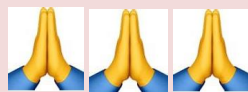


**PROF. Dr. M. A. LAKSHMOTHATHACHARYA SWAMY**

**1936 2021**



**EULOGIES**



ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತು  
144ನೇ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ

"13ನೇ ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್, 2021 ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ನಡವಳಿಕೆಯ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಭಾಗ"

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿಧಾನಸೌಧದ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ  
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಶಿವಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಹೊರಟ್ಟು ಅವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ  
ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.04 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳು ಆರಂಭವಾದವು.

ಸಂತಾಪ ಸೂಚನೆ

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರು:

ಹಿರಿಯ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸ ಡಾ: ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀತಾತಾಬಾರ್ ಅವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.05.2021ರಂದು ನಿಧನ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.  
ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು ಹಲವು ಭಾವೈಗಳ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರಾಗಿ. ಮೇಲು ಕೋಟೆಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು  
ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿ, 2 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮರಾಠನ ತಾಳೆಗರಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಂದು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡಿಜಿಟಲೀಕರಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಮಣ್ಣಿನಿಂದ  
ಮುಚ್ಚಿ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದ ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಕಾಲದ ಭವ್ಯ ಸ್ಮಾರಕ ರಾಯ ಗೋಮರವನ್ನು 30 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ ಉತ್ಖನನ  
ಮಾಡಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಮಹತ್ವ ಸಾರುವ 100ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಗ್ರಂಥ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.  
ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಗಣನೀಯ ಸೇವೆಗಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತಿಗಳ ಪದಕ ಮರಸ್ಮಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿದ್ದರು.  
ಶ್ರೀಯುತರ ನಿಧನದಿಂದಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯವು ಹಿರಿಯ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರೊಬ್ಬರನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಂತಾಗಿದೆ.

ದಿವಂಗತರ ಆತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಶಾಂತಿ ಹೊರೆಯಲೆಂದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ  
ನಿಧನದ ನೋವನ್ನು ಭರಿಸಲು ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ  
ಭಗವಂತನು ಶಕ್ತಿ ನೀಡಲೆಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತಾ,  
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ವಿದ್ಯು ನಿಂತು ಒಂದು ನಿಮಿಷ ಮೌನವನ್ನು  
ಆಚರಿಸುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಶೀಘ್ರ ಸಂತಾಪವನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು.

(ಬಸವರಾಜ ಶಿವಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಹೊರಟ್ಟು)

ಸಭಾಪತಿ,

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## Obituary

# U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar (1936 – 2021)

A colossus is no more



U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar, aged 85 years, belonging to Mandayam Anandampillai family, eldest son of Late Pandita Raja U.Ve. Tirumala Iyengar Swamy and Late Smt. Singamma, attained Paramapadam on Saturday the 15th May 2021 around 7am in Mysore. After performing final rites, the cremation was completed on the afternoon of the same day in his garden on the outskirts of Melkote.

U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar (henceforth mentioned as Swamy), has a hoary past of 1000 years of legacy of descendance of Saint U.Ve. Sri Anantacharya of Kirangur near Srirangapatna, who as an young disciple out of many disciples of Bhagwad Ramanuja at Srirangam, agreed to Acharya's request to go to Tirumala , which then was not fit for habitation & start ' Pushpa kainkaryam' to Lord Srinivasa at Tirumala around 11th century. Bhagwad Ramanuja was pleased with this courageous decision & so named young Anantarya as 'Aan Pillai' meaning ' you are the only man amongst these disciples. The full form in Tamil is 'Ananthan than aan Pillai'. Thereafter Ananthacharya came to be known as Anandampillai. All his descendants of Bharadwaja gotra became Anandampillais, who after living for nearly 4 centuries near Tirumala, returned to Mandya in 1516 with groups of people belonging to other 12 gotras developed during those 400years & formed the group of 'Mandayam Srivaishnavas'. Thus Anantacharya of Kirangur came to be known as the founder of Mandayam Iyengars. To this antiquity & genetics of spirituality of Vishishtadwaita & religion of Srivaishnavism respectively, U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar was born. It is amazing that he as a descendent continued the 'Swayam Acharya Purusha Paramapara' ordained by Bhagwad Ramanuja to Ananthacharya in 12th century & maintained by his illustrious forefathers through nearly 800 years.

U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar is a rare personality. He was a highly evolved spiritual soul, with a heart surrendered to Sriman Tirunarayana, a brilliant mind of openness and repository of Knowledge & a body dedicated to kainkaryam.

His three fold characteristics were love for Sanskrit , Sri Vaishnava Sampradaayam and Melkote the Thirunarayana Puram. He was a great Scholar on Hinduism in particular



'Vishishtadwaita philosophy & Srivaishnavism.' He was a rare combination of traditional scholarship & modern science. He was an extremely well read scholar of great erudition.

U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar, after his B.A. degree in Sanskrit from Mysore University, obtained Masters in Sanskrit from Madras University with first class distinction & 2 gold medals ,earning the title of "Navya Nyaya Vidwan" & winning the President of India's Gold medal. Additionally he was qualified in Hindi & German. Professionally he served universities & colleges in teaching Sanskrit.

U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar's achievements, accomplishments, awards are very many. Enumerating these would require many pages, in fact into a booklet, as he had delved into different subjects. Therefore, a brief coverage is attempted.

### Highlights:

- Founding & establishing "The Academy of Sanskrit Research" at Melkote in 1977 which he headed for 25 years , & developing into a national asset. The library acquired over 23000 titles. Over 10000 palm leaf manuscripts & paper were catalogued & microfilmed. Nearly 50 research papers were published.
- Under his direction Software was developed in analysis of aspects of grammar, speech synthesis, language encoding, machine translations, Lexicons, language learning packages & metrical analysis.
- A museum, housing rare ethnic and cultural artefacts, icons, coins etc was set up. Setting up a garden akin to an ancient hermitage. Many workshops were held with international participation.
- Founder of Samskriti foundation Mysore in 2016.
- Prestigious award from President of India for outstanding Scholarship & contribution to Samskruti.

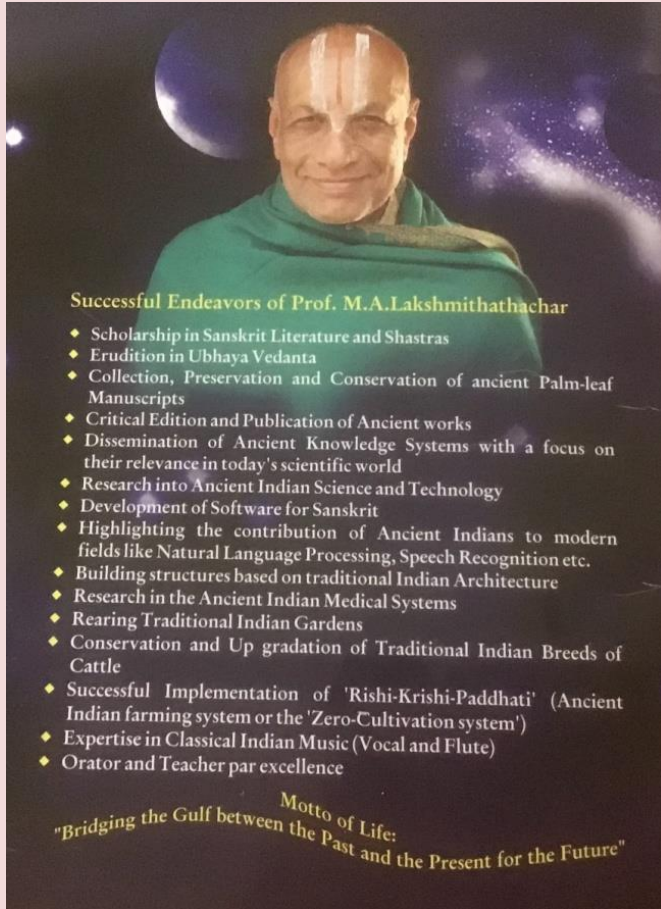


His Research into comparative 'Ancient & Modern' technology produced nearly 20 projects out of which a special mention viz Meteorology, Iron & steel and Bio farming systems in Ancient India.

### Other achievements

- Indian manuscripts & it's various dimensions
- Advisor to Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- Chief editor of many scholarly Sanskrit publications
- Nearly 50 students for Doctorate in Sanskrit under his guidance
- Citizen of the Age of Enlightenment award by Maharshi Mahesh Yogi.
- Chairman of many educational institutions teaching Sanskrit.

- Ayurveda
- Herbal medicines
- Art & culture particularly in classical music. He was a talented singer.
- He played both Veena & flute. He had learnt Divya Prabhandam music.
- Dramas : He had acted in many plays & also directed a few.
- Cinema: He acted as 'Bhagwad Ramanuja' in a feature film produced & directed by famed Sri. G.V.Iyer.
- Played a major role in 28 episodes of a Tamil serial by Jaya TV.
- He was one of 50 important Indians interviewed by NDTV.
- Bio-farming
- Animal husbandry & farming
- Selection of vegetables & fruits
- Vivekollasini Sabha



- Managing committee member of Mandayams Srivaishnava sabha

U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar - a tall, fair & handsome person with a glow on his face reflecting the inner evolution of soul - was an inspiration to many. His spiritual strength attracted many. In a congregation of scholars or otherwise, he stood tall like a magnet. He and his wife Late Smt Ammangar Godha originally hailing from Jaggu family, together as a couple signified the Srivaishnava's concept of Divya Dampathi. It would not be out of context, if it is said that Ammangar Godha's learning, wisdom, wise counsel, personal sacrifices & firm support complimented Swamy's outstanding efforts. Extending their combination of values further, one will find them as parents ingraining these values in their sons for the sake of Spiritual wealth & well being of the community as

a whole, as could be seen in their first son U.Ve. Dr Sri. M.A.Alwar holding a Ph.D in Sanskrit, has based his livelihood, as a professor in University of Mysore, on the noble value of teaching Sanskrit thus promoting tenets of Hinduism. Additionally he has taken the mantle of running



“Samskruti foundation“ from his father in publishing many books pertaining to Hindu Philosophy, Religion, culture etc. A yeoman service in deed. The second son Dr Sri M.A. Ananth Sudharshan, also holding Ph.D in Sanskrit , chosen a livelihood to improve the local traditions in Health care through the organisation “Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health traditions“, thus promoting tenets of Hindu traditions.

Thus one can see U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar leaving a memorable footprint for the future sands of time. He has ensured that the chain of traditions of Srivaishnavism & Hinduism at large, is not broken. Posterity will remember him forever. Spiritual strength cannot be erased.

Once in a personal conversation, when I asked him ‘how you are continuously active‘ he replied saying that ‘in activity I am at peace, in idleness I find agitation‘ Wonderful thought.

He leaves behind 2 sons: First son U.Ve. Dr Sri M.A. Alwar, daughter in law Smt. Vidya & second son Dr Sri M.A. Ananth.

In conclusion, the Mandayam community specifically & the world at large has lost not just a sentient being but an Institution.

The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha, places on it’s record the Paramapadam of U.Ve. Dr. M.A. Lakshmithathachar & conveys it’s heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.

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## Sanskrit scholar Lakshmitathachar dead

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He was founder-director of Academy of Sanskrit Research

Renowned Sanskrit scholar and founder-director of the Academy of Sanskrit Research, M.A. Lakshmithathachar, 85, passed away at Melkote in Mandya district on Saturday. He is survived by two sons.

Born on August 22, 1936, Dr. Lakshmithathachar studied Sanskrit and specialised in literature, Navya Nyaya system of philosophy and various systems of Vedanta with special reference to Vishistadvaita Vedanta, comparative studies of Sanskrit with modern schools of thought, study of scientific subjects in Sanskrit like phonetics etc.

Dr. Lakshmithathachar headed the Academy of Sanskrit Research for 18 years and before that he taught Sanskrit at the Government College in Chitradurga, Government Arts and Science College in Bengaluru, and was the Assistant Professor of Sanskrit in the PG Department of Bangalore University.

As the Director of the Academy of Sanskrit Research, he was responsible for the publication of various multi-volume critical works of Sri Ramanujacharya, the Upanishads and other rare works in Sanskrit.

He was also responsible for the preparation of thematic descriptive catalogue and bibliographies on palm leaf manuscripts, preparation of critical editions of unpublished manuscripts with special reference to medicinal manuscripts among others.

He was among the first to harness computer software to study ancient manuscripts. Dr. Lakshmithathachar had received the Presidential award. He also played the lead role in the film Ramanujacharya, directed by G.V. Iyer.