

Heartfelt Tribute to Prof K Anil Kumar

Dear Devotee... Blessed Translator... Inspiring Orator... Beloved Teacher

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of passing of Prof. Anil Kumar Kamaraju, translator of Swami's discourses for over two decades, who served Bhagawan Baba as the State President of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Andhra Pradesh, the Principal of the Brindavan Campus, lecturer at the Prasanthi Nilayam Campus, and an orator par excellence who endeared thousands to Bhagawan through his energetic and zealous lectures.

An academician by profession who was deeply interested in spirituality was drawn to Bhagawan in the year 1970 when he was serving as a lecturer at the Andhra Christian College. Moved by Bhagawan's message of universal love and service, he joined the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Andhra Pradesh, where eventually Bhagawan blessed him to serve as the State President. In the early 1990s, he joined the Brindavan Campus to take charge as the Principal, and later he moved to the Prasanthi Nilayam campus. Prof. Anil Kumar played a pivotal role in shaping the lives of students through his exemplary teaching and mentoring. His commitment to academic excellence and spiritual values left an indelible mark on the institution and its community.

Around the 1990s, he regularly started translating Bhagawan's discourses, a blessed role he played till the very end of the Divine Advent. A prolific speaker, he was called to address a gathering in Bhagawan's presence for the first time in 1978 at the Poorna Chandra Auditorium. Thereafter, he was also blessed by Swami personally, to take His message to every corner of the globe. In his own words, Prof. Anil Kumar travelled and spoke extensively about Swami with missionary zeal. He even prayed to Swami once, "Don't bless me with liberation Swami, let me be born again and again and spread Your glory in every life." Such was his dedication and devotion. Prof. Anil Kumar has also been an author of innumerable books where he has not only shared his experiences but has also delved deep into the pristine message of Bhagawan.

Prof. Anil Kumar, who crossed 80 last year, had been living peacefully in Puttaparthi spreading Swami's message through his talks and Satsangs till the very end. He was admitted to the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prasanthigram on Monday (April 01) after he complained of feeling unwell. This morning, April 03, he breathed his last peacefully.

His humour, his endearing personality and inspiring devotion will live on in the hearts of every devotee he has interacted with. His voice will continue to ring along with Swami's as we listen to the Divine Discourses. We place our profound gratitude at Swami's feet for inspiring us with such a yeomen devotee of His. Prof. K Anil Kumar's passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His warmth, humility, and unwavering faith in Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba endeared him to people from all walks of life.

We extend our deepest condolences to Prof. Anil Kumar's family and pray that Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba grants them strength and solace during this difficult time.