

## **DEVASHIKAMANI LAKSHMI NARASIMHACHARYA**



### **FORMERLY DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT OF MYSORE**

Sri Devashikamani Lakshmi Narasimhacharya, popularly known as D.L. Acharya, was born to Smt Yadugiramma and Sri Devashikamani Ramanuja Iyengar.

He did B.A.(Hons) from the Mysore university and served in the High court of Mysore, which is now the High Court of Karnataka.

Sri D.L. Acharya had proficiency and command both in English and Sanskrit which has inspired him to pen poems and writings on general issues. Because of his command for English he won the laurels of the Chief Justice of Mysore, Sir Darcy Raleigh, who was a British. Sri D.L. Acharya slowly and steadily risen to the post of Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Mysore which was the highest post for Administrative Category during the British rule.

Sri D.L. Acharya had lot of reverence and devotion to the then Maharajas of Mysore and had composed poems on them. He was a voracious reader and led a simple life without show or pompous. He died at the age of 77 and left behind him five sons, two daughters and twenty grandchildren.

### **Mangalashasanam H. H. Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar**

Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt is very pleased and extends its hearty congratulation to Shri M.D. Rajasimha and Shri M.D. Jayasimha for republishing the book by D.L. Acharya wherein amazing poetry exhibiting the excellent qualities of His Highness Sri Jayachamaraja Wodiyar Bahadur and the lineage of Mysore Royal House has been composed.

D.L. Acharya has offered the verses with bilingual proficiency (in Sanskrit and English) not only during the coronation of His Highness Sri Jayachamaraja Wodiyar Bahadur to the

throne of Mysore but also during the First Dasara Festivities after His Highness's Accession to the throne of Mysore.

This was first published in the year 1942 and now is being reprinted which will enable the present and next generations to know more about the royal family and its glory.

In the context, HH Sri Sri Jeeyar Swamy congratulates both the brothers on republication of the book.

We pray our worshipping deity Sri Lakshmi Narasimha and Sri Ramanujacharya to bless them to publish more and more such works.

#### **M D RAJASIMHA - MEMORIES ABOUT MY GRAND FATHER LATE SRI D.L. ACHARYA**

It is with profound joy, I being the eldest grandson of Late Sri D.L. Acharya, would like to recall my memories, when I was fourteen year old.

Sri D.L. Acharya rendered service in the High Court of Mysore (presently High Court of Karnataka) and retired as Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Mysore, the highest position conferred in the Administration wing during pre-independence era. The post is now elevated to the rank of Registrar, which is equivalent to the High Court Judge.

Sri D.L. Acharya, Who came from the humble Devashikamani family had profound knowledge and love for Sanskrit and English. He had equal fluency and command in both the languages. Sri D.L. Acharya use to write a column for "Rationalist" journal, founded by Sri G.R. Joyser of Mysore, which was a prestigious journal then and the first one founded by fellow Mandayam. "It was a pride to contribute for "Rationalist" my grandfather use to say.

Sri D.L. Acharya composed lot of poems and verses on His Highness Sri Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar, the then Maharaja of Mysore, Sir Mirza Ismail the former Dewan of Mysore NM 1899 too and also compositions on other areas of interest.

My father use to say that Mr. Darcey Raleigh who was then the chief Justice of High Court of Mysore who was a British, at the time of leaving India requested Sri D.L. Acharya to come over to London along with children and pursue his career.

Sri D.L. Acharya being a true patriot and a humble man without any desire for fortune politely declined the offer, because of his love and affection for the mother land. Sri. D.L. Acharya had profound legal knowledge coupled with rich administrative exposure.

It is worth recalling the mention made by Sri G.R. Joyser, editor 'Rationalist' who in his forwarding note while publishing the works of Sri. D.L. Acharya released on the occasion of the Installation of first and second annual victory celebrations of His Highness Sri Jayachamaraja Wodeyar, has stated that many writers write only in their tongue, their mother tongue, James I and Bacon are known to have composed in two, Latin and English, the latter their mother tongue. It is indeed our privilege that Sri D.L. Acharya could attain mastery both in English and Sanskrit

On this occasion, we are dedicating this compilation to Sri Late M.D. Anantharajan, the eldest son Sri D.L. Acharya, who is my father, Late M.D. Parthasarathy the second son Sri D.L. Acharya and Sri M.L.D. Mani, 3rd son and the two daughters late M.D. Leela and N.C.

Yadugiri. Sri M.D. Sampathkumaran, my uncle is the only survivor among the sons of D.L. Acharya and Smt M.D. Kumudavalli the 2nd daughter-in-law of Late Sri D.L. Acharya.

On this august occasion & on behalf of the grandchildren of Late D.L. Acharya we take pride in releasing his valuable works.

#### **M D JAYASIMHA - FEW WORDS ABOUT MY GRANDFATHER LATE SHRI D.L. ACHARYA**

Shri D.L. Acharya an asset to the Devashikamani family is an exceptional personality as he was associated with the Royal families of the Maharajas of Mysore. To Crown everything he had commanded respect from the British. A man of small stature, but a man of high status.

We his descendants aspire to acquire at least an atom of his qualities and to be a beacon to the future generation that deserves to be applauded by the whole Mandayam community for his contribution to various capacities. Though not a writer by profession, he excelled in writing and publishing books on various aspects, which couldn't happen but for the blessings of almighty. It is a rare opportunity to come across such an exceptional personality. He proved his excellence in arts too. Such capacity has lead him to a very high post of Deputy Registrar of the High court of Mysore. May his article be a boon and motivation to all youth of the community to raise to higher esteem.

Devashikamani Lakshmi Narasimhacharya was highly admired by British Mr. Russo, Mr. Raleigh and G.R.Josyer editor of Rationalist Mysore and many more lyrics lovers. We are proud to be born to such family that is Devashikamani Family.

#### **FOREWORD NOTE BY SRI G.R. JOSYER EDITOR 'RATIONALIST'**

Sri G R Josyer, Editor of the Rationalist Magazine, commented on the compositions of D.L. Acharya written during the coronation of his highness Sri Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar, Maharaja of Mysore during the year 1942.

Most English writers write only in one tongue, their mother tongue. James I and Bacon are known to have composed in two, Latin and English, the latter their mother tongue.

Mr. D.L. Acharya composes in two tongues, Sanskrit and English, with equal facility. Good thoughts, nicely strung, and fluently expressed, are a joy to the write, and a joy to the reader.

In the following pages he presents the Sanskrit verses inspired by the new Ruler of the State on the occasions of the Installation, and the first and second annual Victory celebrations. I have no doubt that a large circle of his friends will find them a revelation, and a wonder.