

## **M N SAROJAMMA ('ROJI') 1926 -**



### **Family Background**

The Author Smt. Mandayam Narasiwodayar (M.N) Sarojamma was born in 1926 to Smt. Vedavalli and Sri Narasimha Iyengar, in a Srivaishnava family.

The parents passed away when she was 5 years old. She was brought up by her maternal grandmother and mother's brother in poverty.

She got married at an early age and had two female children Malini and Shalini, when unfortunately her husband passed away when she was 23 years old.

### **Education. Profession and Awards**

With her grandmother's help she could enthusiastically complete SSLC and also VTCT training and became a school teacher in a village. She was a popular teacher and with determination, she obtained M.A, B.Ed. qualification from Mysore University. Further she was awarded Sahitya Ratna by Allahabad World University, Samskrutha Kovida from Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, She has done Oriental course from Agra Central University and also Hindi Vidwan from State of Karnataka and won many other accolades.



She has been felicitated by Chief Justice of India Sri Nittor Srinivasa Rao, Padmabhushana Actor Dr. Rajakumar, Karnataka Assembly Speaker K S Nagarathnamma, Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekhara Bharathi Swamiji. She was awarded Best Teacher award by the Govt. of Karnataka in

1979 and received the award from Sri Gundurao the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

She was the only woman representing Karnataka, as a delegate, and recited her Poetry in Kannada at Prathama Viswa Hindi Sahitya Sammelana in Nagpur, under the Chairman Smt. Mahadevi Varma.



Her achievement as Hindi Pracharak is highly valuable. Also, she has been felicitated by Hindi Shahitya Parishad of Prayag, Karnataka Mahila Hindi Seva Samiti, Karnataka Hindi Prachara Samithi, Mysuru Hindi Prachara Samithi, Bharathiya Bhasha Sangha, Krishna Kala Mandira, Mathru Mandali, Chutku Sahitya Parishat Kendra Samithi, Vaidya Vartha Prakashana and many many other organisations.

Starting as Village School Teacher then becoming university Hindi teacher, she has completed 4 decades as a teacher and retired. She has not only tutored her students but also trained them in games, drama, mono acting etc. She was very versatile and a self-accomplished woman, bringing up two kids. She was felicitated by the Rotary East at Mysore and the occasion of teachers day at the age of 86, which is a great achievement.

### **Literary Profile**

She has written and also translated many famous books by Kannada authors to Hindi. At the age of 70, she has translated 'Ramacharita Manasa' of Sri Goswami Tulasidas from Hindi to Kannada language called as 'Manasa Hamsa' which is recognized and hailed throughout India.

This book was released by the kin of Sri Tulasidas during the Release Festival at Kashi and received many awards and accolades from several institutions in Kashi.

She has written another book called "Suradasa Kanda Balakrishna" in Kannada is famous as a song.

Her 'Yamalokadaloo Maramatthu' which shows her sense of humor, has won many awards from different agencies including as award as 'Pancha Bhaasha Praveena'