

Sri R. A. SAMPATHKUMARACHARYA (1887-1962)



U.Ve. Sri. R. A. Sampathkumaracharya belongs to illustrious Ramanujapuram Anandanpillai Arakere (Mandya Koppal) family. He is the third son of U.Ve. Sri Ayyan Ayangar Jeeyar Swamy and Smt. Thirumalamma and nephew of Rao Bahadur R Narasimhacharya.

He had two brothers, Sri R Thirunarayana Iyengar and Sri R Rangachar and three sisters.

He was married to Smt Chokkamma, had two children Mathre Janakamma and R. A. Krishnaswamy.

He worked as High School teacher in erstwhile Mysore State, posted in all districts and retired as Inspector of Schools in 1942.

He was a staunch Gandhian, used to spin Charaka every day, chanting Bhagavad Gita and wore Khadi always. He had great passion for Cooperative movement and established Cooperative stores in every place of his posting.

He was closely associated with Mayndayam Vidhyarthi Nilayam, Mysore and also Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha. Every year he used to go to Bangalore for a month and visit each house of Mandayam Community and collect 4 Aanna (25 ps) as annual subscription of Sabha and a handful of rice for Mandayam Vidhyarthi Nilayam, till his 70th year. He had a unique way of wearing thiruman on his forehead showing two feet of the Lord distinctly. He authored two books, 'Purushasuktha' and 'Narayan Upanishad'