the theme chosen including naming and dedicating the sessions to these vachankaras!

This Souvenir, similar to the previous-one contains valuable information which is both entertaining and philosophical in nature. Along with the convention related information, this Souvenir showcases beautiful pictures captured during the convention. It also lists the details of various lesser-known sharanas.

We take this opportunity to thank the convention committee and other leaders for providing the necessary information to complete this Souvenir. Our sincere thanks to those who gave us valuable suggestions, who helped in proof reading & who helped us in organizing the content. We welcome your valuable comments on the content of the Souvenir. Please do write to us at vsna.virc@gmail.com.

YouTube video links, wherever provided will take the reader directly to "VSNA All Chapters (<https://www.youtube.com/@vsnaallchapters7397>) channel

Happy reading and watching!

Sharanu sharanarthi!

**Yash Gaddi & Harish R Hiremath
Editors, Souvenir Committee**

A Cordial Request to Attend...



Sharana, during the last quarter of 2021, we were not sure whether we would be able to dream of restarting our regular onsite/in person annual VSNA convention. When we requested all our chapters during the third quarter of 2021, we observed the hesitation/ reluctance from all the chapters to take up this challenge. VSNA officers approached Houston Chapter members to help us in this situation by joining central VSNA in organizing this key 45th convention. As the Houston Chapter is relatively new, very small and mainly consists of new younger families, they agreed to support with the voluntary effort to organize convention activities while central VSNA taking all the financial risks and fundraising responsibility. After the COVID Omicron wave, in Feb 2022, most of the board members along with Houston members voted to conduct the onsite/ in-person convention again. Immediately Convention Voluntary Group (CVG) was formed and within six weeks Programs and Guest Rooms facilities were searched and finalized. We request you support us by Early Bird Registration and generous donations.

Please peruse the key reasons and motivations for all of us to support, attend and celebrate our **VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention 2022** below:

1. As a main goal to **RESTART** the broken chain of our conventions organized year after year from four decades and to continue it to posterity raising to the previous levels.
2. Most of us have not attended in-person gatherings at National Level for the past three years and it is an opportunity to meet our friends of decades to renew the relationships and forge new relationships.
3. It is our duty and responsibility to help our own organization community gatherings that rekindle in us the memories and legacies of our common beliefs, culture, and heritage.
4. Our children will get exposed and introduced to our religious concepts and get a chance to cultivate and develop new friendships with their peers.

5. VSNA Annual Conventions along with other national events, like International Basava Jayanthi and VSNA Children Talent Festivals, are providing the parents an opportunity to prevent their children being swept away and absorbed in the melting pot of various cultures and conflicting religious ideologies prevalent in our adopted land.

Our theme for the Convention ``Vachanakara: Kayaka, Dasoha, Bhaktiya Saakara!``, is an attempt to introduce lesser-known Vachana Writers among our Adi Sharanas to our community-at-large by remembering them and celebrating their unique contributions to our literature, social reforms and faith. **See you in Houston! So do not miss this opportunity and go online to register today.**

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India House, Houston
18888 W. Belfort Ave, Houston, TX 77031



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Convention Guest Rooms Facility

Hilton Houston Westchase
9999 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042



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On behalf of VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention Committee,

Harish Hiremath



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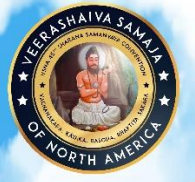
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State of Samaja Address by Harish Hiremath, President of VSNA



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FIRST SERVANT: After being a life member of this great organization for nearly two decades, I am grateful for the opportunity Guru Basava, Lord Shiva and all of you have given to me to serve you as your first servant. It is a great privilege, humbled by this honor and cherishing every moment in my various interactions with all of you.

VSNA IS OUR MATHA: We have Mathas to help us to inculcate our faith in every taluk in Karnataka just like Chitradurga Matha with various shakha mathas. For us, in North America, VSNA is only our matha with shakha mathas like our chapters. Our gurus are none other than our senior leaders who have lived here more than 45 years and helped us to retain our faith and philosophy in our families and among our children.

RAISED MY FAMILY: Like me, many of us brought young children along with us and few were born here. It is not easy for them to define their identity amidst strong influence of North American Culture and rapid modernization. In this mixture of faith, beliefs and changed circumstances, confusion creeps in and we ourselves do not see a clear path forward. While we were in that state, our great organization and our only Matha, VSNA stood strong more than four decades and helped us to find ourselves and inculcate the essence of our faith in your children and families in our adopted land. While going through this transformation state, like many of you, I never realized the important role it was playing in this adopted land of ours. But, after raising a family, with my two loving children, Atheeth and Ananya Hiremath, who are here with us participating in this convention, VSNA's huge contribution has become very clear to me. We all need to thank our founders and senior leaders who built this organization with their passion, vision and made it available to all of us. Today, we have one of the key founders among us, my mentor and guru, Sri Guruswamy Ayya, first Convention Chair and author of our first constitution.

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR TEAM:

1. **ONE TEAM:** Our team consists of passionate Chapter Presidents, Elected Board Members and Officers have worked to serve all of you at “All Chapters” level and it gives me pleasure to declare it has been the most productive, collaborative and peaceful board after many years.
2. **EXPANDED VSNA:** We have expanded the VSNA with the addition of four chapters, VSNA San Antonio & VSNA Alberta in 2021 and VSNA Austin & VSNA Indiana in 2022. Which brings our total chapters in North America to 28 and our goal is to reach 30 by the end of 2022.
3. **MAHA SHIVARATRI:** March 20th, 2021: More than sixteen chapters enthusiastically participated by sending their programs to our All Chapters Mahashivaratri dedicated to Akkamahadevi a virtual online program conducted for roughly three hours and viewed by nearly 900 families.
4. **VSNA VICHARA VEDIKE (V3):** We created an international platform dedicated to openly discuss all aspects of Veerashaiva-Lingayat faith with intellectuals and knowledgeable VSNA members and other from all over the world. Our first V3 session was inaugurated by the blessings of, Dr. Shivamurthy Muruga Sharanaru. We successfully organized seventeen presentations followed by discussions including one month presentation of Kodekalla Basaveshwara Life & Teachings throughout 2021. By this persistent effort, our V3 has become a fertile platform to gravitate Basavadi sharanas messages to our international, especially North American community. Our VIRC Director & Senior Leader of VSNA, Sajjan Shiva has worked very closely with me to make it happen. During this year we have already conducted nine V3 presentations followed by discussion expanding our reach to Next Generation presenters including VSUK president, Pooja Nagaraj.
5. **IBJ 2021:** Encouraged by this success, we went with a vision of organizing truly International Basava Jayanti event. With an aim to expand the celebration of our guru message to all Kannadigas and Indians, we solicited support and endorsement from many Kannada and Indian organizations in North America, Europe, Mid dle East, Australasia including India. Nearly fifty organizations joined our effort and most importantly Basava Samiti of Bangalore joined us formally as organizing partner with the formal approval of Board of Directors of both organizations. Whole day program was coordinated and was split into morning and evening sessions to accommodate the enhanced international participation and was streamed on three YouTube & Facebook Channels. Our message reached more the 140 thousand viewers all over the world.
6. **VSNA 44TH SAMANVAYA CONVENTION 2021:** Due to onslaught of COVID, for the first time in past 44 years, VSNA was not able to celebrate the annual convention in 2020. With positive input received from all our seniors and leaders, we did not want to go without our annual convention this year too. Hence, for the first time all the chapters of VSNA have joined hands together, all the chapter presidents are actively involved in organizing this unique VSNA 44th Samanvaya Convention virtually to bring to your homes. For the first time we conducted North American competitions for our nearly 100 children of all our chapters.
7. **VCTF 2021 (VSNA Children Talent Festival):** It was our pleasure to see around one hundred forty children of all ages starting from 3 to 17 years from our chapters participated in our first National Level competitions (Vachana, Speech, Dance, Instrumental Music, Essay and Drawing/Painting). In our effort to keep the evaluations unbiased, we identified Judges for each category, specifically from outside of our VSNA community, from Kannada/Indian community in USA and from India/around the world. None of the organizers or chapter presidents were involved in evaluating the children’s performances or work products. On behalf of organizers of VCTF 2021 and VSNA, we thank Chapter Presidents, for making our first dedicated National Event Platform to motivate our children a grand success. We requested each chapter president to conduct a special event and distribute the printed Certificates of Achievement along with Gift Cards (winners gift amount was sent to each chapter from the donations collected) to their winning children in the presence of their proud parents, chapter Members and other children. It is our intent to help the winners to continue their active participation and motivate other children to participate in our next National Event.
8. **\$100K GIFT BY DODDAMANI:** On behalf of the VSNA community, we sincerely thank, Sri Gadigeppa Doddamani, our senior advisor, past president, active fund raiser, lifetime volunteer and one of the pillars of our organization who has served our community for decades. Along with his wife, Prabha Doddamani, he has pledged and donated One Hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to our VSNA exemplifying his deep love for our community and trust in our esteemed organization. We are very proud to recognize his generous donation as the single largest donation in the history of VSNA! It touches our heart to see this orphan, raised in a small village and coming from the poorest strata of our

community reaching a point in life, growing as leader of our community, and demonstrating Dasoha principle of our faith with such a kindness.

9. **IBJ 2022:** With an aim to expand the celebration of our Guru Basava's message to all Kannadigas and Indians, we continued to solicit support and endorsement from many Kannada and Indian organizations in North America, Europe, Middle East, Australasia including India. More than fifty organizations again have joined our effort and Basava Samiti of Bangalore again joined us formally as organizing partner. Whole day program will be split into morning and evening sessions to accommodate and enhance the international participation on Saturday, May 7th, 2022.
10. **VSNA 45th SHARANA SAMANVAYA CONVENTION 2022:** Due to onslaught of waves of COVID, for the first time in past 45 years, VSNA was not able to celebrate ON-SITE annual convention after July 2019 for three years. During the last quarter of 2021, we were not sure whether we would be able to dream of restarting our regular onsite/in person annual VSNA convention. When we requested all our chapters during the third quarter of 2021, we observed the hesitation/ reluctance from all the chapters to take up this challenge. VSNA officers approached Houston Chapter members to help us in this situation by joining central VSNA in organizing this key 45th convention. As the Houston Chapter is relatively new, very small and mainly consists of new younger families, they agreed to support with the voluntary effort to organize convention activities while central VSNA taking all the financial risks and fundraising responsibility. After the COVID Omicron wave, in Feb 2022, most of the board members along with Houston members voted to conduct the onsite/ in-person convention again. Immediately Convention Voluntary Group (CVG) was formed and within six weeks Programs and Guest Rooms facilities were searched and finalized to conduct the onsite convention from Friday, July 1st to Sunday July 3rd, 2022. We request you support us by Early Bird Registration and generous donations.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FUTURE OF VSNA:

Standing just one step ahead of you, I see a strong and robust future for our beloved VSNA. After organically growing from a small to gigantic organization, our VSNA now need few structural modifications along with continuing NEW programs to improve the cross integration among the chapters might be needed in near future.

- a. We must not limit our involvement in our Annual Convention and expand our Annual activities beyond it.
- b. As our experiment from past one and half years has shown, we need to continue our IBJ and VCTF as our regular Annual Celebrations with needed help from VIRC group.
- c. We need to continue the V3 presentation program to elevate it as widely respected International Platform to exchange the Basava Philosophy and other aspects of our faith.
- d. We are gravitating towards the concept of "Once you are member of a chapter, you are already member of VSNA All Chapters", an attempt to merge the Chapter and Central Annual memberships.

Many enthusiastic teams in the past with the same fervor has worked hard for VSNA to develop this organization to this level. With all your blessings, with all humbleness, our team will work hard for remaining period of our term to serve VSNA better.

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It gives me a lot of pleasure to declare "I am a proud to be life member and first servant of Veerashiva Samaja of North America." Sharanu Sharanarathi

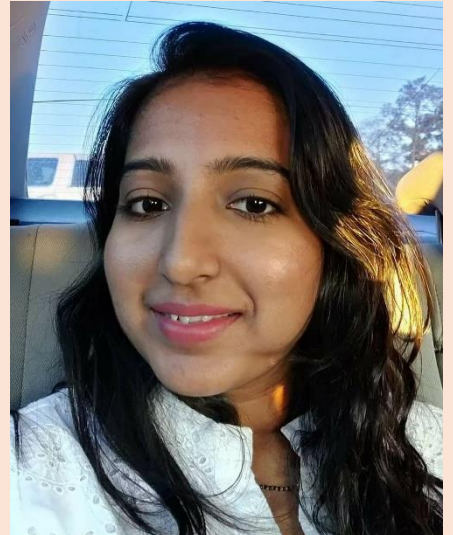
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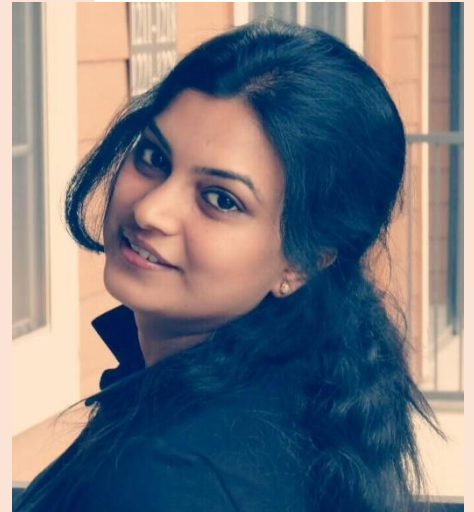
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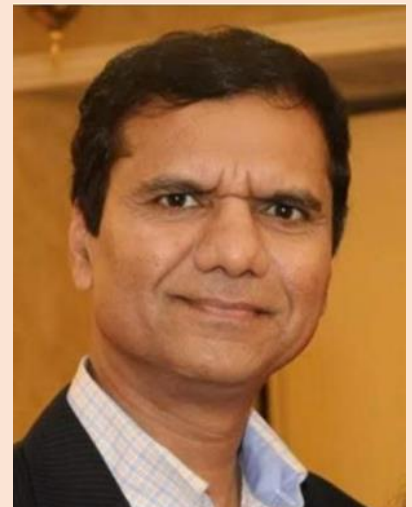
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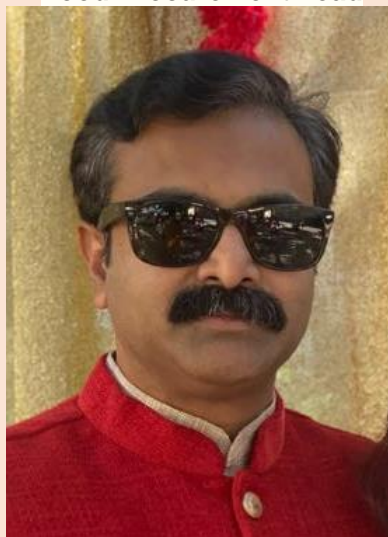
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Program Schedule - Rev 0

Friday, July 1st 2022

Time Central ST	Auditorium	Dining Hall	Meeting Room
5:30 to 7:00 PM		Meet & Greet Snacks	
7:00 to 8:30 PM		Reception Dinner Sponsored by Mr. Guruswamy & Sulochana Ayya	

Saturday, July 2nd 2022

Time Central ST	Auditorium	Dining Hall	Meeting Room
6:00 to 7:00 AM			
7:00 to 7:30 AM		Breakfast	Ishtalinga Pooje
7:30 to 8:00 AM		Breakfast	by Sri Shivaganga Swamiji
8:00 to 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 to 12:00 PM	Chikkannana Munjane (Opening Ceremony)		
	Messages from Swamijis, Guests & VSNA Leads		
12:00 to 1:00 PM		Lunch	
1:00 to 1:30 PM		Lunch	Brahmayyana Sparde
1:30 to 2:00 PM		Lunch	Essay Writing Competition
2:00 to 2:30 PM	Dasohada Sangannana	Kakkayyana Sparde	Sunkada Bankannana
2:30 to 3:00 PM	(Religious) Forum	Competitions	(Business) Forum
3:00 to 3:30 PM	Next Generation Expectations	Dance	
3:30 to 4:00 PM		Instrumental Music	Joint BOD/BOR
4:00 to 4:30 PM		Vachana	Session
4:30 to 5:00 PM		Speech & Drawing	
5:00 to 6:00 PM	Snacks		
6:00 to 8:30 PM	Madarasana Sanje (Entertainment Program #1)		
	Vachanas By Usha Hunagund		
	Odissi Dances by Mamatha Prakash		
	Vachana Swaras - Shivaranjini Umatar		
8:30 to 9:00 PM	Banquet Dinner Sponsored by Dr. Sudhir Kumar		
9:00 to 10:00 PM	VSNA Orchestra - Part 1		
10:00 to 11:00 PM			

Sunday, July 3rd 2022

Time Central ST	Auditorium	Dining Hall	Meeting Room
6:00 to 7:00 AM			
7:00 to 7:30 AM		Breakfast	Ishtalinga Pooje
7:30 to 8:00 AM		Breakfast	by Sri Muruga Sharanaru
8:00 to 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 to 12:00 PM	Ramannana Munjane (Entertainment Program #2)	Next Generation Youth Activities	
	Group Dances & Singing		
	Competition Winners Performance		
12:00 to 1:00 PM		Lunch	
1:00 to 1:30 PM		Lunch	
1:30 to 2:00 PM		Lunch	
2:00 to 2:30 PM	Bontadeviya	Vaidya Sagannana	VSNA Brainstorming
2:30 to 3:00 PM	(Women's) Forum	(Medical) Forum	Session
3:00 to 3:30 PM	Discussion by Panelists	To Eat or Not to Eat	Adayyana Sammilana
3:30 to 4:00 PM			Parents Matrimonial Meet
4:00 to 4:30 PM	VSNA General Body		
4:30 to 5:00 PM	Meeting		
5:00 to 6:00 PM	Snacks		
6:00 to 8:30 PM	Marayyana Sanje (Entertainment Program #3)		
	Anubhava Mantapa Dance Drama		
	Vachanas by Abhijit Chintamani		
	Group Dances & Singing		
8:30 to 9:00 PM	Banquet Dinner Sponsored by VSNA San Antonio		
9:00 to 10:00 PM	VSNA Orchestra - Part 2		
10:00 to 11:00 PM			

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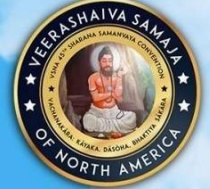


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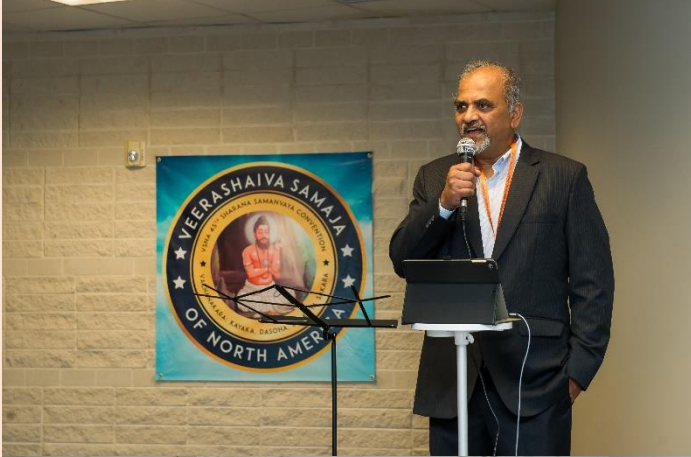
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Ajnatha Sharanaru

- 1 Bokkasada Chikkanna
- 2 Dasohada Sanganna
- 3 Vaidya Sanganna
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- 17 Okkaliga Muddanna
- 18 Havinahala Kallayya

Session Dedicated to....

- 1 Chikkannana Munjane – Opening Ceremony
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- 9 Marayyana Sanje – Main Program #3



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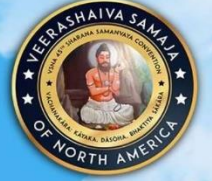
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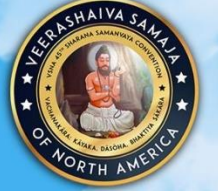
Time Central ST	Auditorium	Dining Hall	Meeting Room
6:00 to 7:00 AM			
7:00 to 7:30 AM		Breakfast	Ishtalinga Pooje
7:30 to 8:00 AM		Breakfast	by Sri Shivaganga Swamiji
8:00 to 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 to 12:00 PM	Chikkannana Munjane (Opening Ceremony)		
	Messages from Swamijis,		
	Guests & VSNA Leads		
12:00 to 1:00 PM		Lunch	
1:00 to 1:30 PM		Lunch	Brahmayyana Sparde
1:30 to 2:00 PM		Lunch	Essay Writing Competition
2:00 to 2:30 PM	Dasohada Sangannana	Kakkayyana Sparde	Sunkada Bankannana
2:30 to 3:00 PM	(Religious) Forum	Competitions	(Business) Forum
3:00 to 3:30 PM	Next Generation Expectations	Dance	
3:30 to 4:00 PM		Instrumental Music	Joint BOD/BOR
4:00 to 4:30 PM		Vachana	Session
4:30 to 5:00 PM		Speech & Drawing	
5:00 to 6:00 PM	Snacks		
6:00 to 8:30 PM	Madarasana Sanje (Entertainment Program #1)		
	Vachanas By Usha Hunagund		
	Odissi Dances by Mamatha Prakash		
	Vachana Swaras - Shivaranjini Umatar		
8:30 to 9:00 PM	Banquet Dinner Sponsored by Dr. Sudhir Kumar		
9:00 to 10:00 PM	VSNA Orchestra - Part 1		
10:00 to 11:00 PM			





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Chikkannana Munjane

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(Opening Ceremony)

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Central ST	Code	Saturday, July 2nd 2022	Mins		
		Auditorium			Present
		Chikkannana Munjane - Opening Ceremony			
8:45 to 9:00 AM		Sharana Samanvaya Ashtottara			
9:00 to 12:00 AM	C01	Linga Poojeya Madiro, Houston Chapter Members	5	CMC01	Harish
	C02	Program Dedication	5	CMC02	Harish
	C03	Guru Basava Bhajane by Detroit	15	CMC03	Bhavani
	C04	Sri B.S. Yediyurappa's Message, Chief Minister (Former)	5	CMC04	Bhavani
	C05	Welcome Speech - Harish	5	CMC05	Bhavani
	C06	Dr. Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanara Message	15	CMC06	Bhavani
	C07	Vachana by Sanmita - Maadi Maadi Kettaro Manavillade	5	CMC07	Nagarathna
	C08	Dr. Malaya Shanthamuni Shivacharya Swamiji's Message	15	CMC08	Nagarathna
	C09	Vachana by Sanmita - Neenolidare Koradu Konaruvudayya	5	CMC09	Nagarathna
	C10	Youth Key Note Message	10	CMC10	Nagarathna
	C11	Vachana by Sanmita - Tanu Mana Dhanwemba Kannadi	5	CMC11	Nagarathna
	C12	"Status of Samaja" VSNA President	10	CMC12	Nagarathna
	C13	Vachana by Shivarajani - Kudala Sangamadeva	5	CMC13	Nagarathna
	C14	BOR Chair Message	10	CMC14	Harish
	C15	Sri Gadigeppa Doddamani, Past President & Mega Donor	5	CMC15	Harish
	C16	Vachana by Shivarajani - Neevu Huttisidalli Hutti	5	CMC16	Harish
	C17	VIRC Director's Message	5	CMC17	Harish
	C18	Vachana by Shivarajani - Neevu Huttisidalli Hutti	5	CMC18	Harish
	C19	HKV President Message	5	CMC19	Harish
	C20	Vachana by Shivarajani - Papiya Dhana Prayaschitha Kallade	5	CMC20	Anu Gubbi
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Bokkasada Chikkanna



Bokkasada Chikkanna was an officer of the treasuries in Bijjala's court. 10 of his Vachanas have been traced with the signature "Basavannapriya Nagareshwaralinga". In some Vachanas he has indicated the non-duality between Ishtalinga and Pranalinga. He has argued further that one should realize Shiva and Shiva consciousness through Kayaka.

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The treasury within the body has a lock in the guise of strong mind like a powerful Linga.

The treasury within the body has three knots tied in Forward, Reverse and Center Directions.

For all the three knots there is only one thread which connects Body & Mind.

It is impossible to unwind or rewind the knot.

This is the true face of life O' Lord Basavannapriya Nagareshwaralinga.

Welcome Speech by VSNA 45th Convention Chair



ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಉದಯ ತಾವರೆಗೆ ಜೀವಾಳ
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ಕೂಡಲಸಂಗನ ಶರಣರ ಬರವೆನೆಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಣ ಜೀವಾಳವಯ್ಯಾ

It gives me such a pleasure to stand in front of you and to welcome to this In Person, Onsite VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention 2022 hosted by Central VSNA with the support from our Houston Chapter.

Just recently, we were thinking that when such an event is going to happen in our lives again. We all and our families have faced challenges due to the onslaught of COVID and it is starting to become a memory to all of us.

We have many of our seniors and pillars of our organization here. Specifically, I want to remember our Prabhakar Puttaveeraiah from Toronto Canada who firmly wanted to conduct Onsite Convention and wanted to meet all of us. Prabhakaranna, with Lord Shiva and Guru Basvanna's blessing it is happening today.

We have our key founder, first convention chair, chair of our first Constitution Committee, Sri Guruswamy Ayya is with us.

Apart from us, in line with the theme of our convention "Vachana Kaara; Kayaka, Dasoha, Bhaktiya Saakara", we are introducing 18 Ajnatha Sharanaru. They have joined us together in welcoming you to this convention. Please get to know them as they appear in various posters in this facility, in the program & session dedications and in the videos. Together, if we are able to remember their names after the convention, our effort is paid-off!

Among us we have Dr. Shivamurthy Muruga Sharanaru from Chitradurga Muruga Math is here with us to bless all of us. I am one of the fortunate sharana to have his affection for more than two decades and my family had the opportunity to spend time with him for more than four weeks. When I requested him to attend our convention and bless us. Without any delay, he made all the arrangements and confirmed his participation. We cordially welcome to the stage.

Dr. Malaya Shanthamuni Shivacharya Swamiji of Shivagange Math is here to bless us and performed the Ishtalinga pooje to start our convention today morning. We cordially welcome to the stage.

Our beloved, Nayantara Swamy from Florida, our Chair of Board of Regents is with us today and I welcome her to join the swamijis on stage.

Our Houston Chapter Convention Chair, Anuradha Gubbi has worked with me for the past three months to bring this convention to you. I welcome her to join the stage with us.

ಶಿಲೆಯೊಳಗಣ ಪಾವಕದಂತೆ;
ಉದಕದೊಳಗಣ ಪ್ರತಿಬಿಂಬದಂತೆ
ಬೀಜದೊಳಗಣ ವೃಕ್ಷದಂತೆ;
ಶಬ್ದದೊಳಗಣ ನಿಶ್ಯಬ್ದದಂತೆ
ಗುಹೇಶ್ವರ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶರಣ ಸಂಬಂಧ

Similarly, we all have gathered today to celebrate our faith and we don't know what power binds all of us together. It might be difficult to understand the exact nature of it, but we can feel it in ourselves. Once again, I cordially welcome all of you to our VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention.









Youth Keynote Message by Ananya Hiremath

I am a proud Sharane

kaLa beDa kola beDa
husiya nuDiyalu beDa
muniya beDa anyarige asahya paDabeDa
thanna baNNisabeDa idira haLiyalu beDa
ide antharanga shuddhi ide bahiranga shuddhi
ide koodala sangamanolisuva pari

Basavanna captured the essence of our Veerashaiva religion in these few lines, which has helped millions of his followers for centuries to lead a moral and pious life. Sharanu Sharanartha! It gives me a great pleasure to represent Veerashaiva Next Generation and to share our thoughts with you in this 45th VSNA Sharana Samanvaya Convention. I thank the organizers of this convention and my community elders for giving me this unique and distinguished opportunity. It is my great pleasure to share my thoughts in front of Dr. Shivamurthi Muruga Sharanaru with whom I share a special bond and had a golden opportunity to spend more than a month with him as a little girl, nearly two decades back, when he was residing with our family in Frederick, Maryland. I was so much attached him and missed him for many months afterwards.

As a Next Generation Keynote speaker, I cannot say that my viewpoints represent every single Next Generation Youth because it would be a lie. But I can say that our generation of youth who have grown up here in USA are more rational, inquisitive, and skeptical than our predecessors. So, much of what I say will be a reflection of the thought process that occurs in the minds of most Next Generation Youths among us.

Basavanna and other sharanas were social revolutionaries. They revolted against decadent tradition, which was the root of social, political and religious evils of their time. They wanted to introduce reforms, which would vitalize society on truly humanistic principles. Veerashaiva-Lingayath philosophy was their solution to these problems. Sharanas created a movement that would not bind followers to a quagmire of rituals. They allowed us to practice certain ideologies that were unthinkable in the 12th century. An example of such daring philosophy is the policy of equality to all men and women. I would like to point out that it has only been few decades since the policy of apartheid was officially lifted in South Africa. Sharanas were trying to introduce reforms that wouldn't be accepted by the world until few decades ago. Another bold move by sharanas that created a huge controversy but proved the rationality of this revelation was a marriage between youth of higher and lower caste. Sharanas sent a strong message to everyone by applying their beliefs in real life and in every walk of life.

Orthodox Hindus believed that women as a whole, were unfit to receive education, unfit to participate in serious discussions, and unworthy of freedom. As a result, women's field activities were restricted to their homes and there too, they had no freedom for the development of their personality. Sharanas felt that this was entirely unjust. They encouraged women to come out of the barriers that tradition had built up, and to participate in the activities of society. This encouragement garnered fierce opposition from the conservative sect of society. Sharanas are the reason that a host of women writers wrote vachanas. It was for the first time in the history of Kannada literature, that women took active interest in literary activities. This is another great feat achieved by sharanas because America, which serves as the symbol of liberty and equality in this world, gave rights to women only hundred years ago.

Most religions during the time of Adi Sharanas fought viciously to acquire royal patronage. Royal patronage and elite rich followers brought prestige and wealth to these religions. Sharanas did not aspire for such followers. Instead, they worked for society in the face of bitter opposition from conservative circles. Sharanas wanted to show to the common man that there is hope for a better life. They taught that common man does not have to be subdued by the binding trammels of tradition. They preached to the masses in their local language, Kannada in lieu of Sanskrit.

Veerashaiva-Lingayath philosophy is truly for the people by the people. Sharanas from many walks of life could debate with great spiritual leaders such as Allama and Basavanna about the principles of Veerashaivism. By encouraging discussions among sharanas, Allama and Basavanna provided them with a feeling that they are contributing to Veerashaivism. Followers were convinced about the principles of their religion through logic and not through external

economic and social pressures, which was a common place in other religions at that time. But, the most important thing that Basava achieved through these discussions is that he left the future of the faith in our hands. He left us Vachanas to guide our discussions but ultimately we decide and steer the future path of our beliefs.

What role does Veerashaivism play for the youth of our generation? The youth today sees it as a portal through which he can experience the culture of his ancestors. But in terms of the impact that Veerashaivism has on the daily lives of a Next Generation Youth, it is very limited. Most of the youths whose parents are involved in this organization have a sincere appreciation and devotion towards this philosophy. But, appreciation and devotion is different from being a dutiful ritualistic follower of the religion. I truly believe that it is at this juncture that we become a polarized group. Some people are content with the fact that their children are willing to appreciate and believe in true Veerashaivism and there are some people that expect strict ritualistic practice of Veerashaivism. Many rituals we follow today have been developed over years surprisingly different from the true desires of adi sharanas. When you give a choice to the Next Generation Youth between sincere devotion and strict practice of rituals, it is not surprising that most of us choose appreciation and devotion. Why? Because you don't have to limit your choices in order to appreciate and believe in Veerashaivism. On the other hand, if you want to practice the current rituals and practices of our faith, you may have to alter your lifestyle and change your choices.

Basava and other sharanas wrote vachanas to explain to people how to be a model person and lead a rational just life. Veerashaivism echoes equal treatment to everyone without regard towards race, creed and gender. Revolutionary ideas such as liberty, equality, and fraternity were preached by our sharanas long before the world took these ideas seriously. It is my feeling that the youth do not receive enough emphasis on such points. If such points were emphasized, the youth would realize how modern, practical and realistic Veerashaivism is compared to other religions. It is sufficient if they lead a life that is infused with compassion, communication, and charity. This is the essence of our philosophy. This is what makes it great. Many rituals and frivolous practices have obstructed the youth from receiving such a vision. When I understood this vision, my passion for this religion was rejuvenated. When the youth get a glimpse of this vision, they will be more inclined to become its passionate followers. We can accomplish what Basava and other sharanas did 900 years ago and spread Veerashaivism among our youth by returning back to the original roots of our faith. Nine hundred years ago, it's ideas were mind-blowing and nine hundred years later, they are still mind blowing.

Sharanas never wanted to make choices for us. They told you what the end result needs to be and left it upon us to figure out ways to reach them. So, it is important that we need to understand the vachanas with modern context of our society and way of life here in US. The most famous vachana that causes lot of confusion is Kalabeda Kolabeda. I believe that this vachana written by Basavanna was to teach us good morals and human values. It might not have meant a dietary prescription as it has been viewed by many followers. I feel that he did not meant it to become a struggle choose our dietary habit. People have used this vachana over the centuries to prove and force the practice of Vegetarianism. While growing up in this country, it is very difficult to resist straying away from the influence of mixed diet. Even though some youth may have succeeded in staying as vegetarian, applying the strict literal meaning of this vachana may not allow youth those who have deviated to think themselves as true Veerashaivas. I know being involved in our VSNA from many years, all of you adults have polarized views about this. But, I humbly request you to take a closer and compassionate look at this situation. I feel a Veerashaiva youth having great admiration and devotion on the fundamental beliefs of Veerashaivism must not be denied his Veerashaiva status just for his choice on food. I know we will not be able to arrive to an immediate resolution on this issue and it may take many years or even decades to achieve this flexibility as an acceptable practice among Veerashaivas, at least in North America. My goal is just to make all the elders and the community o think in this direction and guide us for future.

But, with all this said, I have to commend the efforts of VSNA. It has been very successful in creating a mutual bond between all the Veerashaivas residing in North America. Basva wanted verashaivas to be a castless and sectless homogeneous society. Back at home due to various centuries of social pressures our Veerashava-Lingayath Society has been fragmented into many subcastes. In recent years, it is going through major upheavals. We North American Veerashiavas have raised one step ahead of our peers back home and stand closer to Basava's true desire as a unified homogeneous community without any internal social differences and welcoming all others to our family, in the way our extended family of Houston has welcomed my husband Aditya Muttunarayanan who is actively attending and volunteering in our convention. VSNA has been a beacon of light for this change in our Veerashaivism in North America.

With this understanding and with a firm belief in true teachings of sharanas, I would like to declare today "I am a proud Sharane". "I am proud Veerashaiva" If you believe similarly all join me by raising your hand and declaring "I am a proud Veerashaiva"





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Dasohada Sangannana (Religious) Forum

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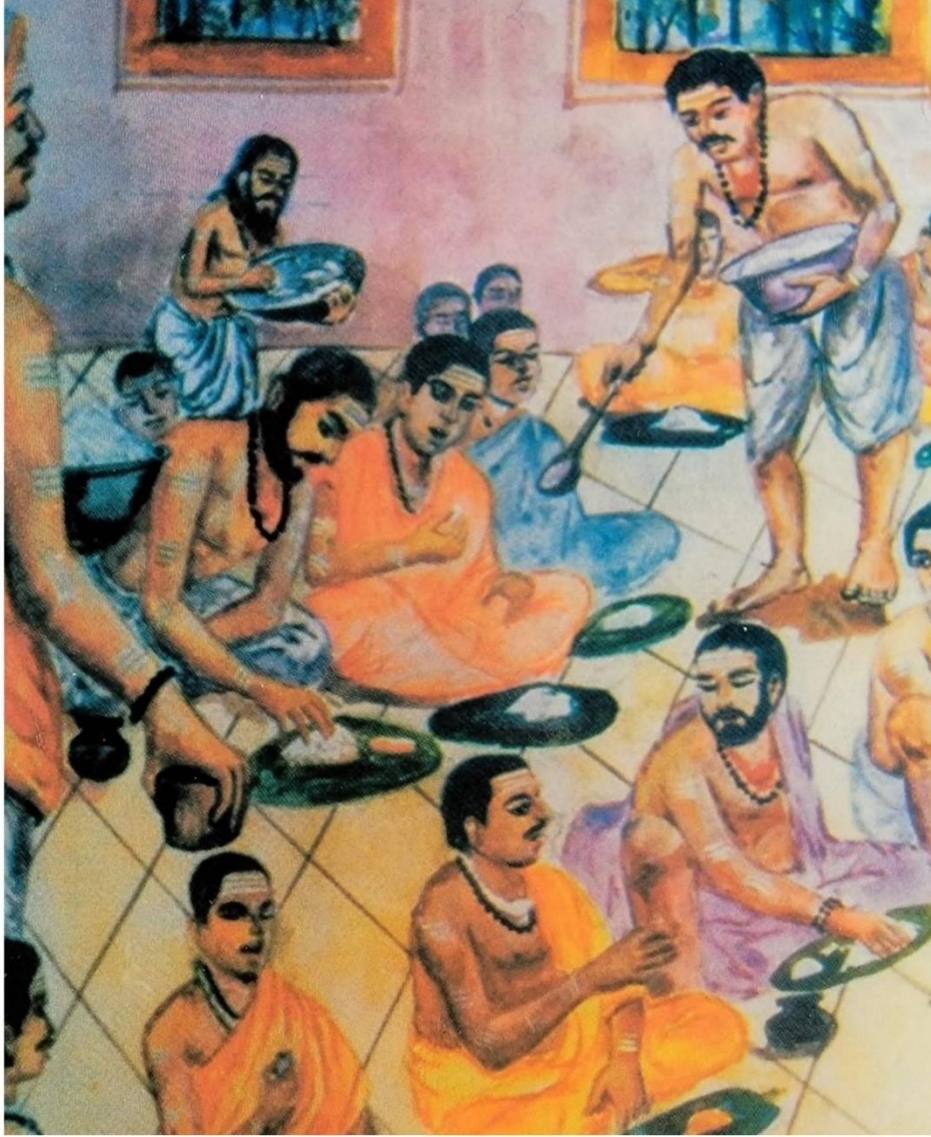
Sunkada Bankannana (Business) Forum

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Dasohada Sanganna



Daasohada Sanganna was a devotee of Madhukeshwara of Banavasi. His occupation was to serve food to the sharanas in Mahamane. Thus, he got the name of Dasohada Sanganna. 102 of his vacahanas have been traced with Pen Name "Matulanga Madhukeshwara". Most of his vachanas tell us about the value of Daasoha (Giving back to the society).

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ಮಾತುಳಂಗ ಮಧುಕೇಶ್ವರಾ

Bondage is for the instrument, but can the sound have bondage?
Bondage is for the knowledge, but can the one who has knowledge have bondage? Until the illusion that I know and the sign that I know are lost emotions cannot be pure.

Just behind the manifest and beyond the un-manifest see, the most powerful is Matulanga Madhukeshwara.

Sunkada Bankanna



Sunkada Bankanna was a tax collector and he was from Mallata, Siravara Taluk of Raichur District. 108 of his vachanas with the signature “Bankeshwaralinga” have been found. Some of his vachanas contain information about the trade practices, toll system, and instruments of transporting things of those days.

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To the city where in “Consumption” is the only goal.

It is for sure it is ruled by the King called “Destroyer”.

Definitely the city will have a minister called “Rogue”.

There will be a chief of police called “Arrogance” surrounding the city.

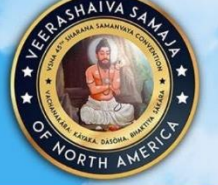
The strong and powerful King ruling over the Kingdom of forgetfulness and ignorance. Everyone falls at his feet in fear.

As they don’t know and understand Bankeshwaralinga.



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Religious Anubhava Forum

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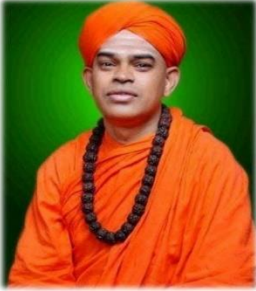
Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: Main Auditorium

Welcome to an in-depth discussion on the challenges in practicing and propagating Veerashaiva lingayatism in North America

Religion and culture are two faces of a coin: neither can exist without the other. Religion can play a big part in the cultural identity of people, influencing how they dress, what and when they eat, and how they behave.

In this question and answer session, the following panelists, all with diverse backgrounds, will provide ways as well as means to practice and propagate Veerashaiva lingayatism in the ever changing culture of North America.



Dr. Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, Chitradurga



Dr. Malaya Shanthamuni Shivacharya Swamiji, Shiva Ganga



Dr. Sajjan G. Shiva, Professor, The Univ. of Memphis, TN



Mrs. Ashwini Surpur, BS, MA (Sanskrit), Hindu Uni. Of America, FL



Dr. Atheeth Hiremath, MD Massachusetts General Hospital, MA

Facilitators: Amruthesh Shivachar PhD;
and Arun Sajjan, B.E., VSNA-South Texas Chapter



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SUNKADA BANKANNANA (BUSINESS) FORUM

Fireside Chat

A Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Principles

Join us on this fireside chat, together we will explore Business and Dasoha principles with our guest speakers, as well as having opportunities to ask questions and discuss.

**Saturday, July 2nd 2:00 PM
to 3:30 PM Central**

**Facilitators: Jay Jayadev
and Mayura Nagalekar**

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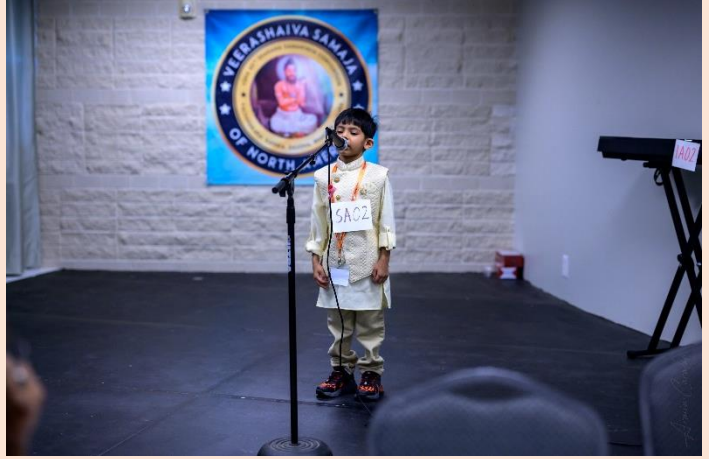
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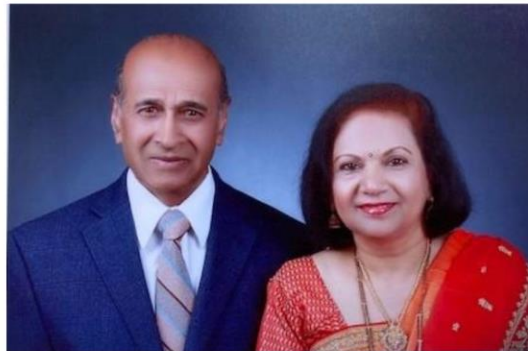
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the VSNA community, we sincerely thank, **Sri Gadigeppa Doddamani**, our senior advisor, past president, active fund raiser, lifetime volunteer and one of the pillars of our organization who has served our community for decades. Along with his wife, **Prabha Doddamani**, he has pledged and donated **One Hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to our VSNA exemplifying his deep love for our community and trust in our esteemed organization. We are very proud to recognize his generous donation as the single largest donation in the history of VSNA! It touches our heart to see this orphan, raised in a small village and coming from the poorest strata of our community reaching a point in life, growing as leader of our community, and demonstrating Dasoha principle of our faith with such a kindness. With all our love and affection, we wish Doddamani's best health, happiness and many more decades of togetherness with our community.

With near unanimous votes, our Board Members have passed the **VSNA Resolution # 2021-9** to accept the Donation from Sri Gadigeppa & Prabha Doddamani and work with the donor to make the stipulations mutually agreeable as per the USA Non-profit law and Financial Experts advise with needed addition to VSNA Bylaws.



On behalf of VSNA BOD,

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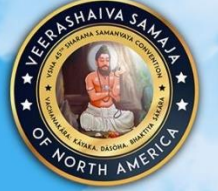
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Madarasana Sanje (Main Program # I) Saturday Evening, July 2nd 2022

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VSNA 45th Sharana Samanvaya Convention Main Program Details - Rev 0

Central ST	Code	Saturday, July 2nd 2022	Mins		
		Auditorium			Present
		Madarasana Sanje - Entertainment Program 1			
		Stapakara Namana			
6:00 to 8:30 PM		Program Dedication	3		
	M01	Shiva Bhajans	15	MMC01	Mayura
	M02	Vachanas by Usha Prabhu & Praful Joshi	60	MMC02	Jyothi
	M03	Odissi Dances by Mamatha Prakash	10	MMC03	Mayura
	M04	Fusion Vachana by Shivaranjani Umatur	45	MMC04	Jyothi
	M05	CTF Announcements	15	MMC05	GD
	M06	Announcements & Creep Allowance	5	MMC06	
8:30 to 9:00 PM	M07	Dinner Break	30	MMC07	
9:00 to 10:00 PM	M08	VSNA Orchestra 1	60	MMC08	SC05
		Closing Remarks			

Sakalesha Madarasa



Sakalesh Madarasa belonged to Kallukurike village. He was the son of Mallikarjuna, the king of that area. He came to Kalyana after inclining towards Vairagya. He was a great musician and was expert in playing many musical instruments. As of now, there are 133 Vachanas with the signature “Sakaleshwaradeva” available. His Vachanas reveals his profound music profession and philosophical knowledge. He went to Shrishaila and lived till his last days. Kereya Padmarasa, Kumara Padmarasa, Padmananka are some of poets and authors belonging to his family.

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They say they want this and that. No heart burn, enough if I am fortunate.

All articles of food will come of their own accord where one dwells.

Hoarded treasure comes where one dwells.

O' father If you say with purity of heart

I bow to you Sakaleshwara he will grant you the ultimate state.





















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Program Schedule - Rev 0

Sunday, July 3rd 2022

Time Central ST	Auditorium	Dining Hall	Meeting Room
6:00 to 7:00 AM			
7:00 to 7:30 AM		Breakfast	Ishtalinga Pooje
7:30 to 8:00 AM		Breakfast	by Sri Muruga Sharanaru
8:00 to 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 to 12:00 PM	Ramannana Munjane (Entertainment Program #2)	Next Generation Youth Activities	
	Group Dances & Singing		
	Competition Winners Performance		
12:00 to 1:00 PM		Lunch	
1:00 to 1:30 PM		Lunch	
1:30 to 2:00 PM		Lunch	
2:00 to 2:30 PM	Bontadeviya	Vaidya Sagannana	VSNA Brainstorming
2:30 to 3:00 PM	(Women's) Forum	(Medical) Forum	Session
3:00 to 3:30 PM	Discussion by Panelists	To Eat or Not to Eat	Adayyana Sammilana
3:30 to 4:00 PM			Parents Matrimonial Meet
4:00 to 4:30 PM	VSNA General Body		
4:30 to 5:00 PM	Meeting		
5:00 to 6:00 PM	Snacks		
6:00 to 8:30 PM	Marayyana Sanje (Entertainment Program #3)		
	Anubhava Mantapa Dance Drama		
	Vachanas by Abhijit Chintamani		
	Group Dances & Singing		
8:30 to 9:00 PM	Banquet Dinner Sponsored by VSNA San Antonio		
9:00 to 10:00 PM	VSNA Orchestra - Part 2		
10:00 to 11:00 PM			





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Ramannana Munjane

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(Main Program #2)

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Main Program Details - Rev 0

Central ST	Mins	Sunday, July 3rd 2022	Mins		
		Auditorium			
		Ramannana Munjane - Entertainment Program 2			
8:45 to 9:00 AM		Hiriyarige Namana			
9:00 to 12:00 AM	R01	Nambide Ninna Nagabharana, Houston	5	RMC01	Smitha
	R02	Program Dedication	5	RMC02	Smitha
	R03	Vachana Winner - Group A	5	RMC05	Smitha
	R04	Chellidaru Malligeya Group Dance, Houston	7	RMC06	Sowmya
	R05	Vachana Winner - Group B	5	RMC07	Sowmya
	R06	Sojugada, Vibhuti & Ajnata Vachanakara, San Antonio	20	RMC08	Sowmya
	R07	Vachana Winner - Group C	5	RMC09	Nethra
	R08	Shambho Bharatnatya, San Antonio	10	RMC10	Nethra
	R09	Winning Speech - Group A	5	RMC11	Nethra
	R10	Winning Instrumental Music - Group A	5	RMC12	Suma
	R11	Sharana Flavors of Karnataka, Jyothi Pattanahetty, Dalla	15	RMC13	Suma
	R12	Winning Speech - Group B	5	RMC15	Suma
	R13	Winning Instrumental Music - Group B	5	RMC16	Suma
	R14	Competitions Prize Distribution	10	RMC14	Dignitaries
	R15	Kudala Sangama Dance Drama, Houston	5	RMC17	Apoorva
	R16	Winning Speech - Group C	5	RMC18	Apoorva
	R17	Winning Dance - Group A	5	RMC19	Apoorva
	R18	Basavanna Drama, Detroit	8	RMC20	Kavitha
	R19	Winning Speech - Group D	5	RMC21	Kavitha
	R20	Winning Dance - Group B	5	RMC22	Kavitha
	R21	Kolura Kodagusu Folklore, San Antonio	10	RMC23	Kavitha
	R22	Winning Dance - Group C	5	RMC24	Suma
	R23	Karnataka Style Fancy Dress, Houston	10	RMC25	Suma
		Closing Remarks			

Turagahi Ramanna



As the name suggests Turagahi Ramanna was a cowherd and he used to graze the cattle of sharanas. He is most likely from Kalyana and used to attend regulary in the Anubhava Mantapa programmes. 46 Vachanas available so far written by Turagahi Ramanna with Pen Name “Gopatinatha Vishweshwaralinga”. His Vachanas gives information about Animal Husbandry and Animal Habitats along with Lingayat Philosophical tenets. His vachana with historical significance given below indicates where sharanas went after the Kalyaana revolution.

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The day has come Basavanna arrived at Kudalasangama.

Chennabasavanna went to Ulivi.

Allama Prabhu and Akkamahadevi went to Kadali.

The rest of the Sharanas found their hideout in various places.

I myself found my hideout at the feet of Gopatinatha Vishweshwaralinga.



























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Bontadeviya Forum (Women's Forum)

Sunday Afternoon, July 3rd, 2022

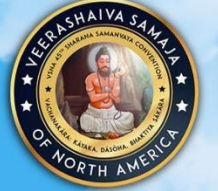
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Adayyana Sammilana (Matrimonial Session)

Sunday Afternoon, July 3rd, 2022

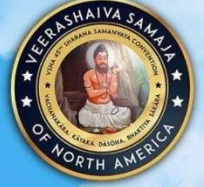
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Women's Anubhava Forum

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: Main Auditorium

Come join us for an insightful panel discussion on personal and professional challenges faced by Veerashaiva women of North America

Women, an increasingly educated workforce bring their knowledge, devotion and work ethic to everything they do. These dynamic Veerashaiva women with diverse backgrounds share their perspectives on these topics

- Women in Leadership
- Managing Family Finances and Planning
- Single Mothers and their Challenges



Dr. Sumangala
Desai Goudar



Mrs. Mamatha
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Mrs. Ananya
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Ms. Jyoti
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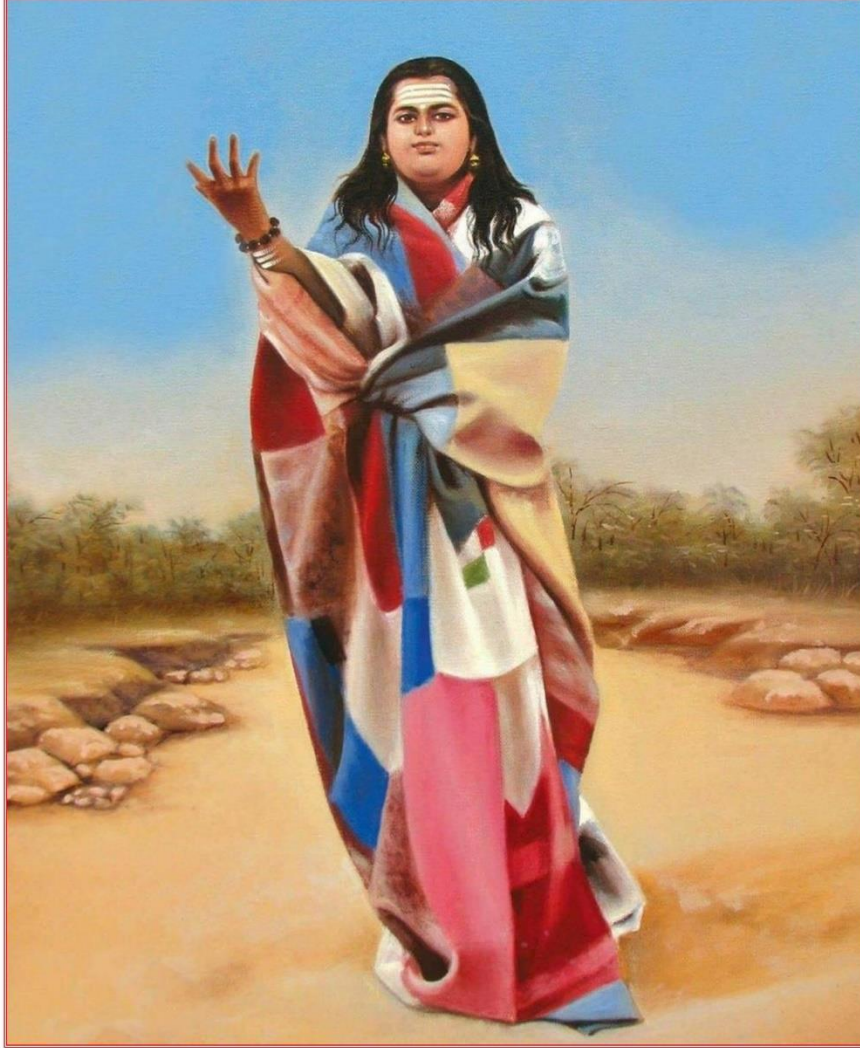
Forum Chair: Dr. Jayanthi Gudikote

Coordinators: Mrs. Smitha Gowdar, Mrs. Kavitha Aradhya
& Mrs. Anuradha Gubbi

Facilitator: Mrs. Bhavani Moodabagil

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Bontadevi



Bontadevi was the daughter of a king of Mandavyapura in Kashmir. Her earlier name was Nijaadevi and she was the sister of Molige Marayya. She also as Akka Mahadevi remained unmarried and accepted to be a Sharane to worship lord Shiva. She came to Kalyana with the intension to acquiring knowledge and eventually settled. As she was always wearing a quilt, she came to be known as “Bontadevi”. 6 of her Vachanas with the Pen Name “Bidaadi” have been traced. Many narratives and poems describe her heroic renunciation and secret devotion. They have expressed her spiritual quest, sense of equality and social concern.

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Do we have such a thing as open field inside the village and the open field outside the village? Do we have such a thing as the open field for Brahmins inside the village and open field for untouchables outside the village?

Open field is the same for everyone wherever they are.
It is the wall of the body which creates it inside and outside.
He who responses for your sound anywhere is Bidadi.

Women's Anubhava Forum 2022

45th VSNA Convention, Houston, TX

Personal and Professional Challenges of Today's Veerashaiva Women in North America.

We have seen constant growth in the field of science and technology in the 21st century. Along with it, women's role has grown beyond cooking, taking care of children and household chores. Women are leading in every field and are becoming more and more self-dependent. However, all of this comes with challenges of balancing between family responsibilities and managing the career. The purpose of Women's Anubhava Forum is to bring together women professionals of Veerashaiva community and provide a platform to discuss their challenges, share their experience and foster networking.

Women's Anubhava Forum at the 45th VSNA Convention was organized by Houston chapter members Jayanthi Gudikote Ph.D., Smitha Gowder, Kavitha Aradhya and Anuradha Gubbi, in association with Bhavani Moodabagil from Central VSNA. The session was chaired by Dr. Gudikote, a retired faculty and cancer research scientist (M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX) and moderated by Mrs. Moodabagil. The forum was dedicated to one of the lesser known Sharaneyaru from 12th century, Sharane Bonthadevi, a princess from Kashmir who renounced her royal status and became a disciple of Basavanna.

At the Women's Anubhava Forum-2022, personal and professional challenges of present day Veerashaiva women in North America were addressed. Discussion topics included (a) Women in leadership, (b) role in managing finances and planning and (c) single mothers and their challenges. The panelists from diverse backgrounds were chosen to share their experience and thoughts on these topics.

Moderator: Mrs. Bhavani Moodabagil, Director, a healthcare marketing professional at a biotech company managing a global team, Boston, MA

Mrs. Sumangala Desaigoudar Ph.D., an educator, coordinator and numeracy specialist for a school division in northern Alberta.

Mrs. Mamatha Hirannaiah, Vice President, Technology Program Office, at Wolters Kluwer.

Mrs. Ananya Hiremath, Sr. Project Manager at Enbridge, Houston, TX.

Ms. Jyoti Pattanshetty, HCM & Operations Specialist at Georgetown University, DC.

Mrs. Manjula Sankarappa, Executive Director of Ohio Asian American Health Coalition.

The forum opened with women in leadership topic. According to the panelists good leadership involves becoming a leader in a situation, communicating effectively with the people involved, considering others' opinions, collaborating, offering mentorship and motivating people in the group.

The second topic of discussion was women's role in managing family finances and planning. The panelist's advice on this topic was to get actively involved in the financial matters of the family, keep track of where the money comes from and how it is spent, start saving for children's education as early as possible either by enrolling in college fund programs or by other alternative plans. To secure the future of loved ones, panelists also suggested to make wills and name beneficiaries.

The third and final topic of discussion was single mothers and their challenges. On this topic the panelist Jyoti Pattanshetty, also a single mother, shared her experiences and challenges she faced. Other panelists felt that having a support group is very important and the community should help single parents in whatever capacity they can.

The session was concluded with a vote of thanks by Smitha Gowder and presenting mementos to the panelists by the organizers.

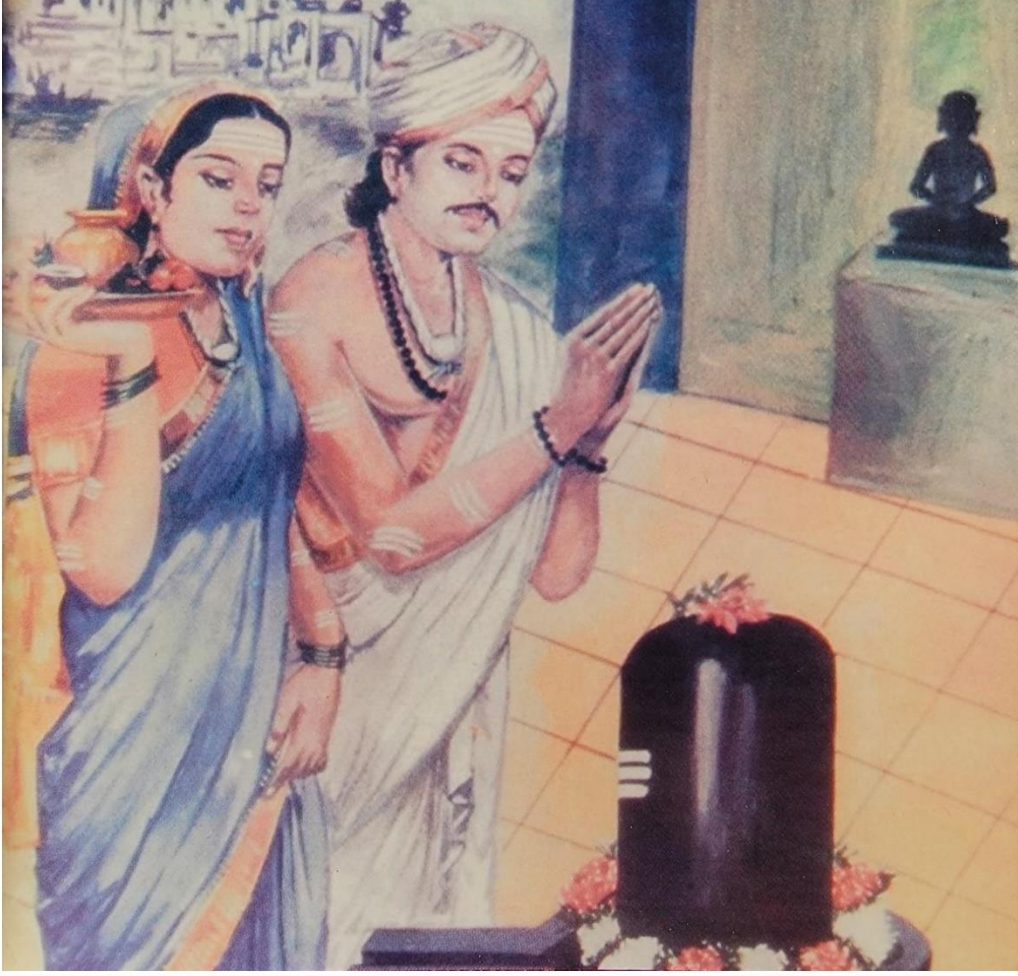
-Jayanthi Gudikote Ph.D.

Chair, Women's Anubhava Forum-2022

45th VSNA Convention, Houston, TX



Sharana Aadayya



Sharana Aadayya was born in Shivapur in Gujarat state and was Trader by profession. For his business, he used to come to Puligere (Presently known as Laxmeshwara, in Gadag District of Karnataka) and eventually settled down in Puligere after marrying a Jaina bride Padmavati. As of today we have found 403 Vachanas of Sharana Adayya with Pen Name "Saurashtra Someshwara". There is a mythological story that he brought Someshwara Linga from Saurashtra and established the linga at Surahonne basadi at Puligere.

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The illusion of body in the mind disappears when both Ling & Body completely unite each other. The illusion of self-consciousness disappears when Ling & Mind completely unite each other.

The illusion of spirit & Nature of Life (Prana) disappears when Linga and Spirit & Nature of Life (Prana) completely unite each other.

When Linga is completely capable of acquiring devotion and Knowledge, O' my Lord Saurashtra Someshwara, the Sharanas will be free from all bondages, and they become truly independent.



Sammilana (Matrimonial)

Sunday July 3, 2022

Time 3:30 - 4:00 PM

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FRIENDSHIP IS THE GIFT. KINDNESS IS THE
CAUSE. TIL' DEATH DO US PART IS THE
LENGTH.

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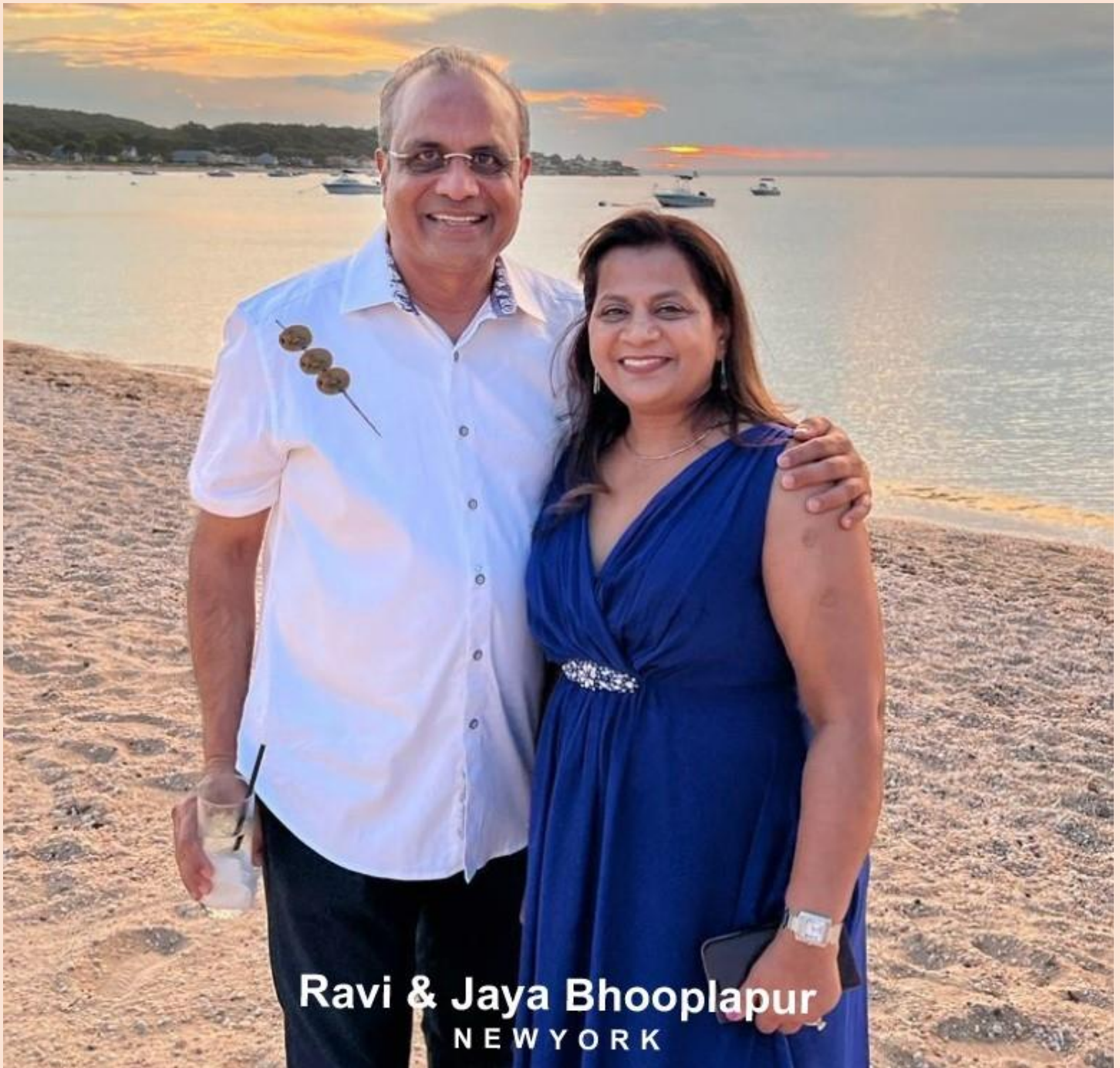
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Vaidya Sangannana (Medical Forum)

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VAIDYA SANGANNA FORUM



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Dr. Chaithanya Mallikarjun
Gastroenterology, San Antonio



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Assistant Professor
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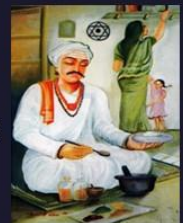
LIVE STRONG WITH DIABETES

Dr. Amruthesh Shivachar
Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Pharmacology
Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy
TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES



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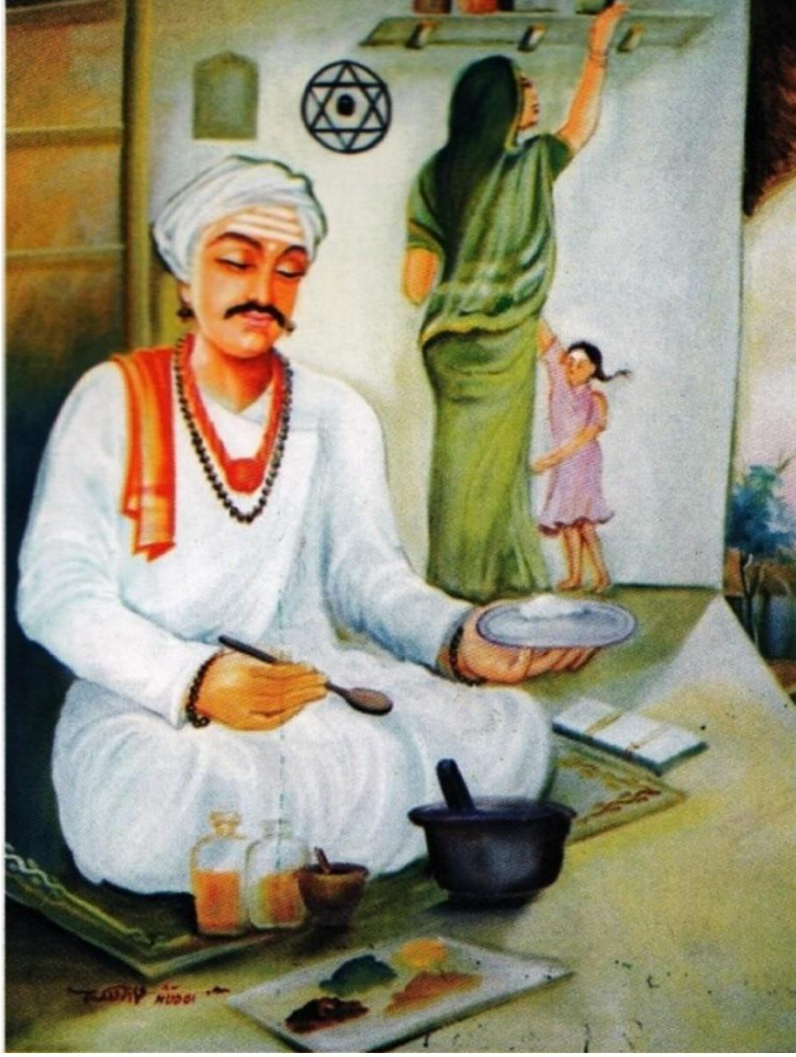
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TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT



Vaidya Sanganna



Not many people have heard Vaidya Sanganna who hailed from Gandhara and practiced medicine. 21 of his Vachanas have been traced so far. His Pen Name is “Marulashaukarapriya Siddharameshwara”. Most of them preach philosophy employing the terms of medicine.

ಭಕ್ತಂಗೊಂದೆ ವಾಕ್ಯಸ | ಬಾಳೆಗೊಂದೆ ಫಲ ||

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ಮರುಳಶಂಕರಪ್ರಿಯ ಸಿದ್ಧರಾಮೇಶ್ವರ | ಲಿಂಗವಾಯಿತ್ತಾದಡೂ ಒಡಗೂಡಲೊಲ್ಲೆ

One utterance only for the devotee, one bunch only for the plantain tree.

If the ascetic touches again what is rejected it is like the stench of a dead dog.

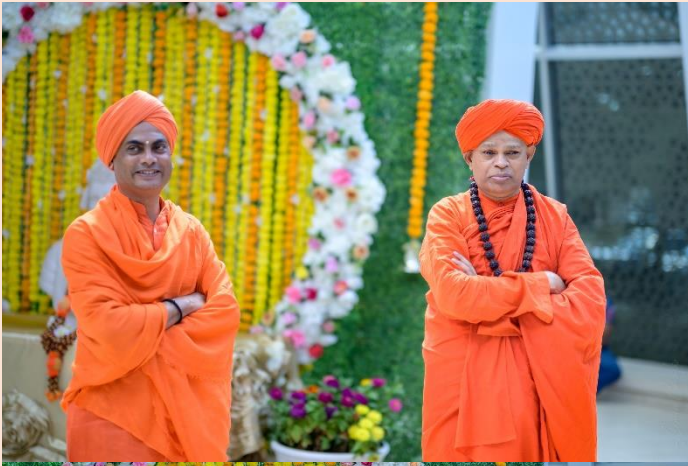
If the one who walks the virtuous path breaks the daily ritual and goes astray then paying fine to the masters of the devotees and comes to resolve.

If you see such brahmins made of clay Marulashankarapriya Siddharameshwara I will not unite.











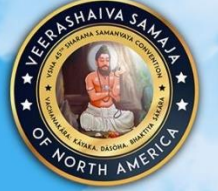
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	S03	Abhijit Chintamani, Ganesh & Govind	60	SMC03	Lokesh
	S04	Kannada Movie Dance Medley	10	SMC04	Mayura
	S05	Creep Allowance & Announcements	10	SMC05	
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Hendada Marayya



Marayya was a Toddy Seller by profession in Kalyana, hence known as Hendada Marayya. He wrote 12 Vachanas with Pen Name Pen Name is “Dharmeshawara Linga”. Marayya used to serve them the intoxicating toddy made from the juice of palm, coconut, and other trees. After finishing their drinks, the devotees lingered around to listen to his religious discourses. By listening to his spiritual teachings, eventually his devotees left the Toddy drinking habit.

ಮಣ್ಣೆಂಬ ಘಟದ ಮಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ | ಹೊನ್ನೆಂಬ ಸುರೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿತ್ತು ||
ಹೆಣ್ಣೆಂಬ ಬಟ್ಟಲಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತು | ಈಂಟಲಾಗಿ ಲಹರಿ ತಲೆಗೆರಿತ್ತು ||
ಈ ಉನ್ಮತ್ತದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಗ್ನರಾದವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ | ಆರು ಹಿರಿಯರೆಂತಪ್ಪರೋ? ||
ಭಕ್ತಿ ವಿರಕ್ತಿಯೆಂಬುದು | ಇತ್ತಲೆ ಉಳಿಯಿತ್ತು ||
ಧರ್ಮೇಶ್ವರಲಿಂಗದತ್ತ | ಮುಟ್ಟಿದಡಂತಿಲ್ಲ ||

In the middle of the pot of earth called body, Liquor called gold was born.
After sipping it in the cup called Woman, giddiness reached the head.
All those lost in the world of intoxication, how can they become elders?
Devotion and detachment stayed on this side of their life.
It is not possible to touch Dharmeshwaralinga without coming out of intoxication.



















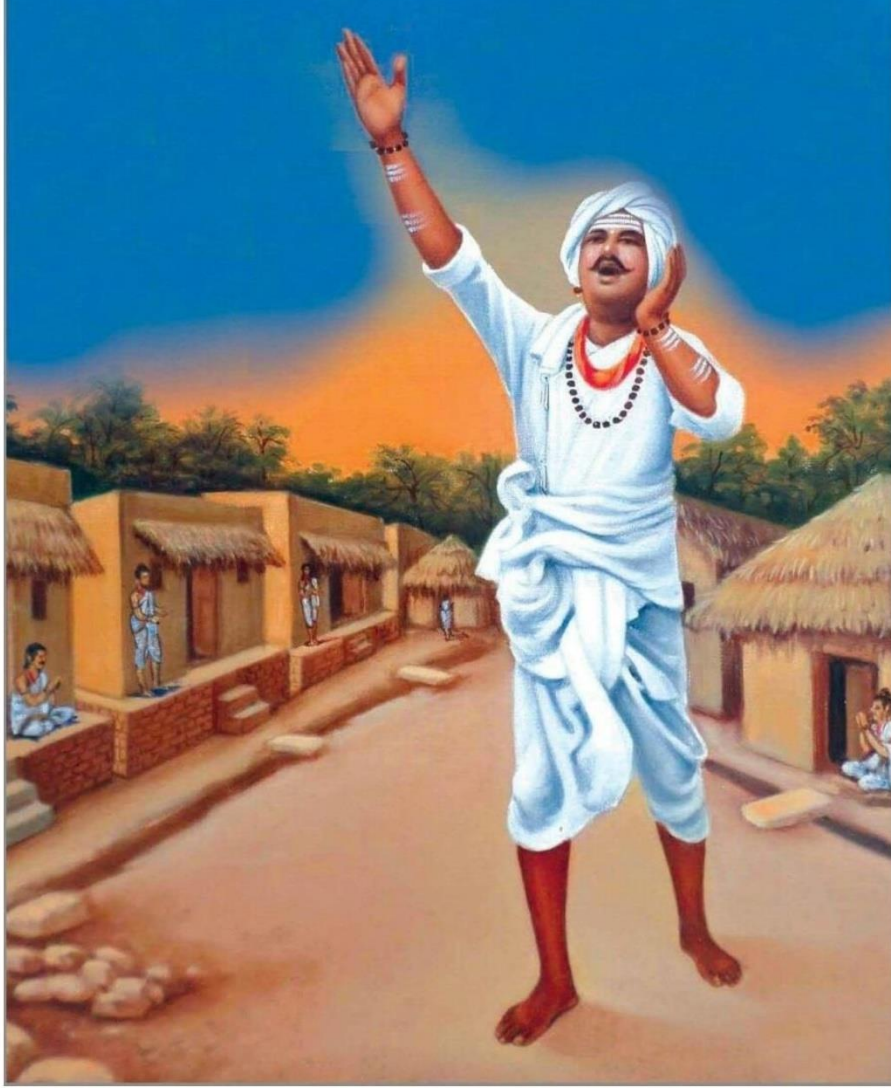




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Koogina Marayya



Koogina Maarayya followed the occupation of making people vigilant and alert. He had the responsibility of protecting the Sharanas at the time of the revolution in Kalyaana. He would stand at a high place and warn the devotees about the arrival of the soldiers of Bijjala. He died at Muragod being caught in the clash between the devotees and the soldiers of Bijjala. 11 of his vachanas with Pen Name "Mahaamahima Mareshwara" have been traced. He speaks about shatsthala and the quality of a true devotee, Sharana.

ಲಿಂಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರೆಯಲ್ಲದೆ | ನಿಜಶಿಲೆಯ ದೀಪ್ತಿಯ ತರಂಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರೆ ಹೊರೆಯುಂಟೆ? ||

ಸಂಸಾರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ ರಾಗದ್ವೇಷಗಳಲ್ಲದೆ | ಮನವು ಮಹದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಂದ ||

ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಾಂಗಿಗೆ | ಈ ಉಭಯದ ಸಂದುಂಟೆ? ||

ಈ ಗುಣದಂಗಲಿಂಗಾಂಗಿಯ ಸಂಗ | ಮಹಾಮಹಿಮ ಮಾರೇಶ್ವರಾ ||

A stone may be polished to shine bright.

Can one polish the wave of brightness of a gemstone?

Only the worldly person has Passions and Hatred.

A true lingaangi whose mind stays in Mahat (True spirit of inner consciousness)

How can he be bothered by duality?

Mahaamahima Mareshwara dwells with such a one.

Kankari Kakkayya



“Kankari” is an instrument used by Folk Artists which is similar to Chowdike or Tuntuni. Kakkayya was master in playing Kankari, so people called him “Kankari Kakkayya”. As his profession, he used to entertain people with his dances and singing while playing Kankari. By his profession, he lead an independent life and rose to the height of enlightenment. He was attracted by philosophical tenets of Basavanna and came to Kalyana to become sharana.

‘ಕಂಕರಿ’ ಒಂದು ಜನಪದ ವಾದ್ಯ. ಚೌಡಿಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ತುಂತುಣಿ ಮಾದರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೋಲುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ವಾದ್ಯ ನುಡಿಸುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪರಿಣತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆದ ಕಕ್ಕಯ್ಯನನ್ನು ಜನ ‘ಕಂಕರಿ ಕಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ’ ಎಂದು ಕರೆದರು. ಕಂಕರಿ ನುಡಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಮನೆ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಹಾಡುತ್ತ, ಕುಣಿಯುತ್ತಾ

ಕಾಯಕ ಪಡೆದು ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ಹೊರೆಯಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರು. ಕಕ್ಕಯ್ಯನಿಗೆ ಶರಣ ತತ್ವ

ದಾರಿದೀಪವಾಯಿತು. ಇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆ ಬೆಳೆಯಿತು. ಇದರಿಂದ ಸ್ವಾವಲಂಬನೆ,

ಆತ್ಮಗೌರವ ಇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆಯಿತು. ಬಸವಣ್ಣನವರ ಮುಂದಾಳಿನಿಂದ ರೂಪುಗೊಂಡ

ಶಿವಶರಣರ ಹೊಸ ಹೊಸ ತತ್ವಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾರುಹೋಗಿ ಇವರು ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ನೆಲೆಸಿದರು.

Kalaketa Brahmayya



Kalaketa Brahmayya was respected and praised by Basavanna as “I have a father like Kalaketayya”. He was a folk artist and was adept in exhibiting a Kalaketarata. Harihara, Palkurike Somanatha, Bhimakavi and Lakkanna Dandesha have written about him in their literary works. His 11 Vachanas with signature “Mekhaleshwarlinga” are available. There is a mingling of philosophy, mysticism, and esotericism in his Vachanas.

ಬೇಡಲೇತಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಯಕವ ಮಾಡಿಹೆನೆಂದು | ಕೂಡದಡೆ ಒಡಗೂಡಿ ಬೈಯಲೇತಕ್ಕೇ? ||

ಒಡೆಯರು ಭಕ್ತರಿಗೆ | ಮಾಡಿಹೆನೆಂದು ||

ಗಡಿತಡಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕವಾಟ ಮಂದಿರ | ಮುಂದೆಗೊಂದಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ||

ನಿಂದು ಕಾಯಲೇತಕ್ಕೆ? | ಈ ಗುಣ ಕಾಯದಂದವೇ? ||

ಈ ಗುಣ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಗೆ ಕಾಣದ | ಸಂಸಾರದ ಘಟ್ಟದ ಜಿಲುವು ||

ಉಭಯ ಭ್ರಷ್ಟಂಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ದ್ರವ್ಯ | ಮೇಖಲೇಶ್ವರಲಿಂಗಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಟ್ಟದೆ ಹೋಯಿತ್ತು ||

Saying that you are doing Kayaka why go begging? If alms are not given why utter harsh words?

Thinking that the masters will serve food why wait standing on river Banks, or near temples and in the throng? Is this the quality of Kayaka?

This is the stance of one who wants to fill his belly in this wordliness.

The alms given to such a one will never reach Mekhaleshwaralinga.

Kuruba Gollala



Kuruba Veera Gollala belonged to Golageri village in Sindagi taluk of Bijapur district. His original name was “Kaatakuta” and he was a shepherd.

He has earned fame as a devotee of Shiva and several literary works have recorded his story. As of now, 10 Vachanas with the signature “Veerabeereshwara Linga” are available. His Vachanas reveals his profound professional and philosophical knowledge.

ಕಂಠೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ತಿತ್ತಿಯ ಹೊತ್ತು | ಮರಿಯ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತ ದೊಡ್ಡೆಯ ಹೊಡೆವುತ್ತ ||

ಅಡ್ಡಗೊಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಹ | ಚುಕ್ಕಿ ಬೊಟ್ಟಿನವ ತಿಟ್ಟುತ್ತ ||

ಹಿಂಡನಗಲಿ ಹೋಹ ದಿಂಡೆಯ | ಮಣಿಘಟ್ಟಿನ ಅಭಿಸಂದಿಯ ಕೋಲಿನಲ್ಲಿಡುತ್ತ ||

ಆ ಹಿಂಡಿನೊಳಗೆ ತಿರುಗಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ | ಈ ವಿಕಾರದ ಹಿಂಡ ಬಿಡಿಸಿ ||

ನಿಜ ನಿಲಯ ನಿಮ್ಮಂಗವ ತೋರಿ | ಸುಸಂಗದಲ್ಲಿರಿಸು ಎನ್ನೊಡೆಯ ವೀರಬೀರೇಶ್ವರಲಿಂಗ ||

Packing and locking the pragmatic life, carrying, and walking down the life with body clad with skin.

I am running with group of lambs and beating the sheep to go towards right direction. Wandering aimlessly beating the arrogant sheep in the group.
O’ Lord Veerabeereshwara make me free from all these worries and show me your true face.

Telugesha Masanayya



Telugesha Masanayya was a cowherd and hails from “Lingapalli” in Andhra Pradesh. The prefix in his name indicates he is from Telugu speaking area. It is also guessed that it stands for Telugeshalinga established by Telugas or oil-millers. There are 7 of his Vachanas with the signature “Telugeshwara” so far available. The Vachanas written by him are very simple and easily understood by common people. Devotion and Faithfulness in Lingayat tenets was his predominant principles. He is one of the noble Sharanas out of 770 Amara Ganangal in Anubhava Mantapa.

ಕಾಮಸನ್ನಿಧನಾಗಿ ತಾ ಚೆಲುವನಾದೆಡೆ | ಕಾಮಿನೀ ಜನವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮೆಚ್ಚಬೇಕು ||

ದಾನಗುಣದವನಾಗಿ ಕರೆದವನಾದೊಡೆ | ಯಾಚಕ ಜನವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮೆಚ್ಚಬೇಕು ||

ಖೂಳನಾದೆಡೆ ತನ್ನ | ತಾ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿಕೊಂಬ ||

ಎನ್ನ ದೇವ ತೆಲುಗೇಶ್ವರನಲ್ಲಿ | ತಾನು ಭಕ್ತನಾದೆಡೆ ||

ದೇವರು ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ | ಜಗವೆ ತಾ ಮೆಚ್ಚುವುದು ||

If one is gorgeous like a God of Love (Kamadeva), all females must appreciate.

If one is a contributor, all those who request should appreciate.

If one is courageous, all the opponents should appreciate.

If one is mean, one appreciates oneself.

If one is a disciple of my God Telugeshwara, god will appreciate and so does the entire world.

Bachikayakada Basavappa



Baachikayakada Basavappa was a carpenter. He was from Rajeshwara Village in Basava Kalyana Taluka of Bidar District. 30 of his vachanas are available so far. Pen Name is "Basavapriya Viswakamatakke Kaalikavimala Rajeshwaralinga".

His Vachanas clearly indicate the details of his carpentry profession.

ವಜ್ರದ ಘಟ ಸೂಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಛಿದ್ರಿಸಿಕೊಂಬುದೆ | ಭದ್ರಗಜ ಅಜಕುಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಗರ್ಜಿಸಿಕೊಂಬುದೆ ||

ನಿರ್ಧರದ ಭಟ ಜೀವಗಳನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ | ಅದ್ದಲಿಸಿಕೊಂಬನೆ ||

ಇಂತೀ ನಿರ್ಧರವ ತಿಳಿದಲ್ಲಿ | ಸಕಲ ವಿಷಯ ರೋಗರುಜಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ||

ಮಿಕ್ಕಾದ ತಾಪತ್ರಯಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ | ಲಿಂಗಾಂಗಿ ಒಡಲಗೊಡುವನೆ ||

ಇಂತಿವ ಕಂಡು ಮುಂಗಯ್ಯಾಭರಣಕ್ಕೆ | ಮುಕುರದ ಹಂಗೇಕೆ ||

ತಾ ಕಂಡು ನೋಡಿದ ಮತ್ತೆ | ಇನ್ನಾರುವ ಕೇಳಲೇತಕ್ಕೆ ||

ಇಂತಿವನರಿದು ಬಸವಣ್ಣಪ್ರಿಯ | ವಿಶ್ವಕರ್ಮಟಕ್ಕೆ ||

ಕಾಳಿವಿಮಲ ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಲಿಂಗವು | ಹುಟ್ಟುಗೆಟ್ಟು ||

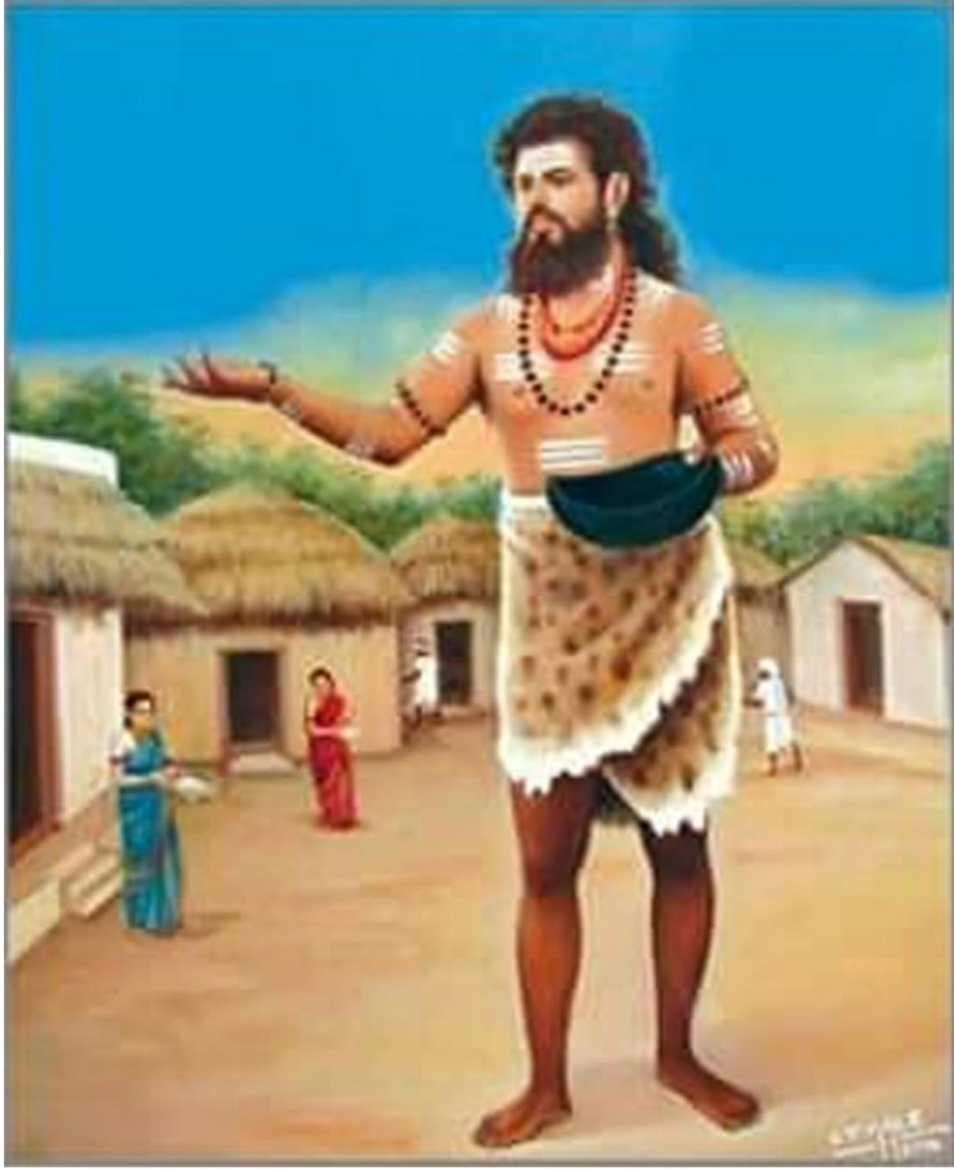
Will a diamond-body allow to be pierced by a needle? Will a tusker allow sheep to hoot at him?

Will a determined soldier allow a cowered threaten him? Once knowing this determined truth will a linga-bodied allow his body to be troubled by organs and other trivialities?

Having seen this why need a mirror to see the jewel on the palm?

Having seen it why ask the others about it? Having known this Basavannapriya Vishwakarmatakke Kalikavimala Rajeshwaralinga has destroyed birth.

Bhikari Bheemanna



Sharana Bhikari Bheemanna, is one among 770 Amara Ganangal of Anubhava Mantapa. As of now, only 2 vachanas written by him are available, which speaks about high morale of the society. Pen Name of Bhikari Bhimayya is “Bhikari Bheemeshwaralinga”. If we look at the picture of Bhikari Bheemanna, we can see the scattered hair without oil, the Tiger’s skin tied around his waist, which gives us the philosophical meaning that, outer dress is not important, but, the inner soul enlightenment is more important.

ಕಾಳಗವೆಂಬ | ಕಟ್ಟಿದಿರಾದೆಡೆ ||

ಸೋಂಕಿದಡೆ ಬಿಡೆ | ಕರೆದರೆಂದು ಬಿಡೆ ||

ವೃತ ಹೋದವರು | ಸುಳಿಯದಿರಿ ||

ಕಂಡಡೆ ಕೊಲುವೆ ಬಿರಿದು | ಭಿಕಾರಿ ಭೀಮೇಶ್ವರಲಿಂಗವೆ ||

If you invite me for war, if you touch me, I will not spare you.

Do not wander around me if you are away from culture.

O’ my Lord Bhikari Bheemeshwara Linga, If I see them, I will surely kill them.

Okkaliga Muddanna



Okkaliga Muddanna was a farmer by profession. He belonged to Joladahala village of Vijayapura District in Karnataka. Performing Jangama Dasoha was his daily activity. He refused to pay additional tax demanded by the King Bijjala and used the amount for the purpose of Dasoha. His 12 Vachanas with pen name “Kamabhima Jeevadhanadodeya” have been traced. He was a great farmer and all his Vachanas based on the values and discipline of agriculture. His vachanas indicate his innocent devotion and usage of colloquial farmers language. The great tenets of Lingayatism are Kayaka & Dasoha is very well written in his Vachanas.

ಅಂಗವೇ | ಭೂಮಿಯಾಗಿ ||

ಲಿಂಗವೇ | ಬೆಳೆಯಾಗಿ ||

ವಿಶ್ವಾಸವೇ ಭತ್ತ | ಒಲಿದು ಉಂಡು ||

ಸುಖಿಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕೆಂಬ | ಕಾಂಭೀಮ ಜೀವಧನದೊಡೆಯ ||

Body being the earth.

Linga being the crop.

Paddy called faith and trust ripening, prepare food out of it and have the same and be pleased said O' Lord Kamabhima Jivadhanadodeya

Havinahala Kallayya



Havinahala Kallayya was a Goldsmith married to Chennavve and born to Shivanayya and Somavve. He is from Havinahala Village in Indi Taluk of Vijayapur District and Kallinaatha of Havinahala was his personal deity. Harihara mentions the miracles performed by Kallayya & his powers of transmigration. He became a sharana because of his contact with Revanasiddha, Rudramnui and Siddharama.

103 of his Vachanas with the Pen Name “Mahalinga Kalleshwara” have been traced. He went to Sonnalige (Sollapura) after the revolution of Kalyana and his Aikyasamadhi is located within Siddharameshwara Temple.

ಅತ್ಯಾಸೆಯೆಂಬುದೆ ಪಾಪ | ಬೇರೆ ಪಾಪೆಂಬುದಿಲ್ಲ ||
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Excessive desire is sin.

O' father is nothing else which is sin.

Fulfillment is the highest bliss.

O' father there is no heaven.

Not having desire of this world or the other that is Shivayoga.

Mahalinga Kalleshwara knows the manner of Siddharama.

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