

FAMILY PROFILE

Born in April 1898, Dr. H. R. Rangaswamy Iyengar was the third son of Sri. Ramanuja Iyengar and Smt. Srirangamma. A long term resident of V.V.Mohalla, Mysore. Dr. Rangaswamy Iyengar passed away at the age of 70yr and is survived by his wife Smt. Vengadamma of Shamarayyar family and six children (four sons & two daughters).

EDUCATON

He secured a gold medal in M.A from the University of Mysore. He later continued his studies in Shantiniketan under stalwarts such as Rabindranath Tagore, Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, Winternitz and Guesseppe Tucci.

Under the latter he wrote a thesis on philosophical concepts of Mahabharata and translated the Ekaslokasastra of Nagarjuna, back from Buddhist Chinese to English. (The original work had been unavailable / lost to the world at that time.)

PROFESSION

Dr. Rangaswamy Iyengar later joined the Oriental Research Institute in Mysore and rose to become its director from 1943 till his retirement in 1954.

He was a scholar and prolific editor who wrote, translated and edited over 23 works in 4 languages, including translations from manuscripts and supported by 33 publications in 68 library holdings. These works have found their place in libraries across the world as well as the British Museum.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

In 1949, he was admitted to the Sovereign Military Order as a Knight Commander in appreciation of scientific research studies in the field of Indology by Order Souverain et Militaire du Temple de Jerusalem.

In 1952, he was appointed Member of International academic board of Templi Academia, Bologna, Italy – along with people like H.H. the prince Dub-Dubowski, D.J.C., KG., Archbishop in Rome and other learned people.

In April 1954, he received the Hon. Doctor of Letters, from Haute Academie, France.

He was a linguist who knew 14 Indian and foreign languages (Bengali, Buddhist Chinese, English, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Pali, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan – listed in alphabetical order).

His translation of Dignaga and Tarkabhasha from Tibetan back to Sanskrit and editing of Pramana Samuchhaya are among the most popular literary works. He was working on a Tibetan dictionary, during his last days.

His magnum opus is the translation of LasyaRanjana of SimhaBhoopala. He translated and edited this treatise on dance in 1953, with the help of Vidwan SN Jois, while illustrations were

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The Ekaślokaśāstra of NāgārjunaBodhisatva

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